



# Roto Review

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

## Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Tomorrow we will host a group of 13 students from China as part of a cultural exchange. We will be holding a Mihi Whakataua at 1.30pm to welcome these students as well as all the children who have started at Roto-o Rangi after the first of the year. We would love as many families as possible to be present at that Mihi Whakataua to be welcomed, or to welcome the Chinese students to our country.

This will be a very new experience for these children as they will be coming from Shijiazhuang, a city of 9 million people and a school of nearly 2000 students, to our little Roto-o-Rangi school.

Following the Mihi Whakataua the Chinese children, the new children and Room 5 children will have some traditional kai together. After a wee break the Chinese students and Rm 5 will do some harakeke together. On Monday and Tuesday the Chinese students will be joining in our Room 5 class to experience the very different education practices in New Zealand compared to the intense China model, including making some poi to take back to China, learning some rakau moves and practicing their English.

## ROTO CROSS COUNTRY

Don't miss the Roto-o-Rangi Cross Country afternoon on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The programme is as follows:

Venue: The Wallis Farm / Quarry across from Roto-o-Rangi School.

Necessities: Sneakers (Compulsory). Extra drink and food for after their run. Parking: Parents are invited to park over in the Wallis Quarry. You can then meet the children and teachers up by the paddock on the crest of the driveway and opposite the Wallis Flagpole at approximately 12.40 pm.

12.30 pm Walk over to the Wallis farm.

12.40 pm Assemble at Wallis farm track intersection.

12.45 pm Events will commence in the following order –

7 year old girls and boys; 8 year olds girls and boys; 6 year old girls and boys; 5 year old girls and boys; 9 year old girls and boys, 10+ year old girls and boys; Cup Race for girls, Cup race for boys.

2.30 pm Presentation of Cups and Farewell.

Children may leave from the Cross Country venue with their parents / caregivers as they will have their bags with them, however, we do ask that all children stay until the last race to cheer / support the other runners and at prize giving. Children not taken home at the conclusion of the Cross Country will return to school in time for buses, After School Care, etc. This is an awesome day for the children, both challenging and rewarding.

## KAPAHAKA FESTIVAL

Our very own BOT Chair, Marcel Kuijpers, has co-ordinated the Cambridge Kapahaka Festival on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> featuring numerous schools across Cambridge.

This year Year 4-6 children will have the opportunity to go and watch the performances out at the Don Rowlands Centre.

It will be a great opportunity for our Year 6s to see what the kapahaka roopu from CMS are capable of and hopefully inspires them to join. Plus it will give us a chance to see what standard our kapahaka roopu might aim for in 2020 so they can participate too.

## WELCOME

A big welcome to the following children and their families; Manaia is joining Room 3 and Indie has joined Room 1. We know you will have a wonderful time at the school.



## AG DAY

Yes it is still over a term away but we wanted to get some fore warning out there about some additions to our Ag Day. We still cannot have calves at our Ag Day because of the Micoplasma Bovis but you can do the online version. Register at [calclubnz.co.nz](http://calclubnz.co.nz) It also gives you all the info needed to compete in this format.

We are going to include a pet section into our day, a school wide "Herb Garden in a can" competition and maybe even a preserving competition.

If you have a trophy at home from last year's Ag Day please return this to school soon.

We would love some parents to help on the day at the rings, holding lambs etc. ust to help the children out. We will also be hosting a kindergarten again, so helping them participate in some planned activities would be great too.

## NEWS FROM THE PTA

### SCHOOL DISCO

What a great night. There has never been such stylish action on the dance floor as there was this time. It was awesome to see all the children dancing hard out. The night was capped off with some mum's and dad's hitting the d floor. Thanks to the PTA for organising, decorating and working on the night. A huge pakipaki to DJ Trub. for the beats that kept everyone dancing.

### COUNTRY FAIR

The school will be running Country Fair type activities at the Cambridge A and P Show on 30<sup>th</sup> November. This is the most significant money raiser for the PTA in 2019 and will need a lot of parent support to ensure it is successful. The organisers met with other PTA members at the last meeting to outline the many varied and exciting activities planned for the day. If everyone gets involved you will just be doing a couple of hours on a stall (which does not require any special skills or need to drum up customers).

We are looking to beat our previous fundraising tally of \$7,500. Please ensure you keep this date free, fill out the jobs sheet when the form comes out and enjoy the experience!

### MILOS

Milo Friday is still running this term. The children just go to the MP Room at morning tea time on a Friday to have their FREE milo! With our overseas visitors arriving tomorrow afternoon we have decided to move this week's Milos to Monday so they can experience this also!

### CALF REARING

Another significant money earner is calf rearing. Here farmers will save a bobby calf that was going to be sent away and it is raised with the herd, or by someone willing to raise it. After a few weeks/months (depending on how long people are willing to keep the calf) one of our parents will go around and collect the donated calves and take them to the markets to be sold.

If you know of any farmers who might donate a calf, a family prepared to raise a calf/calves or can help in any way, please ring Karamea on 027 716 7071

## WHAANAU HUI

Thank you to all the parents able to make either of the Whaanau Hui last week. It was great to hear support of what the school is trying to do to honour the partnership agreement in the Tiriti o Waitangi. Most importantly though it was great to hear the important areas that our whaanau would like us to concentrate on more or do a better job with.

A paper and digital form will be available at he end of the week for those whaanau unable to make the meetings to have their say.

We are seriously trying to develop kapahaka in the school and believe we may have found some support to get this off the ground before 2020.

Our senior children are keen to be a part of developing our own school's haka and they are working with Wayne Morris from Ngaa Hau e Wha marae and Mana Harpori to research, create and teach others our very own haka.

We are deciding on the kowhaiwhai patterns created by the tangata of Roto-o-Rangi School and have a skilled artist able to help get these painted on the front entrance.

At assemblies and across the school you will hear children saying their pepeha, an important method of letting others know who we are and whre we are from. Whilst all the children in the school learnt their pepeha at the start of the year, many have forgotten them. As the saying goes "use it, or lose it."

## HOT FOOD WEDNESDAY

During Term 3 the children can bring along food to be warmed up in a pie warmer. It **MUST** be in a suitable container/wrapper for placing in an oven. Please make sure each wrapping has your the child's name and room number written on it, otherwise somebody else might get to eat it. **A reminder not to send soup/noodles/pasta etc the requires heating in the microwave** – our teachers deserve to enjoy their sitdown time at lunch too.

## SCHOOL BUSES

With lots of new children joining us this term we are close to capacity on our town bus service. We ask that if you do not normally have your child on the bus to but would like to do so, please check in with Roxy or Wayne first to make sure there is space. If there are any changes to your child's usual bus arrangements or after school arrangements please contact the school office **by phone before 2pm**.

## JOHN PARSON – ONLINE SAFETY

John Parsons will be meeting with Room's 4 and 5 to discuss ways of keeping ourselves safe on the internet, protecting our identity and not doing things we will come to regret in the future. John is a reknown expert in this field, travelling the country to deliver his message. He will them meet with staff to ensure we are teaching this behaviour in our classes too.

John also presents some eye popping parent meetings. Believe me, there is always something new you have

## WRITER'S CORNER

### Room 3 - Year 1 & 2

In the holiday my cow made mine and Hollie's sheep have a broken leg and then flower (the cow) also got killed by the butcher.

**By Shamus**

I got a hut and we went to find some sticks and I climbed a tree and the nest came down.

**By Cartel**

Baryonyx had an odd little crest on top of it's head almost between the eyes. We can't tell for sure if the skin was scaly or smooth. A huge claw on the first finger of each hand probably served as a fishing tool and as a weapon.

**By Henry**

Today me and Kiara played on the rolling tubes and Titan pushed Kiara but now they are friends. So now I play with Aria.

**By Ella**

Meglodon can kill and crash a gigantic whale. Its teeth are the size of a baby. It is bigger than an adult.

**By Jack.**

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<b>Wednesday 7 August</b>	St Peters Private School Auditorium 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 8 August</b>	Cambridge Middle School Hall 6.30pm
<b>Monday 19 August</b>	Hautapu School Hall 7.00pm
<b>Tuesday 20 August</b>	Cambridge Primary School Hall 6.30pm
<b>Wednesday 21 August</b>	Goodwood School Hall 7.00pm
<b>Thursday 22 August</b>	Cambridge High School Hall** 6.30pm

All presentations last approx one hour.

**All parents are welcome to attend any session\***

\*Content of parent evenings not suitable for children under 11

\*\*Cambridge High Session targeted at parents of high school aged children  
John's book is on sale at each venue \$35 per copy

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/8 Chinese students arrive Roto Whakatau for all children new to Roto
- 13/8 Chinese students depart
- 14/8 Principals' Union Meeting
- 15/8 BOT Meeting 6pm Staffroom
- 16/8 Assembly
- 23/8 John Parsons visit to Roto
- 23/8 Roto Cross Country
- 27/8 Cambridge Gym Festival 9.30am @ St Peters
- 28/8 Leamington School sports team photos
- 29/8 Roto Speech night 7pm in MP Room
- 30/8 Cambridge Kapahaka festival
- 1/9 Fathers' Day – he deserves a big present
- 3/9 PTA Meeting 7.30pm @ Staffroom
- 6/9 Rural Schools' Cross Country @ Karapiro Domain
- 10/9 Altrusa Awards 6pm @ Cambridge East School
- 11/9 BOT Meeting 6pm @ Staffroom
- 13/9 Cambridge Schools' Cross Country @ Karapiro
- 18/9 Rotary Speech Competition
- 18-20/9 Cambridge Principals' PLD trip
- 21/9 Working bee @ school – massive cleaning
- 23/9 Yr 6 Orientation day at CMS @ 9.30am
- 25/9 Mandarin Expo for all students learning Mandarin
- 27/9 Last Day of Term 3

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