



# Roto Review

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

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to another exciting term at Roto-o-Rangi School.

Those holidays are well and truly gone, thankfully because they were some of the coldest and wettest holidays we have had in quite a while, and that is saying something with this winter.

The whole school is focussed on a Sustainability focus this term which will include a school trip into the various recycling / refuse stations in Hamilton. So don't be surprised that by the end of the term the children aren't trying to improve the recycling efforts at home. At the end of the term we are organising a visit to the Cambridge Community Marae (Nga Hau e Wha) so that all the children experience entering one of our own marae, plus get to learn more about the history of Cambridge. Knowing our past helps us to know about our future.

Rapunga Rāmere began this week, and everyone was very enthusiastic about what they learnt. Thanks to Niki FC for offering a recycled crafts kōwhiri, alongside the offerings by the rest of the teachers. There was even a delicious banana and spinach smoothie made by the Eco Kids. (Popeye would be proud).

We travel to the Wallace Farm again this year for the Roto-o-Rangi Cross Country. The children have already been out training and doing laps of the school. **Aug 25** is the tentative date for this so keep the afternoon free and come over to witness one of the most unique cross country events in the country. The following week – **Sept 1** will see us all travelling out to the Karapiro Domain for the Rural Schools' Cross Country. Hopefully the torrential, freezing rain of 2016 has passed and we can watch the children in sunshine this year.

Also keep the night of **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.** free and come along to the Roto-o-Rangi Speech night. The top 3 children from each section of the school will compete in a final on that night. The best Yr 1/2 poetry recital, Yr 3/4 Informative speech and Yr 5/6 Persuasive speech in Roto-o-Rangi School will be decided. All whanau, friends, neighbours and associates are invited along to listen to great oratory and support our youngsters.

Finally, we understand that family life is busy, but there are children coming to school with very runny noses, coughs, sneezes, etc. They are spreading their bugs around everyone else. Please ensure that your children are kept home when they are not well so that the rest of the children can stay healthy and be at school to learn. Coinciding with that is clothing. Even in this bitter weather children have turned up to school wearing only a t-shirt and short – no jersey and no shoes. Kiwi kids are tough but that is just inviting illness. Please check that the children have warm things to put on if they need. They are not always tearing around, keeping warm from energy use.

## WELCOME

Grant and Mark have joined us from Ohaupo and are settled in Room 4 and 5 already. We know you will both make loads of new friends and enjoy your time at Roto-o-Rangi School. We also welcome Lillia and family to Roto-o-Rangi School. Lillia already has a group of friends in Room 1.



## SIR PETER BLAKE YOUNG LEADERS ASSEMBLY

On the last day of the term we presented the Sir Peter Blake Young Leaders Award. This was given to Tyla Wintle who has demonstrated strong leadership qualities over a few years at the school.

She is not a 'standing out the front leader', but a quiet behind the scenes person who supports others to be the best they can be.

Although, the confidence with which she spoke in front of everyone showed that she can be one of those 'stand out the front' leaders.

The presentation was concluded by a rousing haka by the boys and a whole school waiata.

Tyla was accompanied by a large whanau who were immensely proud of her achievements.



## RĀHINA LUNCHES

NO LUNCHES PROVIDED THIS MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

**Hot Food Wednesdays.** Children bring along food to be warmed up in a pie warmer in a suitable container/wrapper, with child's name and room number written on it. **2 min Noodles etc. are NOT suitable for this.** We will collect it first thing in the morning and have it lovely and warm for lunch.

## HOCKEY

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Roto v St Peters Greensticks 2a 6.35pm

Last week's result

Roto won against CPS Dynamite 8-0

View season draw at: [www.sporty.co.nz/cambridgehockey](http://www.sporty.co.nz/cambridgehockey)

## RUGBY

Draw Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Roto 6<sup>th</sup> Grade v East Lions 2B 9.30am

Roto/Kai v Tau/St Peters/TeM 2A 8.10am

Roto/TeM/NgaH v Tamahere Green TV4 10.20am

Roto/Kara/CPS v Goodwood TV 5 9.10am

Last week's results:

Roto 6<sup>th</sup> grade lost to St Peters/Kai 20-19

Roto/Kai lost to Matangi 50-15

Roto/TeM/NgaH lost to CPS Waikato 70-10

Roto/Kara/CPS lost to Hau/Tama/TeM 52-15

Visit the website for the latest draws and information:

<http://cjrs.co.nz/>

## NETBALL

Draw Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Roto Diamonds v CPS Hurricanes Court 5 12.50pm

Roto Golden Ferns v Mixed Up's Court 9 3.00pm

Last week's results:

Roto Golden Ferns won against St Peters Stars 13-5

Roto Diamonds won against Goodwood Flames 19-3

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/cambridgenetball>

## NAU MAI, HAERE MAI SANDRA

We thought it was going to be impossible to replace Steph when she left, but over the holidays we were able to appoint another fabulous teacher aide. We welcome Sandra to the Roto-o-Rangi team. She is a huge asset to the school. Sandra comes with decades of experience as a teacher aide and has already shown her high calibre of skills. We look forward to a long association with Sandra.

## ROTO-O-RANGI TRACTOR PULL

A huge thank you to **Aaron Judd** for donating all the money to the school from the Roto-o-Rangi Tractor Pull sponsored by RD3 Contracting on Sunday. A few mums and kids helped out on the BBQ but Aaron did everything else and raised \$1500 for the school. A thank you also to Curin Contractors for the venue, sounds like it was an awesome day. Well done!!!

## ERO

On Monday the Education Review Office will be coming to school for it's regulatory check up on the school. They would like to hold a parent meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to hear the opinions of the parent community about the learning at Roto-o-Rangi School. Any interested parents are welcome to attend. We will meet in the Library, but may need to move to the MP Room.

## PTA NEWS

Another well attended PTA meeting was held this week. Thanks to everyone who was able to make it. The plans are well underway for an even bigger Country Fair than the very successful one held last year. As this is the only major fundraiser for the year we need as many parents helping to run the stalls as we can get. If it is going to be as successful as it can be, we need a huge amount of parents supporting on this one day.

**So keep the 4<sup>th</sup> November free.**

Did you know that the PTA have paid for laptops, contributed towards the cost of both bus runs, and are helping upgrade some of the playground this year. That's \$16,000 dollars they have raised and returned to the school for the benefit of all our children, in 1 year alone.

Milo Thursdays are continuing this term. Thank you to parents who have donated milk, milo, marshmallows and time to make the milos for the children. They are loving them. I hear one child asked their mum why she didn't make milos as good as the ones at school!

## FUNDRAISERS THAT COST NOTHING:

There are a few opportunities within the school to raise funds that don't require your time or money.

**Yummy Stickers:** any fruit that you buy that has a Yummy sticker on it can be stuck on a chart supplied by school. When the chart is full, or even half full, send it in to school.

**Qubik:** When farmers are purchasing their rubberware, if they purchase them from Qubik and mention the school we go into a competition which could earn us up to a \$2000.

## ROTO UMBRELLAS

The PTA have organised some snappy umbrellas with the school name and logo – perfect for standing on the side lines at rugby and netball and hockey. Keep dry and promote the school. The umbrellas can be purchased from the office. Big adult umbrellas are \$25 and the smaller children's umbrellas are \$15.

Half of the umbrellas have gone already, so don't wait too long or you will miss out.



## WRITER'S CORNER.

### Room 5

#### My First Day at Roto-o-Rangi School

"Morning rise and shine it's your first day at a new school." Mum could hardly breathe she was in such a rush. I was so pumped I nearly forgot to get ready for school. I wonder if there's other kids that I can play with and will include me? I wonder what adventures I will have and friends I will make?

But when I got to Roto-o-Rangi I felt nauseous, shy and scared so I hid behind Mum. My first look wasn't what I imagined it to be. First it was way out in the country and there was a nasty pig odour in the air. There was long grass that looked like a jungle that was waving at me. There was so much space to run and play in as well.

Mum took me to my class Room 2. That was my room for the rest of the year. It was packed to the brim with toys and at the back of the room was a tower of blocks. I was so excited to play but there were other kids so that feeling came rushing back to me. So Mrs Morris introduced me to the rest of the class.

Lunch came around and I played with some kids my age. We had lots of adventures. The day ran past and everyone went home. Mum picked me up and I had a smile on my face.

Mum and I drove home talking to each other about our day so I told her about my amazing adventures at school. I couldn't wait till tomorrow.

By Edison

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Wanted:

Either a baby sitter from 6-10am or a farm assistant from 5-8.30am starting early July through calving. Please ph. Sarah 027 524 8363 for more information

### Squash Coaching:

Emma Millar is starting squash coaching on Mondays 3.30 till 5pm at the Leamington Squash Club (where the bus stops)

### Baby Sitter:

Ashleigh Stuart is available for baby sitting/child minding, ph 827 1775.

### THANKS to local Cambridge businesses

A thank you to Derek Burtenshaw of **Cambridge Locksmiths** for the great work done in the school over the holidays. Derek was flexible and helpful with organising when he could do the work during holiday time. Everything was completed quickly and very professionally, so we would recommend Derek to the community if you are in need of a locksmith. Phone - 07 8235795, mobile - 021 2897070

We would also like to thank **Cambridge Tyre Traders** and **Cambridge Soccer Club** for the donation of 15 soccer balls to our school. These will be well used by the children and enjoyed during break times and sports practices.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

24/7	First day of Term 3
7-11/8	ERO checking up on the school
16/8	BOT meeting – staffroom @6pm
25/8	Roto Cross Country
1/9	Rural Schools' Cross Country
3/9	Father's Day
8/9	Cambridge Schools' Cross Country
13/9	BOT Meeting – staffroom @ 6pm
?/9	Marae visit – Cambridge Community marae
21/9	Roto Speech night starting at 7pm
26/9	Yr 6 Orientation Day @ CMS
<b>4/11</b>	<b>Country Fair</b> – lock it in now. Guy Fawkes day.

*The senior boys and Mr E. perform a haka for Tyla as she receives her Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award.*





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