



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Teena koutou ngaa Maatua,

AG DAY TOMORROW

It is school as usual (sort of) for 70 students tomorrow. Meanwhile, 22 students will be bringing their animals along to participate in our annual Ag Day and Pet Day.

Competition starts at 10.00am, collect your registration badge at the MP Room from 9.00am. Families are welcome to drive into the fields to drop their animals off. Calf rearers can park down near the back fence, whilst lamb and goat rearers can park around Room 3, the front trees and along the orchard.

Anyone who brings a pet MUST ensure their pet goes home at lunchtime. We don't want pets caged all day. Baking and Garden in a Gumboot entries need to be taken to the Library before school so that Mrs Morris and some parents can register your entries, so make sure you speak to one of the organisers when you take in your entry. Remember to follow the requirements to the letter - if you don't, disqualification is on the cards. The PTA have organised food for sale (sausage sizzle, baking and refreshments) so bring along some cash and buy lunch tomorrow. There will be a raffle, however the draw will be done after Group Day, where they will continue to sell tickets, and we will have Cow Pat Bingo.

Good luck to all the children who are competing in some way tomorrow. Animal rearing takes many hours of work after school if you are going to win ribbons. The gardeners will have spent plenty of time making sure your plants are growing properly and documenting what you did. Whilst the bakers will have done plenty of practising before making your final dishes.

GROUP DAY

All children who compete with their animals at our Ag Day are invited to compete at Group Day. It is only 5 days later and as the host school, it would be awesome to have lots of Roto animals in the competition.

After all the work the children have put in, what a great opportunity to compete on the big stage.

Group Day is being held at the Hautapu Rugby Grounds on Wednesday 26th November. Please register your child and their animal with Roxy by Tuesday morning.

If there is anyone who hasn't already let us know that they can help with Group Day, please let Roxy know.

Welcome to our new, and old, students...

On Monday we welcomed three new students, and two familiar faces, to our kura!

Zoey joined us for the last few days of Term 3 as a new entrant, following in the footsteps of her two older sisters who are still here at Roto. Frank and Stevie turned 5 and began their school journey, and we welcome both of their families to our school community. We also give a welcome back to sisters, Beverly and Bonnie - it's great to have you both here at Roto again!



PTA WORKING BEE

A huge THANK YOU to the small band of parents who were able to attend the working bee. Whilst we didn't get everything finished, it is well underway and has made such a difference to the look of the place.

We will plug away at the few painting jobs left over the rest of the term, at least the white primer is done. Then we can attack the other jobs at the start of the Christmas holidays.



TOTARA TREE FELLED

The totara tree at the entrance to school is gone, but not forgotten. Originally planted by the Griggs children, Lois and Des, who attended Roto school some 80-90 years ago. The tree stump remains in place and has been carved into a seat. The occupant/s can sit and enjoy the beautiful surrounds of the Roto-o-Rangi District. Meanwhile we are growing seedlings from the original tree to plant them down the back of the school, away from water pipes to continue the life cycle of the totara for another 90+ years we hope.

Here are the children enjoying their wait for parents after school. A new generation able to enjoy the totara.



HATS HATS HATS

Term 4 is skin cancer term, so to prevent the children getting it, we return to hat wearing to play in the playground. Wide brimmed hats like bucket hats or cricket hats are required, caps are not acceptable. We have school bucket hats for sale at \$15.

Children without their hat are required to play in designated, shaded areas - archgola, sandpit, trees by staffroom and senior playground, so they still get to have their play.

GUMBOOT FRIDAY

Raising money to provide free and timely counselling for any young Kiwi kids in need

We will be celebrating Gumboot Friday on 4th November 2022 as part of the national fundraising and awareness event. For any person who has experienced depression, it can feel as though you are trudging through mud in gumboots every single day. Hence the trusty old gumboot being at the centre of this worthwhile cause. On Friday 4th we ask everyone to **come to school wearing their gumboots and bring a donation**, if they can, which will go directly to the Gumboot Friday organisation. If anyone has ideas on how else we can raise funds for this cause, please get in touch. www.gumbootfriday.org.nz

BOOK WEEK

Thank you so much to all the parent helpers, staff and students who made Book Week so successful! We had a wonderful week, which included a visit from local author and illustrator Adele Gaddes. Hundreds of dollars worth of books were purchased through our PaperPlus and Scholastic book sales, including many that were donated to the school library. We were also able to 'earn' books for the library from Scholastic. Thank you to each and every one of you who bought a book and enjoyed the week. We shared photos and videos on our facebook page, so we hope you enjoyed those!

You can still purchase Adele's books via her website adelegaddes.com



GRANDPARENTS DAY

What an awesome end to the term. Incredibly hectic for the teachers, but such an amazing way to finish the term. Dressing up, good food, books and great company. What is better than that?

Again we had a wonderful turnout of grandparents, parents, siblings, aunties, uncles, cousins, friends and special people to be a part of the afternoon. The children were so excited to share their lunchtime with friends and whaanau, some of which had travelled hours in order to be here. They got to take them to their classroom, share the learning they are doing or just read a good book. After a quick assembly where we acknowledged two students who have made amazing progress with their literacy this year and listened to our speech winners again. Then the afternoon was completed with a beautiful afternoon tea, some of which was made by the senior students.



CALLING ALL YEAR 5 FAMILIES!

Our Year 6 Leavers Dinner is traditionally organised by Year 5 families, who will plan, set up, serve and pack down the event. Please get in touch with either Mrs Morris or Roxy to let them know you can help with this. From there, a committee will be formed and it will be handed over to you to organise this very special and memorable event. There is plenty of information here on what has been done for previous years.

PTA NEWS

The Milo cups have been packed away, and the pie warmer switched off. When the cold months return in 2023, so will Milo Mondays and Hot Food Wednesdays.

The PTA are always keen to hear from new people wanting to come along to meetings or help out where they can. Please get in touch if this is something that you'd like to do. pta@rotoorangi.school.nz

TERM 4 SPORTS

JUNIOR CRICKET TERM 4

Cambridge Junior Cricket is now taking registrations for Term 4 Cricket. Link to register -

<https://www.playhq.com/.../cambridge.../54956aa6/register>

JUNIOR TOUCH TERM 4

Hautapu Sports Club is running a Junior Touch module in term 4. Games will be played on Friday afternoons at Memorial Park, Taylor St, Cambridge. There are three grades, year 3 & 4, year 5 & 6 and year 7 & 8. Players can register for Hautapu Sports Club or Leamington Rugby and Sports Club. Both clubs are offering teams in all grades. We emailed all parents last term with the links to register.

Any questions please email the Module Administrator, Marie Dale on hautaputouch@gmail.com

ATHLETICS CLUB

Want to learn how to run, jump or throw? The skills you learn in athletics are the perfect foundation for almost any sport. Every student can give athletics a go. Our local athletics club, Cambridge Athletics, is welcoming new members now and it's a great opportunity for students to get involved and get active. Find out more here

<https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeJuniorAthletics/>

SKOOL LOOP APP

From next year we are planning to use Skool Loop more than Facebook as a form of directly communicating with our Roto Whaanau. If you don't have Skool Loop then now is a good time to download or update it. We will still use Facebook to share achievements and fun things with our community.

Our school uses The Skool Loop App to communicate and send important information. Please check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version and receiving all school news.

The app undergoes regular maintenance and updates throughout the year. Check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version!

Available on the App Store

Skool Loop UPDATE

GET IT ON Google play

ELGREGOE

Elgregoe returned for a flying visit to schools they liked whilst on their way somewhere else. Roto was one of their chosen schools.

Elgregoe's magic was as fascinating as always and had the tamariki and kaiako mesmerised throughout the performance. But he still delivered his anti-bullying message and that WE ALL have the power to prevent bullies from making our life tough.



NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

We're on the lookout for new sponsorship for next year's newsletters! This helps us out with the cost of sending home a printed copy to each of our families, which we feel is still a nice thing to do every fortnight when so much of our communication these days is online. If you, or someone you know, would like to advertise their business in return for a reasonable sponsorship fee, please get in touch.

ACCOUNTS

Invoices for Senior Camp have been sent out and need to be paid before your year 5 or 6 child heads away on the 8th November.

For everyone else, please clear the balance of your school account before we finish up in December. Feel free to contact Roxy to work out a payment plan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 21/10 Ag Day
- 24/10 Labour Day - long weekend
- 25/10 PTA Meeting - 7pm @ school staffroom
- 26/10 Group (Ag) Day - we are running this event
- 27/10 NZ Shakeout - national earthquake practice day
- 28/10 World Teachers' Day
- 02/11 BOT Meeting - 6pm @ school staffroom
- 04/11 Gumboot Friday
Final PB4L workshop
- 05/11 Guy Fawkes day
- 08-11/11 Yr 5/6 Camp @ Waihi Beach
- 15/11 Roto Athletics Day
- 17/11 ERO visit 2
- 18/11 Rural Schools' Athletics Day @ Vogel St.
- 29/11 PTA Meeting - 7pm @ school staffroom
- 30/11 St John's Ambulance - student safety day
- 06/12 Christmas Carols @ Town Hall
- 07/12 BOT Meeting - 6pm @ school Staffroom
- 09/12 Year 6 Dinner
- 12/12 End of Year reports go home
- 13/12 Prizegiving Assembly.

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2023!

We are accepting enrolments, both in and out of zone, for next year!

Please spread the word!

