



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Dear parents and caregivers,

MEET the WHĀNAU EVENING

We will be holding a Welcome Back to School evening on Wednesday 21st 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. We would love to have all of our families who have already been in the school turn up to really make our new families feel the welcoming nature of the 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.

DIGITAL 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. We will be transporting them to and from Kaipaki on the school bus. All children, from New Entrants to Year 6 will be going. Year 4-6 will be there for 10-11 lesson whilst Year 1-3 will be there for a 11.15 – 12.15 lesson.

The day is followed by a staff meeting for all our teachers to keep the school digital environment safe.

In the evenings there are parent meetings. John will explain the skills and knowledge necessary to keep our children/teens safe in their digital world. If you have teenagers, then John will deliver a very important message about what children of this age are doing and how you can support them. This conversation is delivered at the Middle School meeting, whereas the other ones are more aimed at primary aged/beginning teen aged children.

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 children under 13.**

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

The Facebook page with the most relevant / time sensitive information about school events and happenings is up and running – The Roto Parents facebook page.

This closed group – so only people we allow to see the page can – is getting out that information about the day to day notices and info, so the whole world can't see it.

We are also trialling a free app you can get on you phone. This is called **Skool Loop** and can be downloaded from you Store (Apple and Android). It allows us to push out notices direct to your phone, syncs your online calendar with the school one so you can plan around school events, has the newsletter, email absentees, and we are even working on digital permission forms for events. It is ¾ operational, so download the app and stay in close contact.



We hope to see as many parents, family members and friends as possible on the day. Might pay to be out their right on 11am ready to enjoy the many fantastic activities and stalls on offer.

MINIBALL

Miniball Draw Friday 16th February

Roto Rockets v Primary Cougars, Court 1, 6.20 pm
Roto Dynamo's v East Thunder, Court 2 7.00 pm

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.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

On March 27th (Tues before Easter) we will be holding a Whole School Camp. Year 4-6 will be walking over the top of Mt Maungatautari, from one side to the other. Year 1-3 will be doing some eco studies around the Roto-o-Rangi area on the Tuesday. That night we will be basing camp here at school with Year 3-6 in tents and Year 1-2 in the MP Room or classrooms. School will be as normal on the Monday and Wed. The Cambridge Schools' Swimming Sports are on the Thursday for the children who make the Rural Schools' Team.

So make sure you keep the day and night free. More details will be coming out in a separate newsletter soon.

BOT NEWS

Welcome to all the families for 2018. We have another great year ahead at the school.

Over the holidays the leaky staffroom was mended and the rest of the perimeter fencing was completed to keep a completely safe environment for all of our children. Our ERO report has not been finalised yet, however the draft they sent did highlight the many good things that go on at Roto. We have asked for some tweaks in their wording and so expect the final report to be out any day now.

Unfortunately due to significant work commitments Jo Curin has had to step down from the BOT. We thank Jo for her years of formal support to the school, first as an integral PTA member and then as BOT member. Now Jo's support will be limited to a mum and parent of the school.

The Board have decided to go through a Selection process to find a parent to replace Jo on the Board, whereby they complete a Needs Analysis of the skills needed to support the Board and then select a person with those skills.

If anyone is interested in joining the Board and want to know more about it you can contact the principal or a current Board member (Marcel, Katy, Graeme or William). If you know you want to join the Board then please write a brief bio of yourself outlining the skills you could bring to the Board. This would support the Board in their selection process, or will be included in the election if one is called for.

As part of this process to find a new Board member, all eligible voters have the right to require the Board to go through a full election process, rather than a selection process. Any parent of a child who wants an election must state this in writing within the next 30 days (or 16th March). If less than 10% of eligible voters seek an election, the Board can continue with a selection process.

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 are also changing the format of the reports in preparation for the mid year. We will be seeking your input later in this term, so have a think about what you want to be able to see in a report, the things you want to know.

We still have the Settling In report coming home next week.

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 will be set at \$20. No further books will be able to be borrowed until the charge is paid.

WRITER'S CORNER.

Room 1



My little sister broke my toys. By Liam

I went fishing. I went fishing at Lake Karapiro. By Cody

I watched a movie on TV. By Samuel

I caught two big fish and we ate them. By Oliver

I went fishing in my boat. By George

I went to the beach with my sister and Dad and my Mum. By Lillia

I jumped off the highest tower in the world. By Kharva

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.

Duck Park: Duck Park are looking for a full time worker to start at the beginning of next month. Hours are 7 am and finish no later than 3 pm. Once a week there is a 3 am start and then home by 12 pm. The main job is spreading shavings for the ducks. Contact Brian Ritchie for more information 027 438 1010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 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 |

BREAKFAST IDEAS

BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST

Breakfast is the best way to kickstart our brain and provides energy to start each day!

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G.A.T.E. REFERRAL FORM

Inside today's newsletter is a parent nomination form for a child you think might have Gifted or Talented abilities. This form is a generic identifier form.

As we do not know your children as well as you do, we may not spot an incredible talent or ability. This form is one way of checking to see if there is something we are unaware of. If you think your child may have these high level abilities, please complete the form. Whilst the school may not be able to cater for every individual ability, we might be able to source some support who can.



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DYNAMIX DANCE SCHOOL

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR OUR DANCE CLASSES

CLASSES ARE EITHER HELD IN THE ROTO-O-RANGI HALL OR AT CAMBRIDGE HIGH

We teach Jazz, Hip Hop & Contemporary classes

and we will offer Beginner Tap classes if we have enough interest.

Jazz from 5years, Tap & Hip Hop from 7years & Contemporary from 10years

Please contact Carmel to enrol or for more information.

On either 0274054600 or 8271878 or carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz



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