



# Roto Review

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

**Kia ora Koutou Katoa,**

## WELCOME BACK

Here we are at Term 2 already. We hope you enjoyed the holidays and were able to spend some time with family and friends, possibly even getting away for a break.

This term promises to be another busy one, with visits lined up from the police, fire service and the creator of Jump Jam, Brett Fairweather, as well as Pink Shirt Day, Student Conferences, Reports and even a Haangi for Matariki! School closures for Queen's Birthday and Teacher Only Days are also thrown into the mix this term, so be sure to keep up to date with what's going on by reading the newsletter, checking Skool Loop and the Facebook page and keeping an eye on the school calendar.

Today we were lucky to receive a visit from the Waikato Police tractor, along with four officers and two patrol cars. Our students had the opportunity to get up close with the vehicles and ask the officers those burning (and sometimes random) questions they've always wanted to know the answers to! Huge thanks to Senior Constable Deb Thurgood for recommending us for this visit and coming along with her colleagues from the rural, community and youth roles.



## WELCOME TO...

Our new students who started with us this week;

New entrant Kaiya begins her school journey under the watchful eye of her big brother who has been here for some time, and in Room 3 we welcome Mila who has just moved into the area. We are sure you will love your new school as much as we do!



## HEARING & VISION CHECKS

The hearing and vision technician was here at school today, checking children who have not previously been seen. If you have any concerns about your child's vision or hearing you can call them to make an appointment on 07 838 3565 or take your child along to see their GP.

## HOT FOOD WEDNESDAYS AND MILO DAYS

It's a bit of a tradition here at Roto to have hot lunches and Milos during the cooler months of Terms 2 and 3. On **Wednesdays** we offer our students the option to bring in a lunch that can be heated up by staff and senior students. Their lunch has to meet the following requirements in order for a hassle-free heatup and distribution, so please note the following;

- Wrapped in heatable wrapping
- Clearly marked with the child's name and room number
- Able to be heated in the oven/pie warmer on a low heat

Examples of this include; pie, sausage roll, toastie, pizza slices. We will start this next Wednesday 12th May. This is purely optional, so if it doesn't work for you and your child/ren please don't feel obliged to do it.

Warm Milo with marshmallows has traditionally been given out at morning tea on a **Friday** by parent volunteers, organised by the PTA. Please let Roxy know if you are keen to give up an hour on the odd Friday here and there, and Roxy will pass your name to the PTA who will create a roster. Once they have the manpower to offer this it will begin.

***Donations of Milo, marshmallows and milk will be gratefully received.***

The kids *love* this treat on a cold winter's day – wait til you see the photos of their smiling faces as they clutch their little mug of happiness!

## MUSIC LESSONS WITH IGNITE ARTS ACADEMY

Ignite Arts Academy have had a wonderful response to their offer of music lessons here at school. The times are yet to be confirmed but at this stage we are hoping they will begin on Thursday 20th May, and run every Thursday morning thereafter. There is still room for a couple of extra students, so if your child is keen to take up a musical instrument or even vocals, then contact Ignite for more information. Fees apply.  
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0508 2446 483 [admin@ignitearts.co.nz](mailto:admin@ignitearts.co.nz)

## BOT VACANCY

We have a vacant position on our BOT. If you would be interested in being considered for the position please contact the principal for any extra information, and the skills you would bring to the BOT.

So what does being a BOT Member mean?

The BOT's job is to see that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and as well as possible in the best interests of its students.

It is also the employer of all staff, including the principal, and sets the overall strategic direction for the school or kura. The principal is the board's 'chief executive' and manages the school or kura in line with the board's direction and policies.

Every board member brings their own unique set of skills and experiences to the board.

As a member of your school's board, you will need to work well in a team and have good communication skills. You may have financial skills and experience in managing people, knowledge and understanding of particular communities within your school, or experience working within your school and wider communities. School boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children. So, your background, whatever that is, could be the very thing this BOT is missing.

## WINTER SPORTS

The Winter Sports season is upon us and the children are now training with their new clubs, with their first games of netball and rugby coming up in the next week or so.

Please let us know about your experiences with the new club system so we can feed it back to the clubs to help them. It has been a big shift in thinking and occurred in a relatively short period of time so the Clubs have done very well so far. Any advice that we could offer to support them in the future will help make it easier for you as parents too.

Keep us up to date on your child's sporting achievements so we can share in celebrating with them and don't forget we have school umbrellas to keep you dry on the sidelines, priced at \$25 (payable to the PTA).

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the members of our rural community who nominated us through the Fuel for Schools sponsorship programme with North Fuels. At the end of Term 1 we were grateful to receive a whole host of sports equipment from the scheme.

## CAMBRIDGE CYCLING FESTIVAL

Well done to the group of children who took part in the Cambridge Cycling Festival races on Anzac Day, particularly wee Rosalie who was lucky enough to win a brand new balance bike (ok, she's not strictly a Roto kid, not yet, but almost). What great spirit and drive you all have!



## WHERE CAN I GET HELP FOR MY WHAANAU?

Most of us will go through tough times in life, be it as children or adults, with our health, our wellbeing, or perhaps our financial situation. If there's one thing COVID has reminded us it's that we need to look out for each other, so we thought it was important to let you know of some of the places you can ask for help if you need it. We'll be covering a different local service in each newsletter.

If in doubt, a good place to start is the Cambridge Community House at 193 Shakespeare Street, Leamington. They offer a huge range of supports and really are a 'wrap around' service, assisting families and individuals with a wide range of difficulties.

Their services, many of which are free or subsidised, include;

- Free Financial Mentoring
- Counselling
- Advocacy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> hand school uniform
- Support with food for your whaanau through Kaivolution
- Mental Health & Addictions Support
- Whaanau Support
- Parenting Support including programmes

We will send out an email with more detailed information, but if you would like to contact them about any of the above services please call them on 07 827 5402.

## PTA NEWS

The Roto PTA welcomes all parents, new and old, to our meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in the school staff room. Come along with your fundraising ideas and opportunities, offers of support, and most of all a willingness to have a laugh!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

10/05	Jump Jam Trip
11-15/05	Firewise visit Years 1-3
11/05	Jump Jam Session
11/05	PTA Meeting 6.30pm
14/05	Assembly 2.10pm
19/05	BOT Meeting 6pm
21/05	Pink Shirt Day
28/05	Assembly 2.10pm
04/06	Teacher Only Day (No school)
07/06	Queen's Birthday (No school)
11/05	Assembly 2.10pm
15/06	PTA Meeting 7pm
18/06	Te Oko Horoi Teachers PLD day (All Cambridge schools are closed)
23/06	BOT Meeting 6pm
25/06	Rural Sch. Winter Sports Day (Snr)
02/07	Matariki Hangi Evening
06/07	Student Conferences
08/07	Student Conferences
09/07	Last Day Term 2 Assembly 2.10pm



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