



# Roto Review

We live by  
our motto of  
**AIM HIGH**

Kia ora ngaa Maatua

## Welcome back/Nau mai hoki.

Well, after that rather wet school holiday break, I hope the children didn't go too stir-crazy at home.

We have a very full term coming up with Ag Days, Athletics Days, Production, Christmas Carols and the normal end-of-year testing, report writing, and assemblies. Throw in the writing of a new Strategic Plan for the Board and it is all go.

It is critical over Weeks 3 to 7 that the children are at school as much as possible. During this time, the teachers are doing a lot of assessments and preparation for reports. It is always very challenging when children are away and miss those assessments. The organisation that goes into giving students a chance to do the assessment at another time is burdensome, and we already have a busy term. So please make every effort to have your children well and at school, particularly during this period.

## Hats for Term 4

As a sun-safe school, children are required to wear their hats when playing outside in the sun. As of Monday, 13th October, the children will need to wear hats to play on the field, courts, huts and Junior playground. Children can play in the following locations without a hat due to the shade provided by the trees, sail and archgola - the Senior playground, staffroom decking area, archgola and sandpit.

Children are required to wear a brimmed hat (bucket hat or cricket hat) or cap with attached neck/ear flap. Please make sure your child's hats are clearly labelled with their name.

Beanies, hoodies, standard baseball caps, visors, etc, are not acceptable forms of headwear for our purposes.

## School Production

Late in Term 3, we needed to move the date of our production. It is **WEDNESDAY, 22nd OCTOBER**. All of the children are involved in the school production of The Sons of Rangi and Papa. The performance illustrates a Maaori explanation around the creation of the world, with senior children narrating the full story while each class presents a segment.

There is a gold coin entry for the performances. The matinee is for grandparents and members of the local community, so the children have a practice run before the big show later that night in front of their parents. The matinee performance is at 11.30 am and the evening show starts at 6.30 pm.

Thank you to the creative mums who have supported with the making of props, costumes and additions to the backdrop.

## Strategic Plan

The new Board are already working furiously. Over the next few weeks, we will be engaging with our school community, wider community and local iwi to set the direction for the school over the next 3 years. A digital survey will be emailed to all families very soon, and a duplicate paper version will come home with the children. We will be inviting the school and local community to an in-person meeting in a week or two, here at school. There will be a further chance to talk with the Board whilst the children are having a great time at the next PTA Disco at the end of the month. Once the Board have collected people's views, they will create the Strategic Plan to lead the school forward over the next 3 years. Please have your say to help the Board in their decision-making.

## Children going 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 staff go 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 before collecting the child/ren.

## Education Sector Strike

You will be aware that there is a plan for a major strike on Oct 23rd across a number of departments in the education sector. Formal notification of a strike does not happen until 3 days prior to the strike which will 20th Oct. However, that is tricky for parents to plan for hence this advanced notice. Should the strike proceed the Board have made the decision to close the school for instruction on that day. The school will not be open in any capacity for children to attend.

Whilst the government is requesting a return to the bargaining table before strike action, our negotiating teams are always ready to return when progress on the issues occurs. To highlight this, since the last time the negotiation teams met for the Principals’ Agreement, the Public Service Commissioner has not presented another formal offer. The only offer was presented in July and rejected mid August.

Teachers, Principals, Support Staff (teacher aides, office managers, etc) and some staff at the MOE are all negotiating their own, separate Agreements

## Ag Day



It is finally here! Ag Day is tomorrow, so let’s hope for fine weather. Please send your children with some cash if they would like to purchase a sausage, snack or some baking, and of course bring some along and grab some refreshments for yourself too. The PTA will be selling raffle tickets for an amazing produce raffle, so be sure to buy some tickets. We can’t wait to see our 46 students and their animals tomorrow - it’s so exciting just how many entries we have! Please remind your children this evening, that animals are animals, and can be unpredictable.. So if it doesn’t go to plan tomorrow, it is OK! We are proud of them all just for trying!



## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/10 Roto Ag Day 2025
- 15/10 PTA Meeting
- 21/10 Agricultural Group Day
- 22/10 Roto School Production (11.30am + 6.30pm)
- 23/10 Proposed Strike Day (school closed)
- 24/10 Te Ohu Kaiaarahi o te Kaapua Iti
- 24-27/10 Labour Weekend
- 31/10 PTA DISCO
- 7/11 **Roto Athletics Day**
- 11-14/11 Year 5/6 Camp - Port Waikato.
- 14/11 Rural Schools’ Athletics Day
- 19/11 PTA Meeting
- 20/11 Inter-schools’ Athletics Day
- 24/11 Responding in an Emergency lesson
- 25/11 Board Meeting 6pm
- 4/12 **Year 6 Dinner**
- 11/12 **Prizegiving Assembly**
- 12/12 Last Day of Term 4



We have some children who have entered the Weetbix TRYathlon for the Roto-o-Rangi School team.

If you are keen to join in, go to:

<https://raceroster.com/registration/109739/hhxsks4mcsa2vm52/registant/1>

