



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Dear parents, whaanau and caregivers,

We are halfway through the term and have had a great start to the year. The children are very settled, everyone has adjusted to their new teacher, or they are helping the new children to adjust to their new room and the learning is all go. Everyone is enjoying their swimming lessons each day, especially on those rather hot days we have had, building up towards the school swimming sports in a few weeks.



WELCOME BBQ



Thanks to the families who were able to make it to the Welcome BBQ on Tuesday, especially considering the weather leading up to it. The children had a fantastic time in the pool before the sausages were cooked. Thanks to Mrs Morris for her watchful eye on the children whilst they were in the water.

Following the BBQ, parents were invited to add their thoughts about the school's Strategic Plan for the next two years, ranking the goals they believe are most important and then adding what is important to them but missing from the Plan, or things to remove because it isn't important enough. The Board appreciates your feedback. In the next newsletter we will present your feedback from both the online form and the reduced survey from the BBQ.

RANGIAOWHIA COMMEMORATION

On the 21st February, the staff and some Roto families attended the dawn ceremony to remember the events that occurred in 1864 at Rangiaowhia. The event also looked at the ongoing effects and how we can move forward together.

Mr D and 5 students then went to the poowhiri and school kapahaka performances to remember the past, celebrate the present and be hopeful for the future. With Rangiaowhia only being 7 kms away from our kura, it is particularly relevant. Several schools, some as far away as Te Kuiti were also present.

This year Ngaati Apakura and Ngaati Hinetuu were able to commemorate the event on their own land. For the first time since 1864, when their land, homes and livelihoods were confiscated by the government of the time the hapu had some of their land returned. Whilst the return of just 4.7 hectares is tiny in comparison to what was taken, it is a step in the right direction. We give our thanks for them allowing us to be a part of their commemoration.

FEEDBACK SURVEY

Thank you to the families who have completed the survey so far. We are keeping the survey open for another week to get as much feedback as possible so please take the time to share your thoughts. You never know, the Board might just be giving you a call to do it over the phone.

The link to the Feedback Survey can be found on the website in the Parent Information section.

Please remember we are a PEANUT FREE school to keep our students with allergies safe

GOAL SETTING

The Settling In Reports went home but they haven't come back to school. There is a section on the report where we ask for your goals for your child's learning this year. These goals can be academic, social or values. Very few forms have returned so the teachers do not know what your ambitions are for your child this year. The more we know, the better we can cater for your child's interests

SCHOOL POLICIES

School policies form the guidelines by which the school operates. These are reviewed nationally, but also by the Board over a 3 year cycle. Parents have the opportunity to review these policies too, or at the very least have access to what they are. Policies such as curriculum, privacy, reporting abuse, complaints, etc.

Here is the website address:

<https://rotoorangi.schooldocs.co.nz>

User: rotoorangi Password: aimhigh

Below is a list of the current policies up for review until the end of March:

- Parent Involvement
- Communicating with Parents
- Community Conduct Expectations
- Review main board-level policy
- School Planning and Reporting
- Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE UNDERWAY

Before School Care with Sue Hendry has started and Sue is doing a wonderful job. BSC runs from 7.30am to 8.30am. If you would like your child to be in BSC, we need you to complete the BSC/ASC form with Health information and emergency contact details - just in case. School is open from 8.30am so **any children arriving at school before 8.30am will be put into BSC** and parents charged the BSC fee.

WINTER SPORTS CODES

Registrations for all winter sports are now open - Hockey, Netball, Soccer and Rugby. Primary Schools in Cambridge do not organise these sports or have their own teams, so if you would like your child to play you will need to sign them up through one of the local sports clubs. Fees, uniforms, draws etc are all arranged through them. The main ones are Leamington and Hautapu, although there are some other options for netball and hockey. If you are closer to Te Awamutu there are clubs there too. All the links to the clubs are on our website under

Our Learning - Additional Learning Opportunities - SPORTS

FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE

Below is the MOE's expectations for attendance at schools across the country, hence our regular reminders about attendance. We only had 54% of our children miss less than 5 days a term or 20 days a year in 2023, whilst the MOE expects us to have 70% of our children doing that. In 2022 we only had 39%.



ATTENDANCE	ROTO 2023	MOE 2024
90.1-100% Away 1 day / fortnight or 5 days a term	54%	70%
80.1-90% Away 1 day / week or Upto 10 days a term	31%	19%
70.1-80% Away 1.5 days / week or upto 15 days a term	9%	6%
> 70% Away 2 days or more / week or 20+ days a term	5%	5%

KAPAHAKA STARTS NEXT WEEK

Kapahaka is starting next week. They will have to travel to Cambridge High School to a tutor working there. We will transport them by bus each week. If you have not seen the Kapahaka permission form yet and would like your Year 3-6 child/ren to do kapahaka, please contact the office for a paper form or ask for the digital version.

UPCOMING EVENTS

15/03	Roto Seniors Swimming Sports @ CHS AM Roto Junior Swimming Sports @ Roto PM
22/03	Rural Swimming Sports @ St Peter's Lots of parent help needed to run the event
27-28/03	Whole school camp, in tents at school
29/3- 02/4	Easter hols - Good Friday to Easter Tuesday
05/04	Interschools' Swimming Sports
12/04	Term 1 Ends (3pm)
29/04	Term 2 Starts (9am)

Notices about swimming sports and camp will be coming out soon.