



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

CLASSES FOR 2020

The class your child is in next year will be finalised next week. However, we can reveal that due to the numbers of the children in each year level our classes will be:

Room 1	Year 1	Mrs Goldsman
Room 3	Year 1/2	Mrs Furze
Room 2	Year 2/3	New teacher
Room 4	Year 4/5	New Teacher
Room 5	Year 5/6	Mrs Morris

We have already spent a few hours discussing which children are placed in which rooms and do not make these decisions lightly. Thankfully, no matter which class they are in we know they will receive a quality education and will be taught at their own level and pace of learning.

COUNTRY FAIR

It is happening **THIS SATURDAY!**

If you can help us by running a stall, serving food or just helping to set up and take down, the PTA would love your support. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so get behind the hardworking team who have already contributed hours towards organising it.

They are busy parents just like the rest of us.

SEE YOU THERE!

JURY SERVICE

Mr D will be doing his civic duty from Mon 9th - 13th December. Hence he maybe absent from the school during one of it's busiest periods. If there are any issues that arise please let the office know and Roxy will pass it on each afternoon. Otherwise please take into consideration the school may be one staff member down for the week.

Hopefully Mr D won't see anyone he knows!

ROTO-O-RANGI SCHOOL

COUNTRY FAIR

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
9AM - 2PM
CAMBRIDGE RACEWAY

- ★ Food Stalls
- ★ Games
- ★ Pony Rides
- ★ Tug of war
- ★ Face painting
- ★ Coffee
- ★ Bouncy castle
- ★ Bumpy train

CAROLS AT THE TOWN HALL

The 2 senior classes will again be singing at the Town Hall as part of the Christmas Festival on Wednesday 4th Dec. Singing starts at 2.00pm. All parents, grandparents, relatives and friends are welcome to hear the children sing. The bus will be returning to school straight after the carols ready for the buses home at 3.00pm. Permission slips have now been returned and a list of which children will be picked up from the town hall has been compiled.

CAR PARK SAFETY

Just a reminder of our request in the last newsletter; Please bring your child **in to school** from the car park in the morning and collect them from **inside the school grounds** at the end of the day, rather than allowing them to walk in by themselves. There have been several occasions recently where children have walked in front of cars and buses and almost been hit. Please also remember to drive to the correct speed limits to and from school; many of the speed limits in our area have recently been reduced and it seems that not everyone has slowed down.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility.

HOMEWORK BOOK COVER DESIGN

Seniors – remember to get those designs back to Mr D by Friday Games Break if you want to be considered for the front cover of next year's homework books.

POOL KEYS

The pool is open and boy, has the weather changed just in time! Families are required to come to the office to pay for the keys, as there are rules and regulations they have to sign regarding the use of the school pool. It is not a private pool, it is owned by the Ministry of Education, and as such there are numerous regulations that users must abide by if it is going to be opened for public use. The cost for renting the key is \$55 for school families, which includes a newly added \$10 bond which is refunded upon the key's return.

Please check the school's online calendar (on website and Skoolloop app) to see if the pool is in use for lessons. Whilst the swimming teacher does not have exclusive use of the pool during this time, it may be a bit crowded if others turn up for a casual swim.

SKOOL LOOP APP for COMMUNICATION

We would like all parents and extended family to download the Skoolloop app to their phone. Go to your Play store app on your phone, search for Skool Loop and download it. Once you have downloaded the app, open it and search for Roto-o-Rangi School. Once that is set up you can even select the specific groups associated with your child/ren to receive notices sent specifically to those groups.

The app also has the school's online calendar, allows you to send absences notes, and sign those pesky permission forms that get eaten by the school bag monster.

WHAANAU HUI

A big THANK YOU to the parents able to attend the hui last week. Your ideas and thoughts are greatly appreciated. We will have plenty of guidance from whaanau as Mr D engages with a new national programme called the Maaori Achievement Collaborative, helping to increase Maaori achievement and culturally responsive practice. We are also thankful for the attendance of Harry Wilson, our mana whenua, who was able to give guidance and tautoko (support) to the school and to Karamea, who is leading our kapahaka roopu.

WORLD CUP CYCLING

We have been able to secure 57 childrens tickets to attend one afternoon at the Cycling World Cup races at the Avantidrome, but not many have been sold yet. Please get the money and form back asap. The cost is \$5 for a rare opportunity to watch elite level cyclists competing right here in Cambridge.

DANCE IN CLASS

The children are having a great time learning the dances ready for the Dance afternoon. Dancing will commence at 12.50pm. At the conclusion of the dancing, the parents and grandparents are invited to have some afternoon tea at school.

MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS EVENING

A reminder that the female Year 5/6 students (and their female caregivers or Mums) are invited to an evening with guest speaker Dr Clare Hamilton. The evening supports our girls who will be going through physical changes in the near future, explaining simply and caringly what to expect, but with a good dose of humour thrown in from Dr Clare! Please bring a plate to share afterwards, but only a little one otherwise there will be too much.

PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY 17th DEC.

At the end of every year we hold a prizegiving assembly to recognise some of the outstanding efforts our children have put in over the year. Each class awards 6 certificates; 3 for academic achievement/effort and 3 for cultural (Values, participating in a wide variety of activities etc). There are 6 trophies for the Year 6 children who have been outstanding performers over a number of years at the school. We also say good bye to the Year 6 children and they say zàijìàn (goodbye). We even get a little visit from a special "you know who" at the end of the night!

SCHOOL HATS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE FOR \$15

ALL children must wear a bucket-style hat every playtime during this term.

WRITER'S CORNER

A snippet of 'The Hunt' by Grayson, Year 6

Tattered, Joe settled down in the alleyway. It was cold and grey, vandalized, wet. An eerie sensation popped up everywhere in Joe's eyes. He finally curled up in a warm dumpster. The dumpster had a fresh smell of pudding and sauces, suggesting the building it was against, had had some kind of feast.

Quickly, Joe's eyes came to a rest and then he was asleep just like that. Just looking into Joe's eyes you could see the tragic past that had made him into the dirty, risk-taking, street rat that he was today.

Startled, Joe sat up with blue and red colours blinding his vision. A fleet of police cars rushed past the alleyway Joe was present in. Joe shrugged and collapsed back into his dumpster. He froze. A crumpled up wanted poster sat next to Joe. "Wanted: Jerry Jenkins," Joe read. The "Jerry Jenkins" In the poster looked as unhygienic and dirty as him – HE LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE HIM!

Joe furiously rolled around in his dumpster. He couldn't live on the streets AND be wanted! He had to clear his name, but how? Joe peeked out the alleyway. It was a surprisingly quiet night for a busy, grey, wet street. He looked around for any kind of chance to blend in. Joe's mind stopped focusing on the task ahead but rather the old bakery next to the alleyway. Joe assumed that it disposed of the sugary heap of deserts from before. Suddenly Joe sparked an idea...

Amendment from last Writer's Corner

Apologies to Dani who had her writing in the last newsletter. Dani is a year 3 from Room 4; I made a typo, sorry Dani! Roxy

NEWS FROM THE PTA

CHOCOLATE SALES

Don't forget we have Cadbury Christmas Edition chocolate for sale at the office! 100g bars of Cadbury milk & white chocolate. Bars are selling for \$3 and full boxes for \$60. This time around, we are asking for pre-payment for all bars and boxes. Why not grab a box to sell at work or around your local area?

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Various programmes run during the holidays, and at the school office we often receive details of these. Rather than colour printing every advert in our newsletter, please contact Roxy for information on the following programmes; Squiggle, Kelly Sports, Ignite, EDventure Hamilton.

MADAGASCAR SHOW!

Madagascar - A Musical Event Jr. production will run at Riverlea Theatre in Hamilton from 14th-18th January 2020. Several children from Cambridge will be involved in the production so it would be great for our local community to head along to watch! Go to www.iticket.co.nz for tickets and info.

SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION

Kairangi Cottage is available for short term rent from January for approximately three months. For more information please contact Lynda Curin by email davidandlynda19@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29/11 Interschools Athletics
- 30/11 Country Fair @ Cambridge A & P Show
- 3/12 Mothers and Daughters evening 6.30pm
- 4/12 Christmas Carol Singing at Town Hall 2pm
- 4/12 BOT Meeting 6pm in staffroom
- 5/12 Dance Afternoon from 12.35pm
- 6/12 World Cup Cycling Champs Yr 3-6 attending
- 12/12 Year 6 Dinner in Roto-o-Rangi Community Hall
- 17/12 Prizegiving Assembly for 2019 in the Roto Hall
Last Day of School Years 0 - 5
- 18/12 Last ½ Day for Year 6 children only

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Office Hours

My hours have altered slightly again! I will be at school from 9am to 3pm but between 9.45 and 11.05 I will not be in the office. Please leave a voicemail or email and I will respond upon return.

Communication & Absences

If your child is absent from school please let us know by either text, phone, email or via the Skool Loop App. Also, if you would like to get a message to us please refrain from using the Facebook page or Messenger to do this, as we do not check it very often during the course of the school day. The only time this differs is when we have posted something up specifically asking for responses in the comments.

School Accounts

It's almost the end of the year and we would really appreciate school accounts being cleared by the end of the term. You will soon receive a statement to let you know how much is owing. Feel free to set up an automatic payment at any time.

Next year I will be sending monthly statements to each family to ensure you receive regular updates on where you are at.

Thank you to the kind sponsors of our newsletter



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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