



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. Thank you to all the students and families who were able to participate in the mihi whakatau (Welcome). We had lots of families “officially” welcomed.



The start of the term is action packed with events that will involve most of the school. As you can see on the school website calendar we have three swimming sports days, a senior school triathlon, a whole school camp, Mandarin lessons starting in Rooms 3/4/5, a Meet the Teacher evening, BOT meeting and Settling In reports coming home, A science Roadshow, Elgregoe presenting his final Magic show and anti-bullying message and of course, the huge Country Fair on February 17th and there is still more.

With the Rural Schools' Triathlon on Monday March 12th, we are the organising school so we will be looking for parents who will be able to help with organisation and fundraising on the day (like running a sausage sizzle lunch). So please keep this date free and help us make it a successful one.

MEET the WHĀNAU EVENING

We will be holding a Meet the Whānau evening on Thursday 22nd February from 6pm. This is the perfect opportunity for new families to the district/ the school/ Cambridge to come and meet families who are, at least, a little more familiar about how things go on at Roto-o-Rangi School. It also provides the chance to meet the new “friends” and their families so those play dates can get organised.

The teachers will be there so that you can have an informal chat about how your child is settling in and if there is anything more you need to know about the class. It is a great opportunity just to get to know the teachers. So bring the entire whanau along.

On the night we have a free sausage sizzle and the pool is available for the children to have a supervised swim. Come along to this relaxing and enjoyable social night to kick off 2018.

MILK and FOOD

The Milk for Schools will start on Wednesday 8th February also, so children who have opted into this programme will again have the chance to drink some cold milk during their morning.

A reminder that we don't do the cooked lunches every Monday now, and hot food Wednesdays do not start this term, they are the winter terms only.

WELCOME

A large group of students started at the school yesterday, which made the rest of the school very excited. Every class had new people arrive and make new friendships. So a warm welcome to the White, Watson, Holten and Fischer families. In particular, we welcome Liam; Joel, Ryan and Chelsea; Libby, George, Harry and Liam; and Juan and Flynn.



MINIBALL

Miniball will begin again pretty quickly. Forms have already gone out so we need them returned asap. Once Mrs Furze has confirmation of players, the teams will be made up and practices can begin. Teams comprise of only Year 5/6 children and we make our teams even in ability so that all players get a fair chance to participate and a fair chance to win games.

Anyone keen to coach a miniball team are welcome to contact Pam Furze and let her know.

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.

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. DO NOT STRESS about homework, but please make a concerted effort to have your children in the routine of doing it daily.

INTERNET SAFETY EXPERT'S VISIT

Renowned internet risk and safety expert, John Parsons, will explain the skills and knowledge necessary to keep our children/teens safe in their digital world.

The children are hearing the age appropriate messages from John with the Kaipaki children at Kaipaki School.

This is followed by a staff meeting for teachers to keep the school environment safe.

Then there are parent meetings.

Attending the parent session with friends and family is effective as you can compare what you heard and share ideas. So get a group together and attend.

Parents in the past have been very enthusiastic about the strategies they have learnt from these sessions.

A flyer about the parent evenings will be emailed, posted on Facebook and on the website (Breaking News) soon.

You are able to attend any of the evening sessions below.

Monday 19 February Goodwood School Hall

Tuesday 20 February Cambridge East School Hall

Wednesday 21 February Cambridge Middle School Hall

Thursday 22 February Leamington School Hall

(Venues and times are still being confirmed, but the flyer will be correct, when it is posted in the next few days)

All parents are welcome to attend any evening session.

Free of charge – gold coin donation welcome.

*content of parent evenings not suitable for chn under 13.

FACEBOOK

We will soon be trying a closed facebook page for messages to go out to the families. It will have all the unexciting, but important info about things in school, i.e. miniball game times, PTA meeting time, when swimming lessons start, what the stationery list is, etc. Then our main Facebook page will be used to advertise up-coming community events, celebrate learning, etc. Now we can capture visitors' attention.

A closed Facebook page means you have to request access to the page so only Roto families will see and post messages. Once you are granted access then you have access just like any other Facebook page. The Cambridge Grapevine Facebook operates like this.

SCHOOL STATIONERY

These lists have come home today. All the stationery has arrived at school so you don't need to go shopping for it. Please check the list, cross out any items you don't need because you already have them, tick the items you do need and send the form back to school. We will begin handing out the stationery items tomorrow and add the cost to your school account. If a stationery list is lost a copy of each class' list is on the website under the "classroom learning" tab.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Following the removal of National Standards, by the Labour government, the way we report to parents for the children in Years 1-3 has changed. ALL children will now receive their written reports at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. (Children in Year 1-3 will no longer get their reports around their birthday and half way between.) We still have the Settling In report in a few weeks time.

Roto-o-Rangi School
Country Fair

Sat. 17th Feb.
11am - 3pm

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WRITER'S CORNER.

Room 3 & 5



Room 3

In the holidays me and Mum and Dad, Shamus, Franky and Billy went to Whangamata. I went boggie boarding and made a shell picture and I went snorkling and for Christmas I got some money from Santa to buy some fish. I jumped off the wharf too. By Hollie McIntyre

Room 5

I can't imagine life without my teachers at school to teach me challenging work. By Eden

I can't imagine life without my pet calf to love in the winter. By Libby

I can't imagine life without encouragement to roar ahead. By Devon

I can't imagine life without singing slowly like seaweed, then strong like lightning. By Georgia

I can't imagine life without wondering about what is happening around me. By Grace

I can't imagine life without my voice to communicate my thoughts. By Madi M

I can't imagine life without hunting in the bush with my Dad. By Juan

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MusicHouse: Music lessons – provided during school time so no rushing around after work to get to a lesson. These are on hold due to a lack of numbers. 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.

Te Miro MTB Club Saturday Kids Rides

Starts - Saturday 10th February Finishes - Saturday 24th
Rider briefing and tip of the week start 9:45am
Riding 10 till 12 depending on skill level
Recommended ages 8-15 - Adults welcome
Bring a drink bottle or camelback & any medication you may need.
Under 8's to be accompanied by riding, walking or running adult. Bikes must be suitable for off road use. Helmets and shoes compulsory. No cost for the rides but donations and new members welcome
Sausage sizzle and drinks afterwards - Please bring cash
Rides are run rain, hail or shine
Phone or txt Linley for more information: 0272 363 77

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/2 Waitangi Day (no school on Tuesday)
 - 9/2 First Assembly of 2018 (2.30pm)
 - 14/2 BOT Meeting, 6pm Staffroom
 - 16/2 Elgregoe – anti-bullying themed magic show
 - 17/2 COUNTRY FAIR – see you all there.
 - 19/2 John Parson's Digital Safety sessions
 - 22/2 Meet the Whānau evening, starting at 6.00pm.
 - 28/2 Teachers' Union meetings
 - 2/3 Roto swim Sports – St Peters, start 10am
 - 12/3 Rural Schools Triathlon – CHS.
 - 19/3 Rural Schools' Swimming Sports – St Peter's
 - 21/3 BOT Meeting – 6pm
 - 27/3 Overnight camp based at school
 - 29/3 Cambridge Schools' Swim Sports – Town Pools
 - 30/1 Good Friday – Easter Weekend
 - 3/4 Easter Tuesday – still a holiday for schools.
 - 13/4 Science Roadshow for Rm 5
- Term 1 finishes

Religious Instruction - is held on Friday mornings from 9.00 am to 9.30 am in ALL classrooms, starting Friday 9th Feb. It is a multi-denominational programme which covers 'Values' messages for children. We have experienced local families who volunteer their time to run this programme. Could parents confirm their decision on the return slip regarding your children not attending Religious Education classes. Students do not have to attend.

The school is officially closed during this time, in accordance with the Education Act, thus our preference is for children not attending RI to come to school at 9.25am. We are aware of the difficulty families may have bringing children at this later time. Children not attending RI who are at school prior to 9.25am will be supervised.

Please tick if you do not want your child/children attending RI classes, then return to school before Friday 9th Feb. otherwise we understand that children will be attending these classes for the year.

No, I would do not want my child attending the Friday morning Religious Education programme.

Signed: _____ Child's name: _____



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