



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
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Dear parents and caregivers,

ROTO ATHLETICS

The annual Roto Athletics day is next Friday, 3rd November. All families are welcome to come along and watch their children participate. The morning consists of 5 Field events (Quoits/discus; shot put; long jump; vortex throw/javelin & high jump). After lunch, we have the running races and finish off the day with House relays: 1 boy and girl from each age level form the relay team for their House. Dressing up in House colours is strongly promoted.

The Rural Athletics Day has been moved to Wednesday 15th November. This is just for children aged 8 years and older, and is held at the Athletics grounds on Vogel St, just at the start of the road works as you head towards Hamilton. Our school is responsible for running the long jump event and this requires at least 3 adults to operate it, hence we will need at least 1 parent to help us run this event. It isn't complicated, we just need the people power. Please let us know if you can help.

AG DAY

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the Roto Ag Day and the few children who competed at Cambridge Group Day. It was obvious that the children had spent a lot of time with their animals, training them, feeding and grooming them. Their bond with the animal was obvious to see, even if they didn't always behave themselves on the day. It was great to see the variety of "pets" that were brought along for Pet Day. Tumeke! Well done to those children who did the garden in a bucket and baking. After a year of Garden to Table, I am sure there will be a huge number of entries in this space next year. Thank you so much to our sponsors and helpers - the judges, parents, PTA, Fonterra, and Property Brokers who cooked up a storm for us!



WELCOME TO...

Ava, again, who now has a photo! Also welcome to new entrant Levi, who begins his school journey here with us! We also have a new whaanau of three - Charlotte, Violette and Jasper, who are new to the area and have slotted right in as though they were always here!



GROUP DAY

Congratulations to the following children for their successes at Group Day!

Ila-Rose - 6th Leading, 6th Rearing, 4th Type. Samuel - 3rd Type. Jack 1st Type. Sophia - 5th Leading, 1st Type Reserve Champion Type. Ryan - 4th Leading, 1st Rearing, Reserve Champion Rearing, 2nd Type. And to Ryan, Samuel and Jack for their 2nd in Team of 3. We know how hard you have all worked to prepare and train your animals, so it's wonderful to see you all place at Group Day!

SENIOR CAMP

The Year 5/6 children are off to Waitomo for their Senior Camp this year. Staying in the Hamilton Tomo Club Hut right in the heart of the caves area will be an experience I am sure they will remember for a long time. Visits to the Glow Worm Cave and the amazing Ruakuri Cave are 2 highlights of the camp. I am sure Marakopa Falls and Kiritehere Beach will be as exciting as the caves. Not to mention a bit of rock climbing in Otorohanga before we even get to Waitomo. Good luck to the teachers (Mrs Morris and Mr D) and parents going along to support the students to celebrate a great year together. May you get some sleep, at some stage!

TEACHER ONLY DAY

On **Monday 13th November** Roto will be holding a Teacher Only Day. The government is in the process of writing a brand new curriculum to be taught in schools. In preparation for its implementation, teachers are required to become familiar with the new document, possible different methodologies and approaches to teaching the curriculum and how we will be reporting this to parents in plain terminology. This Teacher Only Day is the 2nd of 2 days in 2023 the MOE has provided for schools to start doing this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

31/10	Board Meeting 6pm
3/11	Roto Athletics Day
6-9/11	Senior Camp - Waitomo Caves
13/11	Teacher Only Day - No students at school
15/11	Rural Schools' Athletics - 8yr olds & up
21/11	PTA Meeting
24/11	Inter-school Athletics
25/11	Roto School Fun Run
28/11	Board Meeting 6pm
8/12	Year 6 Dinner
14/12	Prizegiving Assembly
15/12	Last Day

THANKS TO LIONS AND TRILLIAN

THANK YOU to both the Lions Club of Cambridge and the Trillian Trust who have donated \$5,000 each towards the replacement of the ropes on the school playgrounds. This has helped the PTA and the Board a great deal and we can now push ahead and get the job done. An extra thank you to the Lions Club for the large donation they make each year to an organisation in Cambridge Schools called Manaaki Aakonga. This organisation provides support to families to pay for a wide variety of things that students across Cambridge may not be able to afford to do or get. Support such as paying for diagnostic tests to help their learning, school camp, sports fees, even defibrillators. Students at Roto have been on the receiving end of this support through Manaaki Aakonga thanks to the Lions Club.

By now you will have seen the newsletter about the School Fun Run that has come home with your child/ren this week. We are so excited about this event, which is being organised by our amazing PTA!



The Fun Run will take place on **Saturday 25th November here at school**. It will be a colour run event, so children are encouraged to wear white or light colours to make the most of the coloured powder and water that they will be sprayed with as they run, hop, jog, skip, crawl or walk around the course!

More information about the day's events will come out soon, but for now please lock it in to come out to school at midday on the 25th, for the run to begin at 1pm. The PTA have planned a whole carnival style afternoon of events for us all to enjoy!

For now, what you need to do is **SIGN UP** your child/ren online and create a profile for them. From there you can begin collecting donations into their online account. Even whaanau and friends overseas can donate! The funds will be going towards new playground equipment, and potentially the shed to go with the bike track we will be building!

Please note that you **do not have to pay** to sign up your child, it is free. If they raise \$10 in donations they can claim a prize. The prizes get better the more funds they raise. If you have any privacy concerns please read the information provided by School Fun Run NZ when you are on their website.