

Roto Review



Dear parents and caregivers,

ROTO SWIMMING SPORTS

Another brilliant swimming sports day was held at St Peter's School. The level of swimming capability amongst so many of the children is amazing.

Racing was hotly contested, with many close calls for the place getters. Whilst the Juniors showed their swimming skills. Getting the chance to swim every day and expert teaching from the Junior teachers certainly showed. Everyone there was confident in that water. Well Done!

There were more children competing in the Championship races than we have had over the last few years; living the school value of Resilience. It also highlighted our work on Learner Agency as the children self selected for the events and were able to decide if they had the skill level and desire to compete in the championships.

The staff were just pipped on the finishing line by a very lucky parents' team. The scary part was that the children who had been swimming all day were not that far behind in the final race of the day.

Congratulations to our Swimming Champions – Devon and Libby; and the Runner Ups – Harry, Lucy and Greer.









RURAL SCHOOLS' SWIMMING SPORTS

Monday 19th March, 9.30am at St Peters' School. We are looking forward to the children having some stiff competition at the Rural Schools' Sports day, with the hope we will do very well and earn some placings. Good luck everyone. Swim your best and we'll see how well we do.

The organising school do need some support with parent helpers from Roto, so if you are going to be there could you please help out – roles are timekeepers for the Championship races and marshalling the children before the race to get them in their correct lines. If you can support on the day just let us know.

LEARNER AGENCY

In 2018, as we did in 2017, the teachers are working on developing Agency with the students. This is a common skill that many schools across Cambridge are also working on as part of the Community of Learners.

What is Agency? Engaging strategically in learning without waiting to be directed. Taking ownership of and responsibility for my learning. (A definition for adults and students I feel). No it does not mean the children decide what they want to learn and not learn. The teacher is still the teacher and they know what children have to know and be able to do. But teaching the children how to better understand what they are learning and why,

knowing what things they already understand and need to learn next; that is Agency.

As adults we know that we retain things and work more effectively when we understand the why and how it benefits us, Agency is doing that for children. We are more enthusiatic about our work when we get to have some power in deciding what that work is, so do children. Try viewing this video about the power of Agency: https://youtu.be/3fMC-z7K0r4

Education is different to even when we went to school. We learnt "stuff", much of which we don't use. Now, employers are not after workers who are experts in their field, but people who can collaborate, self manage, communicate; and are resilient, problem solvers.

MINIBALL

Miniball Draw Friday 15 March

Roto Rockets v East Hot Shoots, Court 1, 7.00 pm Roto Dynamo's v Primary Bears, Court 2 7.45 pm

TRIATHLON

Congratulations to all the children who competed at the Rural Schools' Triathlon on Monday. It was a challenging event that tested even the best athletes. Roto-o-Rangi students Aimed High and achieve some excellent results at this event, but the most pleasing aspect was the number of children who took up the challenge of competing in their very first Triathlon. Not everyone was a student who loves sport but they accepted the challenge and gave it their best. They jumped feet first into that Learning Pit. Unfortunately we were so busy running the event that we didn't get the chance to take photos this year but here are the results for the races:

8 Yr old Boys: 2nd Zak C. 3rd Joel W.

8 Yr old Girls: 1st E<mark>mma D</mark> 9 Yr old Boys: 4th Michael G 9 Yr old Girls: 2nd Eden E

10 Yr old Boys: 1st Ryan W. 2nd Callum D. 4th Devon O 10 Yr old Girls: 1st Greer C. 2nd Lucy D. 3rd Libby W. 5th Madi

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11 Yr old Boys: 1st Juan Holten

WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

REMEMBER THE CHANGE OF DATE!

Remember that our camp is now — Thursday 5th April and Friday 6th. Notices went home earlier this week with most of the information on it. We need tents, tents, tents. So don't pack them away just yet.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Damaged and lost library books are blowing out our library budget, hence we now need to charge families for any damaged or lost books that children have borrowed. The amount will be set at \$20. No further books will be able to be borrowed until the charge is paid.

SCIENCE ROADSHOW

On the last day of the term the Year 5/6 class will be travelling into the Middle School to participate in a Science Roadshow. There will be a cost of \$10 per student to attend. It is a fun, exciting exposure to Science.

We have also signed up to a group called House of Science who rent out Science equipment to schools. This will launch in the Waipa in Term 3, so look out for some amazing Science learning occurring during the 2nd half of the year.

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

Registering for the winter sports teams are happening now. Please make sure you have completed any registration forms in preparation for the season.

Rugby:

Registrations are done online at:

http://sporty.co.nz/cjrs/Online-Registration-

Form/Online-Registration-Form

Once the registrations are all in Cambridge Junior Rugby will sort out the teams. We do not have enough children to form our own Roto teams generally, and so CJRS will combine us with another school and then notify us who that is. We need a parent to put up their hand to co-manage or co-coach the team with the other school. It is only fair we do our share. To date we have only received 3 offers to help and as we have 4 possible teams unless we have 2 adults prepared to help for each team we will not be able to have any teams. As the previous note mentioned you don't need to have any skills just enthusiasm. Please reconsider helping. Many thanks Pam Furze

Netball:

Registrations have come home. Please return to school ASAP so we can sort the team.

Hockey

Registrations will be coming out in the next 2 weeks. We will be needing a coach to help train the children and coach on the night.

PAID UNION MEETINGS

As you maybe aware, the teacher's unions are organising their campaigns to present to the government. As a result there will be 2 Union meetings which affects the school in the near future. Teachers are attending a meeting on March 28th, and then another one in June.

School will remain open on March 28th but for half the day the majority of teachers will be attending the meeting. We will be holding a tabloid sports afternoon and an educational video watching session whilst the teachers are at the meeting. Children may be picked up early on this day if families are able to.

After years of pressure from the previous government there are critical area of Education that have major issues. It is 3 of these big issues that the Union want addressing.

1/. Retention. Currently, due to workload, stress and few attractions for joining the profession there are more teachers leaving the profession than are joining it, including the lowest number of students choosing teaching as a career when they attend University.

2/. Time. The paperwork demands of the job, and the constant loading on to schools of programmes to fix societies issues means teachers are not able to spend the time they need to prepare for teaching nor to teach well. One example of this is: Every school has a growing number of children needing support with their learning, but no funding / time is provided for a teacher to co-ordinate or manage this need, and it is getting to be a bigger and bigger role.

3/. Career Development. Often career development can be dependent on the size of your school which is unfair on those who want to work in smaller schools, like ours.

WRITER'S CORNER. Room 3



I am jack hammering a humongous gold mini rock. By Mason

The magic school bus is driving past the pool. By James

Me and my cat went for a walk. By Gabi

My cat has spots. They are white. By Harper

My Princess book is cool. By Teanna

I like my bike. It is pink. I like the bell. By Beverly

The big bad mouse is in the playground. It is a pet. By Zac

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MusicHouse: Music lessons – provided during school time so no rushing around after work to get to a lesson. These are on hold due to a lack of numbers.

The quality of the group lessons is outstanding so don't miss out on this great opportunity. Guitar, drums, ukulele, keyboard. Contact them on 07 808 0235.

Duck Park: Duck Park are looking for a full time worker to start at the beginning of next month. Hours are 7 am and finish no later than 3 pm. Once a week there is a 3 am start and then home by 12 pm. The main job is spreading shavings for the ducks. Contact Brian Ritchie for more information 027 438 1010.



UPCOMING EVENTS

19/3	Rural Schools' Swimming Sports – St Peter's
28/3	B <mark>OT Meeting – 6pm</mark>
28/3	Teachers' Union meetings
29/3	Cambridge Schools' Swim Sports – Town Pools
30/1	Good Friday – Easter Weekend
3/4	Easter Tuesday – still a holiday for schools.
5/4-6/4	Overnight camp at Maungatautari & school.
13/4	Science Roadshow for Rm 5
	Term 1 finishes

PTA NEWS

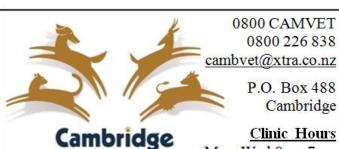
A quick reminder that there are numerous ways families can support the school with fundraising – it is being a part of the ongoing projects available and making sure other people are a ware of them.

YUMMY stickers – buy Yummy brand fruit, keep the stickers and attach to the Yummy Stickers rewards sheet, send in to school and help us earn sports gear.

QUBIK – rubberware for milking sheds – remind every farmer that when they buy their rubberware to use QUBIK and mention our school. Last year we earned \$1000 form that

North Fuels – remind farmers to buy their fuel through North Fuels and mention the school.

Thanks to all the parents who have donated time and products for events already this year. Supporting at the Roto Swim sports, Triathlon, Country Fair, in the library, mowing the fields, sorting promotional material. Not only have you gifted resources for all children but made time for the teachers to teach everyone's children.





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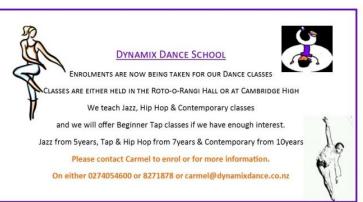
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