Thursday 4th May, 2017



# **Roto Review**

We live by our motto of AIM HIGH

#### Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. The weather has been good to start the term off, so hopefully that bodes well for the rest of the term. I hope everyone had a family orientated couple of weeks with some time off to enjoy the kids. It sounded like some were very lucky and went on wonderful trips around the country and even overseas.

Term 2 is not too busy but there are some changes happening. Firstly, what is coming up: Science Roadshow for Rooms 4/5 tomorrow at CMS; Senior camp next week, with the Juniors completing their Floating and Sinking Unit complete with a Pirate day; Mother's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> (and we all know how crucial that is!); Winter Sports Day for the Seniors; the GymFest for Yr2-6; School and Sports Photos on June 12<sup>th</sup>; First Aid course for children and Leadership Week. So plenty going on.

However, the most exciting development this term will begin after the Senior Camp. Tying in with the School's focus on Learner Agency and increasing the variety of learning experiences for the children, we are starting **Rāmere Rapunga** - Inquiry Friday. Each teacher has chosen an area of skill/knowledge and interest they have which is outside what the children normally get to do whilst still part of the NZ curriculum. The children then get to choose what rapunga (learning) they would like to do. We are providing learning opportunities in: basic coding using a computer and lego car, fabric art, learn the ukulele, sports and healthy lifestyle, Eco kids (they are already started so will stick with it) this term. Next term, based on what the children liked / didn't like we will develop another programme. Watch out for the Rāmere Rapunga sheet tomorrow which will have more details about each elective and the priority of each choice.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE SUPERVISOR NEEDED

We are still in need of a new After School Care supervisor. There have been some inquiries but nothing has eventuated yet so please keep asking around and letting it be known that we need someone.

Thanks to Debbie who has volunteered to do it on Tuesdays until the role is filled. Now, the staff can hold their staff meetings uninterrupted.

#### WHANAU MEETING

A fantastic turn out to our first Whanau Hui of 2017. We saw just how well the students are doing with their learning, plus discussed aspirations for all children and especially our Māori children. If you missed this opportunity we will hold another hui in early Term 3.

## WELCOME

Welcome Zak, and family, to Roto-o-Rangi School. Zak has started in Room 1 this term and is making friends quickly.



## **SCIENCE ROADSHOW**



Rooms 4 / 5 are travelling into the Middle School tomorrow to participate in the Science and Technology Roadshow. The school visit to the Roadshow lasts for 80 minutes and is divided into three sections:

First show — As each session begins your students may be joined by those from other schools, depending on numbers. One of our two shows is then presented to the entire group. This takes around 15 minutes.

Exhibit interaction — Each of our exhibits is set up around the hall according to its theme. Your students will have approximately 50 minutes to explore each of the activities. To help them out, each exhibit has a context board which includes information about how to use the exhibit, the science behind it, and where such things occur in everyday life. A number of the exhibits also have student explainers — senior students from the host school, who are there to assist visiting students gain the most from their Roadshow experience. Second show — The second of our two shows is now presented, then your students return to school.

Our timeslot is from 12.10 – 1.30pm

# **RÃHINA LUNCHES**

No lunches this Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Following camp w	еек — 15 🖤 Ма
Hotdogs	\$2.50
Chocolate Milk	\$1.50

Hot Food Wednesdays return. Children bring along food to be warmed up in a pie warmer in a suitable container/wrapper, with child's name and room number written on it. We will collect it first thing in the morning and have it lovely and warm for lunch.

<u>We cook a lunch every Monday</u> at school, which the children may order. One week is sausages, then hotdogs followed by hamburgers.

#### **RUGBY**

This week's draw: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 10<sup>th</sup> Grade 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit the website for the latest draws and information: http://cjrs.co.nz/

#### **NETBALL**

The season begins May 13<sup>th</sup>. No draw has been posted yet, but please check on their website for the latest information. http://www.sporty.co.nz/cambridgenetball

#### HOCKEY

Hockey starts in Week 3. Trainings will now be on a Thursday at lunchtime. Children will need to bring shoes on that day for practice. We are short of players for the Yr 3/4 team so we will only be entering 1 team this year. Good luck to all of the players.

#### **ENTERTAINMNET BOOKS**

It's that time year again when the wonderful 2017/2018 Entertainment Book is available to buy. The cost this year is \$65.00 in which \$11.00 comes back to the school. If you like eating out, going to fun places and want to save some money then this book is for you. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase one. You can also purchase an electronic version that you access via your smart phone. This still provides the \$11 for our school because this is our portal for buying the book. Just go to www.entbook.co.nz/1541q71

#### ΡΤΑ

The Car Rally returns to Roto-o-Rangi on Sunday  $7^{\rm th}$  May, that is this Sunday.

Families will have received raffle books to try and sell as a fundraiser for the day. All sold tickets and money will need to be returned to the office tomorrow if they are going to be included in the draw.

We are also providing food for the service teams, spectators and drivers. If people could volunteer time (a couple of hours between 9am and 2pm) or some baking to sell on the day (biscuits, slices, cupcakes, scones, etc.) Contact Niki via email <u>pta@rotoorangi.school.nz</u> if you can help them out.

### **SWIMMING POOL KEYS**

The pool is definitely closed. Could parents return keys asap and inform any other user you know, who doesn't go to the school, that it is time to return the key. **Thanks to Rod** for looking after the pool and spending every weekend since November coming out to school to make sure the pool was clean and safe for swimming in.

### **SENIOR SCHOOL CAMP**

Senior Camp is next week. The children have been researching some of the places we are going and the sites they will be seeing, which has really peaked their inquiring minds.

Everyone is looking forward to a great time, exploring the amazing thermal landscapes of the area and the rich history.

So the school will be left in the hands of the Junior classes. In 2016 they were amazing and we look forward to the same high quality leadership.

## **GETTING HOME COMMUNICATION**

A friendly reminder: could parents please remember to ring the school, or tell to the office, if you are changing the way a child normally travels home. This is especially important for children who normally catch a bus. If you take the opportunity to pick up the kids instead of going on the bus but Bus Duty teacher doesn't know, then we will go hunting for them, probably need to ring you and keep the bus waiting until we can confirm where they are. All unnecessary stress on the duty teacher.

We have had worried parents ringing because their child wasn't on the bus to get to rugby practice in town (they were at school because they normally get picked up). We have had children tells us they are on the bus today, but the parent turned up 10 mins later and couldn't find them (the child was to go on the bus tomorrow, not today) so they ended up at the bus stop with no-one to pick them up and a frantic parent racing off to get them. As a result, our policy is to stick with the normal method of getting home unless we are notified of a change by the parents – email, note with child, phone call, all of these help keep your children safe.





## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### Wanted:

Either a baby sitter from 6-10am or a farm assistant from 5-8.30am starting early July through calving. Please ph Sarah 027 524 8363 for more information

#### Squash Coaching:

Emma Millar is starting squash coaching on Mondays 3.30 till 5pm at the Learnington Squash Club (where the bus stops)

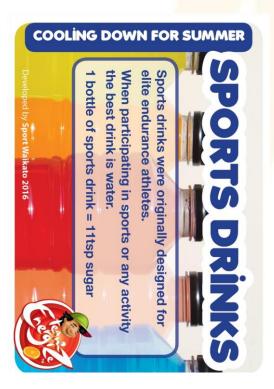
If there is ever anything anyone would like the school community to know about, just email the office with the info and we can include it in the newsletter.

#### FIREWOOD:

A trailer load of firewood for sale. Ph Glen or Michelle on 827 1967

#### Childcare available:

Homebase care available with a qualified early childhood teacher. Please contact me for more information, ph 0272233606. Available from 1st August.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

1/5	Term 2 starts
5/5	Science Roadshow for Yr 3-6 at CMS for 1 hr
7/5	Car Rally
8/5 – 11/5	Senior School Camp to Rotorua
17/5	BOT Meeting <mark>– 6p</mark> m in staffroom
30/5	PTA Mee <mark>ting –</mark> 7pm in Staffroom
2/6	Winte <mark>r Sports</mark> Day
5/6	Queen's Birthday Weekend
12/6	Sch <mark>ool Photo</mark> s in <mark>cluding sports</mark> team photos
16/6	Gy <mark>mFest at C</mark> HS <mark>(Friday of Field</mark> ays weekend)
21/6	BOT Meeting – 6pm in staffroom
30/6	1st Aid certificate for children – senior class
3-7/7	Leadership Week
7/7	Leadership Assembly for Sir Peter Blake Young
	Leader award.

4/11 **Country Fair** – lock it in now. Guy Fawkes day.

#### **MUSIC LESSONS**

Music lessons at your school! Enrol your child in music lessons with Music House by filling out the online enrolment form at musichouse.co.nz

Guitar, drums, keyboard, ukulele, voice.

Individual lessons - \$28.50 per lesson Pair lessons - \$16 per lesson Group of 3 - \$11 per lesson Group of 4 - \$8.50 per lesson Group of 8 - \$4 (beginner uke only) Hire guitar or keyboard - \$15 per month, (3 month min. hire) Instrument purchase - contact Joe - manager@musichouse.co.nz General enquiries - 078080235 or <u>admin@musichouse.co.nz</u>

