



# Roto Review

We live by  
our motto of  
**AIM HIGH**

**Ngaa mihi ngaa Maatua me kaitiaki,**

## NAU MAI, HOKI MAI - WELCOME BACK

Term 3 is certainly going to be a busy one: Matariki trip and Waipa DC in to do a Matariki workshop; Roto and Rural Cross Country; Speeches, Roto and Rotary Speech nights; visits from John Parsons for online safety, Elgregoe the Magician and an Olympic hockey player. The teachers are learning about a new literacy approach and will begin implementing it over the next few months. Then at the end of the term we will finally start the conversion of the area between Rooms 4 & 5 into an extra learning space. So nobody will be sitting on their laurels this term!

## MATARIKI BREAKFAST & TRIP NEXT FRIDAY

The Matariki weekend may have fallen during the school holidays but now that we are back we will still be doing things around the importance of Matariki and Maramataka (Maaori phases of the moon and lunar calendar). It is a time to celebrate the harvest, share food and prepare for the quieter time of the year. Hence we will celebrate with a Matariki breakfast.

We have just finalised details on celebrating Matariki on Friday 28th July following an unexpected change in our trip arrangements. The notice will be attached to this newsletter and will go home via email.

Anyone with braziers, firewood, etc who can bring them in to keep us all warm in the pre-dawn frost, please contact the office.

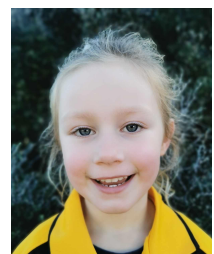
We are also asking for parents to help with cooking the breakfast. The school will supply the food but will need some parents to do the cooking. As the stars of Matariki represent different aspects of the world, the food will represent the stars too. If anyone is a super soup maker let us know and we would love a big pot of soup to accompany the cereals, toast, fried potato, etc.



## WELCOME TO...

Rosalie who started in our new entrant class this week. Rosalie follows in the footsteps of her two older brothers, being the last of the family members to come through our School! We also welcome Hunter and his younger brother Archer, who have recently moved to the area. We are pleased to see them settling in and making new friends already!

We have a new staff member to welcome this term too! Teacher, Maddison Hughes, joins our team to cover leadership release in Rooms 4 & 5. Maddy will be working on Thursdays from this term, and taking on Wednesdays next term too. This term we will also see Mrs Furze in Room 5 on a Wednesday.



## ASSEMBLIES IN TERM 3

Due to a number of events happening on a Friday afternoon this term, we will have problems being able to hold our assemblies. Thus we will hold some of our fortnightly **assemblies at 9.15am** this term, except for the last day.

**Week 2** is the Matariki breakfast so to fit that in we might be starting at 8.15am.

**Weeks 4, 6, 8** will be held at 9.15am.

**Week 10** will be the normal 2pm so you can take the kids home to start the holidays.

**Make sure you check out the calendar on the website or the Skool Loop App for important events!**

## PTA SEEDS FUNDRAISER

There are only **TWO** weeks left to get your seed order forms back to the office! You can pay directly into the PTA account (details on the form). Please make sure you have collected money from all the people on your forms, and make one single payment to the PTA as it is much easier for them to track the payments. This is an awesome fundraiser, so please get behind it. Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles and neighbours may all be interested in purchasing seeds as Spring is only just around the corner! Share the forms on Facebook, in your workplaces, Kindys etc, and let's bring in some funds to help our school!

**More forms are available from the office - please let us know if you would like another!**



## PTA MEETING & NEWS

The PTA holds two meetings per term, with the first being **next Tuesday, 25th July, at 7pm at the Five Stags** in Leamington. Please pop along and see how you could help our school and our children!

Many thanks to the PTA for their hard work planting some of the 200 native trees and shrubs around our grounds. There are still more to be planted, so if you'd like to help out please email [pta@rotoorangi.school.nz](mailto:pta@rotoorangi.school.nz) Huge thanks to Amber Nurseries for making this generous donation of plants.

The PTA have purchased a shed to be used for their items and Rooms 2 & 4's Garden to Table project. This will be a huge help!

Mr D has also applied for a funding grant to replace the tired ropes on the playground, so keep your fingers crossed that this is approved!

## WANTING BEFORE SCHOOL CARE?

We are hearing the odd request for Before School Care and would like to put it out there again. To make it financially viable, we need at least 5 children each day Monday through Friday. Even if you would use the service just 1 day a week, then let us know because the accumulative effect just might make it viable. Please complete the Google Form sent via email and Skoolloop.

<https://forms.gle/ntNWSsX16L1HK71g7>

## PB4L and SCHOOL VALUES

Congratulations to all the children who have earned their 30 Values Points certificates at the end of last term. Everyone is now working towards their 50 Values Points certificates.

There have been wonderful examples of students using the school values out in the playground, which is a credit to the families these children are growing up in.

A bit like the news, we can get bogged down in the negatives and not notice all the positives. I am sure the new children in our school would agree with how much they have enjoyed settling in to Roto and the new friends they are making.

## HOUSE QUIZZES

At the end of last term we conducted both a te reo maaori quiz and a Basic Facts maths Quiz. It can be surprising just what children are capable of that may not have been noticed in the usual business of a classroom.

Congratulations to Kiwi House who took out the Basic Facts quiz with a pretty healthy lead, followed by Kokako and Takahe.

Te Reo Maaori has been harder to do and is still being checked.

Later in the term is Cross Country. Another chance for Houses to compete and earn some points so now is the time to get training.

Currently the House leader board is:

Kokao 311

Takahe 297

Kiwi 271

## CROSS COUNTRY

We will soon begin training for our Roto Cross Country event, taking place on Friday 25th August. We are lucky to be able to hold this over the road at the Wallis Quarry, which makes it much more fun and challenging! The event will begin after lunch that day and we invite all whaanau to attend. More information will come out in a separate notice nearer the time.



## AGRICULTURAL DAY 2023

**FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER (Week 1, Term 4)**

Many of you will be familiar with school Agricultural Day, or Ag Day, which for us is always the first Friday of Term 4 here at school. For those who are unfamiliar with the concept, Ag Day is an opportunity for us to come together as a community to celebrate the rural lifestyle that makes us different from town schools!

We encourage all our families to consider taking on a calf, lamb or kid goat for their child/ren to raise in preparation for Ag Day, although it is not compulsory. In the past, children living in town have still managed to raise a goat or a lamb in their garden. Animals are usually selected between 4 - 7 weeks before the event.

On the day itself the child will present their animal for showing in the competition ring, where they will be professionally judged by experienced judges.

On our website you will find a comprehensive guide to raising animals for Ag Day, along with information about the day and what happens. We will update the information and entry forms for this year over the next couple of weeks and send this out as a separate notice. We will also let you know the theme for the gardening competition, which was a huge hit last year!

- ★ Lambs, Calves, Goats
- ★ Baking Competition
- ★ Gardening Competition
- ★ Pet Day
- ★ Sausage Sizzle
- ★ Bake Sale
- ★ Refreshments
- ★ Cow Pat Bingo

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Masterpiece Photography will be here on Thursday 3rd August to take class and individual photos. Unlike larger schools, they do take a photo of *every* student. They will then send us links to view the photos so we will send you this information once it arrives and you will be able to view your child's individual photo before you choose to purchase it. Please make sure your children are here on time that day because if they miss their class photo they will not be added in later. We are often asked about sibling photos and when these will be. They are taken during the class and individual photos so we are unable to give you a specific time. If you have more than one child here at Roto they will take sibling photos anyway.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 25/07 PTA Meeting 7pm
- 28/07 Matariki Parakuihi and Te Awamutu Haerenga
- 03/08 School Photos 9am
- 8-9/08 MP Room in use by Dynamix Dance
- 11/08 Assembly 9.15-10.15am
- 18/08 John Parsons online safety
- 21-24/08 Class Speech Presentations Week
- 25/08 Assembly 9.15-10.15am  
Roto Cross Country
- 29/08 PTA Meeting 7pm
- 31/08 Roto Speech Finals Night
- 01/09 Cambridge Kapa Haka Festival
- 05/09 Rural Schools' Cross Country
- 06/09 CMS Orientation morning (Yr 6)
- 08/09 Assembly 9.15-10.15am  
Olympian Visit 2pm
- 15/09 Interschools Cross Country
- 21/09 Elgregoe Magician Show
- 22/09 Assembly 2.15pm  
Term 3 Ends 3pm
  
- 09/10 Term 4 Begins
- 13/10 Agricultural Day
- 20/10 Group Agricultural Day

## Is your school account up to date?

Contact Roxy to discuss a payment plan to ensure your account is cleared by the end of the school year.



## TE AWA RIVER RIDE - LIGHT NIGHT!

The Te Awa River Ride like never before!

Parts of the 2km section from the Gaslight Theatre in Cambridge will be lit up at night for a once-a-year, totally unique Te Awa experience!

Grab your family, kids and friends and walk or wheel yourselves along the easy, meandering section after dark.

Half-way hot choccies and food trucks at the finish will have you forgetting altogether that it's bedtime – and it's winter!



TE AWA  
The Great New Zealand  
**RIVER RIDE**  
*Light Night*

**SATURDAY 29 JULY 2023**

🕒 FROM 6.00PM 📍 GASLIGHT THEATRE CAMBRIDGE

[te-awa.org.nz/lightnight](http://te-awa.org.nz/lightnight)

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## Te REO TANTALISERS

Matariki/Pleiades

In te Ao Maaori each of the Matariki stars represents an aspect of our world. There are different versions of how the Matariki stars came into being and what they represent. Iwi and hapu often have their own understanding of the Matariki stars. For example most of Tainui only acknowledge 7 stars in the cluster (hence the 7 stars in our school logo).

Matariki - is the brightest star and is the mother of the other 6 stars.

Tupu-ā-rangi: The star of things above (treetops/sky)

Tupu-ā-nuku: The star of the land/crops

Waitī: The star of freshwater

Waitā: The star of the ocean

Waipuna-ā-rangi: The star of water from the sky

Ururangi: The star of winds - brings new beginnings.

## WINTER SPORTS

Winter sports continues this term, and our junior rugby

and netball stars begin

their games this week

after the holiday break.

Here are Sam & Jack

who are playing for the

Leamington Bulldogs

and have both scored

tries and received

Player of the Day this season!

Feel free to send in photos of your child/ren playing

sports or competing in events, and we will share them

with our school community here!



## Dynamix Dance School

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