




Roto Review

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

MATARIKI CELEBRATION



Ka mau te wehi - AMAZING! A huge  to everyone who participated in the Matariki Breakfast and the haerenga to the sites of local importance to mana whenua.

What a way to stay a frosty but perfectly clear morning. Due to Roxy's skills, we could finally spot the Matariki cluster in the morning sky, and then enjoyed a hearty breakfast supplied and prepared by the PTA. Some homemade fry bread and vegetable soup were the highlights of the beautiful kai - although the bacon, eggs, sausages, hamburger sandwiches, hash browns and cereals weren't too far behind.

The toasted marshmallows over the braziers added a sweet finish to the early morning start.

We were then treated to hearing the stories of local importance to Maaori, which have helped shape Cambridge as it is today. The stories were pretty lengthy and I think the parents certainly got a lot out of what we were told. I am not sure most people understand how privileged we are to have been able to hear these stories. Harry Wilson is highly regarded in many circles, including the Kiingitanga, and for him to take the time to share these with us is amazing in itself. Added to that, we are one of very few schools in the whole country where a local hapu would be prepared to share their stories with the school.

Ngaati Korokii Kahukura have been very generous in their support of our school.

We look forward to another Matariki breakfast in 2023, and hope the skies are as clear as they were this year.

END OF TERM

Term 2 finishes next week and we will be holding a celebratory lunch with the children. The PTA are keen to use up the leftover food from the Matariki breakfast to provide a hot snack on that last day, Friday 8th July. There is not enough for everyone to have a big feed so they will still need something in their lunchbox. Probably enough for a bacon, hashbrown and patty sandwich or a sausage. There won't be orders taken, food will be cooked and dished out to whoever would like some.

WELCOME

This newsletter we welcome Ava and Miles to our kura, although unfortunately they are both away today so we can't share a photo of them. Ava begins her school journey with us, following in big brother Kharva's footsteps. Miles has relocated from Auckland and whilst he will be off to Middle School next year, we know he will enjoy his last 6 months of Primary School here at Roto!



WRITTEN REPORTS

Your child's mid-year written report will be coming home tomorrow. This is to give you an indicator about how they are tracking so far this year and to celebrate the progress they have made.

STUDENT CONFERENCES

Next Tuesday and Thursday we are holding our student/parent/teacher conferences. The students will be sharing their learning and parents will have a chance to discuss with the teacher how things are going. This is a really good chance to work together to support your child's learning so we would like every single family to book a time.

The Skool Loop app has live booking schedules, so if the time is showing in the app, then it is available. If the time is missing, then someone else already has it. If you don't have the app, call Roxy in the office and she will book it for you.

Attending these conferences means a lot to your children, even if they say it doesn't. It also helps the teacher make a connection with home, so that together we can make an even greater difference to your child's learning.

HAERE RA MRS DENNIS

Mrs Dennis has been working in all the classes since the start of the year helping with Literacy, her specialist area of knowledge. Unfortunately, she has gone and found a permanent job (which we couldn't offer her because our school is too small) somewhere else and so she will be leaving us at the end of the term.

We wish Mrs Dennis all the best in her new role and hope to see her at some stage during the rest of the year to check in on the children she has been working with.

CROSS COUNTRY

Next term is Cross Country term. We will hold our own cross country on the Wallis Farm across the road from school and then we will have another event at the Karaapiro Domain, competing with the other Rural Schools. So, now is the best time to be getting out there with your child to do some training. Like the ad says, "It's time to Push Play". But don't just do the boring stuff like running long distances, play non-stop tag, ride the bikes, walk the hills and valleys, go to Jump and bounce on those trampolines for an hour!

PICKING BUS CHILDREN UP FROM SCHOOL

Please remember to let **the office** know if you collect your child/ren from school on a day that they would normally catch the bus home. We will not let the bus leave until we have located any missing children. This makes the bus run late and causes additional work at an already busy time of day. Wednesdays seem to be a particular day that this happens, and Fridays after an assembly.

SPORTS SPOT

Well done to Ryan for being awarded Player of the Day at Monday evening's Miniball match against St Peter's. They were a tough team but you all gave it your best and had lots of fun, and that's what it's all about! Here's Ryan rocking his Roto colours!



Room 5's Chelsie is off to Australia next week to support big Brother and former Roto student, Joel, as he plays for the New Zealand Junior Polocrosse team. We wish Joel the best of luck, and the Watson clan a safe trip.

WRITER'S CORNER

Room 2 have been writing some wonderfully imaginative stories recently! Here's a snippet;

My machine can make anything! My mum wanted a dress. She did not know the dress was magic but when she put the dress on her she was amazed!

By Britney

The octopus hung from a black washing line. There were two octopi, also they were in love. There was a pink and also an orange octopus. The pink octopus went flying to save the orange octopus.

By Sam

And now a bulletin from Travi News:

Last Friday a weird thing happened. Baby spider webs in the sky and they are everywhere. We don't know where they came from and it is a big situation! However, it has now ended.

We don't know when they will come back, ballooning!!

By Travis, Room 5.

CALLING ALL “ARTY” PEOPLE

Can you draw a picture to be painted on a panel? Do you have an idea, but don't feel “arty” enough to paint it, then we can get an “arty” person to make your picture come to life. If you are “arty” would you have the time to help the children paint pictures or designs or add your flair to other people's ideas? Then next term we are starting the “This is us” decorating for the front of the school. Wooden panels attached to the fence will be painted in designs that represent who we are and this beautiful country we live in.

Here is a Google folder where you can drop in ideas, plans, designs, suggestions of your own or to see other people's ideas and generate your own design.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15rUQ6IXUDJlhy1yDT710H00rEaDoo0LI?usp=sharing>

There is a plan for the panels in the folder to help you. We would like to see everyone's home country represented too, so expect to see a kangaroo, koala, emu and wattle tree panel in there.

AG DAY LAMBS

If you would like a lamb to rear for Ag Day during the first week of Term 4 (you will need to begin to rear it during Term 3) please get in touch with Roxy by phone or email. We have a contact who will provide us with free lambs which will be handed back afterwards and sold off as a fundraiser for our school - so this is a great opportunity for both families and the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

01/07	Student Reports go home
05/07	Student/Parent Conferences
07/07	Student/Parent Conferences
08/07	Last Day of Term 2 Assembly 2.10pm
25/07	Start of Term 3
01/08	Ignite Arts Academy music performance
10/08	BOT Meeting 6pm
26/08	School Photo Day
19/09	Ag Day Entries to be in
21/09	Taki Rua Productions performance
29/09	Elgregoe Magician
30/09	Term 3 Ends

TE REO TANTALIZERS

Tikanga means the protocols that are followed at a place.

Cambridge is a part of the Tainui iwi area and was central to the beginning of the Kiingitanga. But what do we know about the Kiingitanga?

The Maaori King movement – or Kiingitanga as it is now universally known – came about through a Maaori response to the relentless drive and expansion of colonialism out of Great Britain, particularly under its monarch, Queen Victoria.

Many Maaori had visited London and were awed by the power, authority, majesty, organisation and wealth clearly demonstrated during the Victorian era. Many determined the only way Maaori could respond to the relentless appetite of a colonial power of this size and magnificence was to form a Maaori counter response.

Between the years of 1853 to 1858, several hui were held up and down the country as Maaori attempted to find a leader who could bring unity to Maaori, and thereby add a counterweight to the mighty reach of the British Empire. Many chiefs declined to take on this mantle. Ultimately in 1858, Pōtatau Te Wherowhero was crowned king, with the support of several Maaori leaders.

Source: Te Whaanau o Waipereira

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PARENTING COURSE

Raleigh Street Christian Centre will be hosting a Toolbox Parenting Course from **1st August – 5th September**. This 6 week course will be for families with children in the **Baby and Toddler years** (0-4yrs). It runs from 7pm – 9pm on a Monday evening. Please contact Leonie at Raleigh Street Christian Centre to book in 021774149 lpothan@gmail.com

ART CLASSES

Art workshops for children aged 5-14 beginning in August - see flyer on back page of newsletter.

GARDENING SESSIONS

With the price of food rising, and issues with logistics Roto parent Nina Parker has put together an 8 week gardening course on bio-intensive gardening. Nina will start a new round of the course next term. 1 class per week (for 8 weeks), for \$20 per class. Please contact Roxy for more info, although a separate notice will go home soon.

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STUDIO ARTLY

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