



# Roto Review

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

**Kia ora Koutou Katoa,**

## COVID-19

There is not much more to be said here regarding COVID-19 beyond the emails we pass on. I will be emailing all updates, rather than using Facebook because we have emails for everyone but not everyone uses Facebook. I will also use the Skoolloop app too.

Should the DHB ever get to the point of shutting our school, we will have a page on our website, and emailed out, which will provide websites you can access to keep up their learning. But only if you choose to use them. We are acutely aware of how stressful this time would be, and rather than having “lessons” for children to do and the stress associated with that, I believe that doing more practical things with your children would be more beneficial.

We will have the online learning children could work on, and numerous educational websites that children could utilise informally but do not feel that you would have to do the lessons or utilise those websites.

## CANCELLATION OF EVENTS

It was a shame we had to cancel camp, but we would like to thank everyone for their support when we did this.

The most disappointing part is missing out on hearing the local stories from Harry Wilson. Harry is a very busy man but put time aside to support our school.

We are receiving updates daily of sporting and other events that have been cancelled due to the current situation with COVID-19 (Coronavirus). All of our current sports have been cancelled for the rest of the term, and sports for next term are currently being pushed back until a decision can be made closer to the time. Large gatherings and events, and many small ones, have also been cancelled. Our Roto Parents closed Facebook group contains a post detailing any cancellations we are made aware of. Feel free to add to the list. We have emailed these out as well.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

Both our Junior and Senior Swimming Sports days were awesome, with everyone joining in and trying their very best. Thank you to the families who came along to support our children and helped out on the days too. Thank you also to the PTA for providing sausages and juicies for the children.

A range of photos and videos from the events have been posted on our Facebook page and in the closed parents group but if you are not on FB and would like to see some pictures please get in touch with Roxy in the office. Unfortunately, both Rural Schools and Interschools swimming days have been cancelled.

## POOL KEYS

Our pool will close at the end of this term. If you would like to return your pool key you are more than welcome to do this any time from now. On returning the key we will give you back the \$10 bond you paid.



## NICKLEBY THE MAGICIAN

Yesterday we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Nickleby the Magician – son of Elgregoe the Magician who has visited our school for the last 20 years! Elgregoe has now retired, so Nickleby has filled his father’s magical boots and developed his own unique show to tour NZ and Australia. Whilst the children were thoroughly entertained by Nickleby’s amazing magic (including making Titan from year 2 float in the air!) they were also given some important antibullying messages and ideas about respect, trust and caring for others.



## VALUES

### Respect

A continual challenge, as society becomes more and more egocentric – wanting what is best for me and the rest can fend for themselves.

Respect is a big focus at the moment because there is a lack of respect happening in the playground and in the classroom. Bigger students using their size to intimidate smaller students, more able students teasing those less capable, I want it therefore I’ll just take it, and many more things going on.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 25/3 BOT Meeting – 6pm
- 27/3 Earth Hour Schools Day
- 3/4 Gumboot Friday
- 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.*

## TE REO TANTALISERS

Who are they? Match up the correct names.

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Matua</b>    | <b>Girl</b>        |
| <b>Tama</b>     | <b>Man</b>         |
| <b>Wahine</b>   | <b>Grandparent</b> |
| <b>Kotiro</b>   | <b>Boy</b>         |
| <b>Tipuna</b>   | <b>Grandchild</b>  |
| <b>Mokopuna</b> | <b>Woman</b>       |

### Last Newsletter answers:

- Kakariki = green
- Kikorangi = blue
- Maawhero = pink
- Pango = black
- Karaka = orange
- Mangu = black

## PLASTIC FREE

We are aiming to be plastic free in all our lunchboxes by the end of Term 2. We will soon begin to issue rewards to children who can show us they are plastic free. Some of our children have become very conscientious about picking up rubbish and keeping our school tidy, which is wonderful to see.

## WRITER’S CORNER

Room 3 (years 1 & 2) have given us some of their writing to share with you this time. They are making a grand effort with writing their stories independently;

I have a new house and I have a pool.  
Aurora

The rain is making it flood.

Harry  
I like to look at a volcano because it is warm.  
Daniel

I got some Lego and I played with it.  
Lane

I went to the park.

Zikyrah  
I PUT MY TOGS ON THE LINE.  
Sofie-Ela

Ila-Rose and Samuel and Ryleigh are making a rainbow.

Ila-Rose

