# ROSEHILL INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME TO TERM 3 WEEK 2

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Rosehill Intermediate School,

Take a look at the photo above featuring our newly planted garden beds. This upgrade is part of our broader 2026 strategic vision to create vibrant, safe, and inspiring spaces across our school. With spring just around the corner, we are all looking forward to seeing these garden beds burst into full bloom, adding vibrant colour to our daily environment.

Along with the new library soft furnishing investment, these improvements link directly to our strategic goal around self-management. We believe that when students are surrounded by spaces that foster pride and wellbeing, they are better supported to show rangatiratanga by taking ownership of their learning pathways. Through clear goal setting, thoughtful reflection, and visible progress, our students use feedback and learning intentions to guide their continuous growth. One prime example was demonstrated through our Three Way Conferences.

**Three-Way Conferences**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Three-Way Conferences last Thursday. It was certainly a cold and foggy evening, making for a long day for everyone involved, yet the warmth of our school community truly shone through. Achieving an 82% attendance rate was a wonderful outcome. These learning conversations are vital for reviewing progress, celebrating success, and setting clear

**CALENDAR:**

31st July
RIS Finals for Rehu Tai at 1.45pm

4th August
Counties Girls Netball

5th August
Y6 Parent Information Evening at 5.30pm in the School hall

11th August
Sports Camp parent meeting at 5pm in Room 1

12th August
Counties Cross Country

24th August
Teacher Only Day - School closed

25th August
BOT meeting at 6pm

20th August
Otago Maths Test 5

16th September
Year 6 Orientation Visit

23rd September
RISing Star at 5.30 to 7pm

25th September
Last day of Term 3 - School closes at 2pm

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

next steps together. Thank you for investing your time in our most valuable asset: your children.

**Year 6 Parent Information Evening: 5 August at 5.30pm in the school hall**
Transitioning from primary to intermediate school is a unique and crucial season of growth in a young person's life. To support our prospective families, we are hosting our Year 6 Parent Information Evening. At RIS, we work in equal partnership with whānau to provide a rewarding educational environment that prepares every student to thrive now and as they transition toward high school.

**Teacher Only Day: Monday, 24 August**
A reminder that our second and final Ministry-allocated Teacher Only Day is in August. Our staff will be engaging in professional development focused on the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum with Liz Kane Literacy. We sincerely appreciate your support in enabling our teaching team to continuously refine our practice to deliver a rich curriculum for our learners.

**Tuesday Teacher Professional Learning and Development**
Our first bell rings at 9.20am on Tuesdays. Continuous learning is just as important for our staff as it is for our students. Every Tuesday morning until 9.10am, our staff engage in dedicated professional learning sessions aligned with curriculum updates to ensure we model the vision of lifelong learning. To support our families, our library remains open and supervised from 8.30am on Tuesday morning for any students who arrive at their usual time.

**RISing Star Golden Hour Showcase on 23rd September**
Put this date in your calendar now for our wider community to come together and celebrate the incredible talents of our students. From music and dance to drama and cultural groups, it promises to be a memorable night watching our tamariki glow on stage. We look forward to seeing you there!

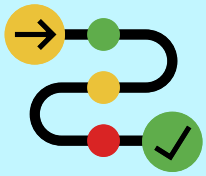
Finally, a quick reminder regarding road safety. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for every student riding a bike or scooter to school to wear a correctly fitted helmet. Please take a moment to check your child's helmet and remind them about staying safe on the roads.

Ngā mihi nui,

Julie Wong
Principal

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION



**RIS 2027-2029 strategic plan:**
https://tinyurl.com/rosehill26

**Three Way Conferences Feedback:**
https://tinyurl.com/rosehill3wc

## JOIN OUR COMMUNITY: YEAR 7 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

The intermediate years are a unique season of growth. At RIS, we work in equal partnership with you and your child. Preparing for life's journey in a modern, safe and educationally rewarding school that will prepare each child to succeed as they transition to High School.

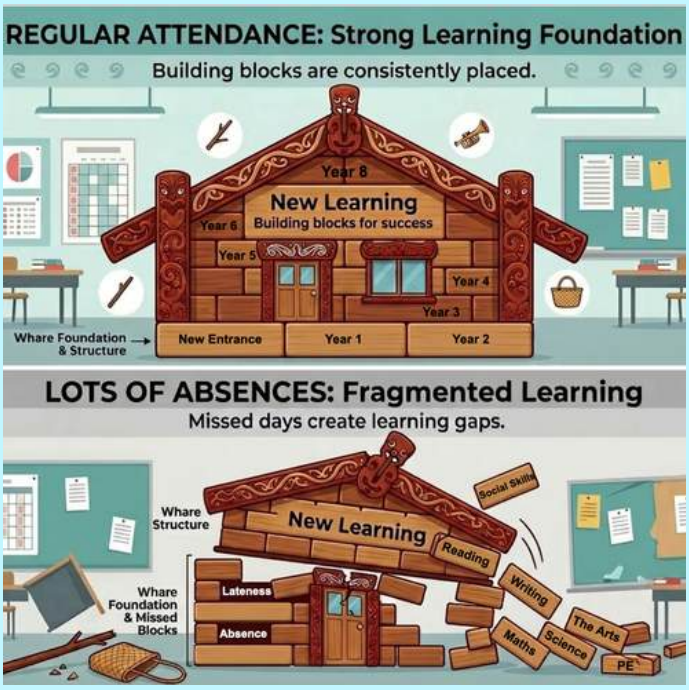
We welcome you and your child to join us on the dates below to learn about our refreshed academic curriculum, our hands-on technology subjects, and the wealth of sporting and extracurricular opportunities we provide. Come see how we support the transition to Year 7 for 2027 through a programme designed specifically for the emerging adolescent.

## KEY DATES

**20th Jul** - 2027 Y7 enrolments open
**5th Aug** - Y6 Parent Information Evening at 5.30pm
**2nd Sept** - Out of zone application closes
**16th Sept** - RIS Orientation for Year 6 students at 9.30am
Contact office@rosehill.org.nz if you have any questions

# EVERYDAY MATTERS

## every student, every day.




Our goal as a school community is to ensure at least 80% of our students attend school 90% of the time (regular attendance).

**Important Reminder:** Notifying Us of Absences If your child is going to be away for any reason (illness, appointments, family matters), please contact the school office as soon as possible to let us know. Providing a reason for every absence is vital, unexplained absences will be recorded as truant (absent without reason).

Being at school consistently gives your child the best chance to succeed academically and socially, building a strong foundation for the future. Let's keep our attendance high and our students learning!

# TECHNOLOGY AT RIS

## VISUAL ART

Kia ora whānau,

Our Visual Art students have had a creative and exciting year so far, exploring a range of materials, techniques, and ideas while developing their skills through the curriculum strands of Developing Practical Knowledge and Developing Ideas.

In Term 1, our Year 8 students completed a Don Binney study and developed their paint and colour mixing techniques. In Term 2, they explored pointillism, using repeated dots and layered colour to create texture, pattern, and depth. This term, they are learning about cubism, experimenting with shape, multiple viewpoints, and bold compositions.

Our Year 7 students worked with creating their own paper collage material, and paint techniques.

In Term 2, they also explored pointillism, with a focus on composition and colour. They carefully arranged shapes and images and selected colours to create balanced, eye-catching artworks.

Our Art Extension students have been developing their skills through lino printmaking and painting, producing detailed and expressive work.

This term, they will be working with clay, creating useable foodsafe pieces that will be glazed and fired.

We are very proud of the creativity, perseverance, and growing artistic confidence our students continue to show in the art room.

Ngā mihi,
Kelly Barnett
Visual Art Teacher

# RIS REHU TAI FINALS

The big moment is here! Tomorrow (Friday 31 July) at 1.45pm, our school will host the 2026 Rehu Tai School Finals. Inspired by our theme:

**"Our Roots, Our Voices, Our Future,"**

our talented finalists from Rātā, Tōtara, and Kōwhai roopū will take the stage to showcase their skills across Spoken Word, Flash Talks, Prepared Speeches, and Oral Read Aloud.

A massive congratulations to all students who auditioned, and a huge thank you to our teachers for coaching them along the way. Best of luck to all our finalists tomorrow as they compete for a spot at the Papakura Finals!

| Spoken Word (Y8) | Prepared Speech (Y7 and Y8) | Flash Talk (Y7) | Oral Read aloud (Y7) |
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| Maysie Hayhow<br>Jennifer Lim | Louis Johnson<br>Blake Biggelaar<br>Kevin Toutai<br>Ainnee Mendoza<br>Karlson Yandell<br>Amitoj Singh<br>Mahathi Vasudevan<br>Alex Chui<br>Tayla Johnson | Navreet Takhi<br>Robert Hodge<br>Willa McCauley | Simrat Kaur<br>Ayaan Ambedkar<br>Japji Kaur |

# STUDENT COUNCILLORS

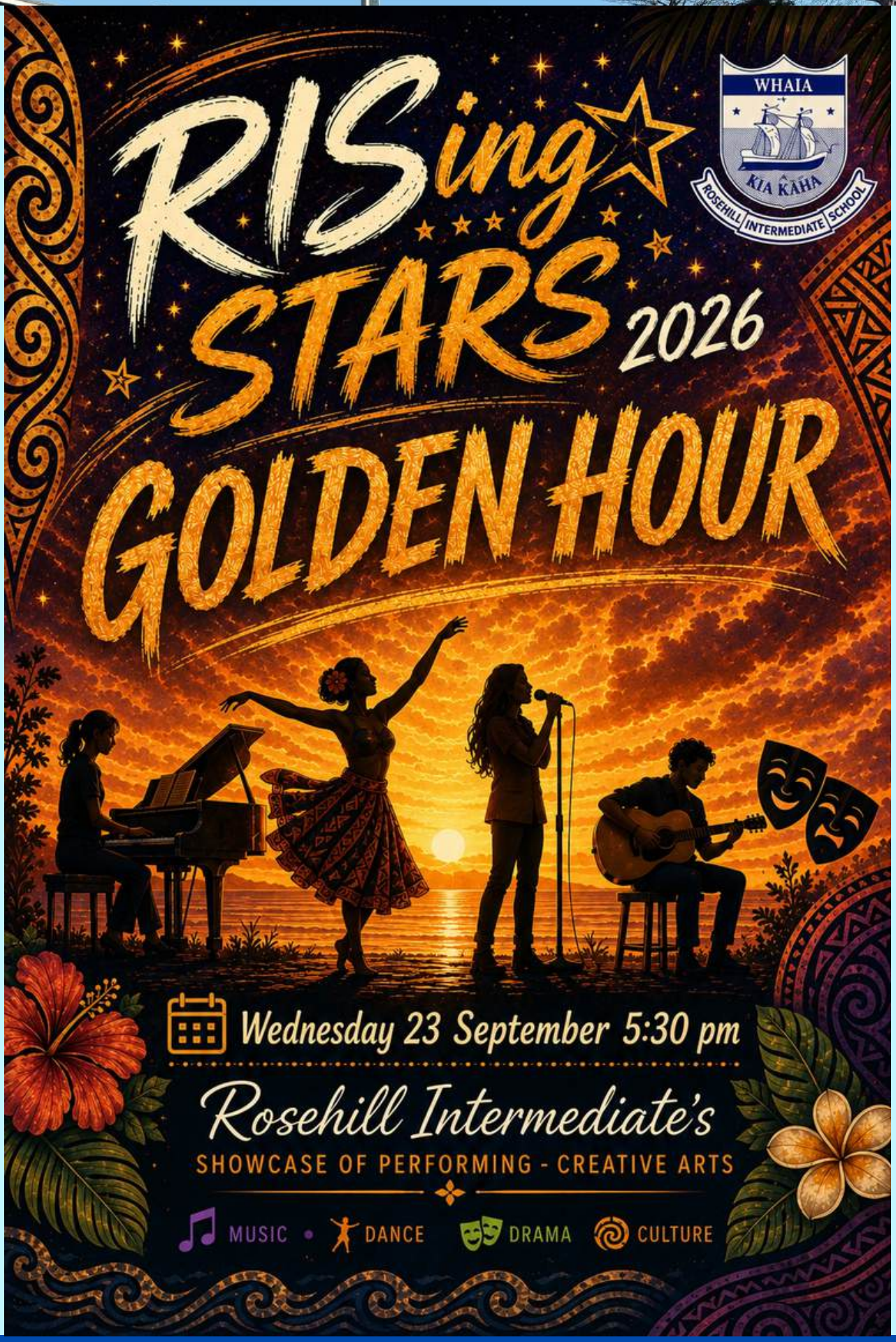
Hello Rosehill Intermediate community!

The RIS School Councillors are excited to share what an amazing end to Term 2 and start to Term 3 we have had. Towards the end of Term 2, we held a sausage sizzle, with plenty of sweet treats and sausages available, to raise money for comfortable new furnishings for our library. Our fundraiser was a huge success, raising almost $1000! A massive thank you to New World and Mad Butcher for generously sponsoring all the ingredients, and to all the parents who supported us by giving their children money to enjoy a tasty treat.

Now, fast forward to Term 3! The past two weeks have been jam-packed with exciting opportunities, including Otago Tests, Netball Interschool, St John sessions, drama lessons, art extensions, and the announcement of our RIS Volleyball champions... Room 1 and Room 20! Both teams proudly received a volleyball and a Whanaungatanga Award.

Written by Mila Ashburner

# UPCOMING EVENT



# TRANSITION YEAR 9

## ROSEHILL COLLEGE ENROLMENT INFORMATION

**Open Day!**

Our Open Day will be held on Saturday, 8 August 2026.

All whānau are welcome, whether they are planning to enrol at Rosehill College or simply want to learn more about the school. It is a chance to meet our staff, explore the school, and experience the Rosehill College Way.

We will be running two guided tours: 9:00 am and 10:30 am

**Year 8 Transition Day**

Our Year 8 Transition Day will be held on Thursday, 10 December 2026.

We will send further information and instructions to schools and enrolled students closer to the date.

# HEALTH NEWS

**FREE SCABIES ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT THROUGH MANA KIDZ**

Scabies is a common and highly contagious skin condition, but the good news is that it can be effectively treated.

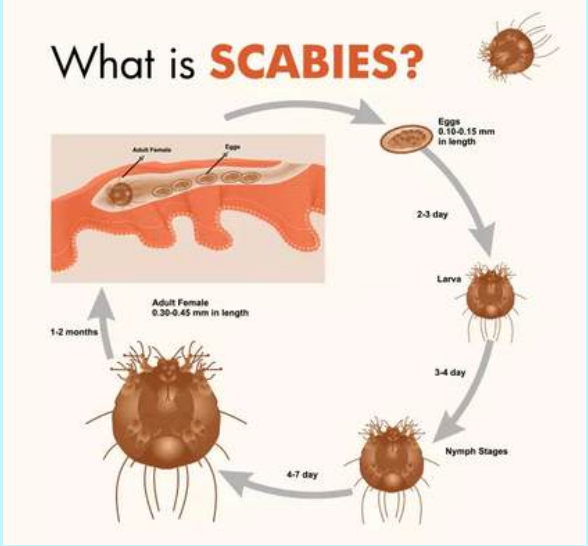
Mana Kidz provides free assessment, treatment, and support for tamariki and whānau affected by scabies.

To successfully clear scabies, it is important that everyone living in the household is treated at the same time and then treated again 7 days later, even if they do not have symptoms. This helps prevent reinfection and stops the spread of scabies within the home. After the first treatment (Day 1), tamariki can return to school the following day.

For trusted information about scabies, including symptoms, treatment, and prevention, visit Healthify NZ: https://healthify.nz/health-a-z/s/scabies

If you are concerned that your child may have scabies, please speak with your child's classroom teacher who can arrange a referral to the Mana Kidz School Nurse for free support and treatment.

Together, we can help keep our tamariki healthy and comfortable while reducing the spread of scabies in our school community.



# RIS LEARNER ATTRIBUTES

Students at Rosehill Intermediate School are encouraged to develop a positive growth mindset using the 5 RIS learner attributes:

## **RESILIENT** - We don't give up

I persist with my tasks even when they are tough
I see mistakes as part of my learning
I try and problem problem-solve independently
I can use a range of strategies to get out of the learning pit

## **ACHIEVING** - We make progress

I am ambitious and motivated in my learning
I create achievable goals because I understand what I need to do
I recognise the steps I need to follow to improve my learning
I listen and use feedback/feedforward to guide my progress

## **COLLABORATIVE** - We learn together

I listen and communicate respectfully
I am a cooperative and positive team member
I demonstrate ako
I am accepting of differing viewpoints and show empathy

## **ENQUIRING** - We question to learn

I show curiosity
I can ask questions to help me connect my learning
I am an active thinker thinking about 'how' and 'why'
I explore lots of different options to find answers

## **REFLECTIVE** - We know where we are at and where we are going

I think about my progress constantly to keep me on track
I know how to show evidence of my learning (success criteria)
I am honest about how well I am learning
I can talk about my achievements and my next learning steps

## TERM DATES

**TERM 1**
Monday 2 Feb. – Y7
Tuesday 3 Feb. – Y8
– Thursday 2 April

**TERM 2**
Monday 20 April
– Friday 3 July

**TERM 3**
Monday 20 July
– Friday 25 September

**Term 4**
Monday 12 October
– Tuesday 15 December