

2019 has been a fabulous year. The roll has grown quickly. We have welcomed many new children who are a wonderful addition to the fabulous Roto-o-Rangi School Community. A great big thank you for all your support over the year, your contributions to the school and most of all, for entrusting us with the education of your most precious tamariki. Have a safe and enjoyable break over Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing nearly all of you again in 2020.

CLASSES FOR 2020

Class lists are coming home today. You will have just the class your child/ren are in for 2020.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2020 with our two new teachers. Caitlin Munford-Stokes is joining us from Cambridge Primary School. Caitlin will be taking the Year 2/3 class in Room 2 (which is getting a much needed spruce up over the holidays). In Room 4 will be Courtney Watson who completed her degree this year. We look forward to their youthful enthusiasm, energy and vitality. We will be saying farewell at an assembly for Miss Owen on Tuesday afternoon at 2pm. Hopefully she will only be leaving us for the year whilst she has her first baby and we will be celebrating her return in 2021. All families are welcome to attend the final afternoon assembly and farewell.

PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY

Next Tuesday, 17th december at 7pm we will hold our annual prizegiving assembly. This is to recognise the achievements that have reached the pinnacle over the year. Each class will have 6 certificates of achievement to give out based on academic ability/progress or effort and enhancing the school culture / values. The night concludes by recognising the outstanding achievement by several Year 6 children over a number of years at the school, then saying farewell. Finally we have a special visitor from way up north to wish us all well over the holidays. Children are to come in cool clothing because it gets very hot throughout the assembly. They are welcome to get dressed up in Christmas attire if they want (and we would like them to.) They don't have to go overboard and get entire outfits – green and red hair ties/ribbons, a santa hat, a red nose, etc. Any of these little things would be great. The assembly starts at 7.00pm so if we could have all children meet outside Room 5 around 6.45pm. Parents, grandparents and visitors are then welcome to make themselves comfortable over at the Roto-o-Rangi Community Hall and we will bring the children across just before 7pm.

LAST DAY

Tuesday 17th December is the last day for children in Years 0-5. As school is still open on the 18th children are able to come on that day if parents are unable to make arrangements for their child.

Wednesday 18th December is the official last day of school. The tradition we have is for just the Year 6 children to return on this day. They help teachers clean up the resource rooms, sort out shared spaces like the MP Room and then have a massive waterfight and swim before heading home at 12pm. Only the Yr 6s and Mr D are in the waterfight.

CAROLS AT THE TOWN HALL

Congratulations to all the children and teachers involved in the carols singing at the Town Hall last Wednesday. The singing was gorgeous and you all looked stunning. It was obvious the effort and practice you and the teachers have been putting in to prepare for this special annual event.



HOMEWORK BOOK COVER DESIGN

Congratulations to Emilia Worthington, whose design for the homework book was chosen for 2020. We look forward to the books' arrival.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

COUNTRY FAIR

Congratulations to the organisers of the Country Fair. It was a team effort between parents who put up their hand and a few members of the PTA. It was an enjoyable day that ran smoothly due to great organisation. Even though we were shorthanded and different stages we were able to manage through hardwork, organisation and volunteering of over-time. It is good to have the wider Cambridge community paying for this fundraiser. Bigger and better in 2020!

The Country Fair raised an approximate total of....

\$4,000

For our school!

STOCKING FILLER CHOC BARS!

Don't forget we still have Cadbury Christmas Edition chocolate for sale at the office! 100g bars of Cadbury milk & white chocolate. Bars are selling for \$3 and would be cool to give out as little gifts!

NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2020!

We are accepting new enrolments for next year. If you have friends with children turning 5 or who may be looking for a change please direct them to our website or offer a guided tour in the holidays!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/12 Year 6 Dinner in Roto-o-Rangi Community Hall
- 17/12 Prizegiving Assembly for 2019 in the Roto Hall Last Day of School Years 0 - 5
- 18/12 Last ½ Day for Year 6 children only

2020

- 3/2 1st day for students
- 6/2 Waitangi Day
- 7/2 Teacher Only Day no students.

With the fall of Waitangi Day on the Thursday in 2020 we will hold a Teacher Only Day on the Friday. Hence, families will have a 4 day long weekend for Waitangi.

We will also be doing the same in the middle of the year. On the Fieldays Friday (12th June), all schools in Cambridge will be holding a massive Teacher Only Day. We will follow this with our own Teacher Only Day on the Monday (15th June), creating another 4 day long weekend for families.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

It's almost the end of the year and we require all school accounts to be paid by Wednesday 18th December. Feel free to set up an automatic payment to clear these bills before the start of the 2020 school year.

SCHOOL STATIONERY FOR 2020

Once we return to school in Term 1 your child will be sent home with a list of the stationery they will need for the year. We will have all the stationery here at school by then and you will only need to purchase what they actually need (e.g. if they have a pencil you won't need to buy a new one). You are welcome to purchase their stationery elsewhere if you would like to, so we will put the lists up on the website during the holidays.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Various programmes run during the holidays, and at the school office we often receive details of these. Please contact Roxy for information on the following programmes; Squiggle, Kelly Sports, Ignite, EDventure.

SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION

Kairangi Cottage is available for short term rent from January for approximately three months. For more information please contact Lynda Curin by email davidandlynda19@gmail.com

Meri Kirihimete Whaanau!