



Roto Review

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

WOW! What a wonderful camp we had, despite the mad rush to pack up on Thursday morning due to rain. The entire school camped out under the stars, exploring our own beautiful back yard (Maungatautari) and enjoying the reasons we are a great rural school – our close community. Here are a few pictures of the huge hike and base camp. There are few photos of the walk down because exhaustion had set in on the photographer.

I am sure in the last newsletter of the year we will be able to add a few stories from the children of their highlights – like being able to have a hamburger for breakfast, or the 6 pieces of yummy apple shortcake they had for tea. The real highlights - camping in a tent for the first time, staying away from mum and dad for the first time, the 5 hr hike, the stream study or the bat spotting probably won't even be mentioned.



A huge thank you to the teachers who did all the hard work preparing for and then running camp with the children. Thanks to Lorraine and Jackie who prepared and made the bulk of the meals for us. Many thanks to all the parents who supported the activities, but also just lumped in and got jobs done that needed doing – cooking tea, setting up tents, picking up gear. Doing all those sorts of jobs without being rostered just makes it so much easier for the teachers to concentrate on the children.

Finally just a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making the camp a fun way to finish the year off.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE TOWN HALL

The 2 senior classes will again be singing at the Cambridge Town Hall as part of the Christmas festival. We are allocated Tuesday 6th December at 2pm. The work Mandy and her supporting teacher (Grant this year) do with the children is wonderful and we always produce a lovely choir who do us proud. So, if you get a chance to come down and hear them, it is well worth the effort.

We will be taking the children in to the Town Hall on the bus ready for the performance. We require the children to wear their Roto-o-Rangi tops and black shorts/leggings (as much black as possible). Parents are welcome to take their children home directly after the performance. Some children will be coming back to school in time to catch the afternoon bus run or go to After School Care.

WELCOME

Welcome to Khloe and Charlotte. Both girls have just started in Room 1 and have settled in quickly. We know they will have a wonderful time at Roto-o-Rangi School. Charlotte already has 3 older siblings at school, so is an old hand already. Khloe is the first in her family so a warm welcome to Khloe's parents too.



MONDAY LUNCHES

Hotdogs	\$2.50 (05/12)
Chocolate Milk	\$1.50
Hamburgers	\$2.50 (12/12)

Wednesdays are NO LONGER Hot Food Days

This is finished for the year now. The weather is warm enough that we don't need hot food. Wednesday's are normal days again.

The Monday Lunches has been a staple at Roto-o-Rangi School for many years now. It has been a good fundraiser to offset camp costs in the past. However, over the last few years the income from the Monday Lunches has been dwindling each year and is now taking up teachers' time for little reward. So, let's get behind the scheme for the last 2 times this year, and at the beginning of 2017 to ensure we continue having this unique start to our week.

SCHOOL POOL

The pool keys are out for hire again. The standard \$35 fee for 18 weeks of access to the school pool for the entire family is not a bad return. Keys can be collected and paid for at the front office.

With the current health and safety requirements there is a much greater expectation on the people using the pool to follow safety guidelines. As the BOT are ultimately responsible they do not want to be getting fines or law cases brought against them, so we implore everyone to use the pool safely.

Whilst most of the guidelines are common sense, the ones that get broken are those that are just inconvenient - like rule number 2 – "actively supervising". This is just the type of rule broken that can get the BOT fined. So please don't just ignore the rules.

1. Nobody is to swim alone. There must always be at least one adult present inside the pool fencing when the pool is in use. Additional supervising adults are required as the number of people swimming increases.
2. Children under 8 must be actively supervised by someone who is at least 16, who can give immediate help. i.e. the supervising person needs to be in the water or at the edge.
3. The gate is always securely closed. Adults to monitor this occurs.
4. Nobody is to swim while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
5. Check the depth of water before entering the pool.
6. Check for hazards, such as broken glass, sharp objects, slippery surfaces and clear or avoid these areas.
7. No running, jumping, or diving into the pool.
8. Kick boards, noodles, inflatable rings, etc. are acceptable types of pool equipment. Boogie boards, surf boards, etc. are not to be used in the pool.
9. A first aid kit is in the girl's changing room shelves.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Unfortunately there will not be a Roto-o-Rangi float in Cambridge Christmas parade because we did not have enough support to prepare one. Thank you to people who offered. Next year we'll get one back in there again.

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP DAY

The final Leadership Day for the Year 5s is next Tuesday. This is preparing them to take on those leadership roles that the school relies on students for, plus preparing them for some other challenging leadership roles and giving them the confidence to take them on.

BYOD AT SCHOOL

Room 5 are trialling Bring Your Own devices for use at school as from Monday. If this is successful until the end of the year then we will open it up to Room 4 and 5 next year. A meeting will be held next week on 7th Dec from 5-6pm at school to outline the reasons behind BYOD, preferences for devices and the guidelines behind these being used at school.

RURAL SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The children conducted themselves beautifully yet again. There were many awesome performances, some of which meant children gained a place on the podium. Today we had 9 children in the Rural Schools' Team which competed against the Town Schools.

Here are the top 3 placegetters in their age group for the various events at the Rural Schools' Day:

100m		400m	
Place	Student Name	Place	Student Name
1 st	Eden Early	1 st	Madison Judd
2 nd	Madison Judd	1 st	Greer Curin
1 st	Greer Curin	2 nd	Max Fraser-Campin
2 nd	Max Fraser-Campin	3 rd	Maya Early
3 rd	DJ Watson	1 st	Shaun Baker
3 rd	Maya Early	3 rd	Damian Munro
3 rd	Shaun Baker		
Long jump		High jump	
1 st	Madison Judd	1 st	Madison Judd
2 nd	Eden Early	2 nd	Eden Early
2 nd	Lucy Dawson	2 nd	Greer Curin
3 rd	Greer Curin	2 nd	DJ Watson
2 nd	DJ Watson	2 nd	Maya Early
3 rd	Max Fraser-Campin		
2 nd	Maya Early		
Vortex		Shot Putt	
2 nd	Madison Judd	2 nd	Eden Early
3 rd	Eden Early	3 rd	Madison Judd
2 nd	Greer Curin	3 rd	DJ Watson
1 st	DJ Watson	2 nd	Jared Smith (1)
2 nd	Morgan		
3 rd	Shaun		

WRITER'S CORNER.

By Room 5(Yr 5/6)

My Beautiful Grandma

My Grandma has wavy black hair. It's up to her shoulders with a bit of a curl on the end. When she runs or is in a rush her earrings are in rhythm with her hair waving around. Her brown eyes twinkle in the shimmering sun and her soft yellow and white coloured skin is as smooth as a dance floor. My Grandma likes to wear striped clothes and if she is doing jobs she wears a black top, her hair up in a ponytail and tights. She does Pilates so she has good balance and is fit and skinny.

She likes to drink diet coke and southern comfort with a bit of lemon and lime. Grandma and Grandpa have a dogs called Louis and Dot. Dot is the one my family rescued from the pound we're working on her. If we go for a walk Grandma and Grandpa always say "Hi there", and comment on other people's dogs. My Grandma is very funny and also happy. Her job is cleaning and she likes gardening. I think my Grandma likes to think of me as MG which stands for Mini Grandma. If Grandma goes to Hastings we stay with Grandpa to keep him company. He says MGs in the house. I love them more than anything in the whole world.

By Tyla

ASSEMBLY

There will not be an assembly for the next few weeks due to sporting commitments

MINIBALL RESULTS

Roto Dynamos won against Camb Primary Bears 41-21
Roto Thunderbolts won against Roto Breakers 35-27

MINIBALL DRAW (2nd December)

Roto Dynamos v Karapiro Giants, Court 1, 7.55 pm
Roto Breakers v Cambridge East Flames, Court 2, 7.55 pm
Roto Thunderbolts v Leamington Celtics, Court 2, 7.15 pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Property needed: I have a customer who wishes to buy a 4ha (10 acre), more or less, lifestyle Block in the Roto-o-Rangi area. It must be suitable for Clydesdale Horses have a reasonable nice house or better and a good implement/horse shed. All properties will be considered. Please phone John Donderwinkel 0274 357 259. Property Brokers Real Estate

House Keeper required: 5kms from the school. Ph Wendy 021 478 179

Free kitten: 8 weeks old, grey tortoiseshell. Ph Sarah 827 1030

Thanks Bill Garland for the use of your property to hold our school camp. Thanks also for the guided walk to the rocky outcrop. Bill may have recently turned 70, but there was only 1 other person able to keep up with him, Michelle. The stops along the way to talk about the trees and wild life also highlighted the wealth of knowledge Bill has about the eco systems around Roto-o-Rangi.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 06/12 Christmas Carols in the Town Hall, 2pm
- 07/12 BYOD meeting 5:00pm
BOT Meeting 6:00pm
- 08/12 Prizegiving Assembly: 7pm in Roto-o-Rangi Hall
- 13/12 Yr 6 bike trip to Avantidrome
- 15/12 Leavers Dinner: 6pm in Roto-o-Rangi Hall
- 16/12 Last day of 2016

END OF YEAR EVENTS

We are now really close to the end of the school year, and so we have numerous school events to finish off the year. The school **Prizegiving Assembly will be on Thursday 8th December, starting at 6.30pm.** The teachers award students certificates based on the year's learning. These cover the 3 main driving forces behind learning at the school: Strong Foundations – learning in the curriculum areas, general learning skills like working with others, trying my best, etc.; Innovative Learning – using thinking skills, being creative and diverse, adept at IT, being inquisitive; and using the Values – Caring, Co-operation, Respect, Responsibility, Enthusiasm, Resilience. We focus on the whole child, not just the academics because we want a world of good people, not just clever people.

The Year 6's have a special last week of school before they move on to Intermediate schooling next year. We try to do something special as a farewell for them. Firstly, there will be a ride to and in the Avantidrome on Tuesday 13th, then the Leavers' Dinner on Thursday night, 15th and finally a major water fight on the last day, the 16th.

As has been tradition at Roto School we remain open on the very last day of school so that any child may attend the day, but we do ask parents to support our final celebration with the Year 6 children by keeping all other children at home. The Year 6 children help with a final sort out of the school and then only the Year 6s get enjoy a full on water fight and conclude their time at Roto with a swim before being picked up at 12pm.



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