



# Roto Review

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

**Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,**

## WELCOME BACK

It has been 2 months and 2 days since the last school newsletter written in paper form. It is hard to believe how much the world has changed in that time. I am amazed at how settled the children have been since their return to school on Monday.

Congratulations to all the parents for surviving so many weeks in lockdown and trying to support your children with online learning, general learning, staying calm in an extremely turbulent time, and then preparing them so well for the return to school to be suddenly mixing with 100 people at a time again. The children have adapted so well. As I wander around the classrooms, the children are all focussed, keen to work, happy and operating within the new "normal" with ease (although there has been some weaning off devices needed).

The staff are monitoring the wellbeing of the children and their readiness to deal with academic learning again. We are feeling that the children have adjusted well and are seeking academic learning so we are bringing more of this back into each day. Maybe by Monday the children will be ready to meet it full on.

On Friday we will review the need for split break times and the drop off zone for next week. We will let everyone know via email and Skoolloop what we decide but it is likely that we will go back to normal breaks and normal parking (but still no adults grounds). With such huge grounds, we can certainly find space to get away from each other during breaks so playing at the same time is not such an issue for our

school. With parents not coming into school grounds, the helpfulness of a drop off zone has probably passed now. We have already decided to close the main gate all the time again.

If you come into school, it is our preference that adults use the electronic version of the contact register – scan the QR code on the poster at the front gate, on the door or at BSC/ASC, and fill in the details required.

This information is stored in our school's section of the Skoolloop app and not shared any further.



## WELCOME

We welcome Ngahine and Te Ikimoke to ngaa Ruma 1 and 4. They already had brother Te Umu here to help them settle in this week. Also, Mitchell joined Mrs Furze's class, whilst Ruby and Kenzie joined Room 1 with Mrs Goldsman. (Ruby did start the day before we all went into lockdown, so this is sort of her first week.)



## SPORTS

It looks like the sporting codes are playing things safely and not rushing back. Nothing definite has come back yet, but we would not be surprised if winter codes are left until very late in Term 2 or even just in Term 3. This week we have heard that Miniball will definitely not resume in Term 2. The gymfest is also highly doubtful as it usually takes place in June.

We will update you further as we receive more information.

If you still have sports uniforms at home from last year please make sure they are returned to school.

## MID YEAR REPORTING

As with many other schools, we will not be doing our mid year reports this term. We will focus on returning to academic learning and spend this term focussed on that. Instead, we will do our assessments early in Term 3 and have our reports in mid Term 3. This has been discussed by the BOT and agreed upon.

## VALUES

### Kindness

Not our usual Value in the school, but one I felt we needed to chat about at school this week. Going that extra bit further to make sure everyone is feeling included and part of the Roto-o-Rangi family; not hanging on so tightly to our close friends that we exclude others; making sure no-one in our class/school is feeling left out or alone.

**Could families have a chat with their children each morning for the next week to plan 1 act of kindness each day that they could do for someone who isn't a close friend? Suggestions include; inviting them to play, helping them with their work, asking to join in their game, complimenting them on something they had a go at, sending them a kind message.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 29/5 | Assembly to say goodbye to a big chunk of students leaving the area. |
| 11/6 | BOT Meeting – 6pm  |
| 3/7  | End of Term 2  |

There are very few events for the rest of this term, as we wait and see what changes happen in Levels and the restriction changes that occur.

**For the full school calendar please see our website.**

*Has your child done something you are proud of outside of school? Let us know!*

## TE REO TANTALISERS

When are they? Match up the correct names.

Raamere  
Raatu  
Rahoro  
Raapa  
Raatapu  
Raapare  
Raahina

Sunday  
Wednesday  
Saturday  
Monday  
Friday  
Tuesday  
Thursday

### Last Newsletter answers:

Matua = man  
Tamai = boy  
Wahine = woman  
Kotiro = girl  
Tipuna = grandparent  
Mokopuna = grandchild

## 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.

## Congratulations

Congrats to the Harvey family who welcomed their new baby boy, Hendrik, to the world during lockdown!

## POOL KEYS

If you have a key for the school swimming pool please return it as soon as possible. Once your key has been returned, Roxy will be in touch to pay back your \$10 key bond.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

The last couple of months have been a testing time for all of us, and many families have experienced a loss of income. With this in mind, we decided not to send out account statements just yet. However, if you would like an up to date statement please let me know and I will email it to you. As always, the best way to stay on top of your account is to set up a regular automatic payment. The school account number is **02-0316-0126443-000**. Please contact me with any queries; Roxy [office@rotoorangi.school.nz](mailto:office@rotoorangi.school.nz)

## WRITER'S CORNER

**Room 2 wrote about what makes them smile, after reading 'Smiling is infectious' by Spike Milligan**

### I Smile...

When people are being silly and tell me a joke.

When my dad gets me new clothes.

Because Milly makes me smile big.

Because my friends let me.

When my mum makes me happy she makes me laugh and smile.

Because Aria is sharing her pencil.