



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia ora ngaa Maatua

Rural Schools' Cross Country

So proud of the effort the Roto children put in for the Rural Schools' Cross Country. Whilst we had a good number of top 6 finishers, what makes us most proud, though, is those children who gave it their very best when they weren't going to get a certificate. Well done.

Congratulations to Hendrik, Jack, Chizelle, Stella, Sophia, Arielle, Manaia, Maddy and Indie who qualified for the Rural Schools' Team to go to Inter-schools' Cross Country on Monday. Great achievement, and you should be proud of yourselves.

Thank you to the parents who did marshalling jobs around the course for the Rurals' day. Large events like this can't happen unless people are prepared to give up their time to help out, so we appreciate the offer to do so and to those who took on the task.

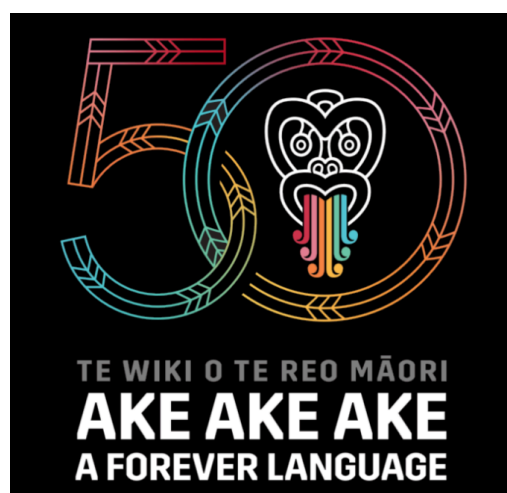


Celebration Day

Over the last few years, all the kura in Cambridge have joined with our local iwi, Ngaati Korikii Kahukura and Ngaati Hauaa, down at Lake Te Koo Utu to recognise the closer relationship we have developed. Whilst it is held during Te Wiki o Te Reo Maaori it is mostly about celebrating the strong and developing relationship between mana whenua and mana tiriti (we who get to live in this beautiful country because Tiriti o Waitangi was signed back in 1840). This relationship is a taonga, or treasure, that needs to be preserved and celebrated. So, on Thursday 18th September, that is exactly what we do by attending Pai Maarire down at Lake Te Ko Utu at 7a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for the 1/2hr or so it takes.

Following this celebration, mana whenua will come out to our kura so that we can show how their gifts of knowledge, stories and place are being shared and understood by our children. Then we all understand how we got here and how we can move forward together into our future. As the whakatauki goes, "Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua". Walking backwards into the future, or as many of us understand it - Learning from our past so we don't make the same mistakes in the future.

Next week is the perfect opportunity to be brave and really try to use Te Reo Maaori as often as you can. Maybe even try adding in a new word in Maaori each day - by the end of te wiki you'll have 7 new kupu in your kete!




Board Election Update

Hand-delivered voting papers closed yesterday but you may still have time to send your vote by post. These will be accepted up until Monday. All votes will be opened, counted and recorded on Tuesday, 16th September. The results will be declared by the returning officer as soon as they have been counted.

Once the Board have been elected, they will begin the process of developing the Strategic Plan for the next 3 years. In order to capture whaanau and parent voice, there will be a number of methods used. They will begin in early Term 4, so keep an eye out and use these opportunities to have your say.

Ag Day

 By now you should have registered your Ag Day animal via the registration form, and returned it to the office. Roxy will send you an email tomorrow to confirm she has your registration, so if you don't receive this please get in touch.

There's still time to enter other pets for all the children to see on Ag Day, so if you have a suitable pet at home let us know!



We do need some help on Ag Day, so if you're keen to be a marshall please get in touch with Roxy. Grandparents often enjoy this role! We also need some help setting up competition rings the day before (Thursday 9th) so please get in touch if you could help with this.

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

[‘Our Learning’ - Additional Learning - Ag Day](#)

Cricket Taster Sessions

Cambridge Junior Cricket Club are coming to school early on the last day of the term to run some ‘taster’ sessions for the children. The cricket season will be starting next term and this is a great chance to see if they might enjoy playing this sport. We will send out the link to register with Cambridge Cricket next week, ready for all the sign-ups after the taster day!

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.

Senior Camp

Senior Camp forms have been sent out digitally and on paper. These need to be returned by next Friday please.

Children go missing

We continue to have trouble with children being picked up, and the staff and office not knowing. Then, when the child is missing from where they are supposed to be, the school goes into a panic trying to locate them. If you change your normal pick-up process, the “collecting adult” **must** come to the office to let us know first.

Roto Speeches

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the Roto Speech Competition last week. Your resilience and courage was outstanding.

Special congratulations to Melita, who won the Roto Speech Final and represented the school at the Rotary Speech Competition, for all primary schools in Cambridge, on Tuesday night. She did so well

against tough competition, and was close to taking out the award for the funniest speech but was pipped to the post by another humorous year 5 student! Ka rawe, Melita!



PTA Pizza Day

The PTA have organised another Pizza Day tomorrow. Orders were due back yesterday. Slices of pizza will be distributed by the PTA at lunchtime. Thank you Megan for organising this.

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 are operational.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/9	PTA Pizza Day
15/9	Interschools Cross Country Rooms 1 & 3 attending Finding Nemo
16/9	Board votes counted
18/9	Te Oko Horoi Celebration Mana whenua visit Te Ohu Kaiaarahi o te Kapua Iti (10am)
19/9	Cricket taster sessions for all classes 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