



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Dear parents and caregivers,

Term 1 Wrap

What a Wonderful term we have had to begin 2019. It has certainly been long but also extremely enjoyable.

The arrival of Miss Owen in room four and Roxy in the office has been a great asset to our school. From Day 1 we have been on the go with our learning.

The teachers began the year with two Teacher Only Days before any of the students even arrived in the classroom. Then this term we have had 3 swimming sports days, whole school camp, the Dance Crew visiting from the United States, swimming every day and would still had time to learn to read them right. We've also had teacher aides and teachers out on courses to learn about dyslexia and how we can support children in our school better in this area. We've been increasing our Learner Agency as our children develop more understanding of how they learn and what their next steps in the learning process are.

We look forward to another busy and exciting term after the Easter holidays. We have an overarching theme / concept next term based around sustainable living and reducing our energy footprint at school. Supporting this with conversation at home will be awesome. We are also going to be having a parent information evening mid-term about Dyslexia, what it is and isn't, and techniques we are using at school to support literacy learning.



The staff wish all our families and children a restful, enjoyable holiday over the next two weeks. Don't eat too many Easter eggs, although can you ever eat too many! If you are travelling, be safe. Have some great family time and we look forward to your safe return and bubbly smiles on Monday 29th April.

CAMBRIDGE SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to the children who represented the rural schools team from Roto-o-Rangi school at the Cambridge Schools' Swimming Sports day. Unfortunately, we couldn't get a staff member over to watch your magnificent performances. However, the reports back from the parents who were there show that you once again upheld the Roto-o-Rangi School values - resilience, respect, enthusiasm. The school motto is Aim High, hence we do love having our children compete at the highest level regardless of whether they win or not. This was another great opportunity for all our children to pit their skills against the best in Cambridge. As usual Roto-o-Rangi students can hold their heads High. **Well done!**



GUMBOOT FRIDAY

Thank you for the support on Gumboot Friday.

For those who have Facebook you will have seen photos and videos on our Roto Parents Facebook page.

This is a very worthwhile cause. New Zealand has one of the highest youth suicide rates in the world and gumboot Friday was all about raising funds for counselling for our youth in an effort to reduce this statistic. Currently, across the country there has been over \$900,000 raised.

The emphasis of the day was not about the negative statistics behind the event, it was also about having some fun. And we certainly did! Here are just a couple of photos and look at those beaming smiles!



MINIBALL

Last Week's Results.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Damaged and lost library books are blowing out our library budget, hence we now need to charge families for any damaged or lost books that children have borrowed. The amount will be set at \$20. No further books will be able to be borrowed until the charge is paid.

KEEPING THE SCHOOL UP TO DATE

Could families please remember to keep the school up to date with contact details and where their child is. Current email addresses, mobile numbers and people to contact in an emergency are critical if there is a major incident at school. Whilst many of you will not need to be contacted in this situation during your entire association with the school, you don't want to be caught out and be uncontactable on that one occasion something major happens for your child. Thanks for your help keeping us up to date.

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

Rugby, hockey and netball begin next term. Rugby and netball usually start the first weekend after school starts for Term 2. Hockey's first game is usually 2 or 3 weeks into the term. We will give the sports uniforms out in that first week back. We encourage all of our children to play their best, play fair and enjoy their sport (parents too!). Once we receive the draws we will advise families of times.

ACCOUNTS

There are a few accounts that have accumulated significant debt, and this impacts on our ability to supply the resources we need for our children. If any family is having difficulty catching up on payments please come to Mr D to work out a plan. We want to help where we can. A number of families already have automatic payments set up which chips away at costs, making it easier not getting lumbered with large bills. Call Roxy and she will help you set this up.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a **huge** amount of lost property at school, between rooms 4 & 5. We have asked the children to look through and see if they recognise any of the items. Any unclaimed clothing, towels and shoes will be taken to Jumble Around opshop in Leamington during the holidays so please check this before the end of Friday if you can. Please make sure your child's belongings are **named** for next term.

POOL KEYS

The pool will officially close on Friday, tomorrow. If people could return their keys as soon as possible that would be much appreciated. We generally lose around 8 keys a year because people do not return them so this year we're going for a 100% return. Thank you to Jason and Sasha Smith who, during the swimming season, volunteered their time to look after the swimming pool when Rod and Mr D were on holiday.

ANZAC DAY PARADE.

During the second week of the school holidays it is Anzac Day. The Commemorative Parade will be happening again in town. If there are any families in the area who are going to attend the parade, it would be great to see our children there in the yellow Roto-o-Rangi shirts representing our school. Anzac Day is not a day to celebrate war, but a day to remember the devastation that it caused. These Wars are still going on around the world and we hope that by attending things like the Anzac Parade our children will grow up with an appreciation of the freedom they have.



PTA NEWS

We now have the 2019/2020 Entertainment Book available either at the school office or our online page www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1541q71. They are \$65.00 per book which is great value as you only need to use the book twice and you have saved your money back.

Oxford Pie order forms have come home but if you missed out there are spare copies on the table outside the office. The return date for these is 30th April but forms can be sent back sooner or via email.

We are running a Mother's Day Raffle! A book of 10 tickets have been sent home with each family. The tickets are \$2 each with more detail on the flyer attached to the raffle tickets. The prize is a huge basket of goodies, including gift cards to spoil the lucky winner!

Check out the school website PTA section for our latest newsletter.

FUNDRAISERS

Every term our hard-working PTA look at different ways to raise funds for the school. Again this year the PTA are providing \$17,000 worth of resources to the school and this is through a lot of hard work done by only a few people. Please support our PTA when there are fundraising events on by contributing some of your time to help out. We have another event coming up this Sunday, providing food for the Hamilton car club rally. The rally organizers were keen to have the school involved because of excellent past experiences they have had and so your support would be much appreciated. **Please contact the office if you have some time you can give mid-morning through to mid-afternoon on Sunday in order to help with cooking or serving lunches to the people participating in the car rally.**

There are always other methods of providing fundraising support for the school such as some of our free fundraisers like Yummy stickers, nominating the school in competitions and in places like PGG Wrightsons, Kubic, North fuels.

WRITER'S CORNER.

Room 1

The food goes in the top. The hens hit the lever and the food comes down. Aria

My chickens go down the driveway. The rain comes down and the chickens open their mouth and the food goes in. Samuel

The food goes into the machine and it chops it up into chicken food. Ella

The chooks pull the lever, the food comes down. Ben

The rain splashes in the machine and it turns it into chicken food and They wait with their beaks open. Kharva



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Duck Park: Duck Park are looking for a full time worker to start at the beginning of next month. Hours are 7 am and finish no later than 3 pm. Once a week there is a 3 am start and then home by 12 pm. The main job is spreading shavings for the ducks. Contact Brian Ritchie for more information 027 438 1010.

ABSENCES

We are starting to get quite a few children missing school.

It does not take long to miss 19 days in a year. However, it is not just the number of days away, it is the interruption to the learning process. The missing days creates gaps in a child's understanding of a concept and therefore is not as solid as it should be. This means, even when they are at school the time away still can cause issues.

If your child is unwell, definitely keep them home. Sick children don't learn well and only make other children sick but mid-term holidays, the occasional day off for birthdays, etc, or time off for when they are not sick can accumulate over a year to have a significant effect on learning.

Please consider this when thinking about keeping your child home from school.

Here is a quick statistic to consider;

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/4	Term 1 finishes – assembly at 2pm
29/4	Term 2 starts
30/4	Classroom teachers at Digital Technology session
4/5	Netball and Rugby starts
6-13/5	Mr D travelling to China – principal delegation
7/5	Union meeting – attending in afternoon
	PTA meeting – 7.30pm staffroom
10/5	Rāmere Rapunga starts – 12.40 every Friday
17/5	Pink Shirt Day – anti-bullying messages
22/5	BOT Meeting – 6pm staffroom
7/6	BOT Elections
11/6	PTA meeting – 7.30pm Staffroom
14/6	Teacher Only Day – Fieldays Friday
19/6	BOT Meeting – 6pm staffroom
5/7	Levity Beet – travelling musician performance

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years

Huge Thanks to the following organisations who have supported our School during Term One;

- Freshchoice Leamington (Triathlon)
- Countdown Cambridge (Triathlon)
- 4 Square Leamington & Adele Brewster (First Aid Kits for Sports Teams)
- Unichem Pharmacy Leamington (Sports Prize Pack)
- BNZ Cambridge (Sports Bags)
- Sweet As Popcorn (Triathlon)
- Rosie, Nutrimeitics (Camp)
- Roto-o-Rangi Women's Institute (Donation to purchase library books)
- The Stuart Family (books for library)
- NZ Farmers Livestock (Donation from bobby calf collection)
- Frances Skeet Charitable Trust (Donation to purchase furniture)
- AC Petfoods (2 rugby balls)
- Vege Fresh Leamington
- Simon from Silver Fern Farms (Camp)



DYNAMIX DANCE SCHOOL

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.

Jazz from 5years, Tap & Hip Hop from 7years & Contemporary from 10years

Please contact Carmel to enrol or for more information.

On either 0274054600 or 8271878 or carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz





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