



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Dear parents, whaanau and caregivers,

It is hard to believe we are over half way through this term already. The school is so incredibly settled. The teachers and children are working very hard with the learning and are really focussed. Socially the children are mixing really well too. The older ones are being good role models and supporting the younger/teina. It is so lovely seeing children of all ages playing games together.

SWIMMING SPORTS TOMORROW

Hopefully, our swimming sports will go ahead tomorrow because, unfortunately, the weather looks particularly poor in this part of the country. If we can do the Senior Sports we will push ahead as this helps sort out the Rural Swimming Sports races too. Every year we have children so nervous they don't want to do the 50m swim but end up blitzing the field in the 25m and we enter them in the 50m race at Rurals.

Should the weather be poor we will make an announcement by 8.00am to postpone. If we do postpone we won't get the chance to use the CHS pool again and will just have to use our school pool, which isn't ideal.

With the Rurals day the next Friday we would have to run our sports on Monday.

This is a real life learning time for children and they need your support.

When your child says, "I am no good at swimming and don't want to go." This is the time you help them develop some **resilience**. You know they are going to be safe - we have been running these swimming days for decades and not had a student hurt. We have been teaching the children to swim nearly everyday since the start of the year and we know exactly how capable they are. So, here is your chance to help them learn to be resilient - to face a scary challenge, knowing they will be safe, and giving it their best. If we, as parents, don't help them to be resilient then they never will be. A Final

reminder of times: **Seniors start at 9.30am** in the CHS pool. **12.00pm Seniors should be finished** and coming back to school for the PTA sausage sizzle. **Juniors start around 1.00pm and finish by 2.30pm** Juniors start with 5 year olds demonstrating their learning and a fun race or 2, then the 6 year olds and lastly, the 7 year olds.



WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

We are excited to be planning for camp, and keeping our fingers crossed that this year it will go ahead! Camp is taking place on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th of this month. We will be visiting Sanctuary Mountain on Maungatautari on Wednesday, sleeping here at school that night, and heading off to Hamilton Zoo on Thursday. This will lead us nicely into Easter weekend!

We hope for all our tamariki to join us, and we welcome our whaanau to come along too - you can come for dinner on Wednesday even if you are not sleeping over.

The permission form needs to be **completed and returned to school by Monday 18th March** please. There is an online form that can be completed if you prefer to do this instead, which has now been pinned to the top of the Roto Parents Facebook group. If you would like another notice please contact the office.

WELCOME TO...

New entrant and Roto district local, Ryan, who joined us this week! We hope you are settling in and getting used to your new routines, Ryan.



One of our teachers taught Ryan's Dad, Jason... Can you guess who?

KAPA HAKA

On Tuesday we took a trip to Cambridge High School for our first kapa haka lesson with Matua Taonga. Our group of students was much larger than expected, even with a couple of absences. Our current bus is too small to accommodate the number wanting to attend lessons. **Are you able to help us to transport the students on a Thursday one week and a Tuesday the alternate week?** Please let us know if you can help 😊



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. Policies such as curriculum, privacy, reporting abuse, complaints, etc. Here is the website address:

<https://rotoorangi.schooldocs.co.nz>

User: rotoorangi Password: aimhigh

WINTER SPORTS CODES

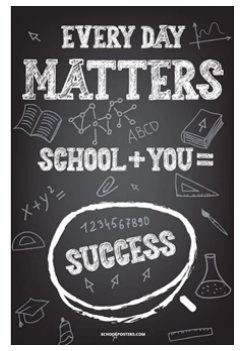
Register NOW for Hockey, Netball, Soccer and Rugby Primary Schools in Cambridge do not organise these sports, so if you would like your child to play you need to sign them up through one of the local sports clubs. The main ones are Leamington and Hautapu, although there are some other options for netball and hockey. If you are closer to Te Awamutu there are clubs there too. All the links to the clubs are on our website under **Our Learning - Additional Learning Opportunities - SPORTS**

Please remember to let us know if your child is away from school.

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	≈ 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	days per year	≈ 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE

Below is the MOE's expectations for attendance at schools across the country, hence our regular reminders about attendance. We only had 54% of our children miss less than 5 days a term or 20 days a year in 2023, whilst the MOE expects us to have 70% of our children doing that. In 2022 we only had 39%.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Roto-o-Rangi Hall committee are currently fundraising for the upkeep of the hall. We have raffle tickets for sale here in the school office, for \$5 per ticket. The winner will receive 4 cubes of split dry firewood! If this sounds like your kind of raffle then pop in and buy a ticket! They are also holding a Table Top Sale on Sunday 24th March. If you'd like to book a table email

rotoorangihall@gmail.com

A huge thank you to Ellana Poka for all her help with the Year 6 Leadership Day last week - you were a star!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)

**TABLE TOP SALE
AT ROTO O RANGI HALL**

Come bring all your bits and pieces to sell!



SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 10AM UNTIL 1PM

LIMITED TABLES - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

\$2 RAFFLE AND \$2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE