



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Dear parents and caregivers,

RURAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all the competitors at the Rural Schools' Athletics day. It was great to see everyone trying their best and cheering their fellow competitors on. There were some excellent results across a variety of sports, with 11 students achieving podium finishes and earning a place at Inter-schools' Athletics day tomorrow to compete against the best of the "Big" schools. 10 of the 11 will join with the other Rural Schools' Team members to be a formidable team. Our 11 are: Callan, Aria, Cartel, Ivy, Otobina, Kharva, Sophia, Rihera, Charlotte, Poppy and Ashleigh. Good luck team - Karawhiua! Remember your Roto Values which are vital on days like this.

SENIOR CAMP

The Year 5/6 children had an awesome time at camp in the Waitomo area. There were a mixture of experiences, from seeing kiwi & tuatara walking around at the Kiwi House, Rock Climbing, going deep underground into 4 different and exciting caves, finding 100s of ancient fossils, viewing magnificent waterfalls and rock formations, building sand sculptures through to washing the dishes for 36 people, cleaning the bathrooms and some even learnt to sleep with 10 others on a bunk bed.



A huge thank you to the parents who accompanied us, supported the children and did a lot of work getting everyone to sleep. Despite the wonderful experiences, it was no holiday!



You don't want to miss out on the biggest, most fun event ever run at Roto-o-Rangi School since it opened in 1905!

The Fun Run/Colour Run will take place this **Saturday (25th Nov)**.

To make the colours pop the children are encouraged to wear white or light colours. The participants will be bombarded with coloured powder and sprayed with water as they run, hop, jog, skip, crawl or walk around the course! A whole carnival style afternoon of events has been added for

us all to enjoy! **The main events start at midday with the Colour Run at 1pm.** This is your last chance to **SIGN UP** your child/ren online and create a profile for them. From there you can collect sponsorship/donations into their online account. Even whaanau and friends **overseas** can donate! The funds will be going towards new playground equipment, and potentially the shed to go with the bike track we will be building!

CHRISTMAS CHEER PROJECT

We currently have a big bin in reception, waiting to be filled with new toys and Christmas treats for local families who are struggling. This generous initiative is the brainchild of the Cambridge Community of Social Services, a collective of local community support organisations. Please donate if you are able.

ZERO DATA PORTAL

There is a new initiative launched by the government called the Zero Data portal. This allows access to numerous government agencies and all school websites without using any data on your phone. Go to <https://zero.education.govt.nz/welcome-zero-data>. To see the school website then use the left menu and go to Region - Waikato then type in Roto-o-Rangi. A link to our website will then pop up and you can click on it. Check out the newsletter, the school calendar for upcoming events, etc.

WELCOME TO...

Ayla, who was starting with us next year but just couldn't wait! It's great to have you here, Ayla, and we are sure you will enjoy some fun times with your new classmates during these last few weeks of term!



REPORTS and 2024 CLASSLISTS

On the final Monday of the year (Mon 11th Dec) the children will bring home their final written report. These reports highlight the progress and achievement the children have made over the year. Whilst there are no parent/teacher meetings following the report, parents are welcome to discuss the report with the teacher if they wish to, in preparation for 2024. Please contact the teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Classlists will be sent out on the same day. In 2024 we return to having 5 teachers in our 5 classrooms. The Board are currently in the process of appointing a new teacher for 2024 to join the current team.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Before the end of the year we will send out an online survey as well as hold a meeting to consult with everyone about what we are doing in school currently, what you are liking about Roto, what we might do better and what is your aspiration for the future. The Board will use your thoughts to develop the next 3 year strategic plan for the school, so the more feedback we get, the better. Keep an eye out for the dates when this will be done.

PARENT ACCOUNTS TO PAY

Roxy will send out final account statements as soon as she is able. Please ensure you have **cleared your account** by the final week of the school year. If you have any issues please contact Roxy. Information on stationery packs and how much they will cost for 2024 will be shared when we have the information.

THANKS TO LIONS AND TRILLIAN

A HUGE THANK YOU to both the Lions Club of Cambridge and the Trillian Trust, who each donated \$5,000 towards the replacement of the ropes on the school playgrounds. These are now in!



An extra thank you to the Lions Club for the large donation they make each year to an organisation in Cambridge Schools called Manaaki Aakonga. This organisation provides support to families to pay for a wide variety of things that students across Cambridge may not be able to afford to do or get. Support such as paying for diagnostic tests to help their learning, school camp, sports fees, even defibrillators. Students at Roto have been on the receiving end of this support through Manaaki Aakonga thanks to the Lions Club.

YEAR 6 DINNER + PRIZEGIVING

It is getting to that time of the year again, and we are only 2 weeks away from celebrating the end of our Year 6 children's primary school journey, with another stunning leavers dinner. Many of the children started with us as 5 year olds, some have joined us recently and some over the years in between but this is still a special night to farewell this special group of children.

On Thursday 14th December we will hold the final Prizegiving Assembly in the Roto-o-Rangi Community Hall, starting at the earlier time of 6.30pm. All children are expected to be there so we can acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students over the year. We do this as a community. It all finishes with a special visitor....

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 24/11 Inter-school Athletics
- 25/11 **Roto School Fun Run 12pm**
- 27/11 **Swimming likely to start - bring togs & towel!**
- 28/11 Board Meeting 6pm
- 8/12 Year 6 Dinner
- 14/12 **Last day for Year 0-5 students**
Prizegiving Assembly 6.30pm
- 15/12 Last Day for Year 6, finishing at midday with a Yr6 v Mr D water fight!

School starts back on 30th January 2024.