Thursday 30th March, 2017



Roto Review



Dear parents and caregivers,

RURAL SCHOOLS' SWIMMING SPORTS

The Roto children performed brilliantly at the Swimming Sports on Monday. Congratulations to those children selected to represent the Rural Team (you had to finish in the top 2 places at the Rural Schools Sports day).

Edison Ormsby – 10yr Boys Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. **Devon Ormsby** – 9yr Boys Backstroke and Freestyle. **Maya Early** – 10yr Girls Breaststroke. **Eden Early** – 8yr Girls Freestyle. **Lucy Dawson** – 9yr Girls Breaststroke. **Greer Curin** – 9yr Girls Freestyle.

Whilst there was some tough judging going on that led to a high number of students to be disqualified from some races, all schools were under the same scrutiny and it was done to because the same requirements are in force at the big Inter-School swimming sports that are on this week. Well done to the children who handled the disappointment of being disqualified so respectfully and resiliently.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

The staff enjoyed a very challenging, stimulating and thought provoking day. Changes to teaching practices have begun already. Just ask the children questions like "Who is responsible for their learning?" "What sorts of things stop them

learning?" Whilst we were already implementing changes over the last year, the profe-Teacher Only Day has provided some wonderful ideas.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN LEARNING and TO LEARN

The staff and BOT are reflecting on this question. With the government and Ministry of Education pushing so hard on National Standards over the last 5-6 years it is time to reflect on what we really want our children to be learning. Literacy and numeracy are important, but what would you prefer: a child at Standard or a resilient learner who can overcome challenges, set backs and to deal with things when they go wrong? Have we lost sight of what excites our children's learning in the pursuit of higher and higher levels of literacy and numeracy? We think we have.

So next term, as a part of a survey about how well things are going in the school we will be seeking everyone's input into the important in learning and for our children to learn. This will follow a parent meeting which will be held by the person who

AFTER SCHOOL CARE SUPERVISER NEEDED

We are still in need of a new After School Care supervisor. Please spread the word so that we can hopefully find someone soon.

3.15 – 5.30pm, Mon thru Thursday looking after the beautiful children of Roto-o-Rangi School. Must be over the age of 18 yrs, but would prefer someone over 20 yrs of age. Call the office for more details.

WELCOME

Welcome to Abbie and her family to Roto-o-Rangi School. Abbie has started in Room 5. Meanwhile, we have been very fortunate to employ her mum, Tracy, as our new teacher aide. So we welcome Tracy, to the staff of Roto-o-Rangi School.







MONDAY LUNCHES

Hotdogs	\$2.50
Chocolate Milk	\$1.50
Following week – 3 rd April	
Sausage Sizzle	\$2.00

There are NO Hot Lunches on Wednesdays. This is just done in Term 2/3 when the weather is colder. We cook a lunch every Monday at school, which the children may order. One week is sausages, then hotdogs followed by hamburgers. We advertise in the newsletter what is available the following Monday. All the profits go towards camp costs.

MINIBALL

Past weeks Results: Roto Devils won against Primary Bears 47-26 Roto Rockets won against Primary Cougars 44-26

Next fortnight's draw:

Friday 31st March:

Roto Rockets v Cambridge East Hotshots, Court 1, 5.05pm Roto Devils v Goodwood Cavaliers, Court 2, 6.50pm Friday 7th April:

Roto Rockets v Karapiro Rimshots, Court 1, 6.50pm Roto Devils v Camb Primary Cougars, Court 2, 5.05pm

HOCKEY

Hockey starts next term. All children wishing to play hockey this year will need to **meet in Room 5 tomorrow** at morning tea time. We have put in a Year 3/4 and a Yr 5/6 team over the last couple of years. Hockey is played on a Friday evening between 3.40 and 7.30 for the Yr 3/4 teams and between 4 and 8.30pm for Yr 5/6. This year the association are running 2 competitions – a social (just learning/having fun) and a competitive competition.

ENTERTAINMNET BOOKS

It's that time year again when the wonderful 2017/2018 Entertainment Book is available to buy. The cost this year is \$65.00 in which \$11.00 comes back to the school. If you like eating out, going to fun places and want to save some money then this book is for you. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase one.



ΡΤΑ

The next PTA meeting will be held in the staffroom at school from 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th April. Everyone is welcome. Bring along some nibbles and enjoy helping plan the next fundraiser event.

The PTA is still looking for someone to take on the Chair role, so here is a chance to do your bit for the benefit of all our kids.

LITTLE BROWN BAG

A local group of people have started a charitable company to supply healthy breakfast foods for a weekend to families who need it for whatever reason— a tight financial period, life is so busy it supports us. People can utilise this service for as long as the family needs — a couple of weeks through to months.

This is completely anonymous, except for the principal as a contact point. Call any time for more information if you know anyone who might benefit from this generous support.

LIFESKILLS FUNDRAISER

This fantastic organisations have helped numerous children in our school and across Cambridge. If you can support them, please do so.



WRITER'S CORNER. Room 5

The Day I Saved A Kitten

Slowly I tiptoed silently towards the dark smoky house. My mind was buzzing with bad things that might happen. I lifted my gas mask up to my face and cranked the door handle.

All I could see inside the house was broken furniture, black walls and smoke rising from the ground. My feet crunched on the black charcoal. Steadily I shone my torch around to see if anyone was still in the house. Suddenly my eyes saw a dark shadow lying on the burnt carpet. As I looked closer my eyes blurred a little at what I was seeing. There was a tiny grey kitten. It was lying flat on the ground like a pancake.

I picked up the kitten and placed it in my big leather glove. The kitten's eyes were still closed. It's body was floppy over my hand. "I need to get it outside," I whispered to myself shuffling to the door. Finally, I could breathe. As I sprinted over to the fire truck, the kitten made a slight movement. When I glanced down it was as still as a snail.

Quickly I unlatched the back of the fire truck to get the emergency kit. I crouched down onto my knees and placed the kitten on to my big leather glove and dripped some cold icy water over the kitten. I gently put the breathing mask on the kitten. My eyes watched carefully at the process. My hand swept the breathing mask off the kitten. It stretched out. After a few minutes the kitten let out a loud, "meow. Thanks for saving my life." By Lucy Dawson

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NETBALL DEVELOPMENT DAY Cambridge High School Premier Netball Team

Suitable for school years 4 – 8 The day will include; netball skills for defence, attack and shooting and a few games at the end to practice those new skills.

Date: Thursday 20th of April 2017 Time: 9am – 2.30pm Venue: Cambridge High School Gymnasium (Swayne Road) Cost \$45 – numbers are limited to 52 girls

For more information and/or a registration form please contact: Tina Kara: jamt@xtra.co.nz or Ph/Text: 027 278 0812

This is a fundraiser for the CHS Premier Netball Team to attend Upper North Island Secondary Schools Tournament in September.

Women's Football: Cambridge Football Club need players to make up a team. No previous football experience needed. Get fit, have fun and make new friends. Training on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 at Cambridge Football club on Vogel Street. Come along and check it out! Games on Sundays from 11am. Contact Mandy 022 302 1623

Squash Coaching: Emma Millar is starting squash coaching on Mondays 3.30 till 5pm at the Leamington Squash Club (where the bus stops)

If there is ever anything anyone would like the school community to know about, just email the office with the info and we can include it in the newsletter.

ASSEMBLY

There will be an assembly tomorrow at 9.40am. Room 5 will be presenting some work.

Families are encouraged to come along to the assembly and celebrate all the great things children are doing in classes. The children absolutely love it when you are there to see them show off their work or receive that certificate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

31/1	Cambridge Schools' Swim Sports – Town Pools
1/4	April Fool's Day
4/4	PTA Mee <mark>ting –</mark> 7.30pm in staffroom
5/4	BOT M <mark>eeting –</mark> 6pm in staffroom
12/4	Wha <mark>nau mee</mark> ting <mark>– 7pm in M</mark> P Room
13/4	Ter <mark>m 1 finish</mark> es

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons at your school! Enrol your child in music lessons with Music House by filling out the online enrolment form at musichouse.co.nz

Guitar, drums, keyboard, ukulele, voice.

Individual lessons - \$28.50 per lesson Pair lessons - \$16 per lesson Group of 3 - \$11 per lesson Group of 4 - \$8.50 per lesson Group of 8 - \$4 (beginner uke only) Hire guitar or keyboard - \$15 per month, (3 month min. hire) Instrument purchase - contact Joe - manager@musichouse.co.nz General enquiries - 078080235 or <u>admin@musichouse.co.nz</u>

GOODWOOD SCHOOL - ICE SKATING

Thursday 20 April 10am - 5pm

Friday 21 April 10am - 8pm

Saturday 22 + Sunday 23 April 10am - 5pm

All Welcome!

\$7 Ki<mark>ds (</mark>under 16) * \$13 Adults \$35 Family (2 kids + 2 adults)

