



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

This term has zoomed by extremely quickly and here we are at the end already. It has been a very enjoyable term with some fabulous learning occurring across all classes.

We look forward to the school holidays at the end of next week and the extra time we can spend with family. May you all have a chance to spend some quality time together, hopefully in a warmer climate than we will be experiencing in the Waikato. If you are travelling, safe journey and we look forward to everyone's return for an action packed Term 3.

We have welcomed 13 children into the school this term and they have settled into the school and their classes brilliantly. That means there are a few new families so we look forward to getting to know you all and helping you feel a part of our lovely school.

MATARIKI.

Welcome to the Māori new year. And what a great start to the new year it has been. Whilst the weather is cold, the beautiful clear skies and sunny days are very welcome. As Matariki is a time of celebration, hopefully, everyone will be aware that we are holding a hanging at school tomorrow night in order to celebrate this very important day. This is the perfect time for our school to come together for a social event. A great time to celebrate all the wonderful things we get to do as a small school, to continue to make those connections with other families and whaanau. These are the events so vital in a small, rural school.

There is still an opportunity for families to purchase meals for the hangi and to come along to celebrate this evening whilst also fundraising money for some Maori resources. Just send back your order forms, pay directly into the school account (or send cash) and the tickets can be sent home with your children. Then enjoy a fabulous meal that you don't have to cook.

We have the added bonus of hearing about our local Roto-o-Rangi stories from a long time local family, the Griggs family. George can trace his ancestry back a number of generations in this area and so he is a wealth of knowledge. I, for one, am looking forward to hearing more about the beautiful area of Roto-o-Rangi and how we got to the way this place is today.

LEVITY BEET.

Levity Beet is a musician who won the 2018 New Zealand children's musician award. He is an emperor vision musician who brings a quirky and creative slant to the world of music. He will be doing a performance in our MP room on the very last day of the term. The performance will begin at 9:30 a.m. following our final Bible in schools session.

If you would like to see more about Levity Beet you can simply do a YouTube search or go to his Facebook page and see what he does.



WELCOME

Welcome to Bonnie in Room 1. Luckily she has big sister Beverly here to help her start at school. Also Tahlia and Darling joined Room 3. Tahlia has older brother Michael to look out for her. Welcome to Darling's family who have moved into the district recently. I hope you have all settled in and feel very welcome in our school.



REPORTS AND POUTAMA.

Children's written reports for the mid year are coming home on Monday along with their poutama (portfolio). The reports are a chance to check on how your child is progressing at this stage of the year and the poutama is there to show you some of the learning that they have been doing in the classrooms.

On Tuesday or Thursday afternoon/night you will then have an opportunity to discuss your child's achievement more in depth with the classroom teacher.

The more parents are involved in their child's learning and celebrating that learning with them, the more likely a child is to succeed. Therefore it is really important that every family turns up for the parent/teacher/student conferences in order to celebrate their learning and to find out what more can be done to continue that learning journey.

If you have not completed your conference form yet please do so as quickly as possible to ensure that you get a time that is most likely going to work for you. Many forms have been returned already and those time slots have filled up quickly.

AG DAY

Yes it is still over a term away but we wanted to get some fore warning out there about some additions to our Ag Day. We still cannot have calves at our Ag Day because of the *Mycoplasma Bovis* but we are going to include a pet section into our day, a school wide "Garden in a bucket" competition and maybe even a preserving competition. More details coming out early next term, including the rules and requirements if you are participating in the Pet competition.

KOWHAIWHAI PATTERNS

During the school holidays when Mr D. knows there are going to be a few fine days he will be painting call kowhaiwhai patterns on the pou at the entrance to the school. All of these patterns have been designed by the children, parents or staff of the school. Whilst we are hopeful that Maungatautari marae will be able to contribute to our kowhaiwhai patterns we are going to get these underway now.

If anyone would like to be a part of this painting then you are most welcome. As it is weather dependent Mr D. will Facebook or skoolloop out a message when the weather forecast shows that we should be able to get two or three fine days in order to get the painting done and then just turn up and getting those paint brushes swiping.

Ngaa mihi nui te whaanau for helping with these designs that represent our school, it's values and the school's place in our lives.

HOT FOOD WEDNESDAY

A reminder that during Terms 2 and 3 the children can bring along food to be warmed up in a pie warmer. It **MUST** be in a suitable container/wrapper for placing in a pie warmer. with the **child's name and room number** written on it.

CHINESE STUDENT EXCHANGE

At the end of Week 3 in Term 3 we will have a group of 12 students from China arriving at the school as part of a cultural exchange. We will be holding a Mihi Whakatau in the early afternoon of Friday 2nd August. We would love as many families as possible to be present at that Mihi Whakatau to welcome the students to our country. This will be a very new experience for these children as they will be coming from a city of 9 million people and a school of nearly 2000 students to our little Roto-o-Rangi school.

Following the Mihi Whakatau the Chinese children will do some activities with our students before they head off for the weekend. On the following Monday and the Tuesday, the Chinese students will be joining in our Room 4 and 5 classes to experience the very different education practices in New Zealand compared to the intense China model.

In the future we do hope to host other groups for 2 week periods and with the possibility of the students doing a homestay with our local families during this period. Please give this some thought for the future. Having personally done a homestay in the past with Japanese students I have found it to be an amazing experience that your whaanau will never forget.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Thank you to the families and extended families who have purchased a 2019 Entertainment Book. Unfortunately, we still have 10 books unreturned.

If you still have a book at home please return this to the school office as soon as possible as this will impact on our fundraising efforts.

News From the PTA:

SCHOOL DISCO

Don't forget about the school disco that is coming up Friday 26 July (first Friday in Term 3). Make sure you've booked this into your diary because you don't want to miss the first disco of 2019.

Theme is "White and Bright" running from 6pm - 7pm with pizza, sweets and glow products for sale.

TEACHERS STRIKE UPDATE

The teachers have finally settled the contract negotiations with the government. We wish to thank our community for their support during this time. It was because of your support that we were able to gain much of the pay and conditions we sort when this all began 14 months ago. Whilst we did not get all the pay and conditions we sought, we have made significant gains and the promise that some of those extra conditions will be negotiated in the near future.

Unfortunately the principals were not as fortunate in receiving the conditions for their jobs and so they have not settled their contract yet. We hope that these will be settled in the near future, now that the teacher's one is done.

WRITER'S CORNER

Room 3 - Year 1/2

Yesterday I got Kapai and I played with Kapai and then we watched T.V. Shamus

Today Mr D is in our class helping us. He helped Shamus with his maths and he helped me with my writing. Ella

Pretty butterfly you are flying in the sky. Are you going to lay your eggs? Lillia

Me and Titan are friends again. Titan said sorry because he just wants to be friends right now. Kiara

WINTER SPORTS DAY.

Congratulations to Room 5 for the efforts on the Winter Sports Day. Whilst the abysmal weather at the start of the day would certainly have put most people off, the organizers were not frightened and an amazing day ensued.

From all accounts the Roto-o-Rangi students displayed all the values of enthusiasm, resilience, responsibility, and respect in their conduct and efforts to join with other students in other schools.

It is a great opportunity to get to know other students from the other schools, especially for the Year 6s who may be making friends with the very people at their new school next year.

Thank you to the parents who transported the children to and from the event, and Josh for picking up the school tent and bringing it back out to school.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Thanks to Parklands Turf who are supplying equipment for the school to maintain its grounds. Much appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/7	Mid-year reports and Poutama come home
2 & 4/7	Student/Parent/Teacher conferences
3/7	Year 5/6 visit CMS production
5/7	Levity Beet – travelling musician Performance
	Last Day of term – assembly 2pm
22/7	Start of Term 3
26/7	Disco 6pm Roto Community Hall.
30/7	PTA Meeting 7pm – venue TBC
2/8	Chinese students arrive – mihi whakatau
6/8	Chinese students depart Roto.

CMS PRODUCTION.

Next Wednesday, Room 5 will be travelling in to the Middle School to enjoy the dress rehearsal of their school production. We see this as a great opportunity for our Year 6 children to see what is possible and an opportunity they might want to take on next year. Information will be going out to the Room Five families tomorrow.

Any support with transport would be greatly appreciated.

SPORTS CLOTHING

Just a quick reminder for families who are utilising the school jackets and sports uniforms for their children who participate in the winter sports. Please keep track of what your child is wearing. We have had 4 jackets returned to school so far this term by teachers or parents from other schools who have found our clothing left behind at the sports fields after families have gone home.

Thanks

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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.

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