



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

CYCLONE GABRIELLE

We have been fortunate to escape any major issues from Cyclone Gabrielle at school. Unfortunately not all our parents and community were so lucky, so our thoughts and offers of help go out to them. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you; a family meal or two so you can concentrate on repairs, a bit of labour on those 2 person jobs when there is only 1 of you.

TRACTOR TREK

Today we were lucky to have a visit from Cat, who teaches a programme in the far north called Think and Be Me. It is a hub of engaging resources for children, parents and educators alike, to help guide tamariki on their mental health journey towards emotional regulation for life. The Rotary Club have sponsored the programme and used the Tractor Trek to promote awareness of the programme as they travel around the Waikato. They are aiming to raise funds to expand the programme. The tractors were a hit, as were the little catch phrases used in the small presentations done for the children. "Feelings come, Feelings go". Don't hold onto your feelings, especially when you feel Mad or Sad. We all feel them, but don't forget to let them go.

The tractor drivers came from far and wide, from a huge variety of backgrounds and were surprised to hear how schools are needing to support children to be healthy mentally as much as physically and academically.



WELCOME TO

Sisters Hoki, Rihera and Hinewaa who joined us just after we started back for the year. We are pleased to have their whaanau join our community, particularly as many of us already know their big brother Te Kore who was one of the teachers of our kapa haka roopu last year! We are enjoying seeing you settle in and make lots of new hoa, friends.



PAID UNION MEETINGS

The Teacher and Principal collective agreements expired on 30 June 2022. Since then the teacher union NZEI has been in negotiations with the Ministry of Education to reach a new agreement.

Several offers have been put forward as “this is our best offer”. However, the offers have come up well short of attempting to address the most pressing issues in our education sector. Additionally, the offers have that have come well short of even keeping up with the rate of inflation. As a result NZ has an alarming number of teachers who either leave the profession within 5 years, or who move overseas.

During the last set of negotiations in 2019 the Govt committed to working through the issues raised by the education sector, however they have not moved ahead with most of the issues raised. Due to being covered by a collective agreement teachers and principals have been legally unable to take any action to make a stand for these issues, until now!

Over the next few weeks the 80 000 members of NZEI - the teacher and principal unions, are coming together en masse to discuss the latest “best offer” and decide on the next steps, including possible industrial action.

If action is decided, our goal will not be to inconvenience our communities but to make a stand for the issues within our sector that need addressing. Issues include;

- children with special and gifted needs should have adequate resourcing to allow them to succeed,

- children who are struggling to learn to read and write, like our dyslexic children, should receive adequate resourcing, including MOE funded testing instead of privately funded,

- teachers need to receive time to complete the administrative tasks asked of them by the central office rather than have to work evenings and weekends to keep up

- school’s operational funding should keep up with the rate of inflation at a very minimum,

- new initiatives from the MOE should come with time resources to allow schools time to implement them.

On Friday 3 March teachers from across Cambridge will be closing their doors for the afternoon from 1pm to attend an NZEI meeting however, due to the whole school camp being pre-planned on the same day the **Roto-o-Rangi teachers will be attending their Paid Union Meetings today at 1:00pm on Monday 27th Feb in Te Awamutu. Once again we will remain open and the children may be at school, however, if you could support us by collecting your children between 12:40 pm and 1 pm, it would be appreciated.**

Should further meetings be called in the future we will not be able to accommodate keeping the children at school. This action is not to upset our community, but to make the MOE negotiators understand the importance of the issues needing to be settled. They will continue to low bargain for their best gain whilst we keep life going along as usual and don't cause a ripple.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Following consultation and feedback from the parent community and Board, based on our school values, these are our expectations for all people who enter Roto-o-Rangi school: teachers, support staff, visitors, children, parents, caregivers.

RESPECT/WHAKAUTE

- Respond appropriately instead of reacting.
- Accept and include anyone.
- Use my manners.
- Allow myself and others to learn
- Keep everyone’s mauri ora intact

RESILIENCE/MANAWAROA

- Be proud of who I am.
- Try my best first, then ask for help.
- Choose a positive attitude.
- Be adaptable.
- Bounce back

RESPONSIBILITY/TAKOHANGA

- Manage what I say and do.
- Own up to my choices and actions.
- Follow through without supervision.
- Look after myself, others, property and our environment.

It would be wonderful if families could explicitly talk about these Values at home and point out the real life behaviours which highlight them.

BULK NOTICES

On Monday we sent home a HUGE notice with a bulk permission form on the back page. Please return this by Monday at the latest.

Te REO TANTALISERS

Prior to the Rangiaowhia commemoration on Tuesday 21st February, this would be a good chance to consider our local stories. The Waipa District Council have worked with local hapu to present these stories on a digital platform.

<https://tearawai.nz/>

Here are numerous stories of the past at places of significance, Rangiaowhia being one of them. They are very informative and interesting stories told by mana whenua based on historical facts and gives a much wider and in-depth understanding of the area we now live in. You can even travel to the spots identified and listen to the stories being told by clicking on the QR codes on the post marking the location.

By knowing our past, we can forge a future together or as the whakatauki goes

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua.

‘I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past’.

KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

Skooloop is an app that you download to your phone from the App store and search for Roto-o-Rangi school.

All messages, especially urgent ones are sent via Skooloop. It is our No. 1 way of getting info out to you.

Newsletter is published every fortnight (on weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 of each term). It celebrates learning happening in the school and latest information about upcoming events. The paper copy can go on the fridge, it is emailed and can be accessed on the website.

Email – all families have email and our Management System can get emails out quickly to the whole school or groups within the school. It is a good platform for communicating with teachers, or by ringing the school and talking to them.

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Mr D - principal@rotoorangi.school.nz

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Lower priority forms of communication are the **2 facebook pages** - the closed **Roto Parents** one and the public **Roto-o-Rangi School** one; **Classdojo** and our **website**. Not everyone has Facebook so it is not a main communication tool, more a way of seeing what has happened at school rather than what is coming up. Classdojo is for sharing the children's learning and the occasional message from the teacher whilst the website is a depository of all the information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

16/2	Tractor Trek visit - Feelings for Life
21/2	Rangiaowhia Commemoration morning
28/2	Roto Snr Swimming Sports @ CHS 9.30-12.30 Roto Jnr Swimming Sports @ Roto 12.45-3
2-3/3	Whole School Camp (at school)
7/3	Rural Schools' Swimming Sports
3/4	Inter-schools' Swimming Sports
6/4	Term Ends
7/4	Good Friday
24/4	Teacher Only Day
25/4	ANZAC Day
26/4	School starts Term 2

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

If your child/ren plays Hockey, Netball or Rugby then they will need to join a Cambridge sports club, as schools no longer arrange these. Below is the information supplied by the Clubs in preparation for the upcoming season.

HAUTAPU SPORTS

Planning for Hautapu Sports Clubs Junior Sports 2023 is well underway.

We are excited and cannot wait for the Hockey, Netball and Rugby 2023 seasons to start and to see all our Hautapu Junior superstars out on the turfs, courts and fields learning and improving their skills, playing as a team and most importantly having fun! Online registrations for primary and intermediate hockey, netball and rugby are live on our website here [Junior sports - Hautapu Sports Club](#) You will also find information there about each of our junior sports, the costs, what is required, season dates and playing venues. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Junior Rugby, Josh Bull, juniorryby@hautapusports.com

General Club Enquiries, Andrew Douglas,

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LEAMINGTON RUGBY AND SPORTS



Time of Muster is to be confirmed soon.

TVP (Primary and Intermediate Hockey)

No details to hand but for any questions please email

[tvjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:tv juniors@gmail.com)

MORE STUDENTS NEEDED FOR MUSIC

Ignite Arts Academy have been coming to Roto for the last couple of years to provide extra-curricular music lessons for interested students, during school hours. Numbers are a bit low this year so unless they receive a few more enrolments they won't be coming here for lessons. Check out what's on offer and find out more about fees etc by heading to ignitearts.co.nz

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GIRL GUIDES

Are you up for **fun, friends** and **adventure?!?**
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We have four units in Cambridge and Te Awamutu, Pippins (5-7), Brownies (7-9 1/2), Guides (9-12 1/2) and Rangers (12-17), if you are interested then email Michelle on michellegirlguide@gmail.com to find out more.