



# Roto Review

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

To all our parents and caregivers, Hallā.



We are fast approaching the end of the year and there is a lot to pack in.

Our end of year prizegiving assembly will be held in the Roto-o-Rangi Hall across the road in the evening; beginning with our final farewell to Mrs Pam Furze. This will allow for any guests attending the farewell to then leave before our school prizegiving assembly. This is our final chance to gather as a school, celebrate the achievements and efforts of the children throughout the year and to have a sing-a-long. We might even have a special visit from a big man in red...

But before that we still have the Christmas Parade and the Year 6 Leavers Dinner.

Roxy and Jen are hard at work organising the Commonwealth theme for our float, in keeping with the overall theme of the parade. If you are still hoping to be a part of the float, then you will need to dress up to represent a Commonwealth country (that is not NZ) and if you can, take along some props to represent a Commonwealth Games sport or event. We have enough adults to walk alongside the float, and they are welcome to dress up too, as it will make us stand out!

At the Year 6 dinner on Friday 9th, we celebrate our amazing school leaders and all the things they have done to help out in our kura. Next year they will be at CMS, in different classes making new friends and enjoying the exciting opportunities Middle School can offer. Staff, BOT and Year 6 Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend.

On Tuesday 13th Dec. at 2.30pm we will hold our farewell assembly for the teachers who will be leaving us. Mrs Dafel, who did literacy work with our children in the second half of the year, and Mr Appleford who is heading to the big smoke (Hamilton) in 2023. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly, but we will get another chance at the Prizegiving assembly to say farewell.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS @ the TOWN HALL

Next Tuesday 6th December the Year 4-6 children are going to the Town Hall to do some carol singing. Our payback to Cambridge for being such a great little town. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to our little angels. We will transport the children by bus, but may need some parent help with transport.

**Singing time is 11am** til around 11.20/11.30.

All children will be in their school shirt, black shorts/pants/ leggings/ skirts. A bit of Christmas decoration like brooches, hats, earrings, necklaces and bracelets always adds a bit of cheer to the choir.



## PTA NEWS

### CHRISTMAS DISCO CANCELLED

The PTA made the difficult decision to cancel the disco which was due to take place tomorrow evening.

To make up for this there will be an **outdoor party with music and free pizza next Friday lunchtime!**

There's no need to complete any permission forms or send any money in; so just send your tamariki to school as normal!

## INTERSCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Well done to Sophia, Zoe, Kharva, Sawyer, Archie, Henry, Cartel and Mila, who competed at the Interschools Athletics on Monday.



You had some amazingly tough competition but you tried your best and were a credit to our school and the Rural Schools Team.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

There's not much time left to make your donations of *new* toys or gifts to the Cambridge Christmas Cheer initiative, so get in quick! They can be dropped off into the big marked bin in reception and will be gifted to families in Cambridge who need their Christmas brightened up a bit!



## LAST DAY OF THE YEAR

School will finish on **Tuesday 13th Dec for children in Year 0-5**. When we meet at the Prizegiving Assembly in the evening, that will be it for them.

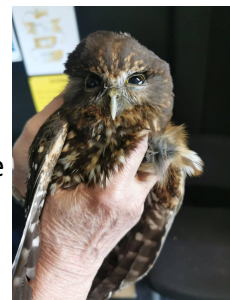
A tradition we have at Roto is for just the Year 6 children to return for the official last day of the year - Wednesday 14th Dec. They get a chance to say goodbye to the place some have spent all their schooling life at (and even prior to that, as they came to school before they were 5 for events their older brothers and sisters were at). They help make room changes for teachers leaving, teachers shifting classrooms and sorting places that have accumulated junk. But most importantly for Mr D. they have a huge waterfight and a swim before heading home for lunch at 12.30pm. BYO water cannons. No bunch-o-balloons because of all the rubbish that gets left behind.

## EXTRA HELP NEEDED NEXT WEEK

We are a couple of helpers short for getting the hall ready next Friday, 9th December, for the Year 6 Leavers Dinner. We are also pretty desperate for help on the night! If you can spare any time please get in touch with Roxy asap. The evening will be from 5/5.30, as the dinner begins at 6pm.

## LITTLE FRIEND

On Monday we arrived at school to find a little friend on the playground who should really have been asleep! We were unsure as to why this young Morepork was out during the day but thankfully we were able to get them some help. Judy's Bird Nursery & Rescue came out to school from Ohaupoo to collect the wee one and take them off to find out what was wrong.



Judy provides care for Native Birds, which you need a special DOC licence to do. She doesn't receive funding though, so if you'd like to make a donation you can pop it into her account 06-0441-0082857-00. If you ever need Judy's help, her number is 07 823 6942.

## ACCOUNTS

Please clear the balance of your school account before we finish up for the year, especially for those who are not returning in 2023.

## BOOKS NEED TO BE RETURNED

Please return ALL library books and any reading books that your child has at home **by next Friday, 9th December**.

## LOST PROPERTY

With events coming up and prospective parents coming to visit ahead of next year, we have decided to take **ALL** lost property away today. It will be washed and dropped off at Jumble Around Opshop.

## 2023 STAFFING AND CLASSES

Classlists for 2023 will be coming out next week.

Unfortunately, the MOE has predicted our roll to be just under the threshold to have 5 teachers, hence next year we will only have 4 classes. The luxury of very small classes this year won't be had next year, but they aren't too big.

The Year 6 children were very excited to meet their CMS teachers last night and have a look at their new classrooms, and school. We will do something similar whereby the children will go into their 2023 class for a block at the end of next week, then they know who they will be with.

We do have to appoint a new Deputy Principal yet and that won't happen until after school has finished so we won't get to meet them until the new year.

We will start the new school year with a mihi whakatau to welcome all the new families to the school. If you have not been formally welcomed to either your classroom or the school please join us at the mihi whakatau, a heartfelt welcome to the whaanau of Roto-o-Rangi.

All new families gather at the front gate whilst the rest of us will organise ourselves outside Room 1.

## LOCAL PRODUCE AVAILABLE

Local market gardeners Nina & Hayden at The Micro Farm have offered to partner with Roto-o-Rangi school to support getting their excess local produce to families for discounted prices and support the school in the process. Produce grown on the farm is grown as they did in the old days without chemicals or tractors, and attention is paid to soil biology that they are sure you will taste! For items purchased, the school will directly receive funds to support their programs. If successful there is a possibility to create an ongoing relationship for produce supply

Items this week available:

- **Lettuce (head) \$4**
- **Coriander \$3 bunch**
- **Peashoots** (*microgreens that taste like peas, which have Roxy's approval!*)



You are able to purchase produce directly at Roto-o-Rangi school or from The Micro Farm (1/201 Settlement Road, Cambridge). Call Nina on 027 5421 530 if you would like details. Please pay cash in both instances.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 Years 0 - 5 finish school 3pm  
Prizegiving Assembly & Mrs Furze Farewell
- 14/12 Last day of the school year; Year 6 finish at lunchtime

**First day back in 2023 is Tuesday 31st January**

## Te REO TANATALISERS

- Meri Kirihimete - Merry Christmas
- Whetuu (fet-oo) - star
- Whakanui (fa-ka-noo-ee) - celebrate
- Koha (kor-ha) - present
- Ngaa koha (ngar kor-ha) - presents
- Hana Kookoo (ha-na kor-kor) - Santa Claus
- Renetia (ren-e-tea-u) - reindeer
- Whero (fe-ror) - red
- Ihu (ee-who) - nose
- Ihu Karaiti (Ee-who kar-rye-tee) - Jesus Christ



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Roto parent is looking for a rental property closer to our school, or at least in the Cambridge/Te Awamutu area. It will preferably have two bedrooms. If you know of one please get in touch with Roxy who will contact the parent.

## 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 on your phone. We will still use Facebook to share achievements and fun things with our community.

## FREE ECOBULBS

Each household from our kura is able to take home 5 energy saving light bulbs, free of charge, and courtesy of Waipa Networks. Please collect from the office.



HICKS MECHANICAL SERVICES

**Your local mobile mechanic**

**Competitive rates**

Servicing, general maintenance and welding on all farm equipment:

- Tractors
- Feed out wagons
- Diggers
- Trucks
- Any other farm machinery

For more information or to book in please contact Hayden

Phone: 0274237371

Email: Hicksmechanicalservices@gmail.com

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/HicksMechanicalServices](http://www.facebook.com/HicksMechanicalServices)

**Dynamix Dance School**

NZAMD Registered

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.

Contact Carmel to enrol or for more

information on 027 405 4600 or

[carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz](mailto:carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz)

**0800 TALK TEETH**  
0800 825 583  
**It's free and it's all good**

**Cambridge Christmas Festival**  
**Create & Inspire**  
**Cambridge Town Hall**  
**Saturday 3 - Sunday 18 December**  
3rd -10th Dec 10.00am - 8.30 pm | 11th Dec - 18th Dec 10.00 am 5.30pm

Gift Shop | Christmas craft | Tea shop | Local Choirs | Santa midday on weekends

**PGG Wrightson Real Estate**  
*Thinking of Selling or Buying?*  
*Contact me for a confidential chat.*  
**Neale Grubb**  
Lifestyle/Rural Sales Consultant  
M 021 939 548 | E [ngrubb@pggwrightson.co.nz](mailto:ngrubb@pggwrightson.co.nz) | 87 Duke St, Cambridge  
f Neale Grubb - PGG Wrightson Real Estate Lifestyle/Rural Real Estate Consultant

**DBS ELECTRICAL LTD**  
*Professional. Reliable. Honest*  
G+ f **Ph. 027 3437 983**  
**daniel@dbselectrical.co.nz**