

Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Dear parents and caregivers,



May the season's greetings be with you all.

Enjoy the holiday season. May everyone have some time to re-charge energy levels, have quality time with family and enjoy some relaxation. The staff at Roto-o-Rangi School thank you for all of your support throughout 2018, and entrusting your child's education to us. We look forward to seeing all the children again in the New Year and wish the Year 6s all the best at their new Intermediate Schools.

May everyone have safe and happy holidays.

LAST DAY 2018 and FIRST DAY 2019

Monday is the official last day of school. As has been a tradition at Roto-o-Rangi School for many years now we ask that parents of children with Year 1-5 children keep them at home on the last day so that just our Year 6 students turn up to school.

As a treat for all the extra tasks and responsibilities they undertake in the school over their last 2 years, we like to give them the run of the school, uninterrupted, on our last day (plus there is an all in waterfight between some staff and the Year 6s). They also do quite a bit of sorting of school resources, cleaning and helping teachers with their classrooms. We hope that you will continue to support our little tradition.

It is still an official school day, therefore we cannot require any students to stay home on the last day. If your child/ren really do need to come to school because there are no alternatives for them, then of course they come to school.

Another request for the last day is that all children are picked up between 12 and 12.30pm.

Both buses will stop operating on Friday (tomorrow), so children will get to and from school on tomorrow but there will be **no buses on Monday**.

We will begin 2019 with a Whakatau (modified pōwhiri), to welcome any new staff, students and families to the school. So, all of the family who are new to the school are invited to be a part of the Whakatau and be officially welcomed into the Roto-o-Rangi School whanau.

The new children and adults will come into the school and wait just inside the front gates. Current families enter as normal. We will hold the whakatau at 9.00am on **Thursday 31st January, 2019; our first day of school in 2019**.

PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY

Tonight we conclude the formal end of the year with our Prizegiving Assembly in the Roto-o-Rangi Hall at 7pm. Children from each class are acknowledged for a year of ako, mahi and Taonga Horomata (learning, work and Values).

Whilst only a few children will receive awards for standing out just that little bit more than others in, we still expect all children to turn up. Even if they do not receive an award they can support their friends who have.

FAREWELL TO STAFF

There will be a farewell to Mr Potroz and Lorraine at the final assembly on Friday 14th December at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

After 15 years at Roto-o-Rangi School, first as a Teacher Aide then Office Manager, Lorraine is moving to a job closer to home and twice the hours. We are sad to lose such an integral part of the school, the glue that holds us all together, but wish her well in her new ventures in Te Awamutu.

MINIBALL

This week's draw Friday 14th December
Roto Dynamos v Goodwood Cavaliers, Court 1, 5.40 pm
Roto Rockets v Camb East Thunder, Court 2, 7 pm

SWIMMING POOL OPENING

Thank you to Jason Smith, who is giving Rod a rest during the holidays and will be maintaining the pool for us all.

Swimming Lessons have been organised again – from Jan 14th to 18th from 8.30 to 12. Please contact Robina on 8230013

Due to damage to the fields and posts by visitors and un-invited guest over the summer break last year we have decided that the gate into the school will be locked over the holidays. Families will need to park at the front of the school and walk to the pool.

Pool Key charges are: School families \$45, other local families will pay \$50.

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Cambridge Schools' Athletics Day. Roto students were well represented across the placegetters.

Rheeahn Daniels: 1st Shotput, 2nd 100m.

Eden Early: 3rd Shotput, 2nd long Jump, 2nd 100m.

Madi Judd: 2nd Vortex, 3rd 100m.

Juan Holten: 2nd Long Jump.

2019 MLA Homestay Placements Required

Roto-o-Rangi School is one of the Cambridge Fusion cluster of schools which has been developing Mandarin learning from Year 3 right through to High School, and in 2019 will have Mandarin offered at NCEA Level 1 for the very first time ever.

As part of Cambridge Fusion we have been able to have Mandarin Language Assistants (*MLAs – postgraduate university students who are training to become teachers of English in China. They go through an intensive process to be selected for the MLA programme, including police vetting*). In 2019 there will be 2 MLAs supporting us and the other Cambridge Fusion schools.

We are looking for two long-term homestay placements for these young student teachers from Friday 1 February, 2019 to the end of Term 4, 2019. Fees of \$250.00 per week will be paid to homestay hosts to cover expenses. If you are interested in hosting one of our MLAs next year, please contact Ann Easter, ALLiS Executive Officer: cambridge.fusion@cambridgeprimary.co.nz

WHANAU MEETING

Thank you to the parents able to attend the whanau hui. There was some good ideas generated and some challenging goals set for 2019.

One of those goals is an all-out effort to bring Kapahaka to Roto, so if there are any people we can contact to help us out with this please let Mr D know.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The float was an absolute roaring success at the Cambridge Christmas Parade.

It looked (and sounded) great. We were definitely the Stars of the parade

Thanks to Debbie, Rosie, Graeme, Aaron, Josh, and the other parents who helped on the day.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

These will still be operating tomorrow but this will be the last day for 2018.

With Lorraine's departure we will be looking for a Before School supervisor for 2019. This runs from 7.30 – 8.30am each day. Please contact Mr D via email for more information or to apply: principal@rotooorangi.school.nz We will need someone in place by Thursday 31st January.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rental needed: I'm seeking a 2 or 3 bedroom farm house (long term) for the end of January/ start of February. For a working mother and my daughter. I am a Non-smoker and have no pets. Can provide local references Please contact: Monique 0279228875

YEAR 6 DINNER

Thank you to all the parents who made a stunning environment, both the decorations but also the excellent and speedy service on the night. The Year 6 leavers were amazed and able to enjoy their special night because of your efforts.



Just look at that moon backdrop, hand painted by K-Rupt Kreations.