



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia ora ngaa Maatua

Roto Athletics Day

Our Roto Athletics Day is tomorrow. In the morning, we do the field events: Discus, shot put, long jump, vortex throw, high jump, and in the afternoon are the running races. Parents are welcome to come along and watch their children participate in their events. The field events are all behind the MP Room and tennis courts, where the children rotate around the different disciplines. The running races are held down at the back of the field under the shade of the oak trees.

The programme came home a while ago and is on the Facebook page. We would love to see you come down and support the kids.

8 and 9 year olds from Room 4 will be attending Rural Schools Athletics next Friday, so please check your emails if you haven't seen the permission slip already.

Senior Camp

Room 5 are off on camp to Port Waikato from Tues 11th to Fri 14th Nov. We wish Mrs Morris and the children all the best over the 4 days away. It is a highlight of school life.

The Bikes are done (nearly)

Finally, we have been able to get all the bikes built (well, the specialist bike mechanics will have built them by tomorrow afternoon) which the school purchased earlier in the year through the Tuu Manawa Fund and Sport Waikato. Whilst we are still working on getting the track itself, we will be creating a "cone" track for the children to ride around for now. BikeOn, which is a subsidiary of NZTA, also donated 20 helmets for the students.

Welcome to....

Rylee and Otis, who joined us a wee while ago and have been patiently waiting for their turn in the newsletter!

Rylee started school at the beginning of this term, competing in Ag Day on her very first week and even winning a trophy for Reserve Champion in leading, with her lamb, Cotton Tail! Rylee has since settled in well, not even needing support from big Brother Levi any more!

Otis started three weeks ago and is enjoying hanging out with big Sister Stevie. Otis also entered Ag Day, as a keen preschooler, and took out the top spot for Leading with his lamb, Digger! Stevie had better watch out, as you'll be taking those trophies from her next year!!



And farewell to....

Our Deputy Principal, Room 4 Teacher and SENCO, Emma Williamson, is leaving us at the end of the term to embark on a new adventure as Deputy Principal of St Patrick's in Te Awamutu. Whilst we are excited for Emma's new challenge, we are of course very sad to be losing her, but we hope you will join us in wishing her all the best for an amazing future.

Sunhats and sunblock at school

We have most children bringing the correct sun hat to wear in the sun, which is great to see. There is sunblock available at the staffroom for the children to put on but parents are welcome to send their children to school with a roll-on version etc. if that makes it easier for the children to apply themselves. Sunblock does not replace the requirement to wear a hat. Parents may want to think about clothing too. Whilst sleeveless and thin-strapped tops keep us cool, they aren't good at protecting our shoulders from sunburn and exposure to UV.

Lost Property

The clothing rack is stacked with unnamed clothing, shoes and most of all, socks. Please check this next time you are at school.

Stolen Property

On Sunday evening someone came to school and stole the shade sail covering the sandpit. It was captured on CCTV but he was disguised. It will take a while to get the insurance through before we can purchase another one. However, the children are still able to use the sandpit, they just have to wear their hats now.

New Appointments

The Board are currently seeking a replacement Deputy Principal for next year, plus another teacher so we can reopen our 5th classroom. The selection process will soon begin, and we will announce the new appointments once everything is finalised.

PTA News

Thank you to the PTA for putting on another epic disco last Friday, we hear it was great fun! In other PTA news, the swing set has arrived and will be constructed this weekend. Next week the posts will be concreted into the ground and the cushionfall laid. We will need to cordon off the swings until this process is complete, but the children should be able to play on them by Tuesday afternoon. How exciting! Thank you to our hardworking PTA for all the fundraising and mahi you have done to make this happen!

School Accounts

Everyone has been sent a current account statement now, so please arrange to pay off any outstanding amounts by 12th December.

Strategic Plan

With the sudden and unannounced change to the MOE's requirements regarding strategic plans, the Board are postponing their consultation process until early in 2026. This is rather lucky given the equally unexpected and unannounced change to the revised New Zealand curriculum that occurred last week. So early in Term 1, 2026 we will let you know when and how the Board plan to consult with whaanau, community, staff and kids to develop an enduring school vision and new 3 year strategic plan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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, end 12.30pm

Last Day of School 12th December

Our traditional last day of the year has sadly had to be modified. No longer will *just* the Year 6 students be invited for a half day as a way to celebrate their leaving of primary school. This year, **all** children will attend the last day at school on Friday 12th December. However, **we invite parents to pick up their children at 12.30pm** to get a start on your summer holidays, following a brief farewell assembly. BSC will be available that morning, but ASC will not be available that afternoon.

Christmas Things

5th December - Christmas Cheer closes

Last chance to drop items off into the bin

7th December - Cambridge Christmas Parade 2pm

The PTA will soon be looking for help with this so please get in touch with the office if you can assist.

9th December - Roto sings Carols at the Town Hall 2pm Rooms 4 & 5. All whaanau welcome along.

11th December - Prizegiving Assembly, Roto Hall, 6.30pm All students and whaanau invited to attend.