







# Roto Review

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

Ngaa mihi ngaa Maatua me kaitiaki,

## SCHOOL VALUES and BRANDING

As part of the PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning) work we have been doing, a series of signs etc will be placed around the school to highlight the school values and the expectations we have. It will also add some colour and pizzazz to our kura! Here are some logos we are considering using and would appreciate some input from you about them. The Google form link will provide more background about each design.

	<p><u>WHETU/STAR</u></p> <p>To personify the people at Roto we are using the image of a Star. It is a symbol we already use. The Matariki stars are in our school logo. It represents us reaching for the stars and we all want our tamariki to be stars.</p>		<p><u>RESPECT/WHAKAUTE</u></p> <p>As you give respect, you gain respect. The inclusion of everyone brings all of us together. The centre of the koru is like our mauri, to be protected by the things we do and experience.</p>
	<p><u>RESILIENCE/MANAWAROA</u></p> <p>The Mangopare/Hammerhead shark symbol. A symbol of courage and determination - the essence of resilience.</p>		<p><u>RESPONSIBILITY/TAKOHANGA</u></p> <p>The large upside-down triangle is a belief that I am to care for/look after the majority. The small triangles represent where I am responsible – family, school and the environment.</p>

## MATARIKI BREAKFAST & TRIP

A fabulous Matariki parakuihi and haerenga to Te Awamutu happened last Friday. The morning started with a karakia and a look for the Matariki Stars. Then we came back inside for some stories about Matariki. There were also some action songs - the Matariki Macarena and Ngaa Marama o te Tau Maori to get the blood flowing. Thanks, Sarah for leading the final waiata. There was plenty of warm kai following the learning on a clear and frosty morning and it was thoroughly enjoyed by the large numbers of students and family who made the very early morning rise.

Following the breakfast, we split up into 3 groups and left at different stages for the Te Awamutu museum. The Year 0-2 students went first and set the bar for Respectful, Responsible and Resilient behaviours and attitudes. After their time learning about Matariki, the juniors came back to school to do activities with their teachers for the rest of the day. Then it was the turn of the Year 5-6 children to visit the TA Museum and then the exciting Space Centre. Finally the Year 3-4 children had their chance to visit the museum and Space Centre.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the parents who made the effort and were able to be part of the Matriki celebration.

An extra big **THANK YOU** to the maatua/parents who also helped cook the kai, cleaned up afterwards, started the fires, supervised the marshmallow roasting and accompanied the children on the trips. Coming together as a community is always special and to be able to have a fun occasion in the coldest part of the year adds to that experience. So thank you to everyone who was a part of the day.

## WELCOME TO...

Siblings Otobina and Jamare who have been with us just two days! They have quickly attracted new friends, so we are sure they will settle in well.



## HOUSE EVENTS IN TERM 3

This term we have the Roto Cross Country in just 3 ½ weeks. We will need to be out there training if we are to get those big House Points, so encourage your child/ren to do some training at home too!

Our academic House competition this term is our Speeches. The children have been working on them already and in a couple of weeks will begin presenting them in class. Each year level and gender will be competing for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd for House points, but as we have done in the past, only the top 3 children in the Year 0-2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 categories will go through to the Roto Speech night. This will be on Thursday 31st August at 6.45pm. The senior winner of the event will go on to deliver their speech at the Cambridge Rotary Speech Competition on Tuesday 12th September in the evening.

## ASSEMBLIES IN TERM 3

Due to a number of events happening on a Friday afternoon this term, we will have problems being able to hold our assemblies. Thus we will hold some of our fortnightly **assemblies at 9.15am** this term, except for the last day.

**Weeks 4, 6, 8** will be held at 9.15am.

**Week 10** will be the normal 2pm so you can take the kids home to start the holidays.

***Make sure you check out the calendar on our website or the Skool Loop App for important events!***

Download Skool Loop to your phone via the Google Play or Apple store. If you have Skool Loop but haven't received notices for a while click into the app and it will once again begin to send you notifications. It seems to be a glitch that has not yet been resolved.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Masterpiece Photography were here yesterday to take our photos. They took class photos first, then photographed *every* student. If your child has siblings here at Roto they will also have had a photo taken together. Very soon they will then send us the links to view the photos and we will send this information on to you. You will then be able to view your child's individual and sibling photos before you decide if you want to purchase them. Purchases are made through the Masterpiece website, not through the school office.

## ONLINE SAFETY

On the 18th August John Parsons will be doing some in-class talks with the older children about being safe online. Lots of his talk is about making smart decisions about the information we share and with whom. For example, those we trust the most - family - we share everything, even the tough, not-so-good stuff. With our close friends, we share a lot less and it is things we don't mind other people finding out about because we don't know if a friend might share our secret with someone else, etc.

I strongly encourage parents to attend one of the parent evenings John runs because no matter how tech-savvy you are or how little you allow your children to go online, you will be amazed at what your children can access through seemingly harmless opportunities. Are your child's friends and family as careful as you are about online content?



## Keep your children safe online

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**Monday 14 August: 3pm & 7pm** St Peter's Catholic School

**Tuesday 15 August: 7pm** Goodwood School Hall

**Wednesday 16 August: 7pm** Cambridge East School

**Thursday 17 August: 7pm** Cambridge Middle School Hall (year 7 - 13 focus)

All presentations last approx one hour.

**Parents from any school are welcome to attend any session.**

\*content of parent evenings is not suitable for children to attend

Contact 827 6817 for further information

## ROTO CROSS COUNTRY

**Friday 25th August.**

We are lucky to be able to hold this event over the road at the Wallis Quarry, which makes it much more fun and challenging! The event will begin after lunch that day and we invite all whaanau to attend.

Whaanau are asked to park in the quarry itself and walk up to the paddocks at the top of the drive.

The running order for the day is:

**12.40 pm** Children assemble at Wallis farm

**12.45 pm** Racing starts and will take the following order:

- 5 year old girls and boys
- 6 year old girls and boys
- 7 year old girls and boys
- 8 year old girls and boys
- 9 year old girls and boys.
- 10 & 11 year old girls & boys

Cup Race: voluntary for any age from 8yrs + and is the most challenging course. If your child chooses to run in this race they **cannot** run in their age group race.

Certificates are awarded at the location after the Cup Race is finished. Parents are then welcome to take their children home at the end, and the rest of us will walk back to school in time for the usual 3.00pm departures by bus or car.

## AGRICULTURAL DAY 2023

**FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER (Week 1, Term 4)**

Ag Day is an opportunity for us to come together as a community to celebrate the rural lifestyle! We encourage all our families to consider taking on a calf, lamb or kid goat for their child/ren to raise in preparation for Ag Day, although it is not compulsory. In the past, children living in town have still managed to raise a goat or a lamb in their garden. Keep an eye out for notices from school about local farmers offering animals for children to do Ag Day. On the day itself the child will present their animal for showing in the competition ring, where they will be professionally judged by experienced judges. On our website you will find a comprehensive guide to raising animals for Ag Day. There is a fun section where children can bring a pet - but no dogs - to be judged as well. The theme for the gardening competition will be out soon!

- ★ Lambs, Calves, Goats
- ★ Baking Competition
- ★ Gardening Competition
- ★ Pet Day
- ★ Sausage Sizzle
- ★ Bake Sale
- ★ Refreshments
- ★ Cow Pat Bingo

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8-9/08 MP Room in use by Dynamix Dance
- 11/08 Assembly 9.15-10.15am
- 18/08 John Parsons online safety
- 21-24/08 Class Speech Presentations Week
- 25/08 Assembly 9.15-10.15am  
Roto Cross Country
- 29/08 PTA Meeting 7pm
- 31/08 Roto Speech Finals Night
- 01/09 Cambridge Kapa Haka Festival
- 05/09 Rural Schools' Cross Country
- 06/09 CMS Orientation morning (Yr 6)
- 08/09 Assembly 9.15-10.15am  
Olympian Visit 2pm
- 15/09 Interschools Cross Country
- 21/09 Elgregoe Magician Show
- 22/09 Assembly 2.15pm  
Term 3 Ends 3pm
- 09/10 Term 4 Begins
- 13/10 Agricultural Day
- 20/10 Group Agricultural Day

## TE REO TANTALISERS

Let's do some actions:

Peke (peck-air)	jump
Tuu (to)	stand
Moe (moi)	sleep
Hiikoi (he-koi)	walk
Haere (hi-rare)	go/leave
Whai (figh)	chase
Tohu (tor-who)	point
Kukume (koo-koo-mare)	pull
Pana (pah-nah)	push
Piko (pea-kor)	bend
Piki (pik-ee)	climb
Tatari (tar-tar-ree)	wait
Hiki (hick-ee)	lift
Whiu (fee-oo almost like few)	throw

## Is your school account up to date?

Contact Roxy to discuss a payment plan to ensure your account is cleared by the end of the school year.

Would you like to utilise  
this space to advertise  
your business?

Contact Roxy

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