

# Roto Review

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

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back from camp to the Room 5 children and Mrs Morris. What an excellent group of children to take away and look after, 24hrs a day for 4 days. The school values were in constant use which made it a pleasure to take you.

The children enjoyed lots of experiences: - we went on a train, a ferry, a tram, as well as a lot of walking and car rides; More curriculum based learning was enjoyed as we visited topics like space at the Spacedome, how a production line and system works in the Tip Top factory, created Map Art at the Auckland Art Gallery, discovered elements involved in electricity and conduction whilst we were at MOTAT. Then of course there are the social skills we learned - preparing food for 30 people and cleaning up afterwards, sharing rooms with 5 people who all have different sleeping habits, getting to the right places on time, dealing with issues when you're really tired, supporting each other as we face challenges such as climbing to the top of Rangitoto and One Tree Hill.

All in all it was a very active, full-on learning experience. The children (and teachers) were exhausted by the time we returned on Friday.

Thanks to all the parents who accompanied us. You made the camp easy through your hard work and fun attitude with the children.

Here is a selection of photos taken. More photos available on the school website



## ROTO ATHLETICS

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

**9.30 am = Field Events Rotation**

5 x 25 minute slots of rotation activities

Station 1 ~ Shot Put/Bean bag start with the 10/11 yr.

Station 2 ~ High Jump starting with the 8 yr. olds

Station 3 ~ Long Jump starting with the 6/7 yr. olds

Station 4 ~ Discus/Frisbee starting with the 5 yr. olds

Station 5 ~ Vortex Throw with the 9 yr. olds

**12:00 STOP FOR LUNCH.** (could be later)

**12.30 p.m. = Track Events Rotation**

Running Races in Age Groups.

Roto Athletics Cup Races.

## WORKING BEE

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am we would love to see as many people as possible at school to do some jobs to tidy up the school and freshen up parts. It should all be done in 3-4 hrs so if you could help out even for an hour or two it would be appreciated.

Jobs to be done:

- Repaint the wooden train in the playground
- Repaint the hopscotch, number line and caterpillar.
- Wash down the walls of the school
- Waterblast the shadecloth and around the pool and some of the playground.
- Shelf building in the PE shed.

All topped off with a sausage sizzle at the end.

## SEATBELTS and SAFETY

A number of concerned parents have informed me about a major concern. They have seen children picked up from school in the afternoon and when the car has driven off the children are not in any form of restraint – no seatbelt, no car seat.

Regardless of how far from home we are, there is always the chance of an accident (not everyone on the road drives as safely as we do) so please make sure your children are all appropriately restrained before driving off.

We also have a number of parents encouraging their children to jump the fence, cross the road or come to their car through the carpark unsupervised. This is the busiest and most potentially dangerous part of the day and we need parents to be taking the lead in keeping their own children safe. It is not that big an ask for parents to come into the school grounds and escort their children safely to and from their vehicle. Help us keep your children safe.

## MINIBALL

**This week's draw** Friday 16th November

Roto Dynamos v Goodwood Warriors, Court 1, 5.40 pm

Roto Rockets v Camb Primary Celtics, Court 2, 6.20 pm

**Results from last week**

Roto Dynamos won against Leamington Bulls 19-9

Roto Rockets did not play

## SWIMMING POOL OPENING

The pool is planned to be available on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Families may begin renting keys for the pool from this date. Swimming lessons will begin at school during this time depending on weather conditions.

When renting a key please do remember that there are rules and requirements about the use of the pool and the area. This is not a locally owned pool, it is a government facility on government grounds and so there are legal requirements therein. We all have to ensure we and others are abiding by these requirements, otherwise issues will arise that will have to be dealt with.

Due to rising costs of chemicals, and the cost of paying Rod to look after the pool, the cost for the pool keys has had to rise. **School families will be charged \$45 for the 20 weeks they can use the pool. Other local families will pay \$50.**

## CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS

Nearly all the schools in Cambridge are part of a government initiative called Communities of Learning. The aim is to provide a more cohesive transition from Early childhood to Primary to Intermediate to High School for the children of Cambridge. All the schools in the COL (called Te Puna o Kemureti) are currently working on 3 key foci – Learner Agency, Culturally Responsive practice and Teaching as Inquiry. As you will be aware our main focus has been on Learner Agency. The COL is led by 1 principal and I wish to acknowledge the work of the Leamington principal who has established the COL and has recently stepped down from the role. We wish the new lead principal, from Goodwood, all the best with this huge task.

## BUS CHANGES

Once again we have had a few children telling us that their bus arrangement has changed, but the parents have not contacted school to let us know. We CANNOT make this change without notification from the parents first. It could put your child in danger, if they have made a mistake (and regularly we have children misunderstand parents thinking and try to change their bus arrangement when they shouldn't) and end up at the bus stop alone.

Also, if there is a particular pattern to your bus arrangement (i.e. they get picked up every Thursday because they are staying at school for Netball) could you please notify Lorraine when that arrangement changes. Thanks.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

We will be entering the Cambridge Christmas Parade again this year, but we need people to volunteer to help with decorating the float.

Golden Stars is the proposed theme for the year, so any gold items, especially gold stars, that can be used on the float would be marvellous.

We will decorate the float on the morning of Sunday 2nd December. Children are welcome to be on the float and we will be asking for children to join the float at a later date.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Just a little reminder that BSC and ASC operate from **7.30am – 8.30am** and then from **3.15pm – 5.30pm**.

Children who are at school prior to 8.30am, or after 3.15pm will be required to go to BSC or ASC and consequent costs applied. (The only exception to this is the children who arrive at school by bus before 8.30am – they will be supervised by staff in classrooms until 8.30am) Parents do not need to have set days or times their child might attend ASC or BSC, just a call to let us know and making sure you have completed an enrolment form with all the contact and medical details. The supervisors need all the information on the form in case of an emergency.

## WHANAU MEETING

We are proposing to hold a Whanau meeting at school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. A pizza tea will be provided for those attending (tamariki included) so you can bring the whanau and not have to cook for 1 night. A staff member will be here to supervise the tamariki whilst the adults are in the hui.

The plan for part of the meeting is student achievement in 2018 and what whanau would like to see included in the school charter goals for 2019 and vision of the school.

If there is anything else to add to the agenda we can do so on the night.

The children in Room 4 are keen to show the bi-cultural nature of our school through painting some kowhaiwhai patterns on pou around the school. Anyone who could help with this or have any suggestions can also discuss this on the night.

## WRITER'S CORNER

### ROOM 5

Brown, broken, biscuit crumbled shoe  
I'm foolish and scared in here  
Playing Hide-n-Seek in an eating closet

I have splats of brown mud like melted chocolate,  
Dusty sand mixed together  
Looks like a milkshake with sprinkles  
Just like a rusty, old, useless car  
But I'm the car turned into a shoe  
I wasn't teased  
Only now I am

Living in the dark  
I'm blind so I just stay  
I lost my special friend lace  
By a cat named Thomas  
All I can say is I'm a forgotten shoe  
In a lonely haunted closet  
With my dirty twin.  
By Georgia



### RURAL SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS DAY

On Friday 23rd November the Rural Schools' Athletics Day is being held. There is a change to the programme this year, with only 8 year olds and up attending the day. Children may be dropped off at the Athletics grounds on the corner of Vogel St. and Hamilton Rd. But please ensure a staff member is there and you take them to the teacher. Children may be picked up at the end of the day, but again, please ensure a teacher is told that they are going home.

### READING AT HOME

On the 27th November at 5.00pm we will have an afternoon demonstration of how parents can support their children with reading at home. It is not about teaching your child to read, rather similar techniques to what the teachers use in class. By reinforcing the same techniques at home and school, we should get even better readers coming out of Roto-o-Rangi School.

We will use a couple of children to demonstrate the type of techniques which help children develop good reading strategies. These are not complicated so there is nothing to be worried about. We will explain the reasons behind the strategies used and why we use these ones.

It is expected that the afternoon will take around ½ - ¾ hr. These techniques are more aimed at our younger students learning to read and older students who have some reading difficulties.

### CMS YEAR 6 MEET THE TEACHER

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November Start time 7pm  
Students go to their classrooms first for approximately half an hour where they will meet their teacher, their fellow classmates and be given stationery lists etc. After that, everyone gathers in the hall for an address by Principal, Daryl Gibbs. The school uniform will be on display as well.  
This evening usually lasts for approximately one hour.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Baby Sitter:** I am a university student and I am available for baby sitting in the Kairangi/Roto-o-Rangi area. Please ph Maria 827 1961

**House/farm cottage wanted.** For 12-18 months for a father and daughter who are both working for Curin Contracting. Please ph Mark 027 458 5652

### UPCOMING EVENTS

19/11	Roto Athletics
23/11	Rural Athletics
27/11	Reading at Home information evening
29/11	Puppet Show for Room's 1 & 3 Whanau hui at 6pm
30/11	Cambridge Schools' Athletics
5/12	BOT Meeting 6pm
7/12	Year 6 dinner
11/12	Christmas Carols in the Town Hall 2 pm Christmas Carols at school 6pm
13/12	Prizegiving Assembly
17/12	Last Day



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