



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Dear parents and caregivers,

WELCOME BACK

Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable holiday period. The children certainly look refreshed and ready to go. The start of the winter term has certainly let us know we are in the depths of the winter months. Calving looks to be in full swing on most farms.

Term 3 is our busiest term this year and we are looking forward to the challenge. 3 x Cross Countries, Art Week, Art Auction, Speeches, Roto Speech Finals night, and a folk dance afternoon on the very last day of the term. All squeezed into the next 8 weeks.

MĀORI ACHIEVEMENT HUI

On **Wednesday 3rd August at 7:00pm** (Wed next week) we will host a hui for all parents/whanau of our Māori children. The idea is to korero about the student achievement information collected in the middle of the year, the school's effectiveness in our Māori children and your vision for your children whilst they are at Roto-o-Rangi. Finally we can korero about a future hui to be decided by the people there.

This year, we have over 35% of the children at our school identifying as Māori, so it is particularly important that we hear your perspective. Otherwise that is a lot of our school who may not be learning as best they can.

READING EGGS and STEPS PROGRAMMES EXPLAINED

Mrs Furze and Mr D will be holding an information evening on **Wednesday 3rd Aug at 6:00pm** in Room 3 to explain two computer based programmes that are having big impacts on student achievement in literacy. The night will explain how the programmes are set up, the sort of activities and skills they develop and explains the importance of children using these programmes at home as well as at school.

So come along and find out about some of the great things children are learning in their classes.

As Reading Eggs can be done from home on the computer, this is the parents chance to be informed of exactly what the programme does. Then you can help them at home and encourage your child to use the programme to support their learning.

Tea and biscuits will be supplied.

DANCE AFTERNOON

The Roto Folk Dance will make its triumphant return on the last day of the term, Fri 23 Sept.

In line with our Arts Term, the whole school will be learning dance, particularly Folk and partner dancing. A Dance Afternoon will finish off the term and all parents / grandparents or anyone old enough to remember partner dancing can join in too.

THE WAIKATO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

We have an excellent opportunity for the children, the chance to listen to a live Symphony Orchestra and learn about the instruments: for a mere \$5 per student. This is open to Year 3-6 students only.

We have pre-booked 19 children's tickets and 5 adult tickets (free).

The performance is at the Clarence Street theatre in Hamilton.

Now we need people to go. There have been a few replies but we want more. Please reply via email or via the return slip from the notice a couple of days ago.

Whilst this is not the normal event to excite people it is an amazing experience. I have taken street kids to things like this and they have been mesmerised.

Because it is such an unusual opportunity it is worth taking a chance on attending something that wouldn't normally be chosen.

MONDAY LUNCHES

Hotdogs \$2.50 (01/08)

Chocolate Milk \$1.50

Hamburgers \$2.50 (08/08)

Wednesdays are Hot Food Days

Food is to be brought to school in a wrapping suitable for going directly in a pie warmer – tin foil, heat proof container, paper. The wrapping then has the child's name and class clearly written on it.

HOCKEY Friday 29th July

Yr 3/4 v LPS Blue Raiders Field 2B 5.25pm

Yr 5/6 v GDW Black Sticks Field 2 6.00pm

RUGBY Saturday 30th July

6th Grade v CPS Gold Field 3A 9.50am

8th Grade v CPS Magic Field 2A 8.10am

10th Grade v Karapiro TV4 11.00am

Rural Jaguars v Matangi/Tauwhare Field 2 11.55am

NETBALL Saturday 30th July

Roto Golden Ferns v Tamahere Comets Court 8 1.40pm

Roto Silver Ferns v Leamington Ferns Court 8 10.20am

Results from last weekend

The results from last term are too far back in the children's memories so they aren't being published this week.

The draws for entire season are published on the websites of each sport for families to check if you need – Cambridge Netball, Cambridge Junior Rugby and Cambridge Mini Hockey

CROSS COUNTRY

The annual **Roto-o-Rangi School Cross Country will be held on the 19th of August.** The farm land and tracks of the Wallis Farm (in behind the quarry across the road from school) will be the challenging, picturesque venue yet again – thanks to Bruce and Andra.

Full details will come home nearer the date but make sure you have the afternoon off to watch this fabulous event.

The following week (26th Aug) will be the Rural Schools' Cross Country out at Karapiro Domain. All the school will be travelling out to compete against the other rural schools. This one takes up most of the day, beginning with the Juniors in the morning.

ART WEEK

Throughout Week 4 this term we will be having an Art Week.

In a break from tradition, every single child will be creating art on canvas. Each class will be following a theme of their choice and learning the technique required to produce their masterpiece.

The masterpieces will then be hung and organised ready to be auctioned on the night a few weeks later.

Once we have all the pieces organised we will display in the school so that parents can pop in at any time to have a look prior to the auction.

PSG CORNER

The PSG are supporting the teachers and classes in an Art Auction. The children's masterpieces will be on display for a while and then the silent bidding begins. As the evening draws to a close there will also be some other art up for purchase. So keep Thursday 8th September free for the chance to purchase your child's first ever auction artwork. It could be a sign of bigger things to come.

MILO & HERBAL TEA THURSDAY

Thanks for the donations of herbal tea, milo and marshmallows so far. We are hoping for more milk donations next term if you can help. Just send along 2L with your child and that will help. The google doc below shows when and what you might be able to donate to support the Milo and herbal tea Thursday.

<https://docs.google.com/a/rotoorangischool.nz/document/d/1ovmnJQmeQsOb1BafuXznxkwLDjNYuoEVdcmPxp5oHVA/edit?usp=sharing>

ASSEMBLY

There will be an assembly next Friday morning (5th Aug) and the normal time of 9.40am

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Harold is here and has been educating the children in his usual fun way. Sadly he will be off visiting other schools as of tomorrow.

