

# Roto Review



#### Dear parents and caregivers,

#### WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP

Thank you to all the parents who helped out so magnificently on camp. The children had an amazing time and learnt a great deal about Maungatautari Mountain. The information provided in the Education Centre was thought provoking and entertaining. The Juniors enjoyed the walk around the Wetlands area of the Southern Enclosure. Seeing the Tuatara, Takahe, and Kaka in their natural environment was an amazing opportunity. We were not sure that the senior classes would have enjoyed the walk over Maungatautari Mountain but they certainly gained a lot from the experience, but when the bus picked them up at the Northern Enclosure they were full of beans and talking excitedly about the great walk they had had. Both groups ended up having a great nights sleep after a huge day.

Thank you to those parents who supplied tents for the night. The extra tents certainly allowed us more flexibility with sleeping arrangements and the children absolutely loved sleeping at school in a tent; even if it was freezing. Thank you also to the parent helpers who cooked up a magnificent meal, supervised the children as they slept, and especially the next day when they packed up the entire tent city. We look forward to next year's overnight camp and have included a few photos to reminisce about this year.





#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

We hope that everyone has a very enjoyable and exciting holiday break. If you are travelling somewhere for your holidays please be safe and return to us on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April full of enthusiasm and raring to go for Term two. Let's hope the weather warms up a little bit from this cold snap and stays dry, so that we can thoroughly enjoy our time with our families.



#### **FAREWELL TO MR EDWARDS**

Tomorrow at 2:10 p.m we will hold our final assembly for the term which will include a farewell to Mr. E and Room 1 will be presenting some of their work. All parents are welcome to attend this farewell so we can send Mr E off with a great feeling about Roto-o-Rangi School. Mr E has thoroughly enjoyed his time at our school and this would be a great way for him to remember us. At the conclusion of our assembly parents are able to take their children home.

#### **MINIBALL**

Last Week's Results.

Roto Rockets lost to Leamington Bulls 33-28 Roto Dynamo's lost to Hautapu Hoopsters 50-21

#### 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

Room 5 are heading into Cambridge Middle School tomorrow at lunchtime to participate in the Science Roadshow. They will get to participate in activities that are unattainable in a normal Primary School environment and this should be a great learning experience. The children will enjoy the experiments more if there are two or three parents prepared to accompany the group. Some of these activities do require a bit of adult knowledge and support in order to understand the concept. So if you would like to come along we will be meeting at the Cambridge Middle School at 12 p.m.

#### PHONE SYSTEM

Apologies the phone system has been messed up recently. Everything has been corrected again.

#### **KEEPING THE SCHOOL UP TO DATE**

Could families please remember to keep the school up to date with contact details and where their child is. Current email addresses, mobile numbers and people to contact in an emergency are critical if there is a major incident at school. Whilst many of you will not need to be contacted in this situation during your entire association with the school, you don't want to be caught out and be uncontacted on that one occasion something major happens for your child.

We have had a number of incidences lately where we have held up buses, made phones calls home and were placed in very vulnerable positions when children were picked up without letting the office know or the usual arrangements were changed and we only had the word of the child that this was to happen.

PLEASE ensure the office is informed. A message left on the office phone can be accessed by all staff so we can find out of a bus change, pick up change, stay at ASC or someone is not coming to school today. This saves a lot of unnecessary chasing of children, making calls and concern that we are countermanding what a parent have organised.

Thanks for your help keeping us up to date.

#### ANZAC DAY PARADE.

During the second week of the school holidays it is Anzac Day. The Commemorative Parade will be happening again. If there are any families in the area who are going to attend the parade, it would be great to see children there in the yellow Roto-o-Rangi shirts representing our school.

Anzac Day is not a day to celebrate war, but a day to remember the devastation that it caused. These Wars are still going on around the world and we hope that by attending things like the Anzac Parade our children will grow up with an appreciation of the freedom they have.



#### WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

Rugby, hockey and netball begin next term. Rugby and netball usually start, the first weekend after school starts for Term 2. Hockey's first game is usually 2 or 3 weeks into the term. We will give the sports uniforms out in that first week back. We encourage all of our children to play their best, play fair and enjoy their sport. Once we receive the draws we will advise families of times.

#### CAMBRIDGE SWIMMING SPORTS.

Congratulations to these two children who placed in the finals. Harry White 3<sup>rd</sup> in backstroke and Lucy Dawson 3<sup>rd</sup> in breaststroke when racing at the Cambridge schools swimming sports. The rural schools team competed strongly and put in some amazing performances. This includes the great effort by our school where we had 9 Representatives in the team.

#### **PTA NEWS**

We now have the 2018/2019 Entertainment Book available either at the school office or online on our payment page www.entbook.co.nz/1541q71

The price is \$65.00 per book which is great value as you only need to use the book twice and you have saved your money back.

We will be sending home Oxford Pie order forms today or tomorrow. Please try to sell these to family and friends as they are great to have handy in the freezer with the winter months ahead and also make some money for our school.

We will also be running a Mother's Day Raffle. A book of 10 tickets will be sent home with each family. The tickets are \$2 each with more detail on the flyer attached to the raffle tickets. Thanks for your help.

# WRITER'S CORNER.

#### Room 1



A butterfly flew over my house. It went into the smoke. By Kharva

I saw a Kiwi feather. Zac found it on the grass up on Maungatautari. By Shamus

There is a storm at school. A puddle flooded the sandpit. By George

I went to the playground on my birthday. By Liam

A flying dinosaur has got big wings. By Samuel

I went with my mum and I saw a Tuatara. By Lillia

A tree fell on my house. Lightening hit the tree. By Cody

The fence keeps predators out. Stoats and weasels eat the eggs. By Oliver

#### **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**

13/4 Science Roadshow for Rm 5

Term 1 finishes

30/4 Term 2 begins









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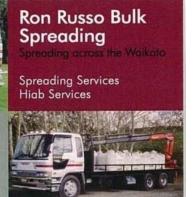
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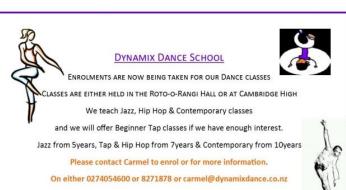
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