ROSEHILL INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO TERM 3 WEEK 4

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Rosehill Intermediate School,

You may have seen recent news reports about the rise in winter illnesses, including colds, flus, and Covid across Aotearoa. Our school has also felt the impact of these seasonal bugs over recent weeks. In our classrooms, we continue to keep spaces well-ventilated, wipe down shared surfaces daily, and remind our students about regular hand-washing. This legacy from Covid helps form our risk mitigation over winter.

As always, we do require your assistance. If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home to rest and recover. If your child becomes unwell at school, our office team will call you to arrange a pick-up. Keeping sick children home protects our whole community and ensures our classrooms remain healthy places to learn.

Strategic Plan Consultation Closes on 24th August
Sharing your thoughts helps us design learning pathways that support academic success and personal growth for every student here at Rosehill Intermediate School. Please take a few minutes to share your feedback with us. More information on page 3.

CALENDAR:

17th August to 21st August
Sports Camp

20th August
Otago Maths Test 5

24th August
Teacher Only Day - **School closed**

25th August
BOT meeting at 6pm

27th August
School fire drill practice

3rd & 4th September
Writer's Camp

16th September
Year 6 Orientation Visit 9:30am

23rd September
RISing Star at 5.30 to 7pm

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

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY DATES:
starting at 2pm in the hall

Friday 14th August
Friday 28th August
Friday 11th September
Friday 25th September

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Shanghai Visitor Farewell - 2027 China Trip

Today we bid a fond farewell to our international visitors from Shanghai Yongchang Private School. This marks the fourth year we have hosted students and staff from Yongchang, and our students thoroughly enjoyed sharing our Kiwiana traditions, visual arts, Te Reo Māori, and culture with them throughout the week. Looking ahead to 2027, we are exploring an exciting opportunity for our students: Rosehill Intermediate's first overseas trip to China! This will be a fully student-funded initiative. The tentative plan is a 10-day cultural trip to Shanghai in Term 3, 2027, with a small group of selected students. The estimated cost will be $3,500 per student, depending on final numbers. We will share more details with our students during assembly tomorrow, and we welcome expressions of interest from families who might like their child to be involved.

Whole-School Trip: Royal New Zealand Ballet on 9th December

To mark the end of our 2026 school year together, we have booked a whole-school outing to see the Royal New Zealand Ballet matinee performance of The Sleeping Beauty. Thanks to substantial subsidies, this experience is just $5 per student, which covers both ticket entry and bus transport. We want every single student to have the chance to experience a live arts performance alongside their peers.

Thank you for your continued support in making these opportunities possible for our rangatahi.

Ngā mihi nui,

Julie Wong
Principal

MOUNTAINS TO THE SEAS

Thank you!

Today, Trees for Survival and Rosehill Intermediate planted 582 native plants at this planting site.

We hope you enjoy seeing your land flourish in the coming years and would like to thank you for your support in making today a success and providing students with the opportunity to get outdoors and have a positive impact on their local environment!

Together we are growing, nurturing and planting native plants to help restore waterways and forests across Aotearoa. Please consider a donation to contrib to the cost of this planting and the work involved to deliver the programme www.tfsnz.org.nz, scan the QR code or direct credit Trees for Survival Ch Trust 02-0223-0161944-000.

Thanks from the team at Trees for Survival

Trees for Survival Charitable Trust: CC28548. Donation tax credit receipt provided.

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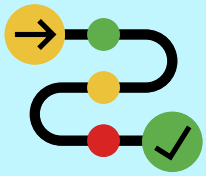
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION



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

Three Way Conferences Feedback:
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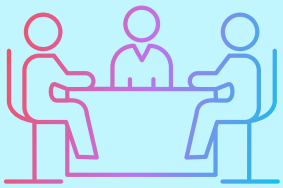
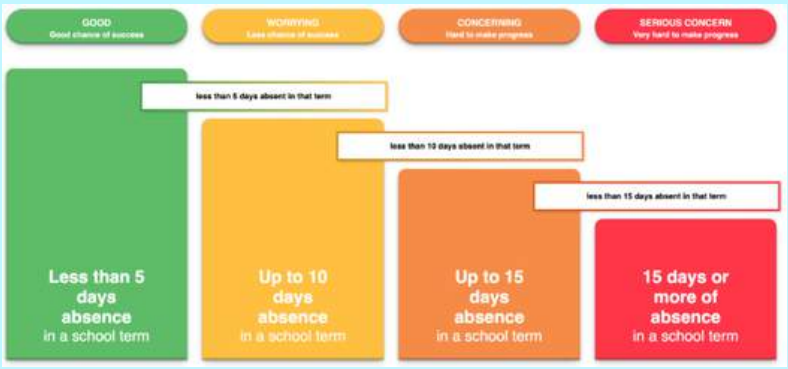


Important Reminder:

Please notify the office if your child is going to be away for any reason (illness, appointments, family matters), as soon as possible.

Providing a reason for every absence is vital, unexplained absences so we have an accurate record of your child's attendance. The goal is for your child to have less than 5 days of absence in a school term.



Week	Room 01	Room 02	Room 03	Room 05	Room 07	Room 08	Room 09	Room 11	Room 12	Room 13	Room 14	Room 15	Room 20	Room 21
Term 3 Week 1									Third 95%				Second 95%	First 95.2%
Term 3 Week 2							First 98.3%						Second 96.4%	Third 95.6%
Term 3 Week 3			Third 92.8%				First 97.9%							Second 96.3%
Term 3 Week 4						Second 93.4%	First 96.6%					Third 92.6%		

SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, Term 4, Week 3 was a big day for a group of Year 8 and 7 girls. It was the 2026 girls netball tournament. What should have been a morning full of excitement and anticipation, turned into a morning of slight panic and uncertainty... Our bus was 20 minutes late! Luckily, we made it to the venue with only minutes to spare and we secured an area to keep our belongings. Crisis averted!!

The tournament was tiring, fun, and most importantly it brought everyone together. We had 4 amazing teams who played their hearts out and had a really great time.

A big thank you to our wonderful coaches Mrs Doherty and Mrs Van Dam who prepared us well for the tournament. I also want to thank Mr Dawson who put the tournament together and our amazing umpires: Eve, Danae, Holly & Sofia from Rosehill College, who made sure the games were played fairly. A huge thank you also to all of our wonderful players who trained hard and represented our school proudly.

Our Year 8 B grade was happy to place 9th. Our Year 8 A grade was pleased to place 6th. Our Year 7 A worked hard to place 5th, and we congratulate our Year 7 B team on placing 3rd. We all played amazing no matter what placement we got.

The 2026 netball tournament was a fun day for all, we enjoyed ourselves, we built skill, but most importantly we built connections and teamwork that will last a lifetime. I am excited to hear about the boys netball tournament in Week 5 and I wish them the best of luck!

Amber Van Dam
Room 9

COUNTIES CROSS COUNTRY

The Counties Zone Cross Country team did a fantastic job this year, with every single runner giving it their all on the track. Having tackled the grueling terrain the year before, the Year 8's brought experience and confidence to the line.

On the other hand, the Year 7s faced a steep learning curve—nerves were high, and the difficulty of the course caught many by surprise. Despite this, our runners dug deep and pushed through to the finish.

Overall, it was an amazing display of determination and teamwork across both year groups and a job well done. A huge congrats to the Year 7 girls team who came 3rd overall and Jack Adams who came 1st in the Year 8 boys race and many others who placed in the top 10.

VISITORS FROM SHANGHAI

International Students' Visit to RIS

We were delighted to welcome a group of international students from Shanghai Yongchang Private School to our school for a special one-week visit. The week provided a wonderful opportunity for students to make new friends, share their cultures, and enjoy a range of fun, hands-on activities together.

Starting with a powhiri, we warmly welcomed our visitors to RIS. They had the opportunity to experience kapa haka, sharing a special part of Aotearoa New Zealand's Māori culture. Through waiata, movement and performance, students were introduced to the traditions and spirit of kapa haka. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our New Zealand identity and share an important part of our culture with our new friends. Throughout their visit, students took part in activities designed to encourage friendship, teamwork and cultural exchange. One of the highlights was a baking session, where students worked together to make delicious chocolate chip cookies. There was plenty of laughter as they measured, mixed and baked their creations — followed, of course, by the very important job of tasting them!

Sport was another fantastic way for them to connect. Our visitors joined in with volleyball and a range of other sporting activities, quickly forming teams, encouraging one another and enjoying some friendly competition. The Friendship Groups were a special part of the programme. Students also had the opportunity to share a little of New Zealand culture by creating Kiwiana greeting cards. They explored traditional kōwhaiwhai patterns and incorporated images of native ferns into their designs. This creative activity provided a wonderful way to introduce elements of Aotearoa New Zealand, while giving students a special keepsake to remind them of their new friendships.

Tomorrow, we will bring this memorable week to a close on a high note with a special social event hosted by our school baristas, giving students one more opportunity to relax, connect and celebrate the friendships they have made.

The week will conclude with a special farewell assembly, where our visiting students and their buddy Ambassadors will be presented with certificates in recognition of their participation and the wonderful connections they have built throughout the week. It will be a fitting celebration of a week filled with friendship, cultural exchange, creativity, teamwork, and shared experiences. We look forward to celebrating together and sending our visitors home with many happy memories of their time with us.

A special thank you to our Homestay Hosts, families, and whānau who welcomed our visitors into their homes. We could not have done it without you.

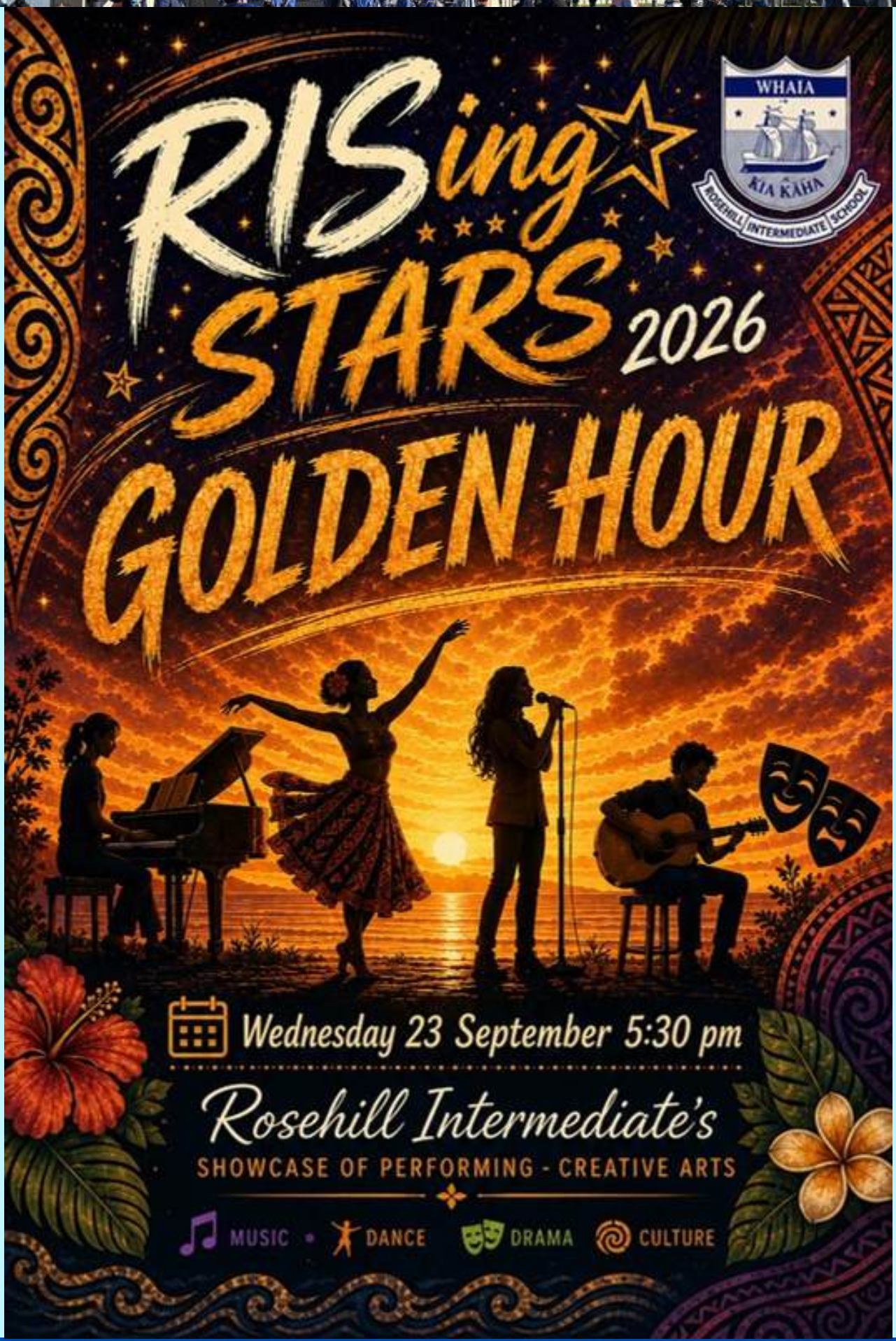
From Mrs Michele Hillman

From Student Councillor: Kaitlyn Ben

This week RIS has had an adventurous week!

We have had some students from Shanghai join us this week. We want to thank students, parents, and teachers that have either been a buddy, done a class for them or have had them stay at their house. We appreciate you! Everyone at Rosehill has shown Manuhiri, Kindness, respect and shown them how Rosehill works. We hope all students have enjoyed their time here at Rosehill and we hope they go home and tell their friends and whānau how cool New Zealand is.

UPCOMING EVENT



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 3
Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4
Monday 12 October – Tuesday 15 December

IMPORTANT DATES

8th December
Year 7 and 8 Prizegivings

14th December
Year 8 Graduation