



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Nau mai, hoki mai e ngaa tamariki me maatua,

Welcome back children and parents.

We have a few exciting things happening this term as we begin the winter months. Keep an eye on Skool Loop and the school calendar for details. The three main events that we have this term are: Velodrome visit, Pink Shirt Day and Matariki. All three tie in with the concept of 'being unique' that we are working on this term. Some classes are focussing on the Paralympics, some on how we learn and others just the broad concept. We have the exciting opportunity to visit the velodrome, talk to some paralympic cyclists and to watch them train. This has all come together very quickly and we will be going to the **velodrome next week, Friday 10th**. A detailed notice is coming home today with this newsletter. A parent of a family who used to attend the school is a paralympic cycling coach and organised this opportunity for us. We are very lucky to have such a supportive community.

Pink Shirt Day is on Friday 17th. This year we will be a lot more low key around the activities we do on the day, but will still be doing work on the anti-bullying theme.

The Matariki long weekend occurs on the weekend before the school holidays. This unique holiday will be studied across the school and will culminate in our annual **Matariki breakfast** on the very last day of the term, **Friday 5th June**.

WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE

Over the next 3 weeks you will see work going on at the front of the school. The MOE are upgrading our water and drainage. The concrete tanks will be removed and a new one brought in. Some of the pipes will be replaced. None of this will affect access to school or the water supply during school time. They will be laying a new drain under the front gates, which may affect access for a day or two. We will notify you via Skool Loop when that happens. There will be other minor drain and water supply works that won't affect you or the children's learning.

RUBEN IS COMING

Ruben the Road Safety Bear will be visiting our kura/school next Wednesday 8th May to talk with the Ruma 1-3 tamariki about being safe around roads and traffic.

WELCOME TO.....

Jerika Lynne and Onyx, who have started in Room 1 this week, joining Colby who began at the end of last term and missed being welcomed in the newsletter. Amelia also joined us at the end of Term 1 and is enjoying making new friends in Room 3. We look forward to being a part of your learning and growth journey!



Our school is a PEANUT-FREE ZONE!



Please make sure your child's lunchbox does not contain any form of peanuts. We have students who are severely allergic to peanuts and we need to keep them as safe as possible. We ask that you check the labels/ingredients of food items to make sure they do not contain peanuts. This may include some cereal bars, spreads, snacks, biscuits, cakes. Thank you for helping us to take care of our tamariki.

KAPA HAKA

Matua Te Taonga is unavailable for our lessons for the next couple of weeks, so we won't be taking our roopu to Cambridge High School. We will do our own practise on a Thursday in the MP Room though, until Matua is back. We wish him a speedy recovery.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

We encourage staff and students to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

We will be doing a low key effort this year, focusing on the anti-bullying message and just encouraging children to come along in pink. Donations can be done through the Pink Shirt day website or children can bring at least a gold coin to school. Donations go to the Mental Health Foundation.

HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TIME

I am sure parents are seeing plenty in the news about the government's efforts to have all students in school as often as possible, even if they are unwell. Whilst we support students being at home when they have been unwell, we will be trying just a little harder to keep children in school when they come to us saying they are unwell.

As for families taking holidays/visiting family/whaanau during the school term and missing school, this is not an acceptable reason for an absence according to the Education Act.

The teachers have previously been very supportive by providing work for children to do whilst on holiday. This will no longer be happening. The work provided can only be busy work. Learning in the class comes from the teacher teaching. To help consolidate the new learning the children will do follow up activities for the next day, maybe 2, before more teaching and more new learning. Children certainly don't do a whole week of consolidating activities and worksheets. As the provision of this busy work adds to a teacher's workload, with little to no benefit to the child, our teachers won't be supplying work for children to do when on holiday or sick. If you are prepared to take your child/ren out of the learning environment for a holiday or they are too sick to be at school, then you will need to support their learning.

*15th June 2024 6.30pm - Roto-o-Rangi Hall Committee Quiz Night!
Tables 6-10 people, light snacks provided, silent auction, BYO. To book email rotoorangihall@gmail.com*

SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

In Term 1 we conducted an online survey, and then roped parents into our Strategic Plan feedback at the Welcome BBQ. The results from the survey can be viewed via this link: [Community Survey Results 2024](#)

WINTER SPORTS CODES

Winter sports have begun this week. You are welcome to send us your photos from Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Soccer (and any other sports or activities your child is involved in), and if we have space we will share them here. You can also share things like that on our Roto Parents FB group - your child might inspire others to take up a new activity. Please ensure you have permission to share photos of other people's children before you share them.

SCHOOL POLICIES

School policies form the guidelines by which the school operates. These are reviewed nationally, but also by the Board over a 3 year cycle. Parents have the opportunity to review these policies too, or at the very least have access to what they are.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8/5	Ruben the Road Safety Bear 11am PTA Meeting 7pm
10/5	Velodrome trip 11.30am
14/5	Board Meeting 6pm
17/5	Pink Shirt day
20-26/5	Road Safety Week
22/5	Oxford Pies delivered
3/6	King's Birthday long weekend
7/6	Winter Sports Day (Yr 5/6 only)
12-15/6	Field Days 2024
12/6	PTA Meeting 7pm
14/6	Teacher Only Day
15/6	Roto-o-Rangi Hall Committee Quiz Night
18/6	Board Meeting 6pm
28/6	Matariki long weekend
1/7	Written reports go home
2/7 & 4/7	Student/Parent/Teacher conferences
5/7	Matariki breakfast 6.30am Last day of term
22/7	Term 3 starts
25-29/7	Life Education Van (Harold the giraffe)