



# Roto Review

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

## WELCOME TO THE 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

The weather has made a dull start for the year, but the smiles and laughter of the children have made a bright start to the year.

We look forward to having a wonderful year with your children at Roto-o-Rangi. With a new Deputy Principal and things happening in the school, it should be awesome!

On Tuesday we held our whakatau to formally welcome all the new families and their children to the school, along with Mrs Williamson the new DP and teacher in Room 4 and Mitchell Jordan, a student teacher in Room 5.

Here are a couple of photos of the whakatau.



Well done Kharva for an excellent speech/whaikorero to start the whakatau. You represented the school with mana. Thanks to Mr Jordan for responding on behalf of all the new people in the school.

We also welcome the following children who have started with us this year;

Mitchell and Ashleigh (who have returned to us after a year away), Jimmy and Jaxon, Hazel and Manea, Waldo and Leanné (whose families are all new to the school).

Lucca, Azalia, and Philip are lucky enough to have older siblings in the school so they are not complete strangers and have someone to keep an eye on them.

Everyone is making new friends already and having a great time, which is wonderful to see!



## CLASSDOJO

Parents with kindergarten children may be familiar with Seesaw, children's portfolios online. We are using Classdojo to do the same thing. Go to your app store and download it. Sign up for a parent account then add your email and the password, supplied by the teacher, to create the account. You will get to see your child's work and the things happening in the class.

## SETTLING IN REPORT

The Settling In report coming home on Feb 17th. This is just a highlight of how well your child has settled into the routines of their classroom and their focus on learning so far.

There is also a section where we would like your input into goals for your child's achievements at Roto this year. They can be academic goals, social goals, values goals. They are a great opportunity for you to have a good chat with your child about your expectations for this year as you fill it in.

## HATS

All children must be wearing a hat if they wish to play out on the grounds at school during Term 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a brimmed hat, and it is clearly marked with their name. Caps are not sufficient protection but the caps with the neckflap are fine.

We do have school bucket hats, which are perfect for the job. These have the school logo on them but do need to be clearly labelled with a name. 90 Hats all the same really do need names on them.

## ABSENTEES

Please remember to let the office know if your child is, or will be, absent from school. You can let us know by email, text, Skool Loop App, or by phoning the office and leaving a message on the absentee line. The office mobile number is **027 277 9351**.

## BUS CHANGES

If you need to make a change to the way your child is getting home please let us know before 2pm if you can. This allows us time to let your child know, and to add them to the bus list/remove them from the bus list/direct them to after school care. We are unable to take your child's word for it, no matter how responsible they are, so it is important we hear the changes from you directly.

## BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM

This year the PB4L work will come to life. There is a major focus on achieving positive behaviours amongst all children and systems for those children still learning to manage their behaviours to match our expectations.

Teachers reward children with Values Cards when we see people following our expectations out in the playground. These will be converted to Dojo points as a part of Class Dojo. The more points they earn, the bigger the rewards further on down the track. In class, students will be given the Dojo Points as they go, no Values cards there.

When things are not going right, we have a "Traffic Light" system to help guide children back towards the positive behaviours.

An Orange Light usually means there have been a few low level issues during the day but it has been dealt with at school. It is just to let you know it wasn't the best day. Having a chat about what happened and why would be appreciated, but no further consequences are necessary.

Red Light is either a really serious behaviour that required the principal to become involved or even after getting to an Orange light the child has still continued to do those unacceptable minor behaviours. With a Red Light, a teacher will ring you to further explain what happened and the consequences given at school. Usually, after some further follow-up at home all is sorted.

Whilst not a behaviour management thing, we also have an acronym **THINK**: is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? Is it Kind? We use this to discuss the unacceptable minor behaviours.

Following consultation and feedback from the parent community and Board, based on our school values, these are our expectations for all people who enter Roto-o-Rangi school: teachers, support staff, visitors, children, parents, caregivers.

### RESPECT/WHAKAUTE

- Respond appropriately instead of reacting.
- Accept and include anyone.
- Use my manners.
- Allow myself and others to learn
- Keep everyone's mauri ora intact

### RESILIENCE/MANAWAROA

- Be proud of who I am.
- Try my best first, then ask for help.
- Choose a positive attitude.
- Be adaptable.
- Bounce back

### RESPONSIBILITY/TAKOHANGA

- Manage what I say and do.
- Own up to my choices and actions.
- Follow through without supervision.
- Look after myself, others, property and our environment.

## KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING

We communicate upcoming events as early as we can in a variety of formats. **The 3 main ones are the Skoolloop, Newsletter and Roto Parents Facebook page.** Whilst we don't always get it right, the vast majority of the time the information is there.

**Skoolloop** is an app that you download to your phone to receive messages, view the school calendar, send in absence messages, fill in permission forms, etc. Just download it from the App store and search for Roto-o-Rangi school.

All messages, especially urgent ones are sent via Skoolloop and as needed, via email.

**Newsletter** is published every fortnight beginning in Week 1 of the Term (so week 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 of each term). It celebrates learning happening in the school and provides the latest information.

**Roto Parents facebook** is a closed facebook page so only admitted members are able to see posts and contribute to the page. It is only for parents to access (no aunts, uncles, family friends, grandparents, just those with day to day care of the students).

The page has photos of the children doing activities in the school and has some information that will have been sent via Skoolloop first - like start times to Swimming Sports, reminders about paying school accounts and where not to park. It mainly celebrates some of the great learning happening at the school.

**Email** – for large attachments or extra important notices because nearly all families have email. This is a good platform for communicating with teachers, or by ringing the school and talking to them.

Mrs Goldsman - [tessa@rotoorangi.school.nz](mailto:tessa@rotoorangi.school.nz)

Mrs T - [liezel@rotoorangi.school.nz](mailto:liezel@rotoorangi.school.nz)

Mrs Williamson - [emma@rotoorangi.school.nz](mailto:emma@rotoorangi.school.nz)

Mrs Morris - [mandy@rotoorangi.school.nz](mailto:mandy@rotoorangi.school.nz)

Mr D - [principal@rotoorangi.school.nz](mailto:principal@rotoorangi.school.nz)

Roxy - [office@rotoorangi.school.nz](mailto:office@rotoorangi.school.nz)

**ClassDojo** – is for sharing examples of the student's learning in class and what the class are doing. Staff may send you information via dojo as well, but it is not a good platform for sending messages to teachers. They don't always open Dojo, but they do open their emails every day.

Dojo is an online programme that families sign up for when you get a message from the school about login codes, etc. Dojo works on phones and computers.

**Website** – the website has our google based school calendar with all the upcoming events on the front page. This calendar has events for the entire year on it and is updated weekly as new things may get added.

## CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS

Have your contact details changed since you enrolled your child? It's important that we are able to contact you in an emergency and able to send you information that you need to be aware of so please make sure you update your contact details if anything has changed. You can email these to me at [office@rotoorangi.school.nz](mailto:office@rotoorangi.school.nz)

## UPDATING YOUR CHILD'S MEDICAL DETAILS

If your child's medical information has changed since you first enrolled them please let me know so we can update their record. Examples of this may include a new allergy or development of a medical condition that they did not previously have, or perhaps a change to their medication. This ensures that we are able to help your child if they become unwell whilst they are at school, so it's really important.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

6/2	Waitangi Day
16/2	Tractor Trek visit
21/2	Rangiaowhia Commemoration morning
28/2	Roto Seniors' Swimming Sports @ CHS
2-3/3	Whole School Camp (at school)
7/3	Rural Schools' Swimming Sports
3/4	Inter-schools' Swimming Sports
6/4	Term Ends
7/4	Good Friday
24/4	Teacher Only Day
25/4	ANZAC Day
26/4	School starts Term 2

## Te REO TANATALISERS

Curriculum areas at school:

English name - Maaori name (pronunciation)

Maths - Paangarau (pung-ar-roe)

Reading - Paanui (par-noo-ee)

Writing - Tuhituhi (too-he too-he)

Science - Puutaiao (poo-tie-ow)

Social Science - Puutaiao Paapori (poo-tai-ow par-poor-ree)

PE - akoranga koiri (ar-kor-rung-ar koi-ree)

Technology - Hangarau (har-nga-roe)



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