



Roto Review

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Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

It's almost the end of Term 3! Our last day will be next Friday, 27th September. We hope you are all able to enjoy some time with family and friends to recharge before a busy final term of 2019. If we're lucky maybe the sun will shine for some of the holidays! We're hoping for some good weather this weekend too, as we are having a **Working Bee** here at school! This will take place on Saturday morning (21st Sept) starting at 9am. We need lots of helpers to give our kura its annual clean, so please come along with your long-handled brooms and buckets, and an extra waterblaster would be helpful too.

Tasks for the spring clean will include; All walls wet, scrubbed with a broom and rinsed by hose, playgrounds given a waterblast, and the sandpit shade cloth removed, repaired and water blasted clean. A Sausage sizzle and drinks will be supplied after the work is done. Anyone who can lend a hand, it will be appreciated, even if you can only get here for an hour. This annual washdown preserves the paintwork and means we only have to paint the school every 10 years.

AG DAY 18 OCTOBER

Ag Day / Pet Day is being held on Friday 18th October 2019.

We are including a pet section into our day with competitions like "Owner and Pet who look most alike", "Cuddliest Pet", "Best behaved pet and owner" and more. The one important rule with the Pet section though is that the pets will **not** be able to stay at school for the entire day. The competitions will be early in the day so pets can be at school by 10am but they **must** be taken home by 12.30pm. Pets will need to be in a cage whilst at school and so we don't want them caged all day (except for pet mice or snakes – they can stay in a cage the whole time) hence they need to go home by 12.30pm. For this reason, and so as not to upset the other animals, we will **not** be allowing dogs to attend.

If your child will be entering a lamb or kid goat please ensure you contact the office to let Roxy know so we have a clearer idea of the numbers being entered. If you have a trophy at home from last year's Ag Day please return this to school soon. We would love some parents to help on the day at the rings and holding lambs etc to help the children out.

We will also be hosting a kindergarten again, so helping them participate in some planned activities would be great too.

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We recently welcomed new entrant Amelia and her family to our school. Amelia already has a friend from Kindy here, and has made some new ones too!



THANKS TO CAMBRIDGE WAREHOUSE

Our taura have been busy planting herbs and various seeds in tin cans recently. Rooms 4 & 5 chose to plant herb seedlings as part of their term inquiry where they have been looking at innovation, waste reduction and preserving. The parsley they are growing will be used to make parsley pesto later on, and other herbs and plants will be available for sale next term too.

A huge thank you to Cambridge Warehouse who donated a \$50 voucher for the purchase of the potting mix and herbs, following a letter from some of the Room 5 students.



It has been a busy two weeks, full of achievements and personal bests for our tamariki;

ALTRUSA AWARDS



We are proud to announce the winners of the Cambridge Altrusa Literacy Awards for 2019. Congratulations to Teanna H, year 3, and Zak C, year 5!



The teachers nominated Teanna and Zak as they made such accelerated progress in their reading this year.

Well done!



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the 11 students who placed in the top 3 of their race and went on to form the Rural Schools' Team at the Cambridge Interschools Cross Country. On the day, the staff were very proud of the cheering and support the Roto children gave each other, regardless of where in the race they were placing; first or last, they were given huge support! It was also pleasing to see the resilience of many runners. Everyone gave it their best shot and quite a few were surprised at how well they went as a result of that effort. There were even a few tears as people pushed themselves to complete the course. Well done for your enthusiasm and resilience.



Congratulations to Eden who came first in her age group!

ROTARY SPEECH NIGHT

Eden has been a busy girl! Last night she represented our school at the Cambridge Rotary Speech Competition. Eden delivered her speech amazingly well in front of a large audience of Rotarians, parents and teachers. This took a huge amount of courage and resilience, well done Eden!

GYMFEST

As our newsletter goes to print, we have four students in Hamilton competing in the Waikato Gymnastics Tournament. Fletcher, Joel, Riley and Venecia were selected after competing in the Cambridge Gymnastics Festival. We're confident they'll be giving it their all today!

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION AT CMS

On Monday 23rd September the Year 6 children will be travelling to Cambridge Middle School for an Orientation morning.

The students get a small taste of life at Cambridge Middle School during this time. There will be no testing or assessment undertaken on this day. Students will partake in a small range of fun based activities including a tour of the school.

Could students please wear something suitable for sporting activities. All students and accompanying adults are to assemble in the hall at 9:30am. There will be a brief address by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, and students will then be split into class sizes and tour the school, hear from current Year 7 students about their learning and participate in activities. The students will meet briefly again in the hall and be ready to depart at 11:00am. Accompanying adults will have the opportunity to meet with the Senior Leadership team for a cup of tea/coffee and, a question and answer session. There will also be an opportunity for a tour of the school.

OFF TO CHINA!

Two of our students from Room 5, Sisters Venecia and Rheahn, will be heading off to China on October 3rd with their Grandmother, Sue. They are participating in an exchange trip comprising of students from local Cambridge schools. During their stay, Venecia and Rheahn will be visiting Shanghai, Huangzhou and Suzhou. They are so excited about this amazing trip, which they have been fundraising for quite some time to go on! We wish the three of you well and can't wait to hear all about your travels next term!

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NEWS FROM THE PTA

We'd love to receive any Yummy fruit stickers back by tomorrow please, as they have to be in next week!

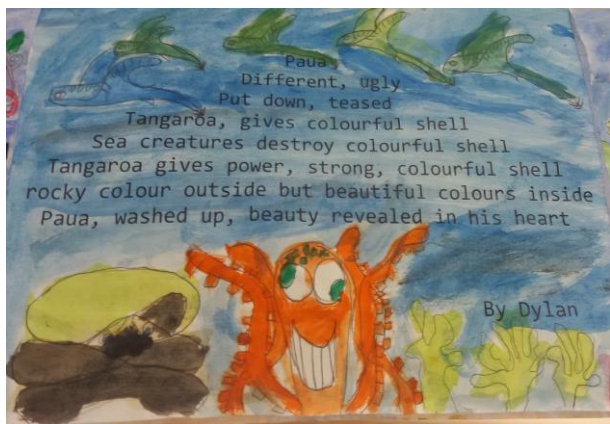
Is there anyone out there who would be willing and able to provide baking to sell at our Ag Day on 18th October? Please get in touch with the school office and let Roxy know if you are keen to help.

Welcome to our new parents! We'd love to hear from you if you're interested in joining the PTA. Our next meeting is in the staffroom on 22nd October at 7.30pm so why not come along?

WRITER'S CORNER

ROOM 5 – YEAR 5 & 6

Room 5 have written wonderful poems about Paua and produced the most beautiful artwork. It seemed unfair to have to choose just a couple for the newsletter, so please check them out in Mrs Morris's classroom if you get the chance!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 18-20/9 Cambridge Principals' PLD trip
- 21/9 Working bee @ school – massive cleanup
- 23/9 Yr 6 Orientation day at CMS @ 9.30am
- 25/9 Mandarin Expo for all students learning Mandarin
- 27/9 Last Day of Term 3
- 14/10 Start of Term 4
- 18/10 Ag Day and Pet Day – Special visit by the Variety Bash
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

We have received several emails with information on school holiday programmes provided locally. If you would like some info on these please email Roxy in the office to request a return email with more details.

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Good afternoon parents and caregivers,

Well the warm, sunny holidays never eventuated, and the term has not started any better. The teachers have even relented on enforcing the wearing of hats at the moment. Thankfully most children have donned them to stay warm and keep the rain out! After the long weekend we will be more strict on the hats though. A reminder that caps are not acceptable, they must be either a bucket hat or wide brimmed like a cricket hat. You do not have to wear the school hat but we do have stock arriving soon at the office for \$15.

It looks like this is going to be a very busy term, even though we tried not to make it busy; Athletics Days, Dance Afternoon, a trip to the World Cycling Champs, Senior Camp, Country Fair, Ag Day and a lot more. The newsletter has a pretty accurate calendar on the 3rd page, but the most accurate calendar is the online one you can check on the school website or the Skool Loop App (if there is a dot on a particular day, that says that something is on). So keep an eye on the google calendar for the most up to date events.

AG DAY IS TOMMORROW

Ag Day / Pet Day is on TOMMORROW.

All families are welcome to come along, and we'll be have food on sale including; a sausage sizzle, baking and juicies. Tea & coffee will also be available, so make sure you bring some change along!

We are well down on numbers this year, only 20 animals competing in Ag Day, but there is still a lot to compete for after all those weeks of raising your lamb or goat. Remember, the competitions start at 10am so you need to be at school and registered (find Roxy and get a badge with a number on it) well before this. Once all the judging has finished we will hold the presentations of trophies and Champion ribbons.

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TRILLIAN TREK

The Trillian Trek (replaced the Variety Club Bash), where teams of people travel in convoy around the country to raise funds whilst also giving away gifts, are calling into Roto-o-Rangi School on Friday morning at 10am. Whilst they are here, they would like to see what happens at an Ag Day and give some gifts out to children who have been randomly selected across the school, with the occasional specific selection being made. They are even going to judge the Most Adorable Pet in the Pet Day competition.

WELCOME TO ROTO!

We welcomed 6 more students to Roto-o-Rangi School on Monday! Mia and Levi have started in Room 1, William and Zack in Room 3, with Paige and Austin joining Room 5. We know you will have an awesome time at the school.



GROUP DAY

Any of the children who compete at our Ag Day are also able to compete at the Cambridge Group Day against all other children in Cambridge. We encourage as many children as possible to compete in Group Day, mainly because of the reward for the many hours they have spent with their animal. This is another chance to show the effort you have put in.

Group Day will be held up at Te Miro School on Thursday 24th October. Good luck to all the children who choose to go on and compete at this bigger event.

ROTO ATHLETICS

The Roto-o-Rangi School Athletics Day is being held at school on Monday 11th November. Families are welcome to join us throughout the day to watch their child compete.

Children compete in their age levels across 5 field events and a couple of track events. The field events are run in the morning and cover shot put, discus (quoit throwing), vortex throw, long jump and high jump. The track events are a couple of sprints. The day concludes with the Cup Races – children aged 8years and older choosing to compete for trophies in a 100m and 400m race.

Children are encouraged to dress up in their House colours and to cheer for other members of their House. A full programme will come home in the next week.

KAPAHAKA

A big thank you to Karamea for the courage to begin leading a kapahaka group at the school. The children will be having their first taste of kapahaka as this newsletter is being printed.

It is great to see another opportunity arising in our school as we develop more experiences for our children to be bi-cultural.

The kapahaka roopu will be learning from 2-3pm every Thursday. If there are people able to support Karamea with kapahaka please let Mr D know.

WRITER'S CORNER - ROOM 3 – YEAR 1 & 2

Thor is going to the vets.

We went to a playground. It was beside the toilet.

In the six week holiday I am going to the beach house to go swimming in the water.

On the school holidays I went to my Auntie's home and me and Toby and my Auntie went to Bondi Beach and I saw Harrison.

BACK FROM CHINA

Welcome back to Venecia, Rheeahn and their grandmother Sue. All three were a way in China for 10 days during the holidays as part of a cultural exchange, very similar to when the Chinese students came to our school. They saw amazing sites, experienced a very different culture first hand and incredibly fundraised the entire cost of the trip. It just goes to show what amazing feats can be achieved when you commit to them.

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KOWHAIWHAI PATTERNS

The decision has been made. Whilst it was a close call, the 3 patterns chosen to adorn the pou at the entrance to the school. The 3 chosen were numbers 1, 2, 5 on the online form sent out last term via email.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

In 3 weeks time the Year 5/6 children will be heading away to Port Waikato for their EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) experience. The Year 4s will then have to take the reins and run the school for the 4 days that the older children are away.

DANCE IN CLASS

This term, as part of The Arts curriculum we do as a school, the children will be learning Dance. Each class will be learning various dances and then we will come together to perform all of our dances on Thursday 5th November. All parents and grandparents, aunties and uncles are encouraged to come and even join in.

Samuel

William

Shamus

Sam

NEWS FROM THE PTA

SCIENCE KITS

The PTA have just purchased some much needed Science equipment for the school. They have managed to get a class set of electric equipment to learn about circuits and making things operate with electricity. This will compliment the Solar Power kits the school will be getting to experiment with sustainable power sources. A very big thank you to Jumble Around in Leamington for their generous donation towards this equipment.

COUNTRY FAIR – 30 NOVEMBER

The one major fundraising event of 2019 is the Country Fair on November 30th and held at the Race Track alongside the Cambridge A & P Show. The PTA have sent out a few request for help to supervise some of the activities on this day but still have numerous slots to fill. This directly impacts on the resources able to be bought by the school in 2020. The playground equipment is in need of an overhaul and this will be a major focus of the PTA funds next year.

There won't be much of an overhaul if we don't have enough people at the Country Fair helping to raise that money so please contact the office, or go onto the Parents Facebook page to fill in the times and activities you are able to assist. In doing this, you will be directly supporting our school and your children.



CHOCOLATE SALES

A much sweeter fundraiser this term as we'll be selling chocolate! From next week we will have Cadbury Christmas Edition chocolate for sale; 100g bars of Cadbury milk chocolate with white chocolate in too. Each bar will be sold for \$3, and full boxes will also be available.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FARM WORK REQUIRED

One of our families here at school has recently had to move from the area due to a new farming job. They would love for their three children to continue to attend Roto-o-Rangi School, so if you are aware of any farm work in the local area (preferably with a house included) please contact Shaun on 027 602 9847.

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