



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

RURAL SWIMMING SPORTS

We participated in the rural swimming sports last week, and I wish to congratulate all the children who competed on the day. I was especially joyous because of those children who took on challenges and competed in races that really pushed their abilities. They took on the challenge rather than the easier option; giving up the chance to place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd to compete at a higher level. I would like to make special mention of Mason, who was never daunted by the challenge of the races and participated in every event he could. He epitomised the value of Resilience, never letting a challenge hold him back. An attitude that will advance him a long way in life.

The best Rural Schools' swimmers form a Rural Schools' Team to compete at the Town Schools' Swimming Sports on Monday 29th March. Congratulations to Mitchell E and Sophia H who have made the Rural Schools' Team.

Here are a couple of photos from the Rural Schools' Day.



Reminder – Sausage Sizzle tomorrow \$2 each

VISITING ILLUSTRATOR

We have the opportunity for a reknown illustrator to come into School to share with our children. He will be here on Mon 22nd for a 9.00am show.

Bruce Potter is a multi-international award winning illustrator of over 125 books. He is an author, musician, composer and stage performer having performed his one man show to over 300 NZ schools in the past seven years.

Bruce currently writes, illustrates and designs his own books, composes, records and performs his own songs which go with some of his books as CDs. He also illustrates for some of New Zealand's best authors including Joy Cowley, Margaret Mahy, Tessa Duder, Craig Smith and Witi Ihimaera.



WRITER'S CORNER

Some little snippets from our little snappers in Room 1;

Comedy TV makes me happy!

Jholan Kyle

I was playing outside and the wolf was asleep

Maia

The lizard was surprised that everything was pink!

Arielle

Me and my family went to have a picnic

Stella

I saw a cave and it had treasure diamonds

Darcey

The frog went down the slide

Kelly

MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS EVENING

This year the Mothers and Daughters' evening is facilitated by Dr Clare Hamilton. The evening is open to our Year 5 & 6 girls and covers the bodily changes the girls will be going through in the very near future, if they haven't starting doing so already. It is being held on Tuesday 23rd March in the MP Room, starting at 6.00pm. Please RSVP by email to the office.

TE REO TANTALISERS

Objects around the classroom:

Chair – tuuru/tūru Table – teepu/tēpu

Pencil – pene rakau Pen – pene

Ruler – ruuri Rubber – ukui/ūkui

Paper – pepa Scissors – kutikuti

To help with pronunciation remember that the vowels make a slightly different sound than they do in English

a makes an **ar** sound – as in car,

e makes an **air** sound – as in egg,

i makes an **ee** sound – as in ski,

o makes an **or** sound – as in for,

u makes an **oo** sound – as in superman,

macrons or the double vowel makes the vowel sound just last a little longer.

Then to really push your boundaries, add an adjective to the object. In Maaori, as they do in many European countries, the adjective comes after the object:

English – red pen, Europe – pen red, Maaori – pene where.

What are these?

Pene kikorangi

Kutikuti koi

Pepa kowhai

Pene rakau kakariki

Teepu karaka

Tuuru pango

SATURDAY SPORTS

A reminder that the Sports Clubs in Cambridge have taken over the running of Rugby, Netball and Hockey. Any child wanting to play these sports needs to join one of the clubs; Leamington, Hautapu or Tom Voyle. Parents may want to find out what Club other children are going to join if you want friends in the same teams. The clubs still need parent volunteers to coach and manage teams, so if you want your child to play in a team, please consider helping out with this role.

LAUNCHPAD (Bible In Schools)

The next lesson being provided by Launchpad covers the topic of Easter from a Christian perspective. Those children who have chosen to join Launchpad need to go straight to the MP Room as soon as the Lunchtime bell goes at 11.50am each Wednesday.

SCHOOL VISION

Belonging – Turangawaewae

Innovation – Rerekeetanga

Collaboration – Mahi Tahī

As part of our Belonging/Turangawaewae goal we are incorporating more and more House based activities. With Whaanau/Family grouping in a house covering all year levels, we believe this will help all our students find a more tangible way of making friendships, support each other and work together.

One of the activities we are doing is taking responsibility for a garden bed. Planting, growing, harvesting food crops. To help raise money for the equipment and seedlings each house will be running a sausage sizzle on a Friday. This week Takahe House (Red) are doing the organising and cooking; next week will be Kokako House (Blue).

The sausages are gluten free, and we can supply gluten free bread to those children we know are gluten intolerant. We will also have the vegetarian sausages for children we know are vegetarian. Order forms were due back today, but can be returned tomorrow morning – as it is the very first one. If your House is hosting the BBQ then you might want to come in your House colours that day!

Other House based activities we are starting are: sitting in assembly, basic facts maths competition, duties at the end of the day, Tuakana/Teina reading where the older children help the younger children with their reading.

We look forward to all the children forming some tight bonds within their House and that growing to be a tight bond with the school.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

We are holding the Whole School overnight camp on Thur 8th and Fri 9th April (straight after Easter) here at school. Unfortunately it is looking like Maungatautari Marae will not be available so our plan is now to have camp at school. If by some miracle we can go to the marae then we will make this change and let you know.

A detailed newsletter about camp is coming home tomorrow, Friday 19th. Sorry this is such a late sending of the itinerary but we were so hoping to be based at the marae and doing activities there, that we couldn't finalise our earlier.

WELCOME TO ROTO

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed some new entrants to our school. Barrett (not pictured), Stella, Kacey and Kelly have all turned 5 and begun their learning journey with Mrs Goldsman in Room 1. They are settling in well and making new friends already.



UPCOMING EVENTS

22/03	Bruce Potter (Illustrator) visiting
25/03	BOT Meeting
02/04	Good Friday
05/04	Easter Monday
06/04	Easter Tuesday – No School
8-9/04	Whole School Camp
16/04	Last Day of Term 1
03/05	First Day of Term 2

HEALTHY LUNCHES & PLASTIC FREE

How is your child's lunch looking these days? When our children pack their own lunches they don't always choose the healthiest options, as we all know.

A healthy lunch packed with fruit, fibre and protein is important for growth and helps to keep our kids on task and focussed when they are in the classroom. Check out our last newsletter for some great lunchbox ideas. Here at Roto we try to minimise our plastic waste, and ask you to do the same in your child's lunchbox. Reusable containers are much better than lots of plastic wrap!

PTA NEWS

Tickets for the BIG Easter Raffle are coming home on MONDAY. Make sure you are "in to win" or at least sell a huge number of tickets to raise funds for the PTA to help paint the pool.

Prize is: 2 Fieldays tickets, \$40 voucher for Reload Coffee and Easter Chocolate. Prize value over \$100!!



The PTA hotcross bun fundraiser ends **tomorrow!**

Please return all completed order forms to the office in the morning and ensure you have paid for your orders into the PTA account.

The PTA AGM took place earlier this week. All official PTA positions were up for grabs but the group voted to keep the same people in their current roles. Thank you to Karamea (Chair), Theresa (Treasurer) and Marcia (Secretary) for continuing your roles for another year.

SCHOLASTIC 'Lucky' BOOK ORDERS

Lucky book club orders are due back tomorrow please. Forms need to be returned to the office first thing, and online orders completed by the end of the day. By purchasing some of the great books and items from Scholastic you are actually raising money for us to spend on books for our library!

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

We have had several leaflets for holiday programmes in the local area which should have come home with your child recently. If you need to book your child into a holiday programme and haven't seen any info please contact Roxy.



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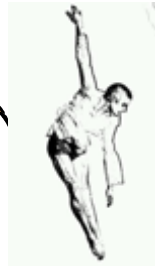
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CLASSES ARE FUN WITH DYNAMIC QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Classes include

- Jazz – from 5 years
- Hip Hop – from 6 years
- Contemporary – from 9 years

Classes held at the Cambridge High School.

Term 1 commences from Monday February 15th

Contact Carmel to enrol or for more information on

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Welcome to Neale and his wife, who recently moved to the Roto-o-Rangi area!

Neale has kindly made a donation to our school and is one of our newsletter sponsors. We're pleased to have you on board, thank you!