Dear parents and caregivers,

ROTO CROSS COUNTRY

Don't miss the Roto-o-Rangi Cross Country afternoon on Friday 31st August. The programme is as follows:

Time: 12.40

Venue: The Wallis Farm / Quarry, on Roto-o-Rangi Road, across from Roto-o-Rangi School. Necessities: Sneakers (Compulsory). Extra drink and food packed for after their run. Parking: Parents are invited to park over at the Wallis Quarry.

You can then meet the children and teachers up by the paddock on the crest of the driveway and opposite the Wallis Flagpole at approximately 12.40 pm.

Approximate Timetable: 12.30 pm Walk over to the Wallis farm. ALL bags will go over.

12.40 pm Assemble at Wallis farm track intersection.

12.45 pm Events will commence in the following order -

Race 1 - 7 & 8 year old girls

Race 2 - 7 & 8 year old boys

Strong 8 year old runners can choose to run in the Cups race later in the afternoon. They will have discussed this with their teacher already. It would mean they do not run in their age group race.

Race 3 - 5 & 6 year old girls

Race 4 - 5 & 6 year old boys

Race 5 - 9, 10 & 11 year old girls and boys. Age Group.

Race 6 - 8, 9, 10 & 11 year old girls & boys Cup Race

2.00 – 2.15 pm Presentation of Cups and Farewell.

Children may leave from the Cross Country venue with their parents / caregivers as they will have their bags with them. However, we ask that all children stay until the end of the day to cheer / support the other runners and at prize giving. Children not taken home at the conclusion of the Cross Country will return to school in time for buses, ASC, etc.

SPEECHES.

The school is in full swing for learning speeches. A very important part of the curriculum which has a dedicated time of the year to develop this skill. Children will be competing in 3 categories: a Year 5/6 category, a Year 3/4 category, and Year 1/2 category. We will be holding speech competitions in our areas to identify the three best speeches in each category. Then on the evening of Wednesday the 5th of September the children who delivered the three best speeches in each category will compete and present their speeches to the Roto-o-Rangi community. The winning speech in the year 5/6 category will then be able to compete at the Rotary Inter School Speech Competition on the 19th of September. This is challenging but a very worthwhile task.

TEACHERS STRIKE.

on strike on August the 15th because promises made by the current government have not been honoured, there is a crisis in education that is going to take years to fix and so we can't wait any longer and there are funding issues that are impacting on the learning of your children.

Because of the strike, the board of trustees have decided to close the school. This means that there will be nobody at the school on this day who are able to supervise your children. Therefore families will need to make arrangements for their children to be looked after on this day. We are fully aware of the inconvenience this is going to cause families as we are experiencing the same issues ourselves. The problems the education system is facing does require this level of protest.

As you will be aware all of the teaching staff are going out

LIFE SKILLS FUNDRAISER

Please support this fundraiser. It's a great night out and you will be helping a very worthy cause. Life Skills are a self-funded group who help to support our children so get behind them and help to support them. You can purchase tickets through karen@kaz.co.nz or ph 823 4932.



WINTER SPORTS DRAWS

Hockey Friday 10th August
Roto Hockey Sticks v Goodwood Strikers, 4, 6.35 pm

Rugby Saturday 11th August

Roto 6th Grade v Hau/Tau Lightning, 2M, 9.30 am Roto 8th Grade v Kara/StP/Tau, 3A, 8.10 am Roto 10th Grade v Tamahere Green, TV4, 10.20 am Roto 11th Grade v Tamahere, TV5, 8.10 am

Netball Saturday 11th August

Roto Silver Ferns v Cambridge East Jewels, 6, 9.55 am Roto Diamonds v Tamahere Magic, 7, 12.10 pm

Results from last week

Hockey

Roto Hockey Sticks lost to Goodwood Silver Sticks 6-0
Rugby

Roto 6th Grade won against Tamahere Highlanders
Roto 8th Grade drew with East Eagles 30-30
Roto 10th Grade won against Mat/Te Miro Mustangs 80-10
Roto 11th Grade won against Leamington Stags 25-15
Netball

Roto Sliver Ferns won against Leamington Steel 33-2 Roto Daimonds won against Goodwood Swish 24-15

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE.

This programme run in conjunction with the New Zealand Police Force will be instigated in the school programme starting in week 6. We will be holding a parent information evening on Tuesday the 28th of August At 5 p.m. this meeting will outline the content of the lessons that will be covered in the programme and there's an opportunity for parents to ask questions regarding the programme. There will be a letter coming home prior to the parent meeting, giving you some more detail about the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme.

FUNDRAISERS THAT COST NOTHING.

There are a couple of opportunities within the school to raise funds that don't require any time or effort. **Yummy stickers** when buying fruit from the supermarket if you choose yummy fruit and keep the sticker and put it on a chart when the chart is full send it to school then it can be used to purchase more sports equipment.

Qubik when Farmers are purchasing rubber wear for the milking machines if they purchase it through cubic and mention the school we go into a competition and hopefully come first second or third. In the previous two years we have managed to do this so make sure everyone you know who works on a farm let's the farmer know how they can support the school.

North Fuels the purchasing of fuel for the farm through North fuels also ANZ rewards for the school. Over the past couple of years this support has been used to get our school chromebooks which will be presented in the next few weeks.

RĀMERE RAPUNGA

This begins tomorrow and all the children have been sorted into their elective. Thank you to the parents who are volunteering their time to provide activities which children would not normally get to experience. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the activities at any stage so that they can see what the children are learning and support the people running the activity. We are sure the children will love the experience as they have in the past.

CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN DAY.

Cambridge Middle School is holding an open day on the 29th of August. This is open to any families who wish to find out about the learning opportunities at the school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Baby Sitter: I am a university student and I am available for baby sitting in the Kairangi/Roto-o-Rangi area. Please ph Maria 827 1961

House/farm cottage wanted. For 12-18 months for a father and daughter who are both working for Curin Contracting. Please ph Mark 027 458 5652

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/8	Ramere Rapunga starts
22-24/8	Principals Tour
31-8	Cross Country
05/9	Roto Speech Night
19/9	Inter Schools Rotary Speech Competition
28-9	Last day of term

WRITER'S CORNER. Room 5

At the start or term 1 a special visitor came to our school, his name was Brett Fairweather. He is the creator of Jump Jam. He had come to perfect and show us new Jump Jam moves. A few days later we were offered an opportunity to compete in the Jump Jam competition.

At this point the competition was 2 days away, we had been practising all term. We were the only school in Cambridge competing so we were pretty excited.

The night had come and we were ready to be unleashed to compete. We gave it our all and in the end we won a merit for our presentation. We thought it was all over but it wasn't.

A couple weeks later, our teacher Mrs Morris received an email. We had the opportunity to perform live in front of the crowd at the Chiefs v Brumbies rugby game on Saturday 7th July.

But there was still more to come. Another email arrived saying a few of the Chiefs players would like to come to personally deliver the tickets to the Jump Jam team. We were so delighted.

The Chiefs arrived at the end of term Leadership assembly and the Jump Jammers performed their dance "Witch Doctor". The Chiefs gave us a huge round of applause before signing autographs, enjoying a hot mile with marshmallows and heading out to play a game on the field with the children.

This all happened because of Brett Fairweather, our teacher Mrs Morris and Jump Jam leader Madi Meredith who had a dream that she wanted to compete in a Jump Jam competition.

Now we can't wait to do it all again next year.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

Mid Year Reports were our first trial of a new reporting format. We are seeking feedback from parents as to how well the reports helped you, as a parent, understand three aspects.

Bullet point 1: Were you able to understand whether your child is achieving at the level they should be for their year level.

Bullet point 2: Did it give you ideas on how you can support your child's learning.

Bullet point 3: Did it give you enough information about the whole curriculum and not just about Literacy and Numeracy. Please complete the questionnaire below so that modifications can be made to the report in order to achieve what we want from these reports. All questionnaires are to be returned to the school within the next two weeks. These will be emailed to each family and can be completed as an online form instead if that is your preference.

Did the report:

- 1. Indicate clearly what level your child was at?

 Yes / No
- 2. Indicate clearly if you child was Below / At / Above the level we would expect your child to be at for their Year Level in Literacy and Numeracy?Yes / No
- 3. Give you enough information about what they have been learning? Yes / No
- 4. Give you enough information about what they will be learning in the future? Yes / No
- 5. Give you enough information about you, as parents, can help their learning? Yes / No
- 6. Give you enough information about what they have been learning in areas such as Science, Technology, the Arts, PE and Health, Languages, Social Sciences? Yes / No
- 7. Indicate clearly if you child was Below / At / Above the level we would expect your child to be at for their Year Level in these curriculum areas

 Yes / No
- 8. We included the skills and knowledge we have identified as important that are not curriculum specific called the Roto Learner Profile. Is this something you found useful and helpful in understanding your child?

 Yes / No

9. Were the students' comments worthwhile for you?

Yes / No

10. Were the teacher's comments helpful in understanding how your child is going at school?

Yes / No

11.	What is missing from the repo	rt that you would like a	idded and why?	

12.	s there anything else you wo <mark>uld like to add about th</mark> e reports?	



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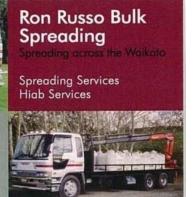
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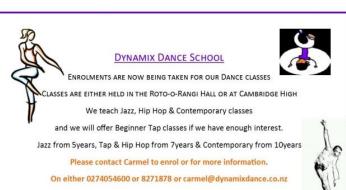
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