

Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia ora ngaa Maatua

Cross Country

On Wednesday, we held a successful cross country event at the Wallis farm and quarry. A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Wallis for generously opening up their beautiful property for us once again. It was a perfect day to celebrate the incredible **Resilience** of our students, or *aakonga*, as they pushed themselves to their limits, tackling the tough terrain, from steep uphill to tricky downhill sections. Every single one of them showed amazing courage and determination.

Huge congratulations to Chizelle, Year 5, and Jack, who is only in Year 4, for taking out their respective Cross Country Champion titles this year! Photos taken on the day will be added to an album in the Roto Parents Facebook group, which you are welcome to add to.

Thank you to the parents, grandparents and relatives who turned up to support the children. They truly love seeing you there.



Rural Schools Cross Country

Next Thursday, we head over to Karaapiro Domain to compete against the other rural schools. This is a super fun event, with every child in our school attending. We will take the Juniors first thing in the morning, then come back to collect the Seniors for their events. The Juniors will come back to school when their races are finished. For further details, please refer to the notice, which you can find on Skool Loop, email and our Roto Parents FB group.



Roto Speeches

Speeches have now been delivered in classes so the finalists will be announced today and invited to attend the Roto Speech Night next week. From there, the senior winner will attend the Cambridge Rotary Speech Competition. We are excited to listen to our amazing finalists on Tuesday evening. Speeches begin at 6pm sharp, so visitors and finalists need to be seated by 5.55pm. The evening is open to all families and friends.

Board Election Update

A reminder to please return your voting papers to the school office by 4pm on Wednesday 10th September. You may vote for **up to 5** candidates to fill 5 spaces on our school Board. Postal votes will be received up to Monday 15th September, with all votes being opened, counted and recorded on Tuesday 16th September. The results will be declared by the returning officer as soon as they have been counted.

Ag Day

 Whilst Ag Day isn't happening until the first week of next term, there is planning and animal-care to be done right now. Please make sure you have registered your child's lamb, calf or kid goat via the online or paper forms. We brought the registration date forward, as we need an idea of numbers for organising judges. However, if you haven't yet got an animal we will still accept entries after today. Please make sure the animal isn't too young to compete though. 



We hope lots of you have taken up the Garden in a Gumboot challenge! Don't forget to keep a diary of what you've planted and how you take care of it!

All Ag Day information and forms can be found on our website under

['Our Learning' - Additional Learning - Ag Day](#)

Arrive before 8.30am = BSC!

Children will be directed to BSC if they are dropped off at school prior to 8.30am. So if they come in at 8.22, they will go to BSC and parents will be invoiced for the cost. The other reminder is that parents need to take their children over to Before School Care to sign them in.

School Accounts

A reminder that all parent accounts must be cleared by the end of the year. If you have money owing on your account you will be sent a statement and asked to set up an automatic payment to ensure it is cleared by December.

Cricket Lesson

On the last day of the term, coaches from the Cambridge Junior Cricket Association will be coming to school to do a short lesson on playing cricket. The Cambridge Cricket season will start next term, so if you would like your child/ren to play this fabulous sport, keep an eye out for the season opener.

Garden 2 Table/Rural Learning

This awesome programme is running in Room 3 and 4. Growing, harvesting, cooking and serving the food they grow. How fantastic! We even have some chickens who can contribute some eggs and over the summer those bees will get busy producing honey and the orchard producing stone fruit and apples.

We can always do with some support so If you are a parent/grandparent/local who can spare 1.5hrs each fortnight to support, especially in the kitchen, then we would love it.



Winter Sports Finished

A big WELL DONE to all the students who took part in some form of winter sports, whether it was netball, hockey, rugby or soccer. We hear that some of our aakonga were even awarded trophies at the end of the season! Congratulations!

We enjoy hearing about the activities our children take part in outside of school, so feel free to share those with us, as it might just inspire someone else to take up that hobby too!

Security Cameras at School

The Board have invested in security cameras to protect the property, staff and students. They are not inside buildings at all, just covering entry points and external buildings in general. All the cameras have now been installed and the complex job of integrating them with the alarm system will happen next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/9	Roto Speech Competition (6pm)
4/9	Rural Schools Cross Country (whole school)
5/9	Assembly 2.10pm
9/9	Cambridge Rotary Club Speech Competition
10/9	Board Election Day
15/9	Interschools Cross Country
16/9	Board votes counted
19/9	Term 3 Ends 3pm following assembly
6/10	Term 4 Begins 9am
10/10	Roto Ag Day 2025
16/10	Roto School Production
21/10	Agricultural Group Day