



# Roto Review

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

Dear parents and caregivers,

## ROTO-O-RANGI ATHLETES

The day was a scorcher, as were the Roto-o-Rangi students at the Rural Schools' Athletics. Everyone performed admirably and achieved some good results too. Well Done! Thanks to all the parents who helped supervise groups and keep an eye on the children. It allowed the staff to concentrate on the event they were in charge of.

Here are the finalists results from the day: 5 year olds Dani Kuijpers 1<sup>st</sup> long jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> sprints. Harper Schollum 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> vortex. Kharva Hendry 1<sup>st</sup> long jump. 6 year olds Madison McDonald 1<sup>st</sup> sprints. 7 year olds Renee Kennerley 3<sup>rd</sup> sprints. Zak Curin 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump. Cory Norvill 2 sprints. 8 year olds Emma Dawson 3<sup>rd</sup> shot put, 1<sup>st</sup> long jump. Michael Grainger 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> discus, 3<sup>rd</sup> sprints, 1<sup>st</sup> shot put, 3<sup>rd</sup> high jump. 9 year olds Eden Early 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump, 1<sup>st</sup> sprints, 3<sup>rd</sup> discus, 2<sup>nd</sup> shot put, 3<sup>rd</sup>= high jump. Madison Judd 1<sup>st</sup> long jump, 1<sup>st</sup> high jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> sprints. Venecia Daniels 3<sup>rd</sup>= high jump. Timo Johns 3<sup>rd</sup> high jump. Cyprus Slavich 2<sup>nd</sup> high jump. 10 year olds Lucy Dawson 1<sup>st</sup> shot put, 3<sup>rd</sup> long jump. Tyla Wintle 1<sup>st</sup> discus. Greer Curin 3<sup>rd</sup> shot put, 1<sup>st</sup> sprints, 2<sup>nd</sup> vortex. Stirling Jarnell 3<sup>rd</sup> shot put. Callum Daniel 3<sup>rd</sup> high jump. Max Fraser-Campin 2<sup>nd</sup> high jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> sprints, 2<sup>nd</sup> discus. Jimi Trubshaw 3<sup>rd</sup> discus, 3<sup>rd</sup> long jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> sprints. 11 year olds Maya Early 1<sup>st</sup> 400mt sprint, 3<sup>rd</sup> = high jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> discus, 3<sup>rd</sup> sprints, 3<sup>rd</sup> shot put. Shaun Baker 1<sup>st</sup> 400mt sprint, 3<sup>rd</sup> vortex.

Then last Friday the children who were in the top 3 then went to Town again to compete against the big schools. Again, all the athletes can be proud of their achievements, regardless of final places. To be in the top 10 or so athletes in Cambridge is an achievement to be proud of.

## LAST DAY and FIRST DAY 2018

The official last day of school is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. As has been a tradition at Roto-o-Rangi School for many years now we ask that parents of children with Year 1-5 children keep them at home on the last day so that just our Year 6 students turn up to school.

As a treat for all the extra tasks and responsibilities they undertake in the school over their last 2 years, we like to give them the run of the school, uninterrupted, on our last day (plus there is an all in waterfight between staff and Year 6s). They also do quite a bit of sorting of school resources, cleaning and helping teachers with their classrooms.

It is still an official school day, therefore we cannot require all other students stay home on the last day. We hope that you will continue to support this little tradition that makes Roto-o-Rang, Roto-o-Rangi and just that little bit different to other schools. If your child /ren really do need to come to school because there are no alternatives for them, then of course send them along to school.

Another request for the last day is that all children are picked up between 12 and 12.30pm. This would be greatly appreciated. Cambridge Travel lines will conclude both the Country and Town Bus runs on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Hence no buses will be running on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

A new tradition we would like to begin 2018 with is a Whakatau (modified pōwhiri), to welcome any new students to the school. One hurdle we discovered is that none of our students have ever been welcomed to Roto-o-Rangi School in this manner; even those who will have been at the school since they turned 5. Hence, all children (and families, if you wish to remain) are invited to be welcomed to the school in this manner. It is a great way of saying, "you are whānau/family"; not just students who come to this school. You mean more than that to us.

Children and adults will come into the school and wait around the area between the archgola and tennis courts. We will hold the whakatau at 9.00am on Wednesday 31st January, 2018.



## SPORTS

Draw for Friday 8th December  
Roto Rockets v Goodwood Bulls, Court 1, 5.05 pm

## END OF YEAR EVENTS

The final important events are fast approaching:

Production – Mon, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Yr 6 Bike ride at Avantidrome – Tues Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

School Prizegiving Assembly – Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 7pm

Last Day of school (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> for years 1-5), Fri 15<sup>th</sup> for Year 6 students.

There is even more going on but these are key dates to have in the diary. As always these events are displayed on the school calendar in the school's website.

## SWIMMING POOL

The school swimming pool is OPEN.

Our very kind neighbours have been keeping an eye on things for us and have intervene at times when behaviours have been outlandish. Please support us by making sure we put a stop to anything that could potential damage or close our pool. It is way too hot, not to be allowed to use it.

Keys are available to be hired from now until the end of school (Fri Dec 15<sup>th</sup>) from the school office for the extremely cheap price of \$35 for the entire summer.

Please remember that there are significantly challenging new Health and Safety rules. It is critical that all people using the pool take responsibility for ensuring that all rules and regulations are followed.

Thank you to Jason Smith, who is giving Rod a rest during the holidays and will be maintaining the pool for us all. Thanks also to Pip Early for sorting out the swimming lessons on a Wednesday afternoon.

## BOT NEWS

As the year draws to a close we reflect on what has happened around the school.

The Board have supported the teachers to diversify the curriculum and provide extra opportunities for the children. Hence the children have enjoyed learning Mandarin, science lessons, Farm Day, camp to Rotorua, eel trap design technology, Rāmere Rapunga, the Production, in-school Music tuition, in-school swimming tuition and a school that truly supports the principles of a bi-cultural NZ. We aren't perfect at it yet, but we can be proud of how we operate, the mana we grow in our tamariki and the belief that we can all succeed.

All this on top of the children achieving very well in the core areas of learning; 93% of students At Above the National Standard in Reading, Maths and 91% in Writing.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

The float was an absolute roaring success at the Cambridge Christmas Parade. The commentator at the parade spoke at length about the unique, fabulous theme that Roto-o-Rangi School adopted this year.

The organisers wanted us to be noticed and we certainly were. Thanks also to the many families who came down to support. We had about ½ the school all dressed in the theme. It looked (and sounded) great.

Thanks to Debbie, Joanna, Graeme, Aaron, Josh, Niki, Mike, Leanne, and the other parents who helped on the day.



## DISCO SUCCESS

Thank you to all the people who helped make the Christmas disco a Ho Ho Ho success. Considering there was an athletics day and miniball games on prior to the discos, it was exciting to see so many of the children turn up and have an excellent evening. The decorating was so effective and the sounds were spot on for excellent dancing. A very enjoyable night.

## YEAR 6 BIKE RIDE AT AVANTIDROME

The year 6 children are spoilt this year. On December 12<sup>th</sup> they are taking the long ride from the Polo grounds to the Avantidrome, spending some time on the outdoor tracks before going inside to have a lesson on the indoor track, before the long ride back.



## PTA NEWS

Remember to bring in your non-perishable food and hygiene products for the reverse advent. It would be awesome if we have to wrap some more boxes. These will be donated to the Salvation Army and Women's Refuge.

It looks like we're in for a ripper summer, grab yourself an umbrella for shade at the beach. Big umbrellas are \$25, small ones \$15.

Fabric donations have started coming in, we need lots more! Check your linen cupboard and drawers. Biff those old Roto-o-Rangi school shirts, hand-me-down sheets and "granny" curtains. Have a clear out before all those Christmas presents fill up your house.

The PTA will be at Mitre10 in Te Awamutu running a sausage sizzle this Saturday. Let your friends know if they are out Christmas shopping to come and get some sustenance.

The winner of the raffle for the wheelbarrow full of goodies which was supposed to be at the Country Fair will be drawn at Prizegiving next Thursday night 14<sup>th</sup> December.



## YEAR 6 DINNER

Thanks to the many Yr 5 parents who have an awesome evening prepared for the Year 6 children. New people, new ideas, new plans. We look forward to farewelling our Year 6 students in style, yet again.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### BabySitter available

Ashleigh Stuart available for baby sitting/child minding. She has now completed a Child First Aid Certificate with St Johns  
ph 827 1775.

### THANKS to local Cambridge businesses

Parklands turf for their support with the school float in the Cambridge Christmas Parade on Sunday.  
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### Swarming Bees wanted

If anyone knows of any swarming bees please phone Glen or Michelle 887 1967.

### Free

Baby rabbits free to good homes. Will be ready around mid January. Please ph Sarah 827 1030 or 027 524 8363

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The calendar on the school website has all the latest events listed, and if you click on the event it will even give you details about what is happening.

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| 8/12  | Year 6 dinner  |
| 11/12 | Year 4-6 final reports go home.<br>Ka haere ngā Poutama ki te kāinga.<br>Production – evening performance @ 7.00pm |
| 12/12 | Year 6 Ride to Avantidrome   |
| 14/12 | Prizegiving Assembly @ 7.00pm  |
| 15/12 | Last Day   |
| 31/01 | First Day for 2018   |





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