



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia ora ngaa maatua,

We have a number of events coming up in the near future, so here is a brief rundown, but more notices will come out soon:

Wednesday Feb 21st is the Rangiaowhia Commemoration Day. We are lucky enough to have our staff and 6 senior students able to attend the commemoration ceremony in support of Ngaati Apakura iwi. Notices have gone out to the children chosen to represent the school. Most staff will not be at school in the morning before 8.45am but someone will be here until they return at this time.

February 27th is our Welcome BBQ - More information on the next page.

March 1st is the 'Dooathlon' being run at Te Miro School. This replaces the Triathlon. The bike part has been removed, so the children will swim and run an obstacle course.

March 15th is the Roto Swimming Sports. Children aged 8 and above will be going to the High School pool to compete in their races. We return to school at lunchtime for a sausage sizzle and then the Juniors will do their swimming display and fun races in our pool. Parents are wholeheartedly invited to attend either or both swimming sports events

March 22nd is the Rural School Swimming Sports for children aged 8 and above. This is held at St Peter's School. Again, we'd love you to join us.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE RESTARTS

Next week we are restarting Before School Care with Sue Hendry being our BSC supervisor. BSC will run from 7.30am to 8.30am. If you would like your child to be in BSC, we need you to complete the BSC/ASC form with emergency contact details before your child uses the service. School is open from 8.30am so **any children arriving at school before 8.30am will be put into BSC** and parents charged the BSC fee. Children who arrive on the Country Bus at 7.55am are exempt from being required to go to BSC but may join in with the BSC children if they are behaving well enough.

WELCOME TO...

Meiah in Room 1!

Meiah knows us all very well, as her whaanau has been connected to Roto for some years now. We are enjoying watching you make your own connections and friendships already, Meiah.



FEEDBACK SURVEY

All families will have received an email with a link to an online feedback survey. The survey is collecting our families thoughts about the school currently and the strategic plan for the school - the learning we will be focusing on in the future. It is open for 2 weeks so please share with us how well we are doing and what direction we need to be heading in the future.

FREE THIS SUNDAY?

Our PTA has organised a **Working Bee** 🐝 this Sunday, the 18th Feb, so if you are free please pop out to school and help - we'd love to see you! On the agenda, we have some flax that needs to be taken out and will be available to take home if you would like them. We also have shrub planting to be done, and some posts to be painted. So bring along those paint brushes and shovels and get amongst the fun! It would be great to have lots of whaanau here, as it gets the mahi done much faster and allows us all to enjoy the rest of our Sunday!

SETTLING IN REPORT

The Settling In report is coming home next Monday. This is just a highlight of how well your child has settled into the routines of their classroom and their focus on learning so far. There is a section where we would like your input into goals for your child's achievements at Roto this year. These goals can be academic, social, values... It's a great opportunity for you to have a chat with your child about your expectations for this year/term.

Please remember we are a PEANUT FREE school due to keep our students with allergies safe.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We sent out an invitation via Skool Loop this week, for our Welcome BBQ. It's a great opportunity to meet other families, and to have an informal chat with your child's teacher. At 7pm they will open up the classrooms so you can have a look and see what your child has been working on so far this term. Feel free to bring along your own food if you aren't keen on sausages, and bring your drinks too!



CLASS DOJO

Have you connected with your child's kaiako (teacher) on Class Dojo yet? This is where they will show you snippets of what they are doing in class and send you information and updates specifically for their classroom. Speak with your child's teacher today about getting connected!



KEEPING UP TO DATE

Download the Skool Loop App to your phone TODAY to keep up to date with what's happening in our kura! Access the latest newsletter, send absence messages and receive notices as soon as they are sent from the office!



BOOK DAMAGE

We have spent over \$13,000 on new books as part of the new literacy approach we started last year. In the Year 1-3 classes these books don't go home, except maybe on a Thursday afternoon. This is a change from the way school's have operated for many years. We urge families to be extra careful with them when they do come home. We regularly get books returned to class that have been scribbled in by younger siblings, pages torn, wrinkled because they got wet from togs/drink spilt on them.

PLEASE make a concerted effort to preserve our books; our reading books and our library books.

FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE

Good attendance helps your child:

- Reach their full potential
- Develop a positive attitude towards school and good habits of being on time
- Feel like they're a valued part of our school community



UPCOMING EVENTS

19/02	Settling In reports go home
21/02	Rangiaowhia Commemoration ceremony
27/02	Welcome BBQ
01/03	Rural Schools DOOathlon
15/03	Roto Seniors Swimming Sports @ CHS AM Roto Junior Swimming Sports @ Roto PM
22/03	Rural Swimming Sports @ St Peter's Lots of parent help needed to run the event
27-28/03	Whole school camp, in tents at school
29/3- 02/4	Easter hols - Good Friday to Easter Tuesday
05/04	Interschools' Swimming Sports
12/04	Term 1 Ends (3pm)
29/04	Term 2 Starts (9am)

NAME YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING!

A reminder to please **name** your child's belongings, as our lost property pile is already growing!