

Roto Review

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Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to the final term of the year at Roto-o-Rangi School. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and we're able to get some time off work during the last 2 weeks.

We have plenty to pack into this term as we build up to our end of year celebrations. The weather is showing at times we might be close to summer but then we have the days like start of the term where they were a bit cool. Hopefully the remainder of term will be warm and fine with enough rain to keep the grass growing.

The term will begin with our annual Ag Day. Although this will be much shorter with no calves being represented in 2018. We still have a huge number of lambs and goats with 39 animals competing. Ag Day is tomorrow and we look forward to seeing as many families that can make it on this very special rural day. Group Day follows on Wednesday the 24th of October and any child wishing to compete at group day is welcome. It would be great to see all of the children who win themselves a ribbon or a trophy going along to group day to compete against students across Cambridge, but if you don't win a ribbon you can still go to Group Day and you never know it could pay off.

November will begin with a bang as Guy Fawkes is on the first weekend of November. Following that the children in Room 5, Mrs Morris and Mr D will be heading to Auckland for the city adventure camp in 2018.

The athletics season begins on Friday the 16th of November with the annual Roto-o-Rangi School Athletics Day. The following Friday we will be traveling in to Vogel Street to compete at the Rural Schools Athletics Day and then those children who make the rural schools team will travel to Vogel street again the following Friday (30th November) to compete in the Cambridge Schools Athletics Day.

Then we will move into the Festive season as the senior school learn Christmas carols to sing at the town hall and we prepare for our final prize giving assembly and year 6 leavers dinner at the end of the term.

Something new this year, the staff would like to have a BBQ one evening late in the year with all the families and children. Bring along something to cook on the BBQ and anything else they would like to eat. This is to celebrate a successful year, have some fun and enjoy the build up to Christmas. Keep an eye out for more details on this event.

AG DAY

Agricultural Day is happening tomorrow. Whilst we only have lambs and goats this year it will still be an exciting event. Please come along and support the children who have put a mighty effort into the various tasks associated with Agricultural Day. There is the baking competition and the garden in a bucket. It is always amazing to see what the children have come up with. Tonight will be your last chance to enter the baking section. Recipes for the baking are posted on the Roto Parents Facebook page. The criteria is very strict so please do not change the recipes or change the amount of items that are to be presented on the plate. Please don't put the child's name on the plate either as they will be given a number when they enter their baking. With the garden in a bucket the children need to present information about when they planted their seedlings and what they did to turn it into the magnificent garden that they have produced. These are always two fun activities that are easy for the children to enter so that no matter where you live you can participate in our Agricultural Day.

HATS

All children do need to wear a wide brimmed hat this term if they wish to play in the open areas at school. Nearly all children have been excellent at the start of this term remembering to bring their hats and wear them. Just a reminder that hoodies, caps are not acceptable as they do not meet sun safety standards. Our cool school hat can be purchased through the school office for the minimum amount of \$15.

BOOK WEEK

Thank you to Mrs Morris for organising the wonderful book week we had at the end of last term. We had buddy reading where senior students read alongside a junior counterpart. Both age groups loved this activity. We also had teachers sharing some of their favourite stories with the various classes. Towards the end of the week we concluded with three very exciting and fun filled events. Grandparents day is always a great tradition at the school and once again we had many Grandparents turn up to spend some special time with their Grandchildren. The children were all smiles as they proudly showed their Grandparents around their classes and shared some books with them. Then it was our turn to entertain the Grandparents when Georgia kuijpers organised and compared the Roto talent show called Lights Camera Roto. The talent on show was varied across multiple performing arts. We had classical and modern dance, joke telling and singing. Well done to all of the children who were brave enough to stand up in front of all of those adults and display their talents. A particular congratulations goes out to those brave souls who continued with their performances even through the technical hitches that happened with the sound system. That is true resilience. All the children deserve praise for their performances on the day but there can be only one winner for each section with Harper winning the junior section and Greer and Eden winning the senior section.

Book week then concluded with a fun book character dress up day. There was a huge array of costumes throughout the school. There must have only been three or four children out of the entire school who did not come in costume during the day. I am sure everyone saw the front page spread on the Cambridge Edition of the awesome costumes that children wore. Thank you to the parents who spent time and effort helping the children create their costumes and enjoy the fun associated with it. It was a great way to finish the term.

SPORT

Miniball will be getting under way in the next week or two. Thank you to Mr Morris and Mr Johns who have volunteered to coach the two Miniball teams. We hope they have a very successful season.

A Waikato tennis coach is keen to have lessons during school time at our school in Term 4. However he does need a decent number of children prepared to participate in lessons in order for it to be viable for him to drive from Hamilton. The tennis lessons are a user pays system. If you think your child will benefit from these high quality coaching sessions please enrol through their website www.kiwitennis.co.nz or contact Pete Hoyland pete@kiwitennis.co.nz These lessons come in handy when children compete for the Tennis Cup at the end of the year. In 2017 there was no competition for the cup as there were no students of suitable ability to warrant a competition. So it would be fantastic if in 2018 we could return to compete for the tennis cups.

WELCOME

We welcome Milly Orr to Room 1. We are glad you have joined us and know that you will have a great time at our school.



CHRISTMAS PARADE

We will be entering the Cambridge Christmas Parade again this year, but we need people to volunteer to help with decorating the float. Last year's tribute to Murray Ball as our Christmas float was a real hit. Any excellent things that come to mind please let us know. If you are keen to help out please email or call the office and let Lorraine know.

We will decorate the float on the morning of Sunday 2nd December. Children are welcome to be on the float and we will be asking for children to join the float at a later date.

WINTER SPORTS ASSEMBLY

On the 2nd Friday of next term, Oct 26th, we will hold our Winter Sports Assembly. This acknowledges children who have represented the school in sports over the last 2 terms. Because significant numbers of students participate in these teams (from 5 year old rugby players through to 11 year old hockey players) we do hold a special assembly to acknowledge the participation and excellence achieved in the various sports.

HOT FOOD and HOT MILO's

Just a quick reminder that in term 4 we do not have hot food on a Wednesday nor do we have Milo's on a Friday. Thank you to the PTA for organising the Milo's and spending the time preparing them and washing up afterwards for our children. Yet another service provided by the PTA that is much appreciated.

The pop-up Monday lunches will continue this term so keep an eye out for those order forms.

WRITER'S CORNER

ROOM 1

Me and Shamus and Hollie are waiting for the bus. By Samuel

I found 4 stick insects under the tree. By Skye

I went to the native bush with mum and dad. By Shamus

I am on my BB's boat. By Sam

I went to a party and we had cake and fizzy drink and lollies. By Ella

I went to the Speedway and big and little cars went fast and the winner gets to go around the track with the winning flag. By George

My cats are cuddly and they scratch on the scratch tree and Shilo jumped on the table. By Aria



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

19/10	Ag Day
22 or 23/10	PTA meeting 7pm
24/10	Group Day
26/10	Roto Sports Assembly
31/10	BOT meeting 6pm
5/11	Guy Fawkes day.
6-9/11	Senior Camp
16/11	Roto Athletics
23/11	Rural Athletics
29/11	Puppet Show for Room's 1 & 3
30/11	Cambridge Schools' Athletics
Dec	Christmas Carols in the Town Hall
5/12	BOT Meeting 6pm
7/12	Year 6 dinner
Dec	Year 6 Ride to Avantidrome
13/12	Prizegiving Assembly
17/12	Last Day



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