

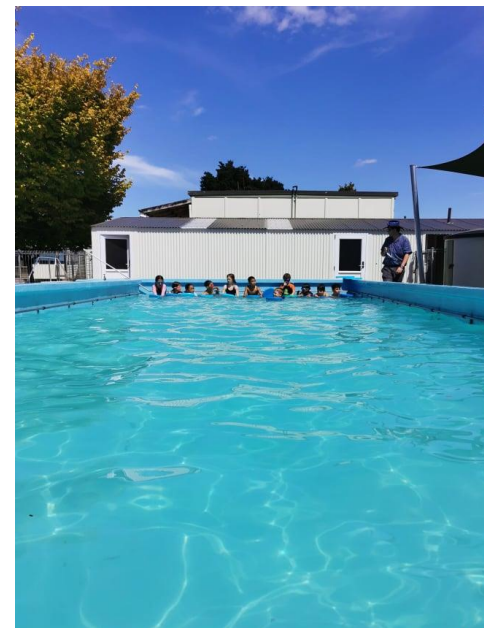


Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Greetings parents,

Swimming Lessons are in full swing and all is going well with the pool. The upgrade to a salt water system is making it much easier to maintain and keep stabilised. This is healthier for the children in the long run too. Less chemicals and chlorine needing to be added has got to be good. Here are some shots of it in action.



ONLINE MEET THE TEACHER

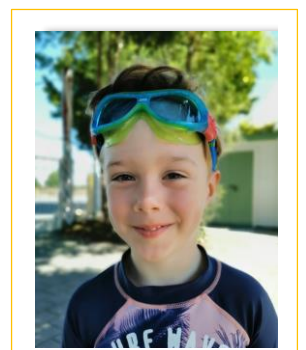
Thank you to the parents who connected online to meet their teacher. The teachers certainly enjoyed catching up with you since we can't do this in the current climate. It was a great chance to get an insight into what you are wanting your children to be learning and doing at school.

It does not have to end there. Parents are always welcome to connect with the classroom teacher at anytime. Currently, the most effective way of organising that would be to email the teacher to set up a Google Meet or a phone call for after school or even before school. We do ask if those meetings could be done between 8.00am and 5.00pm.

WELCOME TO...

Jack, who follows in the footsteps of his Dad and older sister who also attended our kura! It's a funny old time to be starting school but Jack is such a bubbly little character, it's like he's been here for ages.

Ka mau te wehi, Jack!



BOT POLICIES TO REVIEW

Each term there are a number of school policies that need to be reviewed by the BOT. Some of these policies benefit from parent input. If you would like to read and add any changes to the current policies up for review you can do so by:

1. Visit the website
<https://rotoorangi.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (*rotoorangi*) and password (*aimhigh*).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

The current policies are in the areas of Health and Safety plus Emergency and Crisis Management.

PTA NEWS

Exciting news, we have a brand new executive committee for the PTA and hardly had to twist an arm! Before welcoming them we want to say

THANK YOU to Marcia, Theresa and Karamea for all their hard work over the last couple of years. You took on the roles at the most challenging of times but still managed to raise heaps of money and keep a lighthearted approach.

WELCOME TO Jo Kavermann – Chairperson, Cathy Phillips – Secretary, and Harland Sinclair – Treasurer.

The PTA may not be able to do a lot of fundraising in person at the moment but there will be some virtual fundraising soon. Keep an eye on the Facebook page for the chocolicious Easter Raffle, which was a huge success last year.

If you would like to attend a PTA meeting (online at present) or have ideas on fundraising or contributing to raffles please email pta@rotoorangi.school.nz

ABSENTEES

Please remember to let the office know if your child is, or will be, absent from school. You can let us know by email, text, Skool Loop App, or by phoning the office and leaving a message on the absentee line. The office mobile number is **027 277 9351**.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

Over the next few years Roto-o-Rangi School are implementing a behaviour initiative called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L). We will be updating you on what is happening regularly through the newsletter.

BETTER START LITERACY APPROACH

Our 2 Junior teachers are involved in a new literacy approach aimed at Year 1 students. We are using to support our Year 2s as well.

It is a different way to approach the teaching of reading and writing in that first part of their schooling. It incorporates many of the things we currently do, but also does some different things too.

Room 1 and 3 parents keep an eye out for the Parent Meeting we will hold soon to explain the new approach.

BUS SAFETY

Our Country Bus driver, Stan, has asked us to share a couple of reminders for your tamariki who catch either of our buses to and from school. We would be extremely grateful if you could discuss these with your child at home to help us get these important safety messages ingrained in their brains!



1. Mask on before you hop on.
2. Always put your seatbelt on (if your bus has one).
3. **Never** walk in front of the bus! Always walk behind the bus and look both ways to make sure it's clear before you cross.

Also, a note for parents – Did you know that when you drive past a stationary school bus you **must** slow down to no more than 20 km per hour?

BUS CHANGES

If you need to make a change to the way your child is getting home please let us know before 2pm if you can. This allows us time to let your child know, and to add them to the bus list/remove them from the bus list/direct them to after school care. We are unable to take your child's word for it, no matter how responsible they are, so it is important we hear the changes from you directly.

TE REO CORNER

An easy start to the year for us to practice our te reo.

Now that we have said hello, how do we say goodbye?

Haere raa – Goodbye (said to the person who is going)

Hei konaa raa – “ “

E noho raa – Goodbye (to the person who is staying)

Hei koonei raa – “ “

Noho mai raa – “ “

Ka kite ano – See you again

Ka kite apopo – See you tomorrow

Ka kite a Rahina – See you on Monday.

AED AT ROTO-O-RANGI HALL

Due to the kind generosity of neighbouring farmers, Heartsafe Cambridge are going to be installing and AED (defibrillator) at Roto-o-Rangi Hall, across the road from school.

Once again, the local community have come together to support something that benefits others.

...and whilst we're thinking of the hall...

A meeting is being held at the Roto-o-Rangi Hall (opposite the school) on Sunday 6th March at 7pm.

All are welcome to attend. It would be great to have some of our school community there to participate in the meeting; new committee members are needed and potentially new ideas to increase the use of the hall in order to keep it running.

BUSH TO BURBS PROJECT

Predator Free Cambridge will be hosting a webinar to tell you more about the Bush to Burbs project.

The Bush to Burbs project is an environmental initiative involving rural landowners from the northern side of Maungatautari to the outskirts of Leamington, Cambridge. A coordinated approach to predator control will help protect the native birds spilling over from Sanctuary Mountains' predator proof fence.

Find out how you can be involved in this exciting project. Register for the webinar and get a FREE Flipping Timmy possum trap if you live within the project area. Tuesday 15th March at 7pm doesn't suit? The webinar will be recorded so you'll be able to watch it anytime if you are registered. Register here; https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TtuKV7ptQzeT93U8k8mPbA

WRITER'S CORNER

Room 4 (Yr 4/5)



My awesome summer holiday

By Aria

Spish splash crash!!! In the holidays Mum, Zoë and I went to New Plymouth and we went to the beach. Zoë and I made a massive pool! It was so simple. There were even mini sand storms they were cute.

On the way there we played songs on Spotify! Mum even played my fav song! Then we went to Liona Dairy for ice cream. I tasted the oreo in my mouth. It was so amazing. Sadly my sister got the tremendously massive one like the size of a base or tennis ball!!!

The most awesome part of my whole holiday was when Mum, Zoë and I went to the fantastic aquatic centre. There was thousands and thousands of fun equipment I wanted to try out! On the brochure it said: from hydroslides to wave machines there's no better place to be!

As soon as we got there I instantly got splashed! The water was nice and warm, luckily my Mum loves warm water but she hates cold water. There were floating boats and floaties and best of all...

The hydroslide! I think I went down it soooooooooo many times!

I think if someone would have counted me I probably would have done it a million times!!! When I was going down I felt the cold water.

If you'd like to share any news or achievements with us please email the office 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are no major upcoming events as most things cannot be held at the moment but here's what's going on so far;

11/03 Fortnightly Assembly (online)

23/03 BOT Meeting

25/03 Fortnightly Assembly (online)

08/04 Fortnightly Assembly (online)

14/04 Term 1 ends (3pm)

15/04 Good Friday

02/04 Term 2 begins



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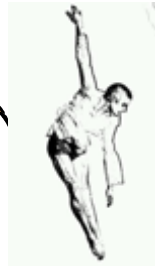
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