



# Roto Review

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our motto of  
**AIM HIGH**

## Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

The Term has start in earnest from Day 1, with the arrival of 12 new children and a lot of juggling of classes to best suit learning needs. Four children also moved from Room 1 to Room 3 because Room 1 was getting too full. Now we are preparing for the arrival of the students from Shi Cao Chang Jie School in Shijianzhuang, China. We will be welcoming the Chinese students and all the students who have started at Roto after the first day of the year with a Mihi Whakatau at 1.30pm on Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. All families are welcome to participate in the whakatau, especially the new families to our school.

Squeezed into this term will be Cross Country, Gymnastics, Speeches and a visit from John Parsons about keeping yourself safe in a digital world. On top of that we are revamping Ag Day to be a bit more inclusive and will be starting things for that soon.

There are parents evenings with John Parsons which are extremely worthwhile. Just find one on a night that suits you and go (they are held at various schools around town). He tailors them to suit the level of the school he is at, so the CMS and CHS parent evenings will be tailored to early teenagers, and high school age students respectively whilst the primary school ones are tailored for primary aged children. The CHS one is not suitable for primary aged children to attend – just so you know.

## TERM 2 CONCLUSION

Thank you to everyone for your support at the Matariki celebration and hangi. Thanks to Gary, Ray and DJ for laying a superb hangi. There were loads of compliments, so obviously we will need to have another by the end of the year. Thanks also to many mums – Annette, Vanessa, Wendy, Donna, Karamea and Sue who did a lot of organising. Thanks to those who jumped in on the night to help with serving food, providing appliances, etc. And finally thanks to George Griggs for his extremely informative talk about the local area. The school will be getting hold of George to come in again in the future. The information about the past events in this very area we live in is so important.

Levity Beet was outstanding! A musician and songwriter who uses recycled material to create the instruments he needs to perform the songs he writes. He had the entire audience mesmerised – from the 5 year olds to the 55 year olds. Photos of these 2 events can be seen on the school website and a couple of ones are here in the newsletter.

## COMMUNICATION

Just a reminder about the ways you can find out about what is happening at school: Newsletter – every 2 weeks on a Thursday start in Week 1; Roto Parents Facebook page – is a closed group just for Roto parents (search and request access); Skoolloop app – download from app store to your phone then select our school and the groups you want to be in;

Facebook – a general page showing the good stuff we do;  
Website – has our Calendar of events and other general info about the school;  
Teachers – always open to let you know what is happening or contact the office.

## WELCOME

A big welcome to the following children and their families; Ryleigh & Jack, Fletcher, Sawyer & Harper, Georgia & Dylan, Henry & Archie, Harrison, Aurora, and Emilia. It has been fabulous to meet you all and we look forward to getting to know you and your families better.



## REPORTS AND POUTAMA.

Later in the term we would like to get some feedback about the school reports from mid year, the Poutama and the parent/student/teacher conferences. This will be in the form of a digital survey, paper survey and after-school meeting. We are reviewing how we report to parents and the revamped mid-year reports was a beginning.

## 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 you can do the online version. Register at [calclubnz.co.nz](http://calclubnz.co.nz) It also gives you all the info needed to compete in this format.

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 in the next couple of weeks, including the rules and requirements if you are participating in the competitions.

If you have a trophy at home from last year's Ag Day please return this to school soon.

## HOT FOOD WEDNESDAY

A reminder that during Term 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 an oven. Please make sure each wrapping has your the **child's name and room number** written on it, otherwise somebody else might get to eat it. Please **do not send soup, noodles** or other foods that need to be heated in a microwave or have hot water added as these require teacher time to administer and they are at school to teach, not be a food warmer-upper. The senior students organise the pie warmer based food as part of their leadership opportunities.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

A reminder that each family has a school account set up which is loaded with an annual school donation (\$60) and photocopy donation (\$40), and any charges for stationery/uniform etc. that your child/ren have received from the office during the term. Stationery, uniform and town bus fees are **required** to be paid. Please pay these upon receipt of the invoice, or set up an automatic payment to chip away at your account throughout the year.

Whilst the school donation and photocopy donation are optional, we rely on these funds to assist us in providing resources for your childrens' learning.

Our bank account is

**Roto-o-Rangi School**  
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Please see Roxy in the office if you would like to discuss your account.

## CHINESE STUDENT EXCHANGE

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August we will have a group of 13 students from China arriving at the school as part of a cultural exchange. We will be holding a Mihi Whakatau on that day, in the early afternoon. 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 Shijiazhuang, 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 Tuesday the Chinese students will be joining in our Room 5 class 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.

## SCHOOL BUSES

With lots of new children joining us this term we are close to capacity on our town bus service. We ask that if you do not normally have your child on the bus to but would like to do so, please check in with Roxy or Wayne first to make sure there is space. We would rather not have children having to stand up during their journey to or from school. If you would like your child to begin catching either bus please contact us to arrange this. If the buses do reach capacity we may request a bigger bus.

## NEWS FROM THE PTA

### SCHOOL DISCO

Don't forget about the school disco Tomorrow, Friday 26 July. Make sure you've booked this into your diary because you don't want to miss the first disco of 2019! The theme is "White and Bright" and it will run from 6pm - 7pm with pizza, sweets and glow products for sale (cash only). \$2 entry at the door.

### COUNTRY FAIR

The school will be running Country Fair type activities at the Cambridge A and P Show on 30<sup>th</sup> November. This is the most significant money raiser for the PTA in 2019 and will need a lot of parent support to ensure it is successful. Every child in this school benefits from the money raised so everyone needs to do their bit. Please ensure you keep this date free, fill out the jobs sheet when the form comes out and enjoy the experience!



# WRITER'S CORNER

## Room 4 - Year 3 & 4

### Marshmallow Stories

A boy went to camp. He sat around the small fire. Pop! A green monster came out of the water. It crawled to the fire. It was hot but the green monster saw the marshmallows. He acted like a dog. The green monster ate the marshmallows. The boy ran away out of the forest.



By Cody Orr

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Thanks to Parklands Turf who are supplying equipment for the school to maintain its grounds, this is much appreciated. Also to our wonderful caretaker, Rod, who spend time out here in the holidays making sure the grounds were spick & span for our return to school!

## HANGI AND LEVITY BEET PHOTOS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 26/7 Disco 6pm Roto Community Hall
- 30/7 PTA Meeting 7.30pm – venue TBC
- 2/8 Chinese students arrive – mihi whakatau
- 5/8 Cambridge Middle School Open Day (Yr 6)
- 6/8 Chinese students depart Roto
- 23/8 John Parsons visit to Roto
- 28/8 Leamington School sports team photos (Boars Rugby Team)

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- Monday 19 August Hautapu School Hall 7.00pm
- Tuesday 20 August Cambridge Primary School Hall 6.30pm
- Wednesday 21 August Goodwood School Hall 7.00pm
- Thursday 22 August Cambridge High School Hall\*\* 6.30pm

All presentations last approx one hour.

All parents are welcome to attend any session\*

\*Content of parent evenings not suitable for children under 11

\*\*Cambridge High Session targeted at parents of high school aged children  
John's book is on sale at each venue \$35 per copy

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