



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia ora Koutou Katoa,

A BUSY COUPLE OF WEEKS AHEAD

We only have **two** weeks of school remaining and have a lot to fit in but here are the dates you as parents/caregivers need to be aware of;

Friday 10th December Athletics Day – Track Events from 12.30pm
Year 6 Leavers Picnic 6pm onwards

Tuesday 14th End of year reports come home

Thursday 16th Last day of school for Years 0 – 5
Online Prizegiving Assembly 1.30pm

Friday 17th Year 6 attends school until 12.30pm

The school is open on the 17th because it is the official last day of the year, therefore if parents need to send their children to school they may. We will be doing lots of tidying up and sorting out of things so not a lot of useful learning; and we finish at lunchtime.

It has been a tradition that the Year 6 children have the run of the school on the very last day of the year, hence we ask parents to keep their Year 1-5 children at home.

Those Year 6s do have to bring togs and water pistols for the very long water fight with Mr D. Buckets and taps supplied (and the occasion water pistol if you need).

HELP NEEDED

We have been unable to go ahead with our usual Year 6 Leavers Dinner and have instead opted for a more covid-safe outdoor picnic for our Year 6 students and their families.

We really do need some help to set up the area we have chosen for this, in order to make it special for our Year 6 Leavers. It is tradition at Roto-o-Rangi for our Year 5 parents to do this, although this year we are very short on help so we are putting it out to the wider school community and asking if anyone is available. If you could spare even a little time on the afternoon of Friday 10th – or perhaps a bit of time over the next week – please let the office know.

WELCOME TO...

Creed who moved to our area from up North a while back, and joined Room 5 as soon as we returned to school at Level 2.



SCHOOL POOL

The pool guy has finally been able to get to us and so we are able to give a slight update on the pool. Before we are able to use it, it needs to be completely sanded down and repainted with a special paint. The PTA are organising a working bee to get this done. Please get in touch if you would like to help with this.

The filter is being sorted so we will soon have a fresh looking pool with lovely clean water in it. However, with the retirement of our wonderful Rod, we don't as yet have anyone to be "the Pool Man" but if all else falls into place we will be looking for 3-4 families to take on this responsibility over the summer, should we open the pool to the public under the Traffic Light system.

The BOT are about to decide whether we will be able to issue pool keys to our families and local Roto-o-Rangi community. There are many rules and regulations that make it difficult, keep everyone safe and be compliant to the regulations.

We will let everyone know as soon as we can.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Please clear your school account balance by the end of next week or contact Roxy to make a payment plan arrangement. School Donations are always optional but other fees such as stationery and bus fees must always be paid by the end of the year.

PTA NEWS

RAFFLE

Huge congratulations to Roto parents Jen Franklin and Angelique Twentyman for winning the PTA Raffle this week! Jen won Raffle 1 and Angelique won Raffle 2. The PTA worked hard to organise and promote the raffle, and in turn raised over \$2,000 for our school. A wonderful fundraiser in what was another difficult year in this area. Special thanks to Marcia, Felicity and Jo who worked extremely hard to pull it all together.

PTA LEAVERS AND VACANCIES

Our school PTA fundraise each year for our school, enabling us to purchase resources that will greatly benefit our students. At the end of this year the three key positions on the PTA will be vacated by three amazing parents who have done a wonderful job. Stepping down are Karamea Mills (Chair), Marcia Hayward (Secretary) and Theresa Dines (Treasurer) who we thank for their service and would like them to know that we have appreciated their ideas, support and hard mahi during their time on the PTA.

If you would be keen to take on one of these roles next year, or join the PTA and their efforts, please get in touch with the office or with Mr D to let us know.

ATHLETICS

We are glad to be able to go ahead with our rescheduled Athletics Day on Friday 10th December here on our school field. Visitors are welcome to come for the track events (running races) which will begin at 12.30pm. All visitors will need to stay within their allocated area, scan the QR code on arrival and keep 2 metres away from others.

Please could all students come along that day in their house team colours, ready to try their best at all events.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

A modified written report will be coming home for the end of year. With 2 lockdowns and a desire to be learning when we returned rather than testing means we do not have reliable data about exactly where your child is at. However, combining where they were at back in June, with the learning they have been doing during and in between lockdowns we do have a fair idea how they are tracking.

The reports will reflect that. They are coming home in the last week of the term.

PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY

Our prizegiving is usually an evening event but has been moved to 1.30pm on Thursday 16th December, the last day for most of the school. We will hold this across the road in the Roto-o-Rangi Hall but parents, caregivers and other visitors **will not be able to attend**. However, we will live stream and record the assembly for you all to watch at a later date.

CLASSES FOR 2022

Class lists are being compiled currently and should be finalised at the end of next week. We will have a similar structure to our current classes: Yr 0/1, Year 1/2, Year 3/4, Year 4/5, Year 5/6.

Mrs Aish-Gillard is taking a year's leave to travel overseas with her rugby playing husband, and Mr Appleford has been appointed to take Year 4/5 in Room 4.

A new teacher, Mrs Tregowith is coming up from Palmerston North and has been appointed to the Year 3/4 class in Room 2.

We also have a part time teacher specialising in support literacy across the school, Mrs Dennis.

We are also just about to appoint another part time teacher to do some awesome Science and Technology teaching across the school as well.

2022 is certainly shaping up as an exciting year.