



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

WHAANAU/FAMILY BBQ

Next Thursday, 27th Feb, is our 'Welcome to Roto-o-Rangi' Whaanau BBQ evening, beginning at 6pm.

FREE sausage sizzle for all those who attend.

FREE swim for anyone attending who would like to join in the fun.

FREE chance to chat with other new families and make connections.

FREE chance to learn about the school from those families who have been here quite a while.

Come and meet the BOT – the people working behind the scenes, forming the school's strategic direction.

Chat with the teachers about how well your children are settling in to class.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

The incident on Friday with the lockdowns of schools on the East side of town highlighted how difficult it can be for us to contact all parents in an emergency like that. Whilst we have a number of methods of contacting parents, not all are useful in an emergency. The one that is, however, is the Skoolloop App.

A message is sent direct to your phone. Hence, we need all parents to download this app to their phone so we can get emergency messages to everyone quickly.

Go to your App store, search for Skoolloop and download the app. Open the app and search for Roto-o-Rangi School and select it. Finally choose the groups you want to receive information from.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM

In 2020 the Technology curriculum was expanded to include Digital Technologies. The teachers will be learning about this new area throughout Terms 1/2. Don't confuse it with using digital devices. It does not mean loads more device use. It does mean learning about the systems and process behind the digital world so we can understand it and use it better. For example, children often think computers are really smart, when in reality they are completely dumb. They don't think like a person, they only do what they are told (the code that has been written for them to follow). The digital technologies breaks down our misunderstandings and shows us in simple terms how they work. More to come over the year. And it's not just us doing this. Te Puna o Kemureti is the Community of Learners for Cambridge. It is all the schools (Primary, Middle, High) working together to create a more cohesive, fluent transition through schooling. TPoK is also exploring the Digital technologies curriculum this year.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Peara in Room 4 (not pictured), Axel (pictured) and Alexia in Room 1. We know you will have an awesome time at Roto. Britney and Leeah are in the photo too because they missed the last newsletter.



RUBEN THE ROADSAFETY BEAR

The Junior classes will be treated to a visit from Reuben next Wednesday 26th Feb at 9.15am. Reuben gives lots of safety tips for crossing the road, riding your bike and buckling up in the car.

RANGIAOWHIA COMMEMORATIONS

On Friday 21st Feb there is a commemorative ceremony at Rangiaowhia, just 10 kms from school. Mr D. Is going to represent the school and Te Puna o Kemureti (The Cambridge Community of Learners).

Rangiaowhia is the site of a tragic but historic event in our area. Anyone is invited, and whilst the commemorations will go on all day (5am – 4pm) you may like to join Mr D at the dawn ceremony.

5 – 6am Public Parking in paddock beside Hairini Hall. (Road closed during dawn ceremony)

6am Dawn Ceremony - Karakia (at top kohatu) corner Rangiaowhia Rd & Puahue Rd.

7am Breakfast – Hairini Hall.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Some of our students took part in the Weetbix TRYathlon last weekend and we'd like to congratulate them on their efforts! Henry did exceptionally well in his 100m swim, 4km bike and 1.5km run. Longstanding Roto-o-Rangi family the Norvills also entered and achieved their own personal bests. Pictured below we have the Norvill clan; former students Molly and Dylan with their siblings, and current Roto students, Cory and Charlotte. Well done to all of you, and any others who entered the TRYathlon! We'll put a notice out in Term 4 to see if there is enough interest to enter school team next year.



SCHOOL CAMP

Here is a brief outline of camp and a call for transport. We will be busy travelling around our area for camp and need loads of transport to move 100 kids about.

This term we are focussing on My Place and Space. Learning about our past, Roto-o-Rangi's past and how that shape's where we are today. So on Thursday 19th March we will be heading to the Maungatautari enclosure (hopefully might get the Seniors right over the mountain) whilst on Friday we will have trips around Cambridge and Karapiro and Rangiaowhia to hear about some of our history. We will be joined by mana whenua, Harry Wilson, to tell some of the stories at important sites around Cambridge and Karapiro. So you can see, we will need lots of vehicles to get the children around the locations. A detailed camp newsletter will be out Monday.

VALUES-RESPONSIBLE/TAKOHANGA

Values/Taonga horomata are an integral part of our learning at Roto-o-Rangi. Each newsletter will have a little piece about one of the Values we can be growing in our children. This fortnight it is being Takohanga/Responsible.

How can we grow children to be more Responsible:

1. Provide opportunities to do things for the greater good, not themselves; like doing chores to do because it helps the family function.
2. Don't rush to bail them out of a difficult situation – if they have to pack their lunch but forget, don't bring it to school, they won't starve.
3. To be responsible you have to give them responsibilities, and expect them to complete it.
4. Model it and explain it. i.e. When things go wrong, don't blame others. Model accepting responsibility for getting something wrong, fixing it and moving forward. Do something for the greater good, then explain why you gave up that time to do something for others.

TE REO TANTALISERS

Can you match these te reo words and english words? Watch out, a couple could trick you.

Kia ora	Sit down
Ata marie	Monday
E noho	Hello to you
Rāhine	Good morning (morning peace)
Morena	Thank you
Tēnā koe	Good morning

In Tainui area, when writing Māori words, they prefer to use double vowels instead of the macron. So in the list above Rāhine should be Raahine, Tēnā koe should be teena koe. We left the macrons on this time, as a starter, but from here on in no more macrons.

THANK YOU!

Massive thanks to the following people who refurbished our poolside furniture over the summer holidays;

Anne & Bob Orr

Hannah & Richard Hopkins

Tony & Rosie Keeley

Tim O'Leary

Cambridge ITM

and **Bobwire fencing** for doing the hard graft!

You did an amazing job and we really appreciate your hard māhī and input

THANK YOU!

SCHOOL HATS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE FOR \$15

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

CONGRATS MĀTAI!

Big congratulations to Room 5 student, Mātai, who has been selected for the Under 10 Aotearoa Māori team for Tag football!

Mātai has a tournament coming up in Auckland over the 6/7/8th March, playing for the Oceania Pacific Cup.

Last night Mātai was named in the NZ Kiwi Tag20 under 10 team to play in the Heritage World Cup in Brisbane in November

– Way to go Mātai, we can't wait to see how you get on!



Have something to share with our school community? Let us know!

CHOCOLATE SALES!

The PTA did a pre-Christmas fundraiser for the school selling Cadbury Christmas chocolate bars. There are quite a few bars still left, with an expiry date of only a couple of months away, so these are now available for \$2 each. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase some.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cambridge Middle School - Community Consultation Meeting 26th February 6pm in the Cambridge Middle School Hall. All are invited to attend this meeting to discuss the CMS proposed enrolment zone. As this may effect you in the future it is worth reading the information on their website/Facebook page and/or attending the meeting.

NETBALL

A local adult female is looking for a netball team to join! If you know of any local netball teams or are keen to join a Roto-o-Rangi community team please contact Roxy in the office and she will pass the message on.

IRISH DANCING

Classes are available in Cambridge and Hamilton for dancers of all abilities from age 4 and up. Combination of traditional, modern and ceili dance. Contact maryellenwalsh@xtra.co.nz for enquiries.

KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES STARTING SATURDAY, 15TH FEB – 4TH APR 2020

WHERE: Te Miro MTB Park, Waterworks Road, Te Miro
Approx 15 mins from both Morrinsville and Cambridge. Parking available on the Reserve.

9:45am - Meet at Main Car Park (rider briefing, group sorting and tip of the week)
10am - Group Rides leave main car park
12pm - Groups return to BBQ Area (depending on skill level you may return earlier)

- Recommended Age 8 to 15 (Adults welcome to join the ride)
- Under 8's must be accompanied by riding, walking or running adult
- Bring a drink bottle/camelbak & any medication you may need
- Bikes must be suitable for off road use & in good working order
- Helmets and shoes compulsory (No exceptions)
- No cost for the rides but donations & new members are welcome
- Stay after the ride for a sausage sizzle and drink – Cash Only
- Rides are on rain, hail or shine



Ph or Text Linley A/H for more information – 0272 363 778
Please advise if your child has any special needs so that they can be grouped with extra adult support if required

WRITER'S CORNER

**Room 4 have been working on Bio Poems.
Here's an awesome one by Dani**

DANI

Overjoyed, sleepy, comic and hungry
Daughter of Mandy and Marcel
Sister of Georgia and Riley
Who loves unicorns, dogs and cats
Who feels mind blown when people go weird
and bossy!
Who needs family and unicorns and food
Who gives hugs and lollies and smiles
Who fears pennywise and clowns and the dead
Who wants to see a unicorn and a rollercoaster
Who dislikes broccoli and brussel sprouts
Who lives at Roto-o-Rangi Road
KUIJPERS!!!

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Office Hours

Roxy's official hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 1.40pm but she is usually here until 3pm so she will be taking a day off when possible to make up for extra hours worked. We will let you know via Skool Loop and Facebook when Roxy has a day off booked.

Communication & Absences

If your child is absent from school please let us know by either text, phone, email or via the Skool Loop App. If you have a change to your child's usual transport arrangements please leave a message on the Bus Change voicemail, preferably before 2pm. Please refrain from using the Facebook page or Messenger to send messages to school (unless we have asked for responses in the comments) as we do not check it often during the course of the school day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 26/2 BOT Meeting 6pm in Staffroom
- 26/2 Ruben the Road Safety Bear visiting school
- 27/2 Settling In Reports come home
Whaanau/family Welcome to Roto BBQ 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
- 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
- 27/3 Earth Hour Schools Day
- 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)

For the full school calendar please see our website.

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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