



# Roto Review

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

Greetings parents and caregivers

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

Next **Friday (16th July - Fielddays Friday)** all of the Cambridge Schools will be closed, including Roto-o-Rangi, so all educators can attend a mini-conference. Or as we call it, a kahui ako professional learning day. In attendance will be some very well-known authors and speakers who will continue to challenge our education system to keep improving and making a difference for kids. Professor Mere Berryman and Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch are the keynote speakers for the day, and some local experts will be running smaller workshops. It is such a wonderful opportunity to learn things alongside other educators and hear about how “they do things” in their setting. All our staff are attending this awesome day: from Roxy, to the teacher aides, teachers and Mr D.

## KNOWING WHAT IS HAPPENING

To all the new families who have started recently, we have lots of ways of letting the community know what is going on at school.

**The Skoolloop App** is our most direct way. Messages go straight to your phone, and are immediate. It also has our school’s digital calendar, allows you to send absentee messages, see the newsletter in digital form and book your times for Parent/student/teacher conferences that are coming up. The app is a must if you want to stay up-to-date. Just download the app, search for Roto-o-Rangi School and join the various groups to get specific information for that group when it comes out.

**Email** for longer and data-heavy information, so keep checking your inbox.

**Parents' Facebook page** - only parents allowed. A closed Facebook page you ask to join. It has info on it but is more about celebrating the good things that happen. We also have a **public Facebook** page to highlight the great stuff that goes on.

**The website** is not used much because so many other forms are used. It does have a calendar on it which shows all the upcoming events, though.

But if you want to get hold of us, come on in, send us an email or give us a call. We want to hear from you - good or bad (hopefully good) - because we want to do the best we can for your children so we need to know what you are thinking.

Early next term we will be holding some hui to get your thoughts about what is and what should be taught at Roto-o-Rangi School: What is OUR curriculum? So start thinking about what you want your children to be learning about in our kura.

## PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - END OF TERM.

In the last week of the term (Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th of June), we will be holding our conferences. Prior to that (Friday 23rd), you will receive your child/ren’s mid-year written report. Whilst the report has all the learning information you need, the conferences are a chance to celebrate the learning your child/ren has done over the first half of the year, to find out what else could be done to support their learning and ask any questions you have about what your child will be learning in the upcoming term. It is a valuable time so we would love to have a 100% turnout of all families.

Booking a timeslot to visit the teacher and celebrate your child’s learning will be done via the Skoolloop app. Bookings will go Live this weekend, so don’t take too long or you will be meeting in the middle of the night.

## PTA NEWS

The PTA held a fabulous whole school disco recently. The children had a magnificent time, even joining in the conga lines led by some super groovy mums. Thank you to all the people who came down and decorated the Winter Hall, cooked up some delicious bacon and egg burgers & served up pizza/lollies/drinks and glow-in-the-dark items. A special mention to the sound engineer who arranged a fabulous dance track. Thank you all for giving up your time for the kids.



Can you lay a paver or two? Then we need you! ITM has supplied us with a pile of pavers to lay out around our Buzzy Bee shed and Mud Kitchen. Now we need someone with the know-how, and a few people with the heave-ho to make a fine job of the play area.

## GIRLS' RUGBY

On Tuesday all the girls in the school were treated to a special training session with Vici-Rose from the WRU. After a couple of false starts, and days cancelled, the girls were shown a few skills and techniques for rugby. They particularly liked not having the boys there, and the boys were bitterly disappointed to miss out. It was thoroughly enjoyed and a few Black Ferns could be on the horizon now.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Roto-o-Rangi Hall Committee are running a Working Bee on Sunday from 10am-12pm. They would appreciate any time people could give to help tidy up around the Hall and Play Centre.

They will even have a BBQ out so people can bring along something to eat and have a chat with people in the community.

## ILLNESS

There is a lot of illness around, but COVID is also on the rise again. For everyone's safety, if your child is unwell, please still do a COVID test to make sure we are not spreading that around, thinking it is just a cold.

## KAPAHAKA

We are excited to have kapahaka up and running again this term. It is a short sprint to the Cambridge Schools' Kapahaka festival next term so there will need to be some fast learning for those new to the roopu. Thanks so much to Mana Harpori for supporting us by allowing Rangiamoa to be our tutor.

## TERM 2 HOUSE COMPETITIONS

With no sports competitions this term, our Houses will do 2 academic competitions: a Basic Facts speed test and a te reo Maori competition.

The basic Facts speed test is structured thus: Year 1 children - know their numbers to 100 and simple addition to 20; Year 2 - know their addition to 20; Year 3 & 4 - know addition and subtraction to 30 plus some times tables; Year 5 & 6 - knowing addition and subtraction to 30 plus all times and division tables to 10X. The faster you do these, the more bonus points. The Te Reo competition is a long list of words in te reo and the children say the English meaning. This will cover common topics like family, greetings, days of the week, colours, numbers, and things in our house/classroom, place names, etc.

Now is the time to start practising. Both competitions will be done in the last week of the term.

## TE REO TANTALISERS

Not many chances left to practice your te reo before the House Te Reo Quiz.

Greetings:

Teena koe - hello to 1 person

Teena koorua - hello to 2 people

Teena koutou - hello to 3 or more people

Ata marie - good morning (actually is Morning Peace)

Kia ora - hello

Morena - hello in the morning

Ahiahie marie - hello in the afternoon

Haere ra - goodbye (to someone leaving)

E noho ra - goodbye (to the person who is staying)

Ka kite (ano) - see you (again)

Ka kite apopo - see you tomorrow

## UPCOMING EVENTS

16/6 TOD - school is closed

23/6 Student Reports going 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