



# Roto Review

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

Teena koutou ngaa Maatua,

## TERM 3 BEGINS

Welcome back from what would be the worst weather during the holidays that we have experienced for quite a while. Unfortunately, it hasn't been any better since we came back.

We do have a very full term coming up. Roto Cross Country, Rural Cross Country, Ignite music concert, Time Travelling Conductor show for seniors, Yr 6 Open Day at CMS, ERO checking up on us, School Photos, Kapahaka festival, Te Ohu Kaiarahi o te Kapua Iti days, Roto Speech night, Rotary Speech competition and Taki Rua Productions performing. In between all that, we will still be learning to read, write, do maths, discover some science concepts and hone our Technology skills. Meanwhile, at home, many children will be working with their calves, lambs and goats in preparation for Ag Day in the very first week of Term 4.

## BOT ELECTIONS

Nominations for positions on the school Board of Trustees close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon, so there is very little time left to get your forms in.

As a BOT member you are the overseers of the direction the school follows. **You have the chance to support and guide the direction of learning in our school.** Don't be put off thinking...

"I'm not a teacher. What do I know about teaching? I don't know what is supposed to happen in schools?" We'll leave the teaching up to the teachers, but you could be there supporting the great things that are happening in our school, and looking at things we could be doing differently or better. NZSTA provides plenty of training and support for you to grow into this role if you want to.

BOTs look after Property, Finances, Health & Safety, Human Resources, Wellbeing, proactively bring the Treaty of Waitangi to life, making sure our policies are fit for purpose, and more. Everyone brings their skills and perspectives which helps the BOT as a group make inclusive, diverse decisions for all of the children. So don't be put off thinking that you don't have anything amazing to offer. **WE WANT YOU!** If you haven't received an email with the nomination form, or you would like a paper copy of the form, please call Roxy in the office.



## WELCOME

This week we welcome Peyton to our kura, and her family to the Roto-o-Rangi area. Peyton has the most bubbly personality, so she has already made friends and it feels as though she has been here for ages! We are looking forward to Peyton's younger sister joining us later in the year too.



## CARPARK CHANGE

Anyone who has driven to school recently will have seen the alteration to the wooden fence/barrier in front of the tennis courts. As they were arriving/leaving, children were often squeezing between the rail and the front of cars because it was difficult to go under or over the rail. These rails have been removed so children no longer have to go in front of vehicles. The bollards are still there to provide a safe path to the gate. They will be cleaned and painted brightly once the weather is fine enough. (They would make good Minions. Who knows?) Thanks to Mr Appleford's skill and heavy sledge hammer the rails were repurposed and pinned to the ground to provide wheel barriers so cars don't get too close to the bollards.



## LEARNING AT ROTO-O-RANGI

There are a number of initiatives going on at the kura that our kaiako are implementing to help improve learning. The Juniors' kaiako have been doing a reading system called Better Start Literacy Approach which is quite different to other methods of teaching reading. It has a much stronger focus on learning to read the words and sounds.

Meanwhile, the Senior kaiako have been using a spelling programme which focuses on phonemic knowledge (sort of like phonics). They have also begun to implement methods of teaching writing from a system called The Writer's Toolbox. This system focuses more on the surface features of writing such as grammar, sentence structure and spelling. The Juniors will be doing The Writer's Toolbox next year as well. Both of these programmes support the method teaching of literacy that is often reported in the media, currently.

Since the start of the year, we have been working behind the scenes on PB4L. There hasn't been much of a change in how we manage behaviour across the school just yet but we have been forming the foundations for this, which takes time. During this term our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) team will be finalising the expected behaviours of all people associated with our kura which link back to our school Values. They will be seeking some input from whaanau again very soon.

## PTA NEWS

Congratulations to the PTA for their outstanding fundraising efforts last term. The Bookarama/Clothing sale raised just over \$1100, then thanks to RD3 Contracting's Tractor Pull during the holidays they raised just over \$1160 from selling food. A huge Thank You to all the parents and whaanau who have given up their time to help with these fundraisers. Our Junior children are very thankful for the books purchased from these funds, and the ropes in the Adventure Playground will be better and brighter because of it too.

The PTA, and all of us at Roto, would like to thank Aaron Judd and RD3 Contracting, Farm Source, VegeFresh and Countdown Cambridge for the opportunities, support and donations which enabled us to fundraise through these events.

**PTA MEETING** - Monday 1st August 7pm in the staff room. We'd love to see some new faces along with our current group, so come along and see what we have in the pipeline for the rest of the year!

## TIME TRAVELLER PERFORMANCE

We have been allocated 25 tickets for the senior students to experience The Waikato Symphony Orchestra in action when they go to The Time Travelling Conductor in Hamilton on 18th August.

The Time Travelling Conductor tells the story of music through the passage of time and is performed by the Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra with the help of an exciting narrator! Children get an up-close, interactive experience with a full symphony orchestra, along with synergy to the national curriculum beyond just music.

The narrated story is interwoven with recognisable music played by the orchestra including everything from Beethoven to the Beatles!

## CMS OPEN DAY

On Friday 19th August Year 6 families have the opportunity to visit Cambridge Middle School ahead of their child starting next year. This is for both parents and students, and then later in the term there is an orientation morning just for students to attend, which we will transport them to and from.

The times for this first event are 9.00am - 10.30am and 1.30pm - 3.00pm. Choose the session that best suits your family and meet in the hall at the beginning of the session. We have sent out emails about the CMS events and the enrolment process - if you haven't received these please get in touch with Roxy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1/08	Ignite Music Academy performance
1/08	PTA Meeting 7pm Staff Room
3/08	BOT nominations close 12pm
5/08	Assembly 2.10pm
10/08	BOT Meeting 6pm
16/08	Health Curriculum meeting 7pm
18/08	Time Travelling Conductor show (Seniors)
19/08	Year 6 Open Day Assembly 2.10pm
23/08	ERO visiting the school
26/08	School Photos
4/09	Father's Day (very important)
5/09	PTA Meeting
7/09	BOT Election Day
8/09	Roto Speech Competition
9/09	Rural Schools' Cross Country
12-16/09	Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori
13/09	Yr 6 Orientation visit to CMS Rotary Speech Competition
14/09	BOT Meeting 6pm (new Board)
16/09	Assembly 2.10pm
19/09	Ag Day entries due in
21/09	Taki Rua performance in Roto Hall
23/09	Roto School Cross Country
29/09	Elgregoe the Magician performance
<b>30/09</b>	<b>Last Day Term 3</b> Assembly 2.10pm
21/10	Ag Day
26/10	Group (Ag) Day

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Young person available for babysitting, relief milking and calf feeding. References can be provided. Call 020 4022 7219.

### FRAZZLED KIWI ADVENTURE RACE

Cambridge (Te Miro) Sunday 14th August 2022  
Gather your team of 2-5 friends, family or workmates and get ready for lots of fun! Use a map and clue sheet to trek around our fun and muddy course to collect checkpoints and complete activities. Head to [www.soakedinadventure.co.nz](http://www.soakedinadventure.co.nz) or Frazzled Kiwi on Facebook to find out more!

Answers to quiz on the bottom of the last page.

## Well done Aria!

Aria missed our last newsletter by a couple of days, so here she is after receiving Player of the Day for netball at the end of last term!



## HOT FOOD WEDNESDAYS

Hot food continues on Wednesdays throughout Term 3, and Milo Mondays too. Please refer to previous newsletters or the notice in the Roto Parents FB group if you are unsure of the requirements for hot food.

## LOST PROPERTY

There is quite a lot of lost property on the steps area between Rooms 4 & 5, particularly hoodies and socks. If your child is missing some items of clothing please check this out, and please remember to **name** your child's belongings to avoid them ending up in the lost property.

## TIKANGA TANTALIZERS

### Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi

The Treaty was written and began its journey around NZ in February 1840. There were 2 versions of the Treaty made, one in English and one in Maaori. This is part of the reason why issues have arisen over the years about the government not living up to its requirements according to the Treaty. The chiefs were presented with the Maaori version with 2 words which have a significantly different meaning in Maaori than they do in English. So the rights the chiefs thought they were agreeing to are different to what the Governor thought they were offering. Hence, many years of not fulfilling obligations that are trying to be redressed today. Tiriti Quiz - can you answer these questions?

1. What year was the Treaty signed?
2. How many articles are in the Treaty?
3. Who is the Treaty between?
4. Who wrote the Maaori version of the Treaty?
5. How many chiefs signed the English version? (0-10, 11-49, 50-100, 100+?)
6. Did all the Maaori chiefs sign the Treaty?
7. What year was the first Waitangi Day celebrated?
8. What was Waitangi Day first called?

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## FRAZZLED KIWI ADVENTURE RACE

Cambridge  
Sunday 14 August 2022

Gather your team of 2-5 friends, family or workmates and get ready for a lot of fun at Frazzled Kiwi Adventure Race!

Use a map and cluesheet to trek around our fun (and muddy!) course to collect checkpoints and complete awesome mystery activities.

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1: 1840, 2: 3, 3: Maaori and the Crown, 4: Henry William (a Missionary), 5: 11-49 (39 to be exact, although over 500 signed the Maaori version), 6: No, many chiefs didn't, including a very important Waikato Chief - Potatau te Wherowhero, 7: 1934 8: New Zealand Day

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Thinking of Selling or Buying?

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