



# Roto Review

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

Dear parents and caregivers,

## SWIMMING SPORTS

The Roto Swimming Sports are on next Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The programme starts at 10am in the indoor pool as the Juniors and non-confident swimmers show us what they have been learning to do in their swimming lessons. It is fantastic to see how they grow from gaining confidence to put their face in the water, through to diving underwater and onto confidently swimming. Then we venture to the outside pool to watch the competitive levels of confident swimmers. Here we have races based on age, but also the Cup Races for any child to compete in races against all ages in order to be crowned the fastest swimmer at Roto-o-Rangi School.

Whilst relaxed, this is a fun and competitive day which mixes resilience (giving something your best shot) with excellence (striving to be the best). Parents are welcome to join us for all or part of the day. Most of the serious competition races are completed by lunch at 12.30pm and then there are the relays, fun races and free swim to conclude after lunch.

Last year the parents and students gave the teachers a whooping in the Teachers v Parents v Children race and the teachers are seeking revenge so the parents better make sure they bring their togs to keep their title!

At the end of March it is the Rural Schools' Swimming Sports back at St Peter's and our whole school attends. The organising school needs quite a few parents to help with place-getting, timekeeping, etc, so please help out if you can.

## DONATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL

We would like to acknowledge the Frances Skeet Charitable Trust for their recent donation of \$2,000 to our school. We are extremely grateful for this donation, which will be used to upgrade some of the furniture and equipment used by our students in their classrooms. We have also received a donation of \$58.80 from NZ Farmers Livestock Ltd, following a bobby calf collection that operated in our area. For every bobby calf collected they donated 35 cents to a local organisation, nominated by the farmers they collected from. A big thank you the people who nominated our school, we'd love for you to choose us again next time! Other fundraising opportunities like Qubik, Yummy stickers, Northfuels, sponsors on the back of the school newsletter, all help the school provide the resources the school needs. Thanks to these companies and the families who contribute to the school through them.

## RURAL SCHOOLS' TRIATHLON

There is an opportunity for any child aged 8 -11 to have a go at the Rural Schools' Triathlon. This is a very relaxed triathlon, in the same vein as the Weetbix TRYathlon, and just gives the children an opportunity to have a go. It is shorter than traditional triathlons so as long as your child can swim 50m, ride a bike and run about a km then there is no reason they can't have a try.

Last year Roto had the biggest team giving it a go, so let's see if we can get even more this year.

Our school is the organising school and will need support from parents to help on the day with marshalling, food selling etc, so let us know if you can help.

## WELCOME!

Kiara, Savannah, Manaia-Jade and their families are brand new to the school. We know they will have an awesome time here, make heaps of friends and learn a lot!



## MINIBALL

This week our Miniball team play Cambridge Primary Pistons on Court 2 at 6.10pm. Good luck and have fun!

## MEET THE WHĀNAU EVENING

Thank you to the families who made it to the BBQ! It was a small but friendly gathering. We enjoyed a good yarn and a long swim. It is the support from families who have been here for a while now that makes it so much easier for new families to feel a part of the school, so thank you to those families who attended. We are sure the new families now feel a better connection with our school community.

## WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

On March 21/22 we will be holding a Whole School Camp. **Change of venue** – We can confirm that we will stay on Bill Garland's farm and do the proper camp-out for the night that we enjoy every couple of years. The first newsletter has gone home regarding this. We welcome any parents that would like to come and join us for the overnight camp and explore Maungatautari.

## TEACHERS' UNION MEETINGS

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March the Primary Teachers' Union will be holding meetings, which every union member is entitled to attend. Our teachers will be attending a meeting. The BOT have supported the teachers and are **closing the school** for the afternoon. This half day will be made up at the end of the year.

## GETTING THE MESSAGES HOME

Just a reminder that there are 4 main sources of information sharing from the school; Facebook, Skool Loop App, School website and this Newsletter.

We have a closed Facebook page called Roto Parents. This allows us to show photos, events, timetables and upcoming events that **only the school parents or primary caregivers** need to know about (i.e. like the Miniball times on a Friday, a photo of something fab happening in Room 3, etc)

Any parent wanting to join this page needs to request access through their personal Facebook profile and then we will verify the request. Please note; this page is not available to siblings, extended family or friends.

The website contains general information about school and has the school online calendar very visible. This calendar is the most accurate calendar in the school because it is so regularly updated and used by staff.

The Skool Loop app will also give latest information and the online calendar, and all this can be viewed to your phone.

**We have just added the ability to complete permission forms through the app;** especially handy when that pesky bag monster eats the paper version your child was supposed to bring home! Fill out the form on your phone, use your finger to sign it and you completed the permission. The Triathlon permission form is currently on the app.

## PTA NEWS

Thank you to the hard working PTA who have purchased 30 Chromebooks for the students to use this year. They replace some very tired devices. They should be in the classrooms and contributing to our children's learning in the next 2 weeks.

If parents are able to help the PTA at the Rural Schools' Triathlon on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, whether that be doing some home baking to sell, contributing to the lunch packs or being there on the day to cook the sausages etc, either contact the office or talk to Hannah Hopkins or Annette Willis.

## SETTLING IN REPORTS

These have gone home but we would love to have the parent section returned to school if you haven't already done so. This gives the teachers an insight into what your goals/aims are for your child/ren during this year too.

## LIBRARY HELP PLEASE

Mrs Morris is in charge of the library as well as numerous other roles in the school. She would so appreciate some support in the library. If there is a parent with a few hours free to update the children's names on the system, enter some new books, do a bit of clearseal covering and generally tidy the shelves it would help enormously. After that big job is done, if someone is available for one hour a fortnight or so just to keep everything tidied up, it would be a great help to our school.

## PUPPET PERFORMANCE

We were fortunate enough to have a visiting puppet show coming to perform at the school on Tuesday. The puppet show tells the story of Te Rereka – the flight. This is a Māori story with ties to rock art found outside Timaru that is 1000 years old. Following the performance the Year 5/6 students had a puppeteering workshop.

Thanks to the Waipa DC for funding this performance.



## ROWERS AT SCHOOL

The rowers from Auckland are going to be using the school on the Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun of March 6-9. It is the same as the last time they were here – they use the staffroom, library, Room 2, MP Room, archgola and swimming pool. Please respect their space if you are coming down to school to use the pool. The pool is still open for all users, but there may be a large group of high school boys using from about 4.30pm onwards.

## WRITER'S CORNER

### Room 3

*I love seeing Harold he's great*

Rod got stung by a wasp

*I went to the pool*

I play with Aria today and I like to play with Aria

*I am saving everyone (in the pool)*

I got a trophy at BMX

*I made a gun and played with my Dad*

I am going to gymnastics

*I love Mom and Dad and my Sister*

I liked Harold and the puppet show it was the best. Today was great.

Aria

Samuel

Cartel

Ella

Ben

Shamus

Kharva

Skye

Lillia

Kiara



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Children's Day 2019 – Fun for all the family!

Sausage Sizzle, Pony Rides, Water Games, Bouncy Castles and more! And it's all **FREE!**

Come along and celebrate our tamariki at the Elim Centre, 8 Wordsworth Street, Leamington.

All Welcome!

**Plastic Cups Wanted** for Cambridge Brass Band – Clear out your plastic cupboard and drop them off to the School Office where they will be collected. Thank you!

**Music House** Music lessons provided during school time so no rushing around after work to get to a lesson! The quality of the group lessons is outstanding so don't miss out on this great opportunity! Guitar, drums, ukulele, keyboard. Contact them on 07 808 0235. Apologies for the misprint in the last newsletter which incorrectly stated the lessons were on hold – this is no longer the case.

**Worker available** for milkings on Saturday or Sunday afternoons through the school terms and any days in the holidays. Phone Claire Grantham 027 9170 402

## THANKS PARKLANDS TURF

A continuing thank you to Parklands Turf (a parent of the school's company) who supply the mower to keep the fields looking so beautiful. The school mower blew up mid last year and since then Parklands turf have been bringing in a tractor mower for Rod to use. We appreciate the cost and effort required to Parklands Turf to allow us to maintain the school grounds.

## THANKS DBS ELECTRICAL

Another thank you to DBS Electrical (a parent of the school's business) who have helped the school with a number of electrical issues and have done so for free. This has included coming out to school immediately when we needed something repaired quickly.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

6-9/3	Auckland Rowers staying in the school
7/3	Roto swim Sports – St Peters, start 10am
15/3	Rural Schools Triathlon – CHS.
19/3	NZEI Union meetings
21-22/3	Overnight Whole School Camp
25/3	Rural Schools' Swimming Sports – St Peter's
??	Cambridge Schools' Swim Sports – Town Pools
3/4	BOT Meeting – 6pm
12/4	Term 1 finishes

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

The up to date school accounts will soon be ready to send out to parents & caregivers. Each one will have added; School Donation \$60, Photocopy Levy \$40 per child, and Stationery Costs as per the items required by each individual child at the start of the term. If your child attends Before/After School Care this will also be added, as will the cost of the Town Bus (\$30 per term) if relevant. All payments made to your account will also be detailed.

The school is carrying a large debt from those families who have not settled previous accounts, and so we would appreciate these being settled quickly in 2019.

We welcome the setting up of Automatic Payments to chip away at your account throughout the year – it's much easier than being faced with a big bill later on!

## TE PUNA O KEMURETI

Our school is a part of a Community Of Learners – 11 schools and 4 ECE centres in Cambridge - working on developing a better learning pathway from Early Childhood through to High School for Cambridge students. Over the last couple of years, the foundations have been laid and now the schools are developing those pathways. Two key areas the TPoK community have been developing are Learner Agency and Culturally Responsive Practice – the same as Roto-o-Rangi School.

Mr D has joined the Leadership group in 2019 to help guide and support the development of TPoK in 2019, and ensuring the voice of the rural schools is heard.



Huge THANKS to our 2019 Roto Review sponsors!

*Thank you for supporting our school community!*



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