



Roto Review

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our motto of
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Dear parents and caregivers,

WELCOME TO 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to a brand new year and decade. 2020 looks very promising. With a starting roll of 95 wonderful children, you can feel how settled and enthusiastic the children are already. There is a very positive vibe around the place. We welcome 2 new teachers to our school as well. Caitlin Munford-Stokes is in Room 2, teaching our Year 2/3 children. Caitlin has joined us from Cambridge Primary School. Not one to sit on her laurels, she has already run a staff meeting on a programme called Class Dojo. Courtney Watson has joined us too and is teaching in Room 4 with our Year 4/5 children. Courtney is brand new to teaching, having graduated last year. We look forward to the enthusiasm and new ideas only beginning teachers can bring.

The office hours are 9.00am til 3.00pm daily, however Roxy will be taking 1 day a fortnight off to compensate for the extra hours she is doing during the other days. Mr D will be around the office more, especially when Roxy is away.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

The Ministry of Education are allowing schools to hold 8 Teacher Only Days (or TODs) over the next 2 ½ years. We will be holding 4 this year. In an effort to provide maximum benefit for staff but minimal interruption for families we have organised for these to happen around weekends. Many of the schools in Cambridge have also co-ordinated these dates to cause less disruption. **We will have Teacher Only Days in 2020 on:**

Friday Feb 7th (in 2 days time), Friday 12th June and Monday 15th June (Fieldays weekend), and Monday 16th October. Don't forget that tomorrow is Waitangi Day, no school, so you have a 4 day long weekend (starting with a win in the cricket tonight in Hamilton).

WELCOME EVENING

We will be holding a Welcome to School evening on Thursday 27th February from 6.00pm. This is the perfect opportunity for new families to the district/ the school/ Cambridge to come and meet other families and the teachers at Roto-o-Rangi School. We would love to have all of our families who have already been in the school for a while now coming along to meet the new people to Roto. It also provides the chance to meet the new "friends" and their families. So bring the entire whanau along.

The teachers will be there so that you can have an informal chat about how your child is settling in and if there is anything more you need to know about the class.

On the night we have a free sausage sizzle and the pool is available for the children to have a swim. Come along to this relaxing and enjoyable social night to kick off 2020.

WELCOME

We welcomed the following children to Roto-o-Rangi School on Monday with a whakatau.

James, Matai and Ryleigh are in Room 5, Kier in Room 4, Ryan, Gab and Zach in Room 2, Daniel in Room 3. Leeah and Britney in Room 1 (absent from photo because they were in the pool – their photo in next newsletter.)

We know you will enjoy your learning at Roto-o-Rangi and make our school an even better place to learn in.

Thank you to current families who stayed to tautoko (support) the new families and be part of the welcome.



TERM 1 SPORTS

Miniball and touch will be starting this term. Newsletters will be coming home about these next week when we get all the details so keep an eye out on the Facebook, Skoolloop and in your child's bag.

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. Plain caps are not sufficient protection (but the ones with the neckflap are fine too).

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

On March 19/20 we will be holding a Whole School Camp. That night we will be basing camp here at school. Mostly we have Year 4-6 in tents (unless the weather is really poor) and Year 1-3 in the MP Room or classrooms. Older brothers and sisters can share their family tent. So there could be a Year 6, a Year 3 and a Year 1 in the family tent. Make sure you keep the days and night free. More details will be coming out in a separate newsletter next week.

KNOWING WHAT IS HAPPENING

We communicate upcoming events as early as we can in a variety of formats. Whilst we don't always get it right, the vast majority of the time the information is out there.

The school uses a **private Facebook page** (called Roto parents) which only parents have access to (no aunts, uncles, family friends, grandparents, just those with day to day care of the students). It has photos of the children doing activities in the school, has the mundane information like start times to Swimming Sports, reminders about paying school accounts and where not to park. It also celebrates some of the great learning happening at the school and informs you of events coming up.

Skoolloop is an app that you download to your phone to receive messages, view the school calendar, send in absence messages, etc. Just download it from the App store and search for Roto-o-Rangi school.

Website – the website has a calendar with all the upcoming events you need to know about, and is the most up to date calendar (even more up to date than the calendar in this newsletter). It also has general information to help you know what is happening – such as the term dates, the TODs in 2020, staff names, times the school is open, when assemblies are held and newsletters are published. There's loads of info about the school specific for parents to know.

Newsletter is published every fortnight beginning in Week 1 of the Term (so week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 of each term). It celebrates learning happening in the school and provides the latest information.

Public Facebook page. This page is mainly to showcase what the school has been doing and inform of upcoming events that the whole world might like to know, but is unlikely to have things specific to what parents need information about – like the times miniball is played, or what time the Magic show starts.

CLASSDOJO

Parents with kindergarten children may be familiar with Seesaw, children's portfolios online. We are trialling the use of Clasdojo to do the same thing. Go to your app store and download it. Sign up for a parent account then add your email and the password supplied by your child from school to create the account. You will get to see your child's work and the things happening in the class. It may take some time for the elder statespeople on staff to get to grips with it, but by the end of the term expect to see a full portfolio of learning.

SETTLING IN REPORT

We have the Settling In report coming home on Feb 27th. This is just a highlight of how well your child has settled into the routines of their classroom and their focus on the learning so far.

There is a section for parents to feedback to teachers what you goals/aims are for your child/ren during this year too. Please take the time to complete this and discuss with your child/ren what you want to support them in achieving this year as well.

PTA MEETING

The PTA are holding their AGM on Tuesday 11th Feb at 7.30pm in the Staffroom at school. All people are welcome to attend. The positions on the PTA are all open and it is a great way to be involved in the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 11/2 | PTA Meeting AGM, 7.30pm |
| 20/2 | BOT Meeting 6pm in Staffroom |
| 27/2 | Settling In Reports come home
Welcome to Roto evening, starting at 6.00pm. |
| 12-15/3 | Auck. school rowers using the school buildings |
| 12/3 | Roto Junior Swimming Sports at Roto 12.30pm |
| 13/3 | Roto Senior Swim Sports – Cam High, 9.45am |
| 17/3 | PTA Meeting |
| 18/3 | Anti-bullying show – Think Magic show 9.15 |
| 19-20/3 | Overnight Whole School Camp @ Roto |
| 23/3 | Rural Schools' Swimming Sports – St Peter's |
| 25/3 | BOT Meeting – 6pm |
| 3/4 | Cambridge Schools' Swim Sports – St Peter's |
| 9/4 | Holy Thursday and last day Term 1 |
| 28/4 | Tuesday – start of term 2 (ANZAC observed on the Monday) |

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Music House: Music lessons – provided during school time so no rushing around after work to get to a lesson. These are on hold due to a lack of numbers.

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.