



# 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, 27<sup>th</sup> 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 (21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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) where you will also find all the info needed to compete in this format.

## WELCOME TO ROTO!

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

## OFFICE HOURS

Our office manager, Roxy, has had a slight change to her hours which means that she is now working from 9am to 3pm. However, she is in Room 4 just before and after lunch so you may find that there is no one available to answer the phone during this time. Please leave a voicemail message or send an email and Roxy will get back to you once she is back in the office at 1.10pm.

## 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!

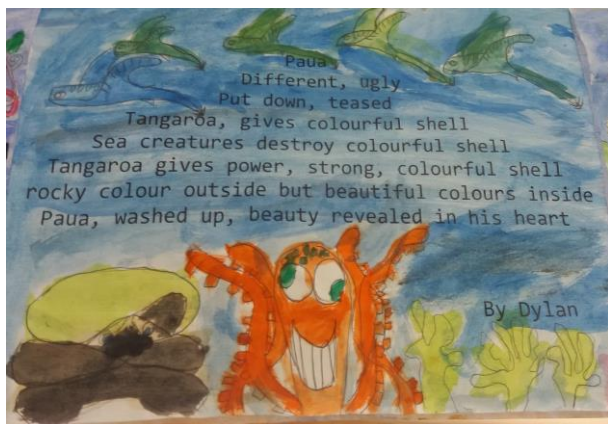
Is there anyone out there who would be willing and able to provide baking to sell at our Ag Day on 18<sup>th</sup> October? Please get in touch with the school office and let Roxy know if you are keen to help.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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
- 21/10 BOT & Mana whenua governance evening
- 22/10 PTA Meeting 7.30pm in staffroom
- 24/10 Group Day
- 28/10 Labour Day – long weekend
- 30/10 BOT Meeting 6pm in staffroom
- 5/11 Guy Fawkes night
- 5-8/11 Year 5/6 camp
- 11/11 Roto Athletics Day
- 15/11 Rural Schools' Athletics Day
- 26/11 PTA meeting
- 30/11 Country Fair @ Cambridge A & P Show 9 – 2pm
- 4/12 BOT Meeting 6pm in staffroom
- 13/12 Year 6 Dinner in Roto-o-Rangi Community Hall
- 16/12 Prizegiving Assembly for 2019 in the Roto Hall

## 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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# Roto-o-Rangi District Newsletter

## Welcome to the Roto-o-Rangi District Newsletter!

For those of you who have moved into the area – welcome - it's great to have you here! This newsletter is produced by Roto-o-Rangi School to give the community an update on things that have been happening. It has been a very busy year with activities inside the school and within the greater Cambridge community. The school is seeing good positive growth and we have welcomed many new students from town and country alike, with our roll increasing from 58 to 93 over the course of the year! We are enjoying getting to know the new families and seeing how they are already contributing to our school's vibrant culture. Read on and keep up with what has been happening down the road at the school...

### Summer Fun, New Friends and Camping

The first term saw us welcome Charlotte Owen as a new teacher to the school. Miss Owen teaches the combined year 3 and 4 class that is Room 4. She settled in quickly, is popular with her students, and has proved a great addition to the school.

In March we went to St. Peters School for our annual school swimming sports event. It was a great day with lots of good competitive fun to be had. We later attended the rural school swimming sports. The students did extremely well at both events and showed great sportsmanship and encouragement as always.

Term 1 saw the return of the annual Rural Schools' Triathlon, which Roto-o-Rangi School organises as a fun sporting event for the 8-11 year old students. In the same vein as the Weetbix TRY-athlon, this event is a great opportunity for students to have a go; developing resilience and perseverance whilst getting lots of fresh air, exercise and catching up with friends from our fellow rural schools.

At the end of March, the whole school again had the opportunity to camp overnight at 'Rahiri Farm', owned by the Garland Family. Tenting with friends and family is always great fun, and we combined it with the traditional seniors' hike up Maungatautari, and the juniors' farm walk and stream study. These activities help to build resilience, self-belief and team work. Our students all demonstrated the school values of respect, resilience, cooperation, caring, enthusiasm, responsibility and cooperation.

There were many tired, happy faces at the end of camp. We feel so fortunate to have the support of the Garland family and such a wonderful natural landscape and protected sanctuary to explore.



### Roto-o-Rangi School Calf Fundraiser

Roto-o-Rangi School would like to ask our farming families or neighbours for the kind donation of a weaned calf. The calf remains on your property until weaned, at which point collection is organised by the school PTA staff. Profits from the sale of the calves will fund new developments and resources at the school to help ensure we provide our students with the best education possible. If you are keen to be involved or have any questions, phone Karamea on 027 7167071. We appreciate your support ☺

## **Musical Talent**

Roto-o-Rangi School has had a long association with **Music House** who offer students the chance to learn musical instruments within school time throughout the year. Recently, the children had the opportunity to show their musical accomplishments to the rest of the school at a lunchtime concert.



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## **Roto-o-Rangi Speech Night**

In August, all students performed a poem (years 1&2) or gave a speech (years 3-6) in front of their class. We are proud of them all, especially those who overcame nerves and stepped out of their comfort zone. The top 3 students from years 1&2, years 3&4 and years 5&6 then went on to present in front of their families and friends in the MP room on the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> August.

We were impressed by the high standard shown.

Eden Early (Rm 5) came 1<sup>st</sup> on the night and goes on to compete on behalf of the school at the Cambridge Schools' Rotary Speech Competition on 19<sup>th</sup> September. There she will go up against students from Cambridge Middle School as well as other year 5 – 8 students from across Cambridge.

We wish her all the best!

## **School Cross Country**

After a rain postponement, the school Cross Country finally took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019. We are so fortunate to be able to run over the Wallis Farm & Quarry across the road from school. The course is approximately 2km long and all of the students ran their hardest to represent their school 'house' colours. Students run in their age group with girls and boys in separate races. The seniors (8yrs plus) may also choose to enter the senior girls or boys annual cup race instead. All students then had the opportunity to take on the challenge of the Combined Rural Schools' Cross Country course, raced at Karapiro Domain on 5<sup>th</sup> September. We are impressed at the effort and tenacity shown by all who ran. Congratulations to all our winners, and to those who won a place in the Rural Schools Team competing in the Cambridge Interschools event on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

## **PTA update**

The PTA is a group of dedicated parents who support the school through donating their time to organise fundraisers and events. Parents who are new to the school are most welcome to join this friendly team.

Fundraising events so far this year have included a Mother's day raffle, a fun school disco at the end of term 2 and two Oxford Pie fundraisers. Additional funds were raised through selling Entertainment Books, lunches at the Rural Schools Triathlon and a sausage sizzle at the Hamilton Car Club rally held in Kairangi. The PTA has sponsored the purchase of new Chromebooks for the school, new Jump Jam media and a weekly hot milo day for the students during the winter term.

Planning is now well underway for the Country Fair which will be the school's major fundraiser for the year.

## Cao Chang Jie School Visit

On the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 we were excited to welcome a group of thirteen students from Cao Chang Jie School, Shijiazhuang, China.

A whakatau was held to welcome the visitors, along with all the new pupils who'd joined our school family since the start of the school year.

Over three days, our school students shared key aspects of New Zealand culture with their new friends and took the opportunity to practice the Mandarin that has been taught in the school. Both sides enjoyed finding out how each other's lives and schooling compared to their own. We all keenly look forward to a longer return visit in 2020 when we will have the chance to host next year's visitors in our homes.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Everybody loves the fun of the fair, and Roto-o-Rangi School PTA Is proud to announce that we will again be bringing the **Roto-o-Rangi School Country Fair** to the community! This year we are taking things up a notch and combining with the annual **Cambridge A&P Show** which takes place on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. Put the date in the diary now and combine the fun of the fair with the chance to check out the many local animals and their owners, competing for A&P show awards.

If you have a couple of hours to spare that day and would also like to help us make it a great success, we are also looking for volunteers to set up and run fair stalls!



### Did You Know?

You can hire the school Multi-Purpose (MP) room for your child's next birthday party, a club meeting or other event. It has a kitchen, toilets adjacent and direct access onto a covered veranda, the school field and playgrounds. It is also possible to add on hireage of an additional classroom and the grounds to use as your local cycling or rowing camp base, car club or motorhome rally. The possible uses are many and varied. The PTA can even help out with catering - they look for any opportunity to fundraise! For more information, contact the school on [office@rotoorangi.school.nz](mailto:office@rotoorangi.school.nz).

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