



# Roto Review



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

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

Final reminder that TOMORROW is a teacher only day. Don't send your children to the bus stop - the buses won't turn up. Don't drop them at school, no-one will be here. Enjoy a very wet day at the Fieldays or just have a long weekend with the family.

## PARENTS' THOUGHTS IN OUR LEARNING

To help our teachers deliver the learning parents want us to teach, and to give us more ideas about what interests your children, we will be sending home information about a BIG learning concept we will be focussing on next term. We will include our thinking around ways to understand that BIG concept to help spark your thinking too. We would love parents to give us some ideas that we could incorporate into that big concept. Even if we don't / can't include every idea across the school, it will give individual teachers some ideas to spark your child's interests and what could be included in their class programme.

The Big Concept will be sent out next week, along with a link to a document to add your thoughts. They don't have to be amazing, earth-shattering ideas because small ideas can make learning more enjoyable too.

The BIG concept we are looking at is: **Innovation**: innovation in the past, present and future.

## BOARD BY-ELECTION

We are currently running a By-Election to fill one parent representative vacancy on our school Board. If you have ever wondered how you can help your child's school on a higher level and 'behind the scenes' this is your opportunity to step up. The Board governs the school, making strategic planning decisions. A successful Board is made up of different types of people from a range of backgrounds to make sure we are representing the wide variety of people who make up our school! So grab the nomination forms that have been sent to you by email - or pick up a paper copy from the office - and nominate yourself or someone else from our community before 12pm on Friday 28th June. Realising this is the Matariki public holiday, please ensure your paper copy nomination on Roxy's desk by Thursday 27th June, or scanned email version sent by 12pm on 28th.

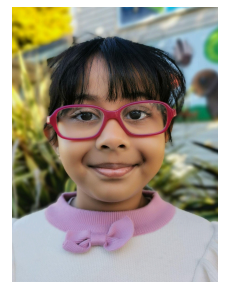
## WINTER SPORTS FESTIVAL

The Year 5/6 children had a wonderful time at the Rural Winter Sports Festival last week. The weather was fabulous and the games were challenging. It was a nice chance to mix with children from other schools, instead of just trying to beat them in a competition. Here are some action shots from the day



## WELCOME TO....

Shenya who joined Room 1 last week. Shenya and her family are new to the Roto-o-Rangi District, so we hope you will give them a warm welcome when you see them around! Shenya is settling in and making new friends with other students in our school.



## MATARIKI WEEKEND CELEBRATION

We have a few spots (children and parents) left for anyone wanting to join with Trees for Survival and celebrate Matariki on Friday 28th June (the morning of the public holiday). The plan is to celebrate and learn about Matariki with a dawn celebration, karanga, karakia, Matariki waananga and tuku mihi, followed by native tree planting. If you are keen please complete the form sent out via email and skool loop last week.

## OUR MATARIKI BREAKFAST

On the final day of the term (Friday 5th July) we will hold our annual Matariki Parakuhi/Breakfast to celebrate the Maori New Year. We will need braziers, wood, and lots of parents willing to get in the kitchen and behind the BBQ to cook up a breakfast storm, and then clean it up. It would be awesome if a few parents would contribute to the breakfast by making some fry bread the day before. We supply the ingredients, you do the cooking. Please contact the office if you can help. After breakfast we are visiting Sanctuary Mountain to explore our unique environment as part of our Term concept around Uniqueness. Details in the flyer attached and the email sent out.

## STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

During the last week of term you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to see what they have been working on in the classroom. Reports will come home on Monday 1st July, so you can read through this before your meeting with the teacher on Tuesday 2nd or Thursday 4th. Meetings are 15 minutes only, in order to fit everyone in. We ask that you are on time for your meeting slot and finish promptly in order to keep things moving. You are welcome to discuss your child's learning needs with teachers at any time throughout the year, so we encourage you to use this time for your child to share their learning with you. Bookings are now live on the Skool Loop App, so please get in quickly to secure the day and time that suits you best.



**Have you signed up your child for Jumping June yet?!** They have been practising their skipping every breaktime, with some very skilled skippers

emerging across the age groups! Our Jumping June date is Thursday 27th, so expect to see some more info about this soon. So far we have raised \$308 for the Heart Foundation! Let's keep it going!

## ABSENTEES

There have been a large amount of absences due to illness this term, and we still have a way to go. Thank you for helping to not spread bugs and illness to other children in the class.

However, we also have quite a big number of children off school for **reasons not classed as justified** based on school policy/MOE policy. At a recent meeting with other Cambridge principals, our children had the worst attendance stats of any school regarding absences, so let's turn that around over the remainder of the year.

## LATENESS - SIGNING IN

Parents need to come into the office with their child/ren if you bring them in after 9 am. It is a safety issue, discovered when we ran an emergency evacuation drill recently. Please don't just let them through the front gate and leave. The extra 2 minutes it takes to come to the office will help us a lot.

## TE REO TANTALISERS

Matariki facts.

Tainui iwi only recognise 7 stars as part of Matariki.

Other iwi recognise up to 9 of the stars.

Matariki: Mother

Tupu-ā-rangi: Guardian of the sky - food from above

Tupu-ā-nuku: Guardian of food from the ground

Waitī: The Watery One - freshwater (lakes and rivers)

Waitā: The tides - food from the sea

Waipuna-ā-rangi: The star of water from the sky

Ururangi: The star of winds - brings new beginnings

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12-15/6	Field Days 2024
14/6	Teacher Only Day
18/6	Board Meeting 6pm
21/6	PTA Disco 6pm
27/6	Jumping June
28/6	Matariki Holiday
1/7	Written reports go home
2/7 & 4/7	Student/Parent/Teacher conferences
3/7	Roto's Got Talent 12pm
5/7	Matariki breakfast 6.30am & Haerenga to Sanctuary Mountain <b>Last day of term</b>
22/7	<b>Term 3 starts</b>
25-29/7	Life Education Van (Harold, the giraffe)