



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

WELCOME TO 2021 SCHOOL YEAR

IT IS ON! The Welcome BBQ (sausage sizzle) is on tonight. Start time is 5.30 onwards. This is the perfect opportunity for new families to the district/ the school/ Cambridge to come and meet those already at the 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 and support the new people to Roto. It also provides the chance to meet the new “friends” and their families. So bring the entire whaanau along! The teachers will be there so 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. The pool will be open for the children to have a swim plus we have the free sausage sizzle. Come along to this relaxing and enjoyable social night to kick off 2021!



Following the sausage sizzle make sure the kids have got your loose change so you can whip them over to the PTA disco in the Roto-o-Rangi Hall across the road! The theme is ‘White & Bright’ so they’ll want to wear their whitest and brightest gear – you’ll see why! The disco will run from 7pm – 8pm and requires a gold coin entry. Refreshments will be available for sale.

Sausage Sizzle & Disco TONIGHT from 5.30pm!

SCHOOL VISION

In 2020 the BOT conducted an extension consultation process to determine the strategic direction of the School by establishing a new School Vision. Based on all the feedback from parents, whaanau, staff, students, the wider community, and the BOT, it came down to 3 concepts; Belonging/Tuurangawaewae, Innovation/Rerekeetanga and Collaboration/ Mahi Tahī. From these concepts have come our Strategic Goals over the next 3 years:

1. Growing inclusive relationships
2. Building future focussed learners
3. Growing collaboration to be stronger learners

TE REO TASTERS

We continue growing our Te Reo knowledge as part of our agreement within the Treaty of Waitangi, and as an essential part of Belonging – Tuurangawaewae

Double vowels or macrons in Maaori words.

It is widely accepted to use a macron when emphasising certain vowels in te reo Maaori. The Tainui tribe, however, have adopted a system of using a double vowel rather than the macron – hence you spell Maaori with 2 a’s rather than use a macron, Māori.

Whilst either format is acceptable, as we reside in a Tainui area we will use the double vowel in our school communications.

SPORTS

Yesterday everyone would have received an email from Mrs Furze with a letter attached explaining the change to the way Rugby, Netball and Hockey are being organised this year. From now on, these sports are going to be organised and run by 3 or 4 major sports clubs in Cambridge, similar to the way Soccer is organised. Families who wish to play these sports will go to the Muster days at the clubs and chose the club they want to play for. It is up to the family which club they join. The children will then be put into teams. Once you have joined a club, that club will try to place children from the same school in the same team, if they can. As the clubs supply more information around this new system of winter sport, we will send it out to you.

ROTO SWIMMING SPORTS

The Senior Swimming event is at the Cambridge High School Pool starting 9.30am. This is for confident 7 year olds, and 8 – 11 year olds. The pool is too deep for non-swimmers and younger children. We aim to be leaving CHS by 12.30pm. The Junior Swimming event is held at our School pool starting at 1.00pm for the 5-7 year olds. Offers of transport for our children will be gladly accepted.

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

We are still planning to hold the Whole School overnight camp on Thur 8th and Fri 9th April (straight after Easter). COVID has caused some issues as venues such as marae seek legal advice around hosting visitors/groups but we are moving ahead with a contingency plan. The latest outbreak highlighted the fragility of planning a camp.

We will now be doing more day trips around the local attractions (such as a walk over Maungatautari mountain, the heritage in Cambridge, etc.) than originally planned, so we will need help with transport please. A more detailed itinerary and estimated cost will come out in the next couple of weeks.

KNOWING WHAT IS HAPPENING

We communicate upcoming events as early as we can in a variety of formats.

The 3 main forms of communication are:

Roto Parents **Facebook page** (private page only open to Roto parents). Search for the page and then request access.

Skoolloop is an app that you download to you 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.

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. We did a quick two-page newsletter last week, as there wasn't time during week 1. Please contact the office if you didn't receive a copy.

Teachers use the **ClassDojo** app to share the learning occurring in the classroom and creating individual portfolios of your child/ren's work.

WRITER'S CORNER

Thank you to Sophie in Room 5 (Yr 5/6) for allowing us to share your wonderful writing with our Roto community!

I heard the deep, ghostly gurgles of boat motors.
I heard feet stomping along the grassy water front.
I saw the noisy native birds whisking through the towering trees.

I felt the scorching sun beating harshly down on my wet shoulders.

I felt silvery fish darting nimbly in and out of my feet while they assembled next to me.

I smelt the salty lake water drifting around me smoothly.

I wondered if my sneaky sister was the evil pupil who pushed me off the biscuit whilst it hovered over the gigantic waves.

I wondered if the speeding boat would come zooming around the corner to come and pick me up whilst I was bobbing in the murky waters of the Clutha River.

CLASSDOJO

Parents with kindergarten children may be familiar with Seesaw, children's portfolios online. We are trialling the use of Classdojo 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.

There are 2 parts of Dojo, the private and the public. When teachers post something specific to your child, only you see it – no-one else in the class. When they post a Class story then that is seen by everyone in the class.

Teachers will be able to use Dojo keep you up to date with events happening in the class and the school too.

SETTLING IN REPORTS

We have the Settling In report coming home on Feb 26th. 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 can support them in achieving this year.

LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT

Music House: Music lessons – provided during school time so no rushing around after work to get to a lesson. If you are interested contact them on 07 808 0235

Guitar, drums, ukulele, keyboard mainly on offer. They will only come out to our school if enough people sign up to make it financially viable.

CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS

Have your contact details changed since you enrolled your child? It's important that we are able to contact you in an emergency and able to send you information that you need to be aware of so please make sure you update your contact details if anything has changed. You can email these to me at office@rotoorangi.school.nz

UPDATING YOUR CHILD'S MEDICAL DETAILS

If your child's medical information has changed since you first enrolled them please let me know so I can update their record. Examples of this may include a new allergy or development of a medical condition that they did not previously have, or perhaps a change to their medication. This ensures that we are able to help your child if they become unwell whilst they are at school, so it's really important.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

School Donations (\$60) and photocopying donations (\$40) have now been added to the parent account for each child. Statements will be emailed out tomorrow (Friday). You are more than welcome to set up an automatic payment to cover your child's school costs – personally I find this the easiest way to keep on top of them.

The school account number is 02-0316-0216443-000

School Donations are optional but they do help us a great deal in providing the resources that your children need for their learning, so we appreciate you paying it if you can. Please note that all other costs **are not** optional and are required to be paid. If you have any concerns about your school account or difficulty in paying for items please contact me in the first instance, and be assured that our conversation will be confidential.

ABSENTEES

Please remember to let the office know if your child is, or will be, absent from school. You can let us know by email, text, Skool Loop App, or by phoning the office and leaving a message on the absentee line. The office mobile number is 027 277 9351.

BUS CHANGES

If you need to make a change to the way your child is getting home please let us know before 2pm if you can. This allows us time to let your child know, and to add them to the bus list/remove them from the bus list/direct them to after school care.

We accept payment by cash or online banking, no EFTPOS sorry.

BUCKET HATS & ROTO T-SHIRTS

Bucket hats are to be worn by all children when they are outside, during Term 1. Any bucket hat can be worn, but if you would like a school branded hats they are available from the office for \$15.

Roto T-Shirts are also available from the office, priced at \$35. These are to be worn when representing our school at Rural Schools sports gatherings, Interschools, trips, and for sports such as Miniball and Touch.



Facebook is a great way to communicate with others and keep up to date with what's happening – that's for sure! However, please don't use it as a way to communicate with your child's classroom teacher or other staff members – we have several, more appropriate, ways of doing that.

The Roto Parents page is a great way to share information but quite often a phone call or email to the office might be a better way to find the information you are looking for.

To contact your child's teacher directly please email them:

Room 1, Mrs Goldsman

tessa@rotoorangi.school.nz

Room 2, Miss Russell

tayah@rotoorangi.school.nz

Room 3, Mrs Furze

dprincipal@rotoorangi.school.nz

Room 4, Mrs Aish-Gillard

courtney@rotoorangi.school.nz

Room 5, Mrs Morris

mandy@rotoorangi.school.nz

And the school office

office@rotoorangi.school.nz

07 827 1727

PTA MEETING

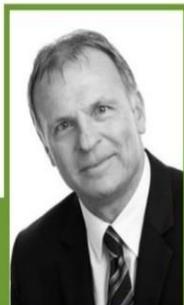
The PTA are holding their AGM on Tuesday 11th Feb at 7.30pm in the Staffroom at school. All welcome to attend. The positions on the PTA are all open and it is a great way to be involved in the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

18/02	Welcome BBQ at school 5.30pm PTA Disco in the Roto-o-Rangi Hall
25/02	BOT Meeting
26/02	Settling in Reports come home
05/03	Roto Swimming Sports
15/03	Rural Schools Swimming Sports
16/03	PTA Meeting 7pm
22/03	Bruce Potter (Illustrator) visiting
25/03	BOT Meeting
02/04	Good Friday
05/04	Easter Monday
06/04	Easter Tuesday – No School
8-9/04	Whole School Camp
16/04	Last Day of Term 1
03/05	First Day of Term 2



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Welcome to Neale and his wife, who recently moved to the Roto-o-Rangi area! Neale has kindly made a donation to our school and is one of our newsletter sponsors. We're pleased to have you on board, thank you!