



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Ngaa mihi ngaa Maatua me kaitiaki,

Nau mai, hoki mai.

Welcome back to another wonderful term of learning. This term has less events happening outside of usual learning programmes but there is still plenty going on. Rooms 2 and 4 are rocking along with their Garden to Table learning, we will be participating in Pink Shirt Day, the Seniors will be off to a large Winter Sports Day and selected students are attending Te Ohu Kaiarahi o te Kapua Iti. Outside of these exciting learning opportunities the children will be doing some awesome learning tasks in class.

The major concept the whole school is working on this term is Kaitiakitanga/Sustainability with a focus on Reducing the use of our resources. Not just recycling after we have consumed the resource but reducing our use of resources in the first place. How do you think you can help us with this from home?

ATTENDANCE

The TV and radio news has been highlighting the poor school attendance figures across NZ. The Ministry is trying to address the issue across all schools. What it did highlight was the amount of time some children are missing school, even here at Roto. Here is a chart of what the MOE is aiming for:

Regular attendance	Irregular Attendance	Moderate Absences	Chronic Absences
90+% days at school or missing 1 day/fortnight	80-90% days at school or missing 1 day/week	70-80% days at school or missing 1-2 days/week	<70% days at school or missing 2 days plus/week
70% of students	19% of students	6% of students	5% of students

Here comes the surprising news: In 2022 Roto-o-Rangi School had just 46% of our children Regularly Attending school. At Roto-o-Rangi, those significant absences occur because the parent allows it to happen. Sometimes it is because the little bit of time here and there does not seem to be much, but accumulated over time it can have a much bigger effect than we realise.

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	≈ 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	days per year	≈ 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Illness and major whaanau occasions like funerals/tangi/weddings etc will always affect our attendance. We just need to make sure we don't validate other absences which have an accumulative effect on student learning.

WELCOME TO...

Welcome to Eden, younger sister of Arielle. Eden's family have a long association with our kura and Eden has settled in quickly, which is wonderful to see.



THE GREAT NZ/AOTEAROA QUIZ

At the end of the term we held the Great NZ Quiz. With a bit of Tuakana / Teina (older helping younger) children each House held their own Quiz time.

It was amazing to see what the children remembered and the knowledge they had about Aotearoa NZ. Congratulations goes to Kookako House for earning the most correct answers per child, Takahee just 1 answer per child behind them and Kiwi House not far behind Takahee.

Liam Maano scooped the pool getting 60/60 questions correct. This term we move on to a Basic Facts speed test and te reo Maaori knowledge quiz.

STRIKE ACTION FOR PRIMARY

There are no planned school closures for Primary Schools on the cards, however, the continuing battle over conditions and pay continues. This battle has been going on since June 2022 with just 2 offers from the government over those 11 months. Those offers addressed less than 30% of the points raised.

The Principals have a number of strike actions, mainly around work to rule. We will be working 8am-5pm only, which does not have a huge effect on the school but it does mean that some tasks which don't affect children's learning will not get done., future newsletters for example). So, jobs that are done outside of the work times (e.g the school noticeboard), or jobs that are usually done outside those work hours but are necessary will be done in work hours. This means other jobs get bumped to fit in the necessary ones in. So apologies in advance if there are things missed because they don't fit inside work hours.

The Teachers have no planned actions yet as they are still discussing the latest offer from the government.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

RESPECT/WHAKAUTE

RESILIENCE/MANAWAROA

RESPONSIBILITY/TAKOHANGA

As part of our PB4L we are using a standardised reward system across the school to recognise the wonderful behaviours of our children.

Students are being awarded Dojo points when they are using the Values.

The rewards are given out in 2 ways: certificates for combined points from all 3 Values; and silicone wristbands when they have a certain number of Values in a Value.

So the Combined points are:

After 10 Values points they receive a Green certificate

After 30 Values points they receive a Silver certificate

After 50 Values points they receive a Gold certificate

After 100 Values points they receive a STAR certificate

After 200 Values points they receive a Super Star badge, certificate and get a special morning tea with Mr D.

After 300 Values points they receive Values Champion award, 1 block of free choice time, and name and photo on the Values Champion Board at the office.

Particular Values points:

After 100 points in a Value they will receive a silicone wristband for that Value.

After 5 wrist bands they receive a Black wristband

After 3 wristbands in each Value they receive a Gold wristband.

Teachers may also award Dojo points for other activities which are not related to using the Values. Those points will go towards a completely different reward system.

TE REO TANTALISERS

Getting dressed. What are you going to wear?

English	Maaori	Pronunciation using English
Shorts	tarau poto	ta-roe poor-tore
Pants	tarau	ta-roe
Hat	pootae	poor-tie
Shoes	huu	who
Shirt	haate	har-tear
Boots	puutu	poou-too
Bag	peke	pair-care
Coat	koti	kor-tee
Skirt	panekoti	par-nair-kor=tee
Jandal	hanara waewae	han-are-a why-why
Glasses	moohiti	more-hit-ee

(Remember, because our school is in the Tainui area, we don't use the macron and use double vowels instead.)

MILO MONDAYS & HOT FOOD

It's a bit of a tradition here at Roto to have hot lunches and Milos during the cooler months of Terms 2 and 3. Both of these events started this week.

Milo Mondays need 2 parents a week to make, serve the Milos and clean up. If you can spare a bit of time to provide Milo to our tamariki on a Monday please get in touch with the PTA or office. A roster has been developed so you won't have to do it every week, unless you want to but there are plenty of spaces for more volunteers. (9.30am - 11.00am Mon)

Hot Food Wednesdays We offer our students the opportunity to bring lunch from home that can be heated up by staff/senior students in an oven.

The lunch has to meet the following requirements in order for a hassle-free heat up and distribution.

Please note the following;

1. The container it comes in **MUST** be able to be put directly into an oven - so wrapped in baking paper, tin foil, in a paper bag or in an ovenproof dish.
2. **MUST** be clearly marked with the child's name and room number.

Examples of suitable foods include; toasties, pizza slices, pasta, samosa, quiche, pie, sausage roll, meatballs, sausage/hotdog.

- No food which requires any extra work other than putting it in an oven i.e. NO 2 minute noodles.
- No Sistema containers, or other plastic containers that will melt when placed in a hot oven.

Having Hot Food Wednesday is purely optional, so if it doesn't work for you and your child/ren please don't feel obliged to do it. It is just an opportunity to have a warm lunch once a week in the cold months.

AED EDUCATION SESSIONS

An AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) was recently installed across the road

at the Roto-o-Rangi Hall, thanks to generous donations from the local community. An AED is used when someone experiences cardiac arrest and can be essential in keeping the person alive until an ambulance arrives on the scene.

Two educational sessions have been booked in to teach local people when and how to use an AED. The first session is for people living in the Roto-o-Rangi district, and will be held on **Tuesday 16th May at 7pm** in the hall. The second session is for parents of Roto-o-Rangi School, and will be on **Thursday 1st June at 3pm** in the hall. Children of parents attending the AED session will be able to attend after school care for free. No need to book your place on the sessions, but please let us know if your child will be attending after school care.



EASTER PRIZE WINNERS

At the end of last term the PTA ran a wonderful Easter Raffle and 'Guess the eggs' competition. Our Caretaker, Alan, was the winner of the raffle much to his delight as his wife told the PTA he is a chocolate fiend! Young Azalia was the winner of the egg competition, guessing the correct number in the jar and taking the whole jar home as her prize! Well done to you both and thank you to the PTA for organising these giveaways!



WRITER'S CORNER



Our year 2 and 3 aakonga in Ruuma Rua have been learning all about adjectives and how to use them in their written work. They have utilised their senses to come up with adjectives, or describing words; closing their eyes to focus on what they can hear, and eating yummy cake to then describe what it looked like, how it tasted and how it made them feel! Here are some of the stories Ruuma Rua have written incorporating adjectives...

My cupcake had rainbow sprinkles. My cupcake had chocolate icing.

Zyon

The chocolate cupcake was yummy. It was good. It was very very very chocolatey! It had a pink jelly bean on it.

Saffron

The cupcake was good and it was delicious. It tasted like dark chocolate.

Eva

WINTER SPORTS CODES

Netball, rugby and hockey are all starting up again now, and although we no longer have school teams we still love to hear about the sporting achievements of our tamariki. Feel free to send your photos to Roxy, of these sports and any other activities they may be participating in outside of school, and we will share them here! Miniball starts up again next Monday, so we look forward to hearing about their games too.



PTA DISCO

Our wonderful PTA have organised a whole school disco for this term, on the evening of Friday 26th May. Mark the date in your diaries, save up some coins, and await news of the disco theme!

Students need to have an adult at the disco with them please (if one adult arranges with other parents to supervise their child and their friends that is fine).

If you are able to help put up lights and decorate the hall during the day on the Friday or able to help out at the disco itself please get in touch with Roxy who will pass this onto the PTA.

The PTA are in need of new members and people to help out with events throughout the year. If you would like to offer your support please email pta@rotoorangi.school.nz

Many hands make light work!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/5 Te Ohu Kaiarahi o te Kapua Iti @ Hautapu School
- 16/5 Roto-o-Rangi Locals - AED info evening Roto Hall 7pm
- 19/5 Pink Shirt Day
- 25/5 Crime prevention evening, Roto Hall
- 26/5 PTA Disco
- 1/6 Roto Parents AED info session, Roto Hall 3pm
- 2/6 Rural Winter Sports Day - Yr 5/6
- 5/6 King's Birthday Public Holiday
- 23/6 Student Reports go home
- 27-29/6 Student/Parent/Teacher conferences
- 29/6 Te Ohu Kaiarahi o te Kapua Iti @ CMS
- 30/6 Last day of Term 2

- 17/7 First Day Term 3
- 17-19/7 Harold and the Life Education Van

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