

Roto Review

We live by our motto of AIM HIGH

Dear parents and caregivers,

ROTO-O-RANGI SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

TOMORROW is the Roto-o-Rangi Cross Country. All the practices have happened. Bruce and Andra Wallis have marked out the track across their farm. The Wallis Quarry, just across the road behind school, is part of the Wallis farm and it is behind the quarry, around the farm that we hold the Cross Country races. Parents are asked to park in the quarry area and the walk up the driveway to the Start/Finish line near the flag pole.

Please do not encourage your child to come over for a chat and a cuddle during the event because inevitably we have issues getting children back as a school group to cheer for their friends. It also leads people crossing over the track when the runners are coming and making it very hard to keep an eye on the children. It is a major Health and Safety issue if we can't account for the children who are still in our care, so we need them to stay in the school group as part of the school. There is plenty of time for hugs and high fives at the end of the day. We encourage all children to dress up in their house colours too. Takahe – red; Kokako – blue; Kiwi – green.

Yesterday a permission notice for the Rural Schools' Cross Country, on the following Friday, 26thAugust, was sent home. Please complete these asap and return to school. The Juniors will be transported to and from the event by bus. They will be returning to school for lunchtime. Most of the Seniors will travel by bus but we will need some parents to help with transport please. Just ring school and let Lorraine know how many you can take and we will get the necessary forms home to you.

This is yet another event worth taking some time to come and watch so try and make it if you can.

The 5-7 Year olds will run between 10-11am whilst the 8-12 year olds will run between 12.15 and 2pm.

ART WEEK

The work being done is fantastic and the children are really getting to explore a new way to make an art piece. Once the week has concluded we will have a few days to sort out how to hang them. Here are a few photos of the action so far.









WELCOME

We welcome Kyle and Ruby to Roto-o-Rangi School. Kyle already knows a few boys in Room 5, whilst Ruby knows a girl in Room 3. They have settled in so quickly already. We know you will enjoy the time at our school.



It's a boy!

We congratulate Grant and Rebecca on the safe arrival of Beau Patrick Edwards at 11.59pm Wednesday 17th August 2016. Mother and baby (and dad too) are doing well.

MONDAY LUNCHES

Hotdogs	\$2.50	(22/08)
Chocolate Milk	\$1.50	
Hamburgers	\$2.50	(29/08)

Wednesdays are Hot Food Days

Food is to be brought to school in a wrapping suitable for going directly in a pie warmer – tin foil, heat proof container, paper.

HOCKEY Friday 19th August

Roto Y3/4 v St Peters Hotshots	Field 2A	3:40pm
Roto Y5/6 v Tamahere Destroyers	Field 1	6.00pm

RUGBY Saturday 13th August

Fie <mark>ld 2A</mark>	9.50am
Field 3B	<mark>8.1</mark> 0am
Field 3A	<mark>11.10</mark> am
Field TV5	<mark>8:45a</mark> m
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NETBALL Saturday 13th August

Roto Golden Ferns v St Peters Ferns	Court 8	1.40pm
Roto Silver Ferns v Tamahere Aces	Court 8	12.50pm

Results from last weekend

Roto Y3/4 Hockey lost to 3 – 1 Roto Y5/6 Hockey drew against CPS 2-2

Roto 6th Grade won against Tuawhare 45-35 Roto 8th Grade lost Leamington Lasers 20-48 Roto 10th Grade won against Matangi/Hillcrest 60-25 Rural Jaguars won against Tamahere/Kaipaki 31-5

Roto Golden Ferns won against East 12 - 7 Roto Silver Ferns won against Goodwood 20-11

The draws for entire season are published on the websites of each sport for families to check if you need – Cambridge Netball, Cambridge Junior Rugby and Cambridge Mini Hockey

AG DAY

The first Friday back next term, 14th October, is the date set for Ag Day this year. If you are keen to have an animal and be a part of the Ag Day experience it is time to be thinking about selecting your calf, lamb or kid goat.

Let the office know if you are looking for an animal as local farmers do tell us if they have an animal they are happy for students to raise until Ag Day and then return to the farm.

There will also be the Garden in a Gumboot, and Baking competition on the same day. The theme for this year's Garden in a Gumboot and Baking recipes have been sent out but can be viewed on the website too – go to the 'About Us' tab and then click on 'Agricultural Day'.

PSG CORNER

Later in the year our PSG will be holding a Country Fair. If any families have any second hand goods they no longer require we would love to have them.

To aid communication from families to the PSG committee with ideas, support, concerns, offers of help we have created an email address that anyone can email. It will be checked regularly by the PSG Secretary or Chairperson. - **psg@rotoorangi.school.nz**

ART AUCTION

The Art Auction is a school fundraiser. Rather than a raffle which you might not win, or spending hours serving at a stall this fundraiser is a fun venture with the bonus of having art work hanging on your wall. Keep the date free; the afternoon of **Thursday 8th September**.

The art work produced by the children in Art Week will be up for purchase. All the pieces will be on display from 5:30 – 6:30pm for viewing and bidding so you will have plenty of time to check out your friends' children's art and slip in a sneaky bid here and there.

Everything will be done by silent auction. Each art piece has a corresponding bidding sheet where buyers write their name and price they will pay for the art. Each new bid requires a name on the sheet and the price, until the auction closes at 6:30. The name on the sheet with the highest price wins the art.

Each piece will have a minimum gold coin starting bid, and a gold coin for each successive bid. Whilst we envisage most art work might go for between \$5 - \$10, you never know what your best friend might be willing to pay for your child's piece of art.

We will follow the children's auction with an adult's auction. Works from local artists will be sold via public auction. Some pieces will have a reserve price. Before any art (children's or adult's) can leave the room, all money will need to be paid up.

There will be a complementary drink and nibbles upon entry to the auction.

MILO & HERBAL TEA THURSDAY

Thanks for the donations of herbal tea, milo and marshmallows. The children are certainly enjoying the warmth gained from a hot cuppa on these wintery days. Thanks again to the parents who are giving an hour or so on Thursday so we can have this happen.

ASSEMBLY

Assembly will be held tomorrow at 9.40am.

DANCE AFTERNOON

The Roto Folk Dance will make its triumphant return on the last day of the term, Fri 23 Sept.

In line with our Arts Term, the whole school will be learning dance, particularly Folk and partner dancing. A Dance Afternoon will finish off the term and all parents / grandparents or anyone old enough to remember partner dancing can join in too.

WRITER'S CORNER.

By Room 5 (Yr 5)

THE BIG SWIMMING RACE

READY. SET. BANG!

As the bullet soars into the sky all of the contestants dive, fingers first, into the massive pool. I hear all the people from my country cheering for me.

As I break the surface of the water I'm pulled into the pool like there is a whirl pool sucking me up. I come up above the water, gasping for air. Then I know it is time to do my stroke.

As I am gliding along the water I see the finish line. Pushing my aching legs to the limit, I finish the race.

I can't believe it. I WON!

I haul myself out of the pool. As I walk over to be given my gold medal I remember what I am doing this for. It was for my country.

Then I climb up onto the podium and I bow my head to be given my gold medal. I bet my country is proud of me.

Yay!

By Edison

REPORTING TO PARENTS SURVEY

Last newsletter included a separate sheet asking for your feedback about the school reports and the student/parent/teacher conferences. This week you can click on the link in the newsletter email to complete the survey online if you have lost the paper version. The link to the survey is https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DJT85WF I would like to present the results in the next newsletter so I would appreciate all surveys being completed and returned in the next week or so. Thanks.

TEACHERS' UNION MEETING

Both the primary teachers' union and secondary teachers' union have called for a joint meeting on Monday 12 September from 9am – 11am.

This is an unprecedented event in the last 20 years of educational issues with government decisions, which highlights just how concerned the education sector is about the latest proposals.

The government are wanting to change the way schools are funded and the proposed change is fundamentally bad for students. Hence this combined meeting for all schools in the Waikato. Nationally meetings are being held throughout September.

As a result the school will be sending 4 teachers to the meeting, leaving only 1 teacher at the school and the support staff. The school is required to remain open so we are asking for your support of the teachers by keeping your children at home until 11am. All staff will be back at 11am to resume normal classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 15-18/8 Art Week
- 19/8 Assembly, 9.40am Roto-o-Rangi Cross Country at Wallis Farm
- 26/8 Rural School Cross Country at Karapiro
- 01/9 PSG Meeting, 3.15pm at school
- 08/9 Art auction
- 09/9 Cambridge Schools Cross Country
- 12/9 Teachers' Union meeting 9-11am
- 22/9 Roto-o-Rangi School Speech finals, 6.30pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Calf Rearer wanted from mid July for around 3 months. Please ph Clem Schollum for more details: 027 451 7228

Samantha Herdman: Mobile Massage Therapist, 529 Kairangi Rd, Cambridge. Please call for a booking 027 420 0213.

Relief milker required every morning during AI and then every 2nd weekend. Please ph Sarah Munro 827 1030 or 027 524 8363.



