



Roto Review

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Dear parents and caregivers,

It has been a long term, shorter than most first terms in the number of days at school but a lot packed into it. Start with a non-summer which normally helps us refresh and revitalise ourselves, then throw in broken septic tanks, cyclones, weather bombs, camp cancellations, swimming sports, stolen gates, St John's 1st Aid training visits, strikes, tractor treks and there were not too many weeks of 5 days in school without something happening. Add the odd bout of Covid and 9 weeks of school have flown by!

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Good luck to Harry, Aria and Alexis on Monday as they compete in the Inter-school Swimming Sports as part of the Rural Schools' Team. Each of them did very well a couple of weeks back at the Rural Schools Day and they were selected to be in the Rural Schools' Team. Mr D is the organiser of the Rural Team and so will be there all day and not at school.



School will conclude at 3.00pm next **Thursday** for the Term 1 holidays. We will be holding our final assembly for the term at the usual time of 2.15pm. **Term 2 will not start until Wednesday 26th April.** Rather than come back to school on the Monday and then have the next day off because it is ANZAC Day, we will hold a Teacher Only Day (as will most of the country) on Monday 24th April, and the children will start on Wed. 26th.

WELCOME TO...



In the last newsletter we welcomed four new taura/students, and here they are!
Miheli, Saheli, Lachie and Fergus.

We have also welcomed three new boys into Room 1 to begin their school journey with us!

Introducing Jonny, Hugo and Jack, who are all lucky enough to have older brothers here to show them the ropes!

We also welcome Saffron back to Roto! It's great to see you reconnecting with your old friends, Saffron!



ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is at the end of the school holidays so the staff will be doing some ANZAC activities, mixed in with Easter over the remainder of the term.

On the last day of the Term, we will hold our own little remembrance ceremony out on the field. Two teachers are organising representation at the 9am Civil Ceremony in Cambridge on ANZAC Day. We do need 2 students to represent the school by taking up the wreath and laying it at the War Memorial. **If you would like your child or children to be our representatives, please notify the office asap.**

Children will wear their school tops, and school jackets if it is cold, along with black bottoms. They will meet with the teachers and be supported with collecting the wreath from the Hall and what to do when putting the wreath down.

More specific details about what, where and when will be provided to the 2 children selected.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Yesterday, Lillia, Kenzie, Eve and Brody went to a Climathon roadshow at the Velodrome. A guest speaker talked about sustainable living and reducing waste. From this exciting event, the group have come back with some ideas to implement at the school, which will also support the great work of Room 2 and 4 with Garden to Table.



THE GREAT NZ/AOTEAROA QUIZ

Just a wee reminder about the Great NZ Quiz that will be happening next week.

The children will get points for their House based on the number of correct answers they get in the Great Aotearoa Quiz.

If you have lost the sheet with the questions on it, they can be found on the school website in the Classroom Learning tab.

Year 1/2 answer the first 20 questions, Year 3/4 answer the first 40 questions and Year 5/6 have to answer all 60 questions. The Juniors, however, can earn bonus points if they answer questions from older sections.

BON VOYAGE ROXY

On Saturday Roxy is off on a long awaited trip home to see family. We wish her well and a safe journey.

This means there will be no one in the office next week. Best to direct emails, texts and calls to Mr D directly - principal@rotoorangi.school.nz or ring the school number and enter 209 to go straight to his office.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

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.

Te REO TANTALISERS

Can you match the Maaori Place name with the English name: (answers next newsletter)

Taupo-nui-a-tia	Tauranga
Kirikiroa	Cambridge
Ootautahi	Stewart Island
Te Whanganui-a-Tara	Dunedin
Tamaki-makau-rau	Gisborne
Tauranga	Wellington
Ootepoti	Queenstown
Rakiura	Taupo
Whakatuu	Nelson
Kemureti	Auckland
Taahuna	Hamilton
Tuurangui-a-Kiwa	Christchurch

If you need a hand here is a link which will help:

<https://www.andrewdc.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/NZ-TeReoMaori-Map-Web.jpg>

(Remember, because our school is in the Tainui area, we don't use the macron and use double vowels instead. You will see Ōtepoti on a map, not Ootepoti like I have written in the list.)

COLOURING COMPETITION

Well done to Eve, Miheli and Aria who won the Easter colouring competition organised by the PTA. There were so many entries, it was wonderful to see the effort that was taken by the students in their colouring. We hope you enjoy your awesome prize packs!

UPCOMING EVENTS

03/4	Inter-school Swimming Sports
06/4	Term Ends
07/4	Good Friday
24/4	Teacher Only Day
25/4	ANZAC Day Cambridge Cycling Festival
26/4	School starts Term 2

MILO MONDAYS & HOT FOOD

It's a bit of a tradition here at Roto to have hot lunches and Milos during the cooler months of Terms 2 and 3. We usually wait til near mid-Term 2 when it gets cold, but based on current weather, we can be pretty confident we will start this up in Week 2, next term.

Milo Mondays need 2 parents a week to make, serve the Milos and clean up. If you can spare a bit of time to with the providing Milo to our tamariki on a Monday please get in touch with the PTA or office. A roster will be developed so you won't have to do it every week, unless you want to.

Hot Food Wednesdays We offer our students the opportunity to bring lunch from home that can be heated up by staff/senior students in an oven.

The lunch has to meet the following requirements in order for a hassle-free heat up and distribution.

Please note the following;

- The container it comes in **MUST** be able to be put directly into an oven - so wrapped in baking paper, tin foil, in a paper bag or in an ovenproof dish.
- **MUST** be clearly marked with the child's name and room number.
- Examples of suitable foods include; toasties, pizza slices, pasta, samosa, quiche, pie, sausage roll, meatballs, sausage/hotdog, etc.
- No food which requires any extra work other than putting it in an oven i.e. **NO 2 minute noodles.**
- No Sistema containers, or other plastic containers that will melt when placed in a hot oven.

Having Hot Food Wednesday is purely optional, so if it doesn't work for you and your child/ren please don't feel obliged to do it. It is just an opportunity to have a warm lunch once a week in the cold months.

WRITER'S CORNER

The Photo Effect

By Sophia C

When my grandparents were taking a walk they got lost in the city. Not knowing where they were, they went to the closest shelter, a hotel. The people at the hotel asked my grandparents if they could take a photo of them. They thought this was not needed, but they let them take it anyway. Suddenly, my grandparents realised that they could not move! Frightened, petrified, terrified, they screamed for help! My grandparents barely knew that the photo effect would wear off. Unexpectedly, a shadow emerged from the darkness... My grandparents realised that they were free to move! When the shadow was only centimetres from sight they ran as fast as they could to escape! Finally, they found their way home.

The End...?

Sadly, there was a tracking device on them so they were in fact never safe from the dreaded hotel.

Now, The End.

But... Who's that knocking at the door?

My grandparents thought it was me, so they opened the door. It wasn't me. It was the woman who took the photo! They decided to make a run for it!

I never saw my grandparents again after that day.

TOOLBOX PARENTING COURSE

The Parenting Place NZ are renowned for their Toolbox Parenting Courses, offering practical tips and support for parents and caregivers.

Raleigh Street Christian Centre is holding a course in May for parents of children aged 5 through to 11. Parenting is an ongoing journey that doesn't come with a handbook, but we can all benefit from learning some new skills to help us along the way! For more information contact Leonie at RSCC as per the poster on the back page.

CAMBRIDGE CYCLING FESTIVAL

ANZAC Day, Tuesday 25th April, sees the return of the annual Cycling Festival in Cambridge. Entries are only \$10 each and there are heaps of prizes on offer on the day! The first 300 children to enter receive a free t-shirt! See the poster on the back page for more info.

PRIMARY YEARS 5-11

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 Date: 7 May - 11 June (6 Sundays)
 Venue: Raleigh Street Christian Center
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