



Roto Review

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Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Roto-o-Rangi School, and to our new families – Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to our fabulous school. The term has started quickly and the children are absolutely marvellous. Every class has settled in and the children are very keen to impress with their impeccable listening and attention. There is an excited buzz around the place and you can't ask for more – children excited to be at school.

The start of the term is action packed with events that will involve most of the school, before we settle back to a quieter conclusion to the term. As you can see on the calendar we have three swimming sports days, a senior school triathlon, planning for a whole school marae stay, Mandarin lessons starting in Rooms 4/5, a Meet the Teacher evening, BOT meeting and Settling In reports coming home, and this is all before the end of March.

With the Rural Schools' Triathlon on Monday March 13th, we are the organising school so we will be looking for parents who will be able to help marshal on the day and probably conduct a sausage sizzle lunch too. So please keep this date free and help us make it a successful one.

MEET the TEACHER EVENING

We will be holding a Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday 15th February from 6pm. As is tradition we will hold a sausage sizzle to facilitate a mix and mingle, followed by a brief meeting in each classroom as the teachers outline what happens in their room and their expectations of the children.

This evening is not just about meeting the teachers, it is about meeting other parents too. It is a fabulous opportunity for some of the "old hands" to meet up with the "newbies" to welcome them into the Roto whanau and grow the wonderful relationships that defines our school.

A couple of weeks after this, on Friday 3rd March we will send home a Settling In Report to outline how well your child has settled back in to school life including their focus and effort with their work.

TOWN V COUNTRY CRICKET MATCH

A couple of years ago we had a very entertaining cricket match which mashed T20, backyard and indoor cricket all in to one game. Family members supported from the side lines and the concluding BBQ topped of an awesome afternoon.

We would like to have another game. The Country parents annihilated the Town parents in that match so some revenge is required. If you are keen to participate just drop the office a line.

Tentative date: Saturday 18th March, 4-7pm.

Come along and watch some skill, or even better come and show us your skill. Pip Early is the reigning "Man" of the Match trophy holder and needs a challenger.

FOOD and MILK

It was fantastic to see so many beautiful lunches in the children's lunch boxes this week. Very few packets of things, but loads of salad sandwiches, freshly made wraps and fresh fruit.

Healthy food leads to a healthy brain which helps your child learn more effectively.

The Milk for Schools will start on Tuesday 7th February also, so children who have opted into this programme will again have the chance to drink some cold milk during their morning.

WELCOME

Georgia and Riley are supporting their younger sister Dani who started in Room 1 this week. Welcome along Dani, you will have an awesome time at Roto-o-Rangi School.



MONDAY LUNCHES (Tuesday next week)

Sausage sizzle	\$2.00
Chocolate Milk	\$1.50

Following week – 13 Feb

Hotdogs	\$2.50
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We cook a lunch every Monday at school, which the children may order. One week is sausages, then hotdogs followed by hamburgers. We advertise in the newsletter what is available the following Monday. Children bring their money on Monday and the Teacher-aide will collect it around 9.15am and record their order. At lunch time the children come to the MP Room to collect their food.

MINIBALL

Will begin again pretty quickly. Once Mrs Furze has confirmation of the starting date the teams will be made up. Positions in the teams are given to the older children first. We make our teams even in ability so that all players get a fair chance to participate in each game. Anyone keen to coach a miniball team are welcome to contact Pam Furze and let her know. We can run the trainings at school but need someone at each game to sub and rotate the players.

HATS

All children must be wearing a hat if they wish to play out on the grounds at school during Term 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a brimmed hat, and it is clearly marked with their name.

We expect all children to wear the school hat because it provides decent protection and cover, as promoted by the Cancer society. With one of the worst countries for getting melanoma it is important we do our best to protect our kids. The hats can be purchased from the office for a miserly \$15 and we will even write your child's name inside the hat for you.

So far, all the children have been fabulous about wearing their hats, and not losing them either.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Damaged and lost library books are blowing out our library budget, hence we now need to charge families for any damaged or lost books that children have borrowed. The amount is dependent on book cost and severity of damage. No further books will be able to be borrowed until the charge is paid.



Check out some Room 3 children already enjoying the pool

TIQBIZ

The school invested in an app called TIQBIZ which allows the school and individual teachers to quickly send messages out to parents. It is also useful for giving a quick snap shot of some of the quality learning experiences happening in rooms.

If you downloaded the app last year and your child has changed class you will need to connect to the new room and remove the old room. The password when joining a new group is... **Roto3495** (case sensitive + no spaces)

For those new to using the TIQBIZ, you can download the app by:

1. Go to the Play Store or Apple Store on your smartphone.
2. Search for TIQBIZ
3. Download the app – (but not the TIQBIZ Admin one.)
4. Install and open.
5. Register – enter your name, NZ, email address, and make up a password.
6. Click- Find Boxes – then go to *Schools, Primary*.
7. Scroll to *Roto-o-Rangi School* and select it.
8. Tick each group you want messages from – i.e. whole school (that's messages from the office), Room ?, Rugby, etc. Each time you tap a group you will need to enter the password – *Roto3495*.
9. Close it. Then find the icon and start using.

It even has the school calendar, school website and absence form on it so you can see these things too.

SCHOOL STATIONERY

These lists should have come home by now. Please check through them, cross out any items you don't need because you already have them, leave blank the items you do need and send the form back to school. We will then hand out the stationery items you need and add the cost to your account.

HOMework

The school does expect children to complete assigned homework each night and each week. We understand that some children's after school time is very busy and they can't always get all their homework done and family life is also busy and parents don't get as much time to check homework is done. Over the last couple of years, we have noted that less than half the children are completing the weekly homework on a regular basis. Considerable amounts of teacher time goes in to organising, following up and marking the homework. So in Term 1 we would appreciate a commitment from parents to ensure all students complete their homework tasks (usually some reading, spelling and basic maths) by each Friday morning. If we continue find that many children are still not completing homework then we will stop setting homework. Instead, we will direct parents who want their children to do homework to resources they can purchase and complete at home.

WRITER'S CORNER.

Room 3



At my nan's I did cooking. by Mason

I went to the dentist. He took my tooth out. I got \$10. by Aiden

I was at Waihi Beach and I played in the water with my family. by Izaak

My stuff came from England. We have lots of stuff from England now. by Khloe.

We went to Taupo. On the way home we went on a swing. I swung on the rope. by Zoë

We went to Waihi Beach. It was fun. We went boogie boarding and we went surfing. by Bethany

I went under the water at the beach and I found shells at the beach. by Hollie

I went to the movies and we got lollies too. My dad let me play on his phone. by Cory

When we went to the lake, my dad did a cannonball and it splashed in my face. by Ashton

I went to the Garland farm. At the Garland farm we saw an eel. We went with the Trubshaws. by Mitchell

I went to the beach with Nan and Tianna. The water was salty. The water was warm. by Josiah

I went to the beach. Me and my dad had fun crab hunting. by Toby

I went to the sea at Auckland. It was fun. Mum, Dad, Cyprus, Zion and me went. by Maddison.

Louie and Peanut went to sleep on my bed. We went to the beach. by Renèe

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fabric Fair: Altrusa International Cambridge is holding their Fabric Fair in April 2017. Seeking donations of saleable material, haberdashery, wool, patterns etc. All proceeds will go back in to the Cambridge community. Contact De-ane Busby at gdbusby@xtra.co.nz

MusicHouse: Music lessons – provided during school time so no rushing around after work to get to a lesson. The quality of the group lessons is outstanding so don't miss out on this great opportunity. Guitar, drums, ukulele, keyboard. Contact them on 07 808 0235.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/2	Waitangi Day – stay home
10/2	Mandarin lesson start in Rooms 4 + 5.
14/2	Valentines Day.
15/2	Meet the Teacher (and each other) evening 6pm.
22/2	BOT Meeting, 6pm Staffroom
1/3	Music lessons start with Music House.
9/3	Roto swim Sports – St Peters, start 10am
10/3	Cultural Fusion Day (TBC) @ Cam Primary
13/3	Rural Schools Triathlon – CHS.
20/3	Rural Schools' Swimming Sports – St Peter's
23/3	Marae stay – Cambridge Community marae. TBC
29/3	BOT Meeting – 6pm
31/1	Cambridge Schools' Swim Sports – Town Pools
1/4	April Fool's Day
13/4	Term 1 finishes

Religious Instruction - is held on Friday mornings from 9.00 am to 9.30 am in ALL classrooms, starting Friday 10th Feb. It is a multi-denominational programme which covers 'Values' messages for children. We have trained, experienced local families who volunteer their time to run this programme. Whilst we encourage all children to participate in this worthwhile programme, it is not compulsory. Could parents confirm that your child/ren will not be attending Religious Education classes on the return slip below. The school is officially closed during this time, in accordance with the Education Act, thus children not attending Religious Instruction should come to school at 9.25am. We are aware of the difficulty families may have bringing children at this later time, so if a child must come at 9.00am they need to go to the library for the duration of the lesson. Please tick if you do not want your child/children attending RI classes, then return to school before Friday 10th, otherwise we assume children will be attending these classes for the year.

- No, I would do not want my child attending the Friday morning Religious Education programme.
- My child will arrive at 9.25am instead or
- My child will arrive by 9.00am and will work in the library.

Signed: _____ Child's name: _____



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