



# Roto Review

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

**Kia ora Koutou Katoa,**

## SCHOOL VISION

It has been a long time since we started out on the road of reviewing the school vision and seeing if there was something more relevant to our current families. The process was quite encompassing: parents, students, staff, BOT and other community members were asked to contribute their ideas. Thank you to everyone who contributed to that review through the digital form, a written reply and/or attending meetings. There was a lot of healthy discussion and diverse opinions but what came out strongly was preparing our children for the future, relationships and skills we need in our world.

As a result the BOT and staff have settled on having just 3 key words: **Innovation, Belonging, Collaboration; Rerekeetanga, Turangawaewae, Mahi Tahī.**

**Aim High** remains our school motto and the foundation for the vision.

We have reduced the Values that we will focus on to **Respect, Resilience, Responsibility.**

The BOT and staff are currently developing the strategic goals and the initiatives we will begin to implement in 2021 so that we achieve our vision in the years to come.

## SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE

Our whole school Showcase performances are next week over in the Roto-o-Rangi Hall across the road.

We have a daytime one for grandparents and relatives who travel at **1pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** and then the **BIG FINALE at 7pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November.** The performance is approximately an hour long.

The showcase tells of the stories that helped shaped our area and our country – from the Taniwha in the Waikato River, to Sir Ed's conquest, even the local pigs get a mention. The showcase has been written and directed by Mrs Morris and Mrs Goldsman. Our tamariki and kaiako have worked so hard practising their waiata and roles. Every child has a part in the show, there will be plenty of singing and most of all, lots of fun. Gold coin entry for both showcase performances.

## HELP WANTED

If there are parents able to help with costuming or making props (don't worry, nothing too taxing involved. You don't need to be a professional seamstress or carpenter) please let the office know and Mrs Morris will be in contact with a job to do.

Mrs Aish-Gillard would also like some children sized lifejackets in her routine. If you have any please clearly write you family name on them and drop them into Room 4.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November has been booked as a Teacher Only Day, so no children at school on this day please. Teachers will be using this time to conclude assessment data and work on your children's reports.

## ATHLETICS

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November has been set for our Roto Athletics Day. This is another energetic fun-packed event day held here at school, where all children will have an opportunity to compete and have fun participating in a range of athletic events. Events include long jump, high jump, vortex, and of course running races. As always, there is an opportunity for the older children to compete in cup races.

So come along with your sun hat and sunscreen, plenty of water, and enjoy watching our tamariki have fun! More detailed information will be coming home soon. If you have any athletics trophies at home from last year please return them to school, thank you.

## BUCKET HATS

are to be worn by all children outside during this term. School branded hats are available from the office for \$15

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS DINNER

At the end of the term we will say farewell to our eleven Year 6 students who will mostly be moving on to Cambridge Middle School. In keeping with tradition we will be holding a farewell dinner for those students and their parents, on the evening of Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The evening is organised by Year 5 parents, so if you are a year 5 parent and willing to help with planning, decorating and running the evening please contact Debbie Norvill 027 664 4079. Many hands make light work, so whatever input you can have will help to make the evening a wonderful sendoff for our year sixes.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Miniball and Touch fees have now been added to accounts and statements will be sent out to all families next week.

**Please ensure your school account is cleared by the end of the school year.** If you have any concerns please get in touch with Roxy. The school bank account number is 02-0316-0126443-000.

## KAPAHAKA

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm our kapa haka roopu will be putting on a performance for all to attend. Thanks to Whaea Karamea and Miss Munford-Stokes for all their work this year with the group. Neither are kapa haka tutors or experts but saw the need to get this happening and volunteered to run it. If there is anyone out there keen to help we would love to take the group to the next level in 2021 so please get in touch.

## WRITER'S CORNER

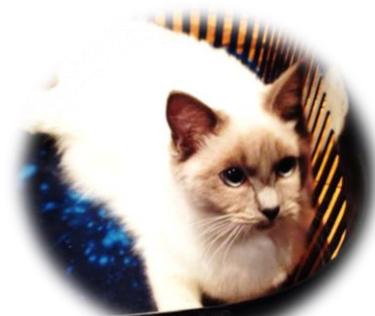
### ROOM 2

This is Fish Island because it is a fish that got stuck on an island. The fish is big and people don't know that a big fish is under them. When they find out they are going to be shocked. The fish has big eyes, a big tail and he is fat. How did it get there? Maybe the fish was tiny and then he ate a lot and then he got bigger. *By Jack*

I think the fish got in there by eating too much seaweed. Hello I think the fish was swimming around in the sea and went down to eat some yummy food and the fish got fatter and fatter until the fish got stuck. I think the fish Island was moving. Oh no! The island is moving and all the humans were moving and one human went home then the humans see where is my house? Said the human Oh dear it is floating away! Oh no. I need to catch my house! Yes I got it again finally I can live in my house again. Finally house you are here I missed you. When you were floating away I love you house now finally I can live in my house now finally now I love you house! *By Sophia*

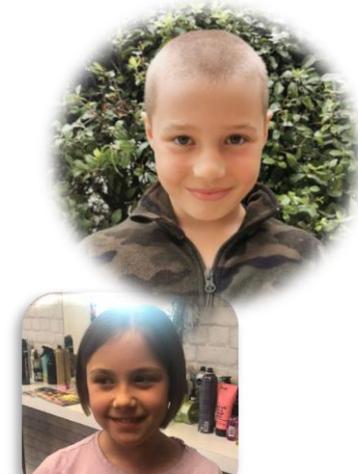
## SOMETHING IN THE (H)AIR??

You may have seen our recent facebook post about Beverly from Room 4 who had her long hair cut off to send to Freedom Hair to be made into a wig. This was a huge act of kindness from Beverly and really touched our hearts. Harper, also in Room 4, came to school this week sporting a closely shaved new 'do, so we were keen to find out her reason for this! Harper tells us she was inspired by UFC Fighter Rose Namajunas, who cut off her hair for sporting reasons, but then decided she would also like her hair to be made into a wig for someone who had lost their own hair. Beverly and Harper, you are both so inspiring to us all!



## MISSING

Have you seen Millie the Ragdoll cat? She's been missing since Tuesday from between Grice Rd and Cox Rd, and is the much loved pet of one of our families. Please get in touch with us if you have seen her.



# BIBLE IN SCHOOLS REVIEW

The Board of Trustees is currently reviewing the provision of Bible in Schools (now called Launchpad), a Christian based values programme that uses references to the bible as part of the lessons. It is a programme that has run in the School for decades. Changes in rules from the MOE have meant that there are new considerations under this review. Plus, with an increasing number of children opting out of the programme and with so many other things we are trying to achieve in children's learning, this presented as a good time to review the programme.

As part of that review we are seeking whaanau/family input as to how or if it were to be offered in the future. The BOT have a few scenarios that they would like to present and get feedback on the preferred options.

1. Continue with Bible in Schools being offered from 9:00 – 9:30am.  
During this time the School is officially closed, as we do not offer an alternative programme.
2. Not to offer Bible in Schools at all.  
School will be open from 9:00am on Friday morning just as it days the other days.
3. To change the time Bible in Schools is offered to: before School, after School or during lunch time.  
Then families would need to opt in to the classes offered and no alternative programme is required for the other students.

What is Launchpad – the programme used for Bible in Schools?

*Launchpad Champions is a Christian Values based Education programme for kura in Aotearoa New Zealand. It may support the Key Competencies and Values of the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. Values are a cornerstone of all whaanau, kura and communities.*

*The Launchpad Champions programme is a 30-minute session presented to our tamariki each week by external, volunteer presenters. The presentations encourage tamariki to be courageous, have respect and be helpful. The children are given opportunity to consider applying positive values to their own lives in situations such as: being a good friend, working together, having self-control and overcoming challenges.*

*The presenters share stories from the Bible and other inspiring champions to present positive values. Tamariki explore the koorero through games and activities, then discuss how these values might apply in everyday situations in their whaanau, kura and community.*

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Could whaanau / families please complete the following survey.

Please tick your preferred option:

- The school to no longer offer a Bible in Schools (Religious Instruction) programme
- The school to offer a Bible in Schools (Religious Instruction) programme.

If selected the response for the school to offer a Bible in Schools (Religious Instruction) programme, please indicate below how you would prefer it to be offered. You may select as many as you want:

- Before School: 8:20am – 8.50am
- During lunch break: 11:50am – 12:20pm
- After School: 3:05pm – 3:35pm
- From 9:00am – 9:30am (the school would be officially closed to all students not attending Bible in Schools.)



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On either 0274054600 or 8271878 or [carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz](mailto:carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz)



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 04/11 Showcase Performance 1pm
- 05/11 Showcase Performance 7pm
- 09/11 Year 6 Orientation Day at CMS
- 11/11 Roto Athletics Day
- 16/11 Teacher Only Day – No School
- 20/11 Rural Schools Athletics
- 24/11 PTA Meeting
- 24-27/11 Year 5/6 Camp
- 02/12 BOT Meeting
- 03/12 Year 6 Leavers Dinner
- 04/12 Kapahaka Performance
- 06/12 Cambridge Christmas Parade
- 11/12 Final Assembly 2.15pm**  
**End of term for Years 1 - 4**
- 14/12 Last Day of Term 4 – Teachers, and Water Fight - Year 6 Vs Principal

The full school calendar is on our website.