



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

WELCOME TO THE 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Let's stay on the positive and the bright. We look forward to having a wonderful year with your children at Roto-o-Rangi. With all the new teachers and things about to happen in the school it should be awesome! One of the advantages of being small is that we were able to hold our whakatau to formally welcome all the new families and their children to the school yesterday. The children were also able to welcome the new teachers and our new caretaker too. Here are a couple of photos of the whakatau, as seen on our Facebook page;



Well done Arthur for an excellent speech/whaikorero to start the whakatau. You represented the school with aplomb. Thanks to Mr Appleford (Room 4) for responding on behalf of all the new people in the school. On to the staff we welcome Mrs Tregoweth (Mrs T), Mrs Dennis, Mrs Purchase (Whaea Amy) and Alan Marsh. As we mentioned late last year we have been able to employ an extra teacher to support Literacy learning across the school, just for 2022. With all the time lost in lockdowns this will be a great support for our children, and Mrs Dennis has a lot of experience in this area. Whaea Amy will be providing classroom release for our teachers when they have extra tasks to do away from class. Alan is taking over from Rod and will be our super caretaker now. Ex-farmer and Dairy NZ man with all the skills we need. Big gumboots to fill, but he has made a great start already. Mrs T is the teacher in Room 2, teaching the Year 3/4 class this year. Mrs T has a number of years experience in ECE and has made the move to Primary aged children now.

We also welcome the following children who have started with us this year;

Brody, Alexis, Samantha, Willow, Brooklyn, Hugo, Vander, Dana, Eve, Zyon and Sonny.

Some are lucky enough to have older siblings in the school, whilst some are brand new to the area. Everyone is making new friends already and having a great time, which is wonderful to see!



CLASSDOJO

Parents with kindergarten children may be familiar with Seesaw, children's portfolios online. We are using Clasdojo 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 the teacher, to create the account. You will get to see your child's work and the things happening in the class.

SETTLING IN REPORT

We have the Settling In report coming home on Feb 23rd. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are no major upcoming events as most things cannot be held at the moment.

7/2 Waitangi Day long weekend

23/2 Settling In report comes home.
BOT Meeting

TBC Senior School swimming Sports @CHS
(everything yet to be organised so watch this space!)

HATS

All children must be wearing a hat if they wish to play out on the grounds at school during Term 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a brimmed hat, and it is clearly marked with their name. Caps are not sufficient protection but the caps with the neckflap are fine.

BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM

We have a "Traffic Light" system to support with our good behaviours. Hence you may be contacted about behaviour incidences at school, so don't panic if this happens.

If a Gold or Silver Light appears in your emails, then your child/ren have been exceptionally well behaved and have gone above and beyond to help others behave well too.

A green light means they have done all the right things and are well behaved.

An Orange Light usually means there have been a few low level issues during the day but it has been dealt with.

Red Light is either a really serious behaviour or even after getting to an Orange light the child has continued to be doing low level behaviours. The Red Light will have to teacher ring you to further explain what happened and the consequences given at school.

Besides the Traffic Lights, teachers also give class rewards such as stamps, stickers and little prizes, Dojo Points and free time. Adaptations will be made to our Behaviour system over the year as we participate in a programme called PB4L – Positive Behaviour for Learning.

We also have an acronym THINK: is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? Is it Kind?

Please support us by talking about these at home; celebrating the good things and discussing better ways to do things when the behaviour hasn't been so good.

COVID RESPONSE

Starting in Red Light is certainly not ideal, but we do so to keep everyone safe. Emails have already gone out about the protocols to keep everyone as safe as we can without making school feel like a prison.

These protocols will change as the virus becomes more prevalent in the community and we will keep you up to date with this. We will be sharing our Covid Plan with everyone on Tuesday so you can see what changes may occur.

I congratulate the children, parents and staff around the mask wearing. The children have managed this situation very well, which means parents have prepared them very well too.

There are some children who have medical reasons to exempt them from wearing a mask so you may see the occasional senior without one on. Never fear, they are being responsible and safe without their mask and the other children have been fabulous in supporting them.

An unfortunate result of the restrictions is that lack of connection between parents and staff. We cannot hold our traditional Welcome BBQ, so are working on a plan to do something smaller, within the guidelines

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 are unable to take your child's word for it, no matter how responsible they are, so it is important we hear the changes from you directly.

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 we 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.

KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING

We communicate upcoming events as early as we can in a variety of formats. **The 3 main ones are the Facebook page, Skoolloop and Newsletter.** Whilst we don't always get it right, the vast majority of the time the information is out there.

The school uses a **private Facebook group (called Roto Parents)** which only parents have access to (no aunts, uncles, family friends, grandparents, just those with day to day care of the students). It has photos of the children doing activities in the school, has the mundane information like start times to Swimming Sports, reminders about paying school accounts and where not to park. It also celebrates some of the great learning happening at the school and informs you of events coming up.

Skoolloop is an app that you download to your 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.

Website – the website has a calendar with all the upcoming events you need to know about. It also has general information to help you know what is happening – such as the term dates, events: basically all the general information about how the school operates.

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.

Email – for large attachments or extra important notices because most families have email.

ClassDojo – is for sharing examples of the student's work. An online programme that families sign up to when they get a message from school.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

School Donations (\$60) and photocopying donations (\$40) will be added to the parent account for each child. Statements will be emailed out monthly but feel free to request one if you would like to know your balance.

We recommend that you set up an automatic payment to cover your child's school costs as this is 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.

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



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, Mrs T

liezel@rotoorangi.school.nz

Room 3, Mrs Furze

dprincipal@rotoorangi.school.nz

Room 4, Mr Appleford

joseph@rotoorangi.school.nz

Room 5, Mrs Morris

mandy@rotoorangi.school.nz

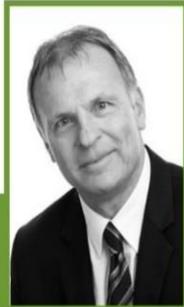
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