



# Roto Review

We live by  
our motto of  
**AIM HIGH**

Dear parents and caregivers,

## WELCOME

Once again we welcome Miss Owen to Room 4. She has made a fabulous start with the class and is doing a great job in there already. She is already hard at learning and producing some great things.

In the office we now have Roxy Leach. With the sudden decision of Lorraine to take a new position and trying to get the new office manager during the holidays, Roxy needs time to get to grips with the schooling system, MOE requirements, school finance, etc. We ask for understanding if everything doesn't go right just yet. We are reliant on the banks getting their paperwork sorted, NOVOPAY getting it right, the MOE updating the multitude of sections for our office manager, on top of learning a new system which will affect how efficiently the office goes. Roxy has made a great start and will only get better now that other things are falling in place.

**The office hours are shorter** however, so Roxy will be at school from **9.00am til 1.40pm daily**. Mr D will be around the office if anyone needs something prior to Roxy arriving, or after she has left.

Changes to picking up/catching bus arrangements need to be done before 1.30 daily to make sure messages don't get missed. If you have a change of arrangements from 2018 and haven't already notified the office, please make sure we know what your current pick up / drop off arrangements are. Just a quick email will suffice. Feel free to pop in and introduce yourself to Roxy, who's enjoying getting to know your children already!

## MEET the WHĀNAU EVENING

We will be holding a Welcome Back to School evening on Thursday 21st February from 6.00pm. This is the perfect opportunity for new families to the district/ the school/ Cambridge to come and meet other families and the teachers at Roto-o-Rangi School. We would love to have all of our families who have already been in the school for a while now coming along to welcome the new people to Roto. It also provides the chance to meet the new "friends" and their families so those play dates can get organised. So bring the entire whanau along.

The teachers will be there so that you can have an informal chat about how your child is settling in and if there is anything more you need to know about the class.

On the night we have a free sausage sizzle and the pool is available for the children to have a swim. Come along to this relaxing and enjoyable social night to kick off 2019.

## GARDENING

Thanks to Monique Wiles, one of our fabulous teacher aides, and her husband for setting up the garden beds to be really rocking in 2019. Monique has been loads of support from Bunnings of Cambridge for gardening tools for each class, Curin Contracting for the topsoil, Oderings Nursery and the Facebook group Crop Swap who have supplied us with plants and seeds to grow our crops.



## MINIBALL

Miniball kicks off tomorrow night, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February **Roto-o-Rangi V Goodwood Lakers, Court 2, 5pm**  
Miniball fees of \$30 are due shortly so please pay these either by cash to the school office, or direct bank credit stating Miniball and your child's name as the reference.

## HATS

All children must be wearing a hat if they wish to play out on the grounds at school during Term 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a brimmed hat, and it is clearly marked with their name.

## WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

On March 21/22 we will be holding a Whole School Camp. That night we will be basing camp here at school with Year 3-6 in tents and Year 1-2 in the MP Room or classrooms.. So make sure you keep the day and night free. More details will be coming out in a separate newsletter soon.

## TEACHERS' UNION MEETINGS

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March the Primary Teachers' Union will be holding meetings, which every union member is entitled to attend. Our teachers will be attending a meeting. It is up to the BOT if the school is to remain open or not during the afternoon and that decision will be made next week.

It is unfortunate that these negotiations have dragged on since July 2018 but the main issues around giving teachers the time they need and the principals the time needed to lead a school, adequately resourcing children who need extra support in the classroom and addressing workload issues still have not been addressed.

Whilst the Minister of Education supports our claims around these issues, it is the money men in the government who are saying No Deal.

Our hope is that at these meetings there will have been a breakthrough and we will be voting to accept the government's offer, not a call for further industrial action.

## FACEBOOK PAGE & PARENT GROUP

Just a reminder that there are 4 main sources of information sharing from the school – Facebook, Skool Loop App, School website, and newsletter.

We have a closed Facebook page called Roto Parents. This allows us to show photos, events, timetables, upcoming events etc that only the school parents need to know about (i.e. like the Miniball times on a Friday, a photo of something fab happening in Room 3, etc.) Anybody wanting access to this page needs to request access through their facebook page and then we will verify the request is a school parent.

The website has loads of general information about school and has the school online calendar very visible. This calendar is the most accurate calendar in the school because it is so regularly updated and used by staff.

The skool Loop app will also give latest information, has the online calendar and all this is located on your phone.

## BOT NEWS

Welcome to all the families for 2019. We have another great year ahead at the school.

In May, all of NZ will be holding BOT elections, and we are likely to have 2 positions available on the Roto BOT for 2019 and onwards for 3 years.

If anyone wants to know more about what the BOT does and the time commitment needed you can contact the principal or a current Board member (Marcel, Shelley, Graeme or William).

If you know you want to join the Board then please let the BOT know. Soon they will be doing a needs analysis of the skills they would like brought to the BOT and you just might be that exact fit. Whilst the BOT can't select you because it will go to the community to vote for people to join the BOT it can help with planning for after the voting is done in May.

## SETTLING IN REPORT

We have the Settling In report coming home next week. This is just a highlight of how well your child has settled into the routines of their classroom and their focus on their learning so far.

There is a section for parents to feedback to teachers what you goals/aims are for your child/ren during this year too. Please take the time to complete this and discuss with your child/ren what you want to support them in achieving this year as well.

## LIBRARY

Mrs Morris is in charge of the library as well as numerous other roles in the school. She would so appreciate some support in the library. If there is a parent with a few hours free to update the children's names on the system, enter some new books, do a bit of clearseal covering and generally tidy the shelves it would help enormously. After that big job is done, if someone is available for 1 hr a fortnight or so just to keep everything tidied up. Damaged and lost library books are blowing out our library budget, hence we now charge families for any badly 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.

## PUPPET PERFORMANCE

We are fortunate enough to have a visiting puppet show coming to perform at the school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb from 12.30pm. The puppet show tells the story of Te Rereka – a bird. This is a Māori story with ties to rock art found in the South Island.

Following the performance the Year 5/6 students will also do a puppeteering workshop where they will learn some techniques before trying to put on their own performance. Thanks to the Waipa DC for funding the performance. For a minor cost to the school we have added on the workshop for our senior class.



## WRITER'S CORNER.

### Room 5



Grayson,

Lazy, nervous, shy and arty.

Son of Jaime and Josh, brother of Corbin and Tyla.

Lover of trains, video games and drawing.

Who feels happy when I win, spoilt and grateful.

Who needs food, games, family and friends.

Who gives money to Mum, time and "Hello's" to new visitors.

Who fears snakes, heights and talking in public.

Who would like a bigger room, infinite money and a train.

Who lives in Cambridge, New Zealand.

Wintle.

Room 5 have been writing a form of poetry called Bio Poems (Biographic).

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Music House:** 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.

**Worker available** for milkings on Saturday or Sunday afternoons through the school terms and any days in the holidays. *"I am confident and efficient student and I currently work in a herringbone shed milking 430 cows alongside my current manager who does the start up and wash. I would like to earn some money for this year's dance lessons. I have been volunteering at 2 different sheds for the past 6 months to gain experience"*

Phone Claire Grantham 027 9170 402

**Dynamix Dance School:** Enrol now for Jazz (5yrs+), Hip Hop (7yrs+) or Contemporary Dance (9yrs+) Classes held at Cambridge High School. For further info contact Carmel on 0274 054 600 or email [carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz](mailto:carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 20/2    | Settling In reports come home<br>BOT Meeting 6pm in Staffroom |
| 21/2    | Meet the Whānau evening, starting at 6.30pm.                  |
| 28/2    | Teachers' Union meetings                                      |
| 4-5/3   | Life Education Van  |
| 7/3     | Roto swim Sports – St Peters, start 10am                      |
| 15/3    | Rural Schools Triathlon – CHS.                                |
| 19/3    | NZEI Union meetings   |
| 20/3    | BOT Meeting – 6pm   |
| 21-22/3 | Overnight Whole School Camp                                   |
| 25/3    | Rural Schools' Swimming Sports – St Peter's                   |
| ??      | Cambridge Schools' Swim Sports – Town Pools                   |
| 12/4    | Term 1 finishes   |

**With the hot sunny weather we're having, don't forget to send your child with a named drink bottle of water each day to keep them hydrated and focussed for learning!**

### SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR RIPPER OR TACKLE RUGBY NOW

**SIGN UP DATES ALL GRADES**

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26 <sup>TH</sup>	5.30 - 6.30pm
THURSDAY MARCH 14 <sup>TH</sup>	5.30 - 6.30pm
WEDNESDAY MARCH 27 <sup>TH</sup>	5.30 - 6.30pm
<b>WEIGH IN ONLY DATES 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE &amp; UP</b>	
WEDNESDAY MARCH 27 <sup>TH</sup>	5.30 - 6.30pm
WEDNESDAY APRIL 3 <sup>RD</sup>	5.30 - 6.30pm

Ages 3 - 13 years old  
SUBS \$40 (FOR ONE)  
\$70 (FOR TWO)  
\$90 (FOR THREE)  
(includes shorts & socks)

Current Juniors can register online:  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/85544>

Contact Junior Delegate: Sophia Powell 021 215 1875 (text only) [tamaristjunior@gmail.com](mailto:tamaristjunior@gmail.com)

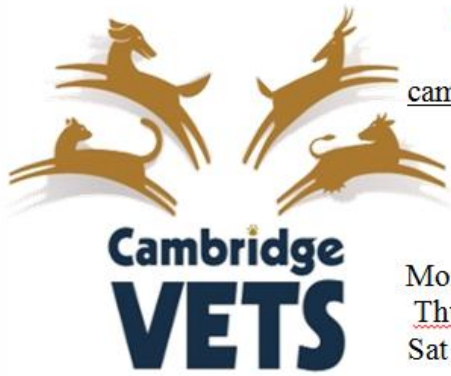
## HYDRATION

**DRINKS**

Over 50% of our body is made up of water, so it is important to stay hydrated.

The best way to do this is to sip water ALL DAY, EVERY DAY.

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We teach Jazz, Hip Hop & Contemporary classes

and we will offer Beginner Tap classes if we have enough interest.

Jazz from 5years, Tap & Hip Hop from 7years & Contemporary from 10years

Please contact Carmel to enrol or for more information.

On either 0274054600 or 8271878 or [carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz](mailto:carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz)



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