



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Dear parents and caregivers,

RURAL SCHOOLS' SWIMMING SPORTS

On Monday we attended the Rural Schools' Swimming Sports and participated with gusto. Everyone gave their best efforts, supported each other and swam beautifully. We had a number of successes with podium finishes in heats and finals, but the most rewarding thing was seeing the children competing as best they could and getting out of the pool at the end of their race happy.

At the time of printing we did not have the actual placegetters list from the day, but we do have the list of the top 3 children in their event who have been selected in the Rural Schools' Team.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing the Rural Schools at next week's Cambridge Schools' Swimming Carnival – Hollie M, Mitchell E, Josiah H, Emma D, Kaylee G, Joel W, Zak C, Eden E, Michael G.

Most of these swimmers in will be competing in 2 or more events on the day. We wish you all the best. Give it your best, be proud of your efforts and conduct and you will have had a successful day.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

Thank you to all of the families who were able to support the staff with the overnight camp at Garland's farm.

It was another very successful venture. The seniors were proud of their efforts to complete a hike, which challenged all the adults accompanying them. The side trip in to see an enormous Rimu tree estimated to be 700-1,000 years old was amazing. A number of students showed great perseverance, courage and enthusiasm on the main trek to the rocky out crop. There were tears from the effort needed to complete the hike, yet every one of those children were glad they made it, and were much happier on the long, steep, challenging trek back to camp. The feet soaking in the stream at the end of the hike was a welcome relief too.

The stream study was enlightening, with the juniors finding the largest fresh water koura. (Only a pristine waterway will harbour koura, so Bill and Sue's efforts with conservation on their farm is working a treat). All the children were fully engaged with this.

The burgers were beautiful for tea and "not too long" after seeing bats and eels in the stream, we all settled into a deep sleep in the tents. Again thanks for all the extra tents, trailers, water containers and support. There are a few tent pegs, clothes, dishes and items left behind which we will post on the parents facebook page so you can have a look and see if you recognise anything. Strangely the children never seem to recognise any of it!

Here are a few photos of the camp, but there are a lot more on the facebook page and website.



CAMBRIDGE SCHOOLS' SWIMMING

The children who made the Rural Schools' Team are to report to the Te Miro tent because that school is looking after the team this year.

Remember to be a humble winner, gracious in defeat and a supportive team member. Please be at St Peter's by 9.15am to check in. First race is 9.40am. Best of luck on Monday.

SPORT

MINIBALL

This Friday sees our team playing against Leamington Lakers on Court 1 at 6.45pm in our penultimate game of the season! Good luck and have fun!

TOUCH

Our Year 3 & 4 grade touch team will be back and firing on all cylinders this week, and playing against Leamington Steppers on Field 5 at 4.50pm.

Our Year 5 & 6 grade play at 4.00pm against Goodwood Roosters. Next week will be their final game.

RUGBY

Our 9th Grade Rugby players have been merged with Leamington School. They are required to attend a Muster at Leamington at 3pm this Sunday and must also be enrolled via the online booking system Enrolmy. Please contact us for more information if you have not yet received this.

RURAL SCHOOLS' TRIATHLON

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the Triathlon on March 15th. Whilst the distances are not huge, the effort required is. The Roto-o-Rangi students again showed courage and perseverance across the entire day. They were proud of their efforts, regardless of where they placed and simply enjoyed the contest.

Thanks to the PTA who were amazing with the lunches and helping out on the course. Plus all the wonderful bakers who supplied some extra treats for attendees to have. There were lots of compliments about the baking.

Here are the top 4 placegetters from the Triathlon:

10 yr old girls: Eden E – 1st

9 yr old girls: Emma D – 1st

9 yr old boys: Zak Curin – 2nd

Joel Watson – 4th

8 yr old girls: Hollie McIntyre – 2nd

Congratulations!

GUMBOOT FRIDAY 5th April

Next Friday we're asking students, teachers and parents to wear gumboots to school in support of Gumboot Friday.

Put your gumboots on and bring along a gold coin donation. All funds raised on the day will help provide free counselling to kids in NZ who need it. Gumboot Friday is a new initiative by New Zealander of the Year, Mike King, and I Am Hope. They are aiming to raise \$2million for kids who need some mental health support.

You can find out more about Gumboot Friday at www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday

READING AT HOME

On the school website there is a video and slideshow which gives parents some tips about listening to their child read at home.

They demonstrate the type of strategies teachers use in the classroom to improve children's reading. If we use the same sort of techniques at home as we do at school then the children are getting those skills reinforced and should learn to read better. Go onto the website under the "Parent Information – Learning At Home" tab scroll down to the Reading links.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

You can now text absences to 027 277 9351

Some of you will have received texts from our new office mobile; we're hoping that this will provide another useful method of communication between school and home.

Please remember to inform of us of your child's absence **before 9.30am** each morning.

Is your contact information up to date?

If you have moved house or changed your phone number please update your details by flicking Roxy an email office@rotoorangi.school.nz It is also a good idea to double check the emergency contact details for your child and let us know of any changes that need to be made.

School Accounts

Your school account invoices and statements will be coming home very soon (they really will this time!). With start of year costs, bus fees, stationery and camp, the amounts soon build up so it's a good idea to set up an automatic payment to chip away at your account throughout the year. Our account number is **02-0316-0126443-000** (BNZ). Please use your child's name as a reference and state what you would like the payment to go towards, otherwise it will be placed against the oldest item on your account (including the school donation). Please contact Roxy with any queries.

Office Hours

Just a reminder that Roxy's hours are 9am – 1.40pm each day so if you need to make a bus change or get a message to school it's a good idea to do it before she leaves.

PTA NEWS

Entertainment Books have arrived at the school and will be sent home for each family to have a look at. These are a great way to save money on family days out, dinners, shopping and trips! Money from each book sold comes directly back to our school, so please consider purchasing one of these great value books! You can also get a digital version so that wherever you are with your phone, so is your entertainment book.

WRITER'S CORNER – ROOM 1

I went in the hot air balloon. It was fiery and it went BOOM! Summer
I slept in Milly's tent. We had glow sticks and they lit up. Holly
I really wanted to go in the middle tent. The kitchen had a roof in case it rained. Lane
I liked finding bugs at the stream. I was standing in the water and I was climbing on the rocks. Iyla
Six people slept in our tent. There was not much room in the tent. Holly got glow stick all over her sleeping bag. Milly
The road to school camp was dusty. Me and my dad slept in our tent. Liam M
We were sleeping in the tent beside Milly. The school tent is yellow and black. Liam H



TEACHERS' UNION MEETINGS

The Union Meeting that was going to close the school has been cancelled, and an online vote will be held by the teachers now.

Unfortunately the offer by the government has not addressed any of the issues which caused us to reject the offers last time: adequate resources for special needs, time for teachers to plan, time for principals to focus on teaching and learning.

It is unlikely that teachers will accept the latest offer.

The Minister, Chris Hipkins, spoke at a NZ Principal's meeting and facetiously said that if your community want the government to put more money into this then tell them that they need to accept paying more in taxes. Sadly, that is their attitude towards these negotiations (or should we say, their attitude to this stonewall). Thank you for your support of our teachers and the work they do.

RĀMERE RAPUNGA RETURNS

Next term sees the return of Rāmere Rapunga, an electives system for children. The adults provide learning opportunities children might not normally get a chance to do, and the children choose which things they would like to do. If there is a skill you have that you would like our students to experience then put your name forward for Rāmere Rapunga. It does mean a commitment every Friday from 12.30 – 1.40pm taking a small group of 10 or so children. We have had parents come to do Art, Indoor Bowls, Hauora, Music before.

What about some "Un-making"? Old computers, screens, DVDs being pulled apart to see how things are stuck together. Sound like something you'd be willing to support? Lists of activities will come home on the first day next term with Rāmere Rapunga starting on the Friday in Week 2, May 10th.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ENGLISH NOT YOUR FIRST LANGUAGE? LIKE SOME HELP TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH SPEAKING?

Or perhaps you know someone who would like some support? English Language Partners begin their Term 2 course at the Cambridge Health and Community Centre on Wednesday 1st May. It's free for NZ Residents, \$80 for non-residents. Contact Ellena Butcher by email to ellena.butcher@englishlanguage.org.nz or phone 027 562 2991

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/4	Cambridge Schools' Swim Sports – CHS TBC
3/4	BOT Meeting – 6pm
5/4	Gumboot Friday
12/4	Term 1 finishes
29/4	Term 2 starts
30/4	Classroom teachers at Digital Technology session

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES CURRICULUM

There is a new part of the curriculum starting in 2020, Digital Technologies and Hangarau Matahiko.

The Digital Technologies and Hangarau Matahiko curriculum is about teaching our tamariki and children how technology works, and how they can use that knowledge to solve problems.

Once this new curriculum is introduced, our kids won't just be using devices like computers and smart phones. The changed curriculum will mean that schools will be teaching our young people the computer science principles that all digital technologies are built on.

Your child will benefit from having these future thinking skills. What does this mean for your child?

All students from Year 1-13 (ages 5-18 roughly) will have the opportunity to learn DT and HM. Students will be able to specialise from Year 11-13.

We're starting with NCEA Level 1 achievement standards, which will be available for use from 2018. Levels 2 and 3 will be made available from 2019.

Many teachers, schools, kura and Kāhui Ako are already making digital technologies learning part of their teaching programmes. This change ensures that all students get these experiences, to prepare them for a world where digital skills are increasingly valuable to the economy and wider society.

So that we are prepared to implement the new curriculum area the teachers are attending a professional learning session on the first Tuesday of next term. It is just an afternoon session. To accommodate this, Mr D will supervise the entire school and get some Tuakana Teina going – older students teaching the younger. School will conclude at the normal time of 3pm.

LIBRARY HELP

Thanks for the offers of help for the library. This help is needed throughout the year so any time you have an hour or so spare just let us know and we can make sure there are jobs ready to be sorted.

Huge THANKS to our 2019 Roto Review sponsors!

Thank you for supporting our school community!



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ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR OUR DANCE CLASSES

CLASSES ARE EITHER HELD IN THE ROTO-O-RANGI HALL OR AT CAMBRIDGE HIGH

We teach Jazz, Hip Hop & Contemporary classes
and we will offer Beginner Tap classes if we have enough interest.

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