



# Roto Review

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

Dear parents and caregivers,

The term has started quickly and the children are absolutely marvellous. Every class has settled in to work and are very focussed already. There is an excited buzz around the place and you can't ask for more – children excited to be at school.

## WHAKATAU / WELCOME

Monday at 9:30am we will be officially welcoming Mr Edwards to our school. If parents and children could be seated in the MP at 9:30am so that we are ready when Mr Edwards arrives. We will have a cup of tea and bickies after the whakatau as part of welcome so please stay around for the informal chat.

## NEWSLETTER CHANGE

Following this newsletter we will only be sending out a fortnightly newsletter for the rest of this term. It is a trial to see if a fortnightly newsletter will work. A fair amount of each newsletter is repeated messages and we hope this will be reduced and thus more informative when you do get one. We also send out quite a few notices and information electronically as well.

## TOWN V COUNTRY CRICKET MATCH

It is that time of the year again: The annual cricket match. A quick Twenty20 version of the game with indoor cricket scoring, we can knock it over in a couple of hours whilst having a huge laugh. The country have a lot to lose this year following their sound thrashing of the Townies in 2015. The TvC game is for the adults to play, depending on how many 'Blackcap-could-have-been' want to play. However if we need extra players, then older children can play to make it a full contest. The school pool will be open but parents will have to supervise children or bring along some PE gear for the younger ones to play with.

A BBQ will be available during the game for families to use. So bring along a picnic or something for the BBQ, chairs and blankets to have a bit of fun.

**Game date will be 5<sup>th</sup> March.** Game starting at 4.30pm. Send an email, ring or Tiqbiz us to let us know if you can play. Can someone replace Pip Early as the Player of the Match, or will she take it out 2 years in a row? **So far we are still low on numbers, so please ring the office** and let us know so we can go ahead and organise the event properly.

## CRICKET

Congratulations to the Black Caps for their fantastic win in Hamilton and the retaining of the Chappell-Hadley Trophy. **BRING ON TEST CRICKET!**

## PSG MEETING

Just a quick reminder that the first PSG meeting is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February in the staffroom at school. Everyone is welcome to come along to share ideas for fundraising during the year and fun events we could have. If nothing else, come along, have an enjoyable time with some other parents and get to know some more people.

If someone is keen to taken on the Treasurer's role that has been recently vacated, the rest of the committee would be grateful. You don't need to be an accountant or anything, there isn't that much money changing hands throughout the year.

## MONDAY LUNCHES

Hotdogs	\$2.50
Chocolate Milk	\$1.50

**We cook a lunch every Monday** at school, which the children may order. One week is sausages, then hotdogs and hamburgers. We advertise in the newsletter what is available the following Monday. Children bring their money on Monday and our wonderful Teacher-aide will collect it around 9.15am and record their name. At lunchtime the children come to the MP Room to collect their food.

**On Wednesdays it is Hot Food day.** Oops, forgot to mention last week that we don't do the Hot Food Wednesdays until Term 2 when the weather is cooler.

## SCHOOL STATIONERY

Well done to nearly all the families who have sorted out their stationery. If you still haven't returned the the lists then please do so asap so that we can give out all the stationery and begin working in the books. Learning programmes can also begin in earnest when there is somewhere to record children's thinking.

## MINIBALL

Starts next week. We will ensure the full draw is uploaded on to the website to plan for up-coming weeks and Lorraine will continue to post the weekly draw on the school Facebook page as well.

## ASSEMBLY

We will hold a quick assembly tomorrow to start of the year recognising students for their work, social skills and learning. All parents are most welcome to attend any or all of the assemblies at school, in fact we love it when parents do come along.



Check out Room 1 enjoying the pool

## TIQBIZ

Last year the school invested in an app called TIQBIZ which allows the school and individual teachers to quickly send messages out to parents. It is also useful for giving a quick snap shot of some of the quality learning experiences happening in rooms. Look out for a swimming pic coming from Room 4.

If you downloaded the app last year and your child has changed classes you will need to connect to the new room and remove the old room. The password when adding a new room is *Roto3495*.

For those new to using the TIQBIZ, you can download the app by:

1. Go to the Play Store or Apple Store on your smartphone.
2. Search for TIQBIZ
3. Download the app – (but not the TIQBIZ Admin one. The school uses that one)
4. Install and open.
5. Register – enter your name, NZ, email address, make up a password.
6. Find Boxes – go to *Schools, Primary*
7. Scroll until *Roto-o-Rangi School* and tap
8. Tick each room you want messages from – whole school (that's messages from the office), room ?, Rugby, etc. Each time you tap a room you will need to enter the password – *roto3495*.
9. Close it. Then find the icon and start using.

It even has the school calendar, school website on it. Plus you can even send in an absence note if your child is away. EASY!!

## HATS

All children must be wearing a hat if they wish to play out on the grounds at school during Term 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a brimmed hat, and it is clearly marked with their name.

We expect all children to wear the school hat because it provides decent protection and cover, as promoted by the Cancer society. With one of the worst countries for getting melanoma it is important we do our best to protect our kids. The hats can be purchased from the office for a miserly \$15 and we will even write your child's name inside the hat for you.

So far all the children have been fabulous about wearing their hats, and not losing them either.

## WRITER'S CORNER.

### Room 5

In Fiji the air was like a heatwave that just hit me.

The heat was like a burning oven.

The bats flying above us were as black as the night sky.

The waterslide was a roller coaster swirling and whirling all the way into the pool.

I lay in the peaceful hammock on the beach as it swayed from side to side in the calm breeze.

As I wandered past the pool, I could smell the beautiful fresh frangipani flowers lying on the ground or hanging by a thread on the trees.

Kayaking in the ocean, I could hear the splashing noise of the paddle every time it hit the water.

That was my holiday.



### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**MusicHouse:** Music lessons – provided during school time so no rushing around after work to get to a lesson. The quality of the group lessons is outstanding so don't miss out on this great opportunity. Guitar, drums, ukulele, keyboard. Contact them on 07 808 0235.

**House wanted to rent:** House needed to rent for a young couple who are moving into the area. Please ph Hamish on 827 1822 or 021 251 4593 if you can help.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/2 Elgrego Show (Anti-bully magic show)
- 14/2 Valentines Day
- 16/2 PSG meeting, 7:30pm in staffroom
- 24/2 BOT Meeting, 6pm Staffroom
- 25/2 Roto swim Sports – St Peters, start 10am
- 17/3 Rural Schools Swimming Sports.
- 21-24/3 School Camp at Waihi Beach.
- 25-29/3 Easter Holiday break
- 15/4 Term 1 finishes

***Religious Instruction*** - is held on Friday mornings from 9.00 am to 9.30 am in ALL classrooms, starting Friday 12th Feb. It is a multi-denominational programme which covers 'Values' messages for children. We have experienced local families who volunteer their time to run this programme. Could parents confirm their decision on the return slip regarding your children not attending Religious Education classes. Students do not have to attend. The school is officially closed during this time, in accordance with the Education Act, thus our preference is for children not attending RI to come to school at 9.25am. We are aware of the difficulty families may have bringing children at this later time. If children do come at 9.00am they will be supervised in the library. **Please tick if you do not want your child/children attending RI classes, then return to school before Friday 12<sup>th</sup> otherwise we assume children will be attending these classes for the year.**

No, I would do not want my child attending the Friday morning Religious Education programme.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_



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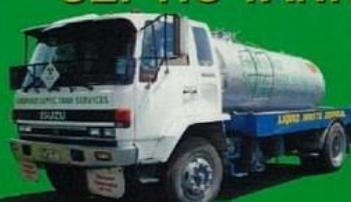
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