

#### Dear parents and caregivers,

### NAU MAI HOKI MAI

Term 4 is always the big term for squeezing everything in and it doesn't look like it will be any different this year. We have Senior Camp, Roto Athletics, Rural Schools' Athletics, a dance performance, reports to write, Prizegiving assemblies and farewells to our Year 6s.

#### END OF TERM 3

The end of Term 3 was just as hectic, as we were entertained by Elgregoe the Magician, Book Week (including Dress Up day) and an International flavour Pot Luck lunch, a visit by Olympian Hockey player Brooke Neal, Seniors quarry visit, whaanau hui and a PTA disco. Below are some pics of these events.



## **ROTO ATHLETICS**

The annual Roto Athletics day is on Friday 3rd November. All families are welcome to come along and watch their children participate. A full newsletter about this will come out soon.

The morning consists of 5 Field events (Quoits/discus; shot put; long jump; vortex throw/javelin & high jump). The children go to each of these disciplines in their age groups. After lunch we have the running races. Each age group does two sprints whilst the Cup Races are 100m and 400m. We finish off with House relays: 1 boy and girl from each age level form the relay team for their House. Dressing up in House colours is strongly promoted.

Teachers are teaching the children each of the disciplines leading up to the Athletics Day. The Rural Athletics Day is Friday 10th November, the day after the Seniors return from their camp at Waitomo Caves. This is just for children aged 8 years and older, and is held at the Athletics grounds on Vogel St, just at the road works as you head towards Hamilton.

#### AG DAY

Tomorrow is Ag Day. Garden in a Bucket and Baking Competition entries must be taken to the Library to be registered and labelled from 8.45am. Animal competitors need to drive in across the rugby field. Lamb competitors' parking is near Room 3, the bus shed and orchard. Calf competitors need to drive right across to the other side of the cricket pitch and under the big oaks down the back. Judging starts at 10am so enter the field area after 9am when the children have gone into class. You will have plenty of time to set up, settle your animals and collect your registration number from Roxy, ready for the start time.

### WELCOME TO...

This week we welcome three new students -Brothers Leo & Calum, and new entrant Ava. Leo and Calum have joined



Rooms 1 & 2 and are settling in well, making new friends already.

Ava is from a family of Roto attendees that spans generations! We are happy you have joined us, Ava, as is big brother Jack.

## **BOOK WEEK**

We all had a fabulous time at Book Week and thoroughly enjoyed the varied activities over the week. The support staff and principal loved reading some of their favourite stories to the classes, everyone certainly enjoyed the international lunch and dressing up on the last day as our favourite book characters.



## WORKING BEE THANK YOU

THANK YOU to the whaanau and tamariki who made it to the Working Bee and moved 90m3 of cushionfall. Thanks also to Allan Hayward for bringing down the tractor and moving the cushionfall 100X faster for us. We could still be there!



# YEAR 6 DINNER - HELP NEEDED!

The Year 6 Leavers Dinner is on Friday 8th December at 6pm. All year 5 families have been sent an email requesting their support with this event, as per long standing Roto tradition. Please get in touch with Roxy if you can help. The planning needs to get underway soon to avoid undue pressure in December.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

13/10 Agricultural Day 17/10 PTA Meeting 7pm - all welcome 20/10 Group Agricultural Day 23/10 Labour Weekend 24/10 **Board Meeting 6pm** Te Ohu Kaiaarahi o te Kapua Iti 26/10 3/11 **Roto Athletics Day** 6-9/11 Senior Camp - Waitomo Caves 10/11 Rural Schools' Athletics - 8yr olds & up 13/11 Teacher Only Day - No students at school 21/11 **PTA Meeting** 24/11 Inter-school Athletics 25/11 Roto Colour Run - PTA to give details soon! 28/11 Board Meeting 6pm 8/12 Year 6 Dinner 14/12 Prizegiving Assembly 15/12 Last Day