

Roto Review

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our motto of
AIM HIGH

Dear parents and caregivers,

COUNTRY FAIR

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and families who supported the Country Fair. There was a gigantic amount of work done behind the scenes and a significant effort to run all the stalls. So to all the people who were there doing the work – BRILLIANT WORK!

Feedback from locals who are not parents was very positive. The atmosphere, the crowd and the smooth operation was clearly a big winner on the day. Whilst all details are not finalised yet, the Fair raised around \$6000 for the school to spend on IT, literacy and science resources. Besides the money, the exposure this event gives the school is also a giant plus for us all.

Thanks also goes out to the locals in the community who have no children at the school anymore yet provided time, equipment and/or sponsorship. The likes of Janet for the use of her paddock for parking and laying metal to ensure vehicles got in and out, Jim for the vintage tractor ride, Leo for the vintage car rides (they were only supposed to be here to look at so the rides were an extra we didn't expect), Brian for the use of his sound system and of course David Soar who was a magnificent MC on the day. The community support is amazing. Here are a few pics from the day.



MEET the WHĀNAU EVENING THANKS

It was a small crowd and a bit disappointing that not more families who have been here for years were unable to attend the night, but for those who came – what an enjoyable night. It was great to be able to chat to parents on a more personal level; hear about the trips around the world, the amazing things people are doing with their families, and what sorts of things people are "in to".

Thanks for sharing and maybe we need to have more evenings like this, just to gather and enjoy company.

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 your Store (Apple and Android). It allows us to push out notices direct to your phone, shows the school calendar so you can plan the school events, has the newsletter, absentees, and digital permission forms for events. There are also groups on it specific to your children – ie sports teams, whole school, etc. So remember to sign up for the right ones.

SWIMMING SPORTS

TOMORROW! Friday 2nd March.

It is always an awesome day and the children love the challenge, the “give it your best” attitude and all the cheering from the sidelines.

Rash shirts, hats, sunblock are a must for the day. A couple of jerseys are always handy too because the children do get chilled in between races. Drink bottles too.

The PTA have kindly decided to provide 1 free sausage for all competitors (and audience), but we suggest supplying extra food for lunch and snacks during the day. The children burn up a lot of energy.

We may need to call on parents who are there to help give out placing cards, or stop backstrokers from bonking their heads. Nothing too major, but your support is appreciated.

We encourage the children to represent their House as much as they can by wearing their colours if possible. It is all part of the fun

MINIBALL

Miniball Draw Friday 2 March

Roto Rockets v Leamington Celtics, Court 1, 5.40 pm

Roto Dynamo's v Leamington Lakers, Court 2 7.00 pm

TRIATHLON

Keep returning those forms for the Triathlon on Monday 12th March. It would be great to have every 8 – 11 year old giving it a go. It isn't always about the winning, but having the resilience to give a new event a try.

As the organising school there are a number of jobs required so if you can help with sorting the placegetters, directing competitors around the course or organising the lunches please let the office know.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

CHANGE OF DATE!

Due to a clash with Teacher Union Meetings being held when we were going to be on camp we have moved our camp to a week later – Thursday 5th April (Thursday after Easter) will be our Whole School Camp. Year 4-6 will still 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 or going to the Southern enclosure. Thursday night will be spent here at school with Year 3-6 in tents and Year 1-2 in the MP Room or Room 2.

If families have tents we will need them please. The Outdoor Ed trailer we used to access is no longer. So we are relying on loads of family tents being available for the fun of sleeping at school.

School will be as normal as possible on the Friday, and children will venture home at 3pm.

A form about providing transport to the walks and support on the walks plus supplying tents will be coming home shortly.

So make sure you keep the day and night free.

As required by the MOE and policy of the BOT, all camps are alcohol free. Your child's safety is our paramount objective.

BOT NEWS

The first meeting has been and the School Charter has been developed for 2018. This is viewable on the school website. It sets the direction and focus of the school for this year and the next 3 years.

The budget is tight due to supporting the staffing, but all that would be rectified if the numbers grow, so we need everyone out there talking about the benefits of coming to Roto-o-Rangi School. If there is anything stopping people making a move to us get them to ring the principal to see if a solution can be found so we can remove any barrier from them coming.

Meanwhile, we continue to focus on providing great learning for the children already here.

Those strong foundation skills, the social growth, the leadership opportunities, the relationships with their teacher/each other and yet they don't miss out on opportunities bigger schools provide. Children are able to do things like computer coding and visual imaging, have access to IT whilst still having strong spelling and handwriting programmes.

There have been a couple of meetings regarding the Country Bus and unfortunately the BOT have had to make the decision to remove the extra extensions that the school pays the bus company to do. The budget can no longer support this additional cost. There is some impact for some families catching that bus but not to significant we hope.

The ERO report is finalised and should be public in the next week. As soon as it is, there will be link on the website to celebrate the great things happening. Here are a few quotes from it:

all students receiving specialist support make progress and experience considerable success.

A feature is the family atmosphere and the respectful and trusting relationships.

Students' language, culture and identity are valued including the unique position of Māori as tangata whenua.

The school can draw on existing strengths in:

- 1. a positive culture for learning that is based on respect and care,*
- 2. a local curriculum that is responsive and learner centred,*
- 3. high-quality teaching approaches to accelerate learning.*

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.

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

Registering for the winter sports teams are coming up so keep an eye out for forms about how to register and when.

WRITER'S CORNER.

Room 3



Letter to my future self

Dear Rheeahn

I live in Cambridge. I have 4 siblings. My Mum has worked at the doctors for 13 years. My Dad worked at a construction work site for 3 years. The worst food in the world is vegetables, I hate them! When I grow up I want to own a McDonalds and be a singer. My hobby is to go Ice skating. My oldest sister is 16 years old and my youngest brother is 8 months old. My Dad is 28 and my Mum is 35. I enjoy going to Roto-o-Rangi school.

Yours sincerely

Rheeahn

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.

Sweetcorn: If you are after the most delicious, scrumptious sweetcorn for just 50 cents a cobb please ring Linda Curin 021 207 4570 or 8721 860 to order some. We have all been buying it here at school and we can vouch for it being very delicious.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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
28/3	Teachers' Union meetings
29/3	Cambridge Schools' Swim Sports – Town Pools
30/1	Good Friday – Easter Weekend
3/4	Easter Tuesday – still a holiday for schools.
5/4-6/4	Overnight camp based at school
13/4	Science Roadshow for Rm 5
	Term 1 finishes

MP ROOM USAGE 1/3 - 4/3

The MP Room, Room 2, Staffroom, pool and Library are all being hired by a visiting school this weekend. St Peter's School from Auckland have hired the facilities so they can attend the rowing regatta at the lake this weekend. They will be in school from this afternoon until Sunday afternoon.

ASC and BSC will be in the staffroom as a result.

On a pre-emptive note: – 30 high school rowers will have access to the pool when they are not rowing so it could get rather crowded down here late afternoon on Thurs, Fri and Sat.



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