



Roto Review

We live by
our motto of
AIM HIGH

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Welcome back to Term 2. The weather has quickly turned cold but still been a good start for this winter term. We hope everyone had a family orientated couple of weeks with some time off to enjoy activities with the kids. The children have returned with high energy and keen to learn again. It sounded like some were very lucky and went on wonderful trips around the country and enjoyed great family time.

Term 2 is not too busy but here are some things that are coming up: Rugby, netball, hockey and miniball start taking up our weekends, Mother's Day on the 12th (and we all know how crucial that is!), Pink Shirt day, Milo Days return, School Photos, Cambridge-wide Teacher Only Day on Fielddays Friday, Winter Sports Day (YR 4-6), Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences and mid-year reports, a visit from a touring musician - Levity Beet, and the start of Rāmere Rapunga.

Pink Shirt Day is happening on Friday 17th May. This is a fun conclusion to Anti-Bullying Week. This ties in beautifully with the school Values that we have at the school and are constantly on the look-out for.

All children are invited to wear as much pink as they can on the day, as a fun reminder of what we need to do to stop bullying in our school.



TEACHER ONLY DAY

On Friday 14th June nearly all schools in Cambridge will be holding a Teacher Only Day, therefore our school will be closed on this day too. This will give families a chance to take this day to visit the Fielddays, which are being held from Wednesday 12th - Saturday 15th of June. Therefore we also ask that if families are going to visit the Fielddays, could they please do this on that Friday.

All the schools in the Cambridge Community of Learners are meeting on this day to participate and learn from NZ and world-renown educationalists that we simply could not afford to do if we weren't in this group.

THE WINTER MONTHS

The weather is turning colder and there is already sickness out there. Please follow the recommendations by the Ministry of health and keep sick/recovering children at home. They also state that if your child has vomited or had diarrhoea then they should not return to school for at least 24 hours after the last episode – not the next morning, but at least 24 hours later. Returning earlier just increases the chances of spreading the “bug” to other families. There hasn't been a year for a long time where we haven't had a “bug” go through the school and significantly impact on learning for at least a couple of weeks.

SWIMMING POOL KEYS

The pool is definitely closed, unless you are into the Ice Bucket challenge, because that water is now very cold. Could families return keys ASAP and inform any other user you know, particularly those who don't go to our school, that it is time to return their key.

Thanks to Rod for looking after the pool and spending every weekend since November coming out to school to make sure the pool was clean and safe for swimming in.

Thanks also to Jason Smith for taking on this when Rod was on holiday.

HOT FOOD WEDNESDAY RETURNS

During Terms 2 and 3 the children can bring along food to be warmed up in a pie warmer. It **MUST** be in a suitable container/wrapper for placing in a pie warmer. Other hot food options are not available - so no 2 minute noodles, instant soups etc, which requires teachers to heat them up. Adding very hot water to noodles etc makes a Health and Safety issue that we do not need. All food must come in a wrapping/container with the child's name and room number written on it, otherwise we cannot guarantee they will get their own food. Senior students will come to their classrooms to collect it first thing in the morning and get it lovely and warm for lunch.

WELCOME!

Welcome to our new students; Ila-Rose, Kayla & Sofie-Ela. They have all joined Room 1 at the start of this term and are making friends quickly.



TEACHERS' UNION MEETING

On Tuesday 7th May (next week) the Board are closing the school from 12.30pm for the afternoon so that the teachers are able to attend meetings about their contract negotiations. All children will need to be collected from school by this time. The Town Bus will be running at 12.30pm instead of 3.00pm, so the Town children will be able to catch the bus and be at the Leamington Rugby Grounds at around 12.50pm, if this helps you. Unfortunately, with the High School run still happening this won't allow any change for the Country Bus run.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported us in these contract negotiations. Our contract expired 12 months ago and little headway has been made. The pay increase has been included by the government in this contract but they will not support the changes to conditions needed to support us getting better learning environments for your children. An example of this is; we have 6 children with high learning needs in our school needing specialist support; only 2 of them are getting something from the government so we have to be enterprising with support for the others or fund it ourselves (which we do). On top of this the time to prepare documentation, resources, learn about programmes to support them are not covered so it is done during preparation/evaluation time teachers are supposed to be giving to the rest of their class (including Mrs Furze who is the Special Needs co-ordinator in the school). So the main sticking points in these negotiations are around the resources needed for the ever increasing learning issues and the time for teachers and principals to prepare for our ever increasingly diverse learners. Currently these issues have still not been addressed (the last offer did not move at all since the previous offer was rejected).

MUSIC LESSONS

The number of children learning music has dropped and making it financially difficult for Music House to come out here for those children currently learning an instrument. So if you are considering helping your child learn an instrument then this is the time to enrol them. Music lessons are provided during school time so no rushing around after work to get to a lesson.

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.

FUNDRAISERS

A huge thanks to all of you who ordered Oxford Pies and collected orders from friends and family – our pie order was **massive!** We will let you know how much was raised very soon.

The Entertainment Books are being collected from the school office tomorrow (Friday) so please make sure you have returned your unused book if you do not wish to keep it.

Yummy Fruit Sticker sheets are coming home with this newsletter. When you purchase the 'Yummy' brand of fruit (apples, pears) please stick them onto the collection sheet and once your sheet is full return it to school. These will be sent off to Yummy Fruit at the end of Term 3 and the stickers will be converted into points to earn our school some amazing sports gear! For more info head to www.yummyfruit.co.nz

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE (MUD RUN!)

We are looking to enter a school team for the Hamilton event being held on Wednesday 5th June. There are two grades available for our tamariki; 1.5km Ankle Bitters for year 3-4 and 3km Little Nippers for year 5-6. Please let Roxy in the office know if your child would like to participate. The cost for this event is \$25 if we book our places before 20th May. If we have help from parents with transport there will be no additional costs.

WINTER SPORTS DRAWS

Winter Sports begins this weekend! We wish all our **RUGBY**

6th Grade

CPS/ST Peters Emerald Vs Tama/Roto Highlanders
Field 2C 9.05am

8th Grade

Kaipaki/St Peters Vs Tama/Roto
Field 3A 9.05am

9th Grade

CPS/Karapiro Vs Leam/Roto Boars
Field 2A 8.15am

11th Grade

Matangi/Hau Vs Cam East/Roto/Kar
Field TV4 10.00am

NETBALL

Year 3&4

Goodwood Swift Vs Roto Ferns Court 6, 9.36am
Senior

Kaipaki/Roto Ferns Vs CHS Red Court 7, 1.20pm
Roto-Kara Ferns - **BYE**

MINIBALL

Mon 6th May

Roto Dynamos v St Peter's Flyers Court 2, 4.30pm

WRITER'S CORNER.

Reef, Room 5

New Zealand Fresh Water Crayfish

New Zealand Freshwater Crayfish are small creatures that like water. Their scientific name is Paranephrops and their Māori name is Koura. The small thing we call a Crayfish has long antennae, huge pinchers, six legs and a hard shell which protects them. It has giant beady eyes and at night when you flash a torch in Crayfish eyes, they turn red. Crayfish are blue, dark green and brown. If you want to find a Crayfish, look in streams, lakes, swamps and ponds. They love the water and the dark. Crayfish like to live on the sides of ponds, streams, and swamps because it is really dark and because it makes a good home. Freshwater Crayfish swim backwards with their tails which makes them go very fast. Crayfish can pinch anything really hard with their pincers. Crayfish can also walk on land which means they are amphibious but they can't stay on land for a long time. Crayfish are also endangered due to pollution which is killing them. People need to stop littering or it is going to make Crayfish extinct.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

NZ SIGN LANGUAGE BEGINNER CLASSES

Two 8-week programmes are being offered for beginners, starting on 7th May at Cambridge High School from 7-9pm. Please contact Kelly Quirke kelly@usign.co.nz or text (not phone) 027 5377 779.

LEAMINGTON SQUASH JUNIORS TRAINING

Will be run every Monday of each school terms 2 & 3 from 4:15pm to 5:15pm.

Club members, this is covered in your membership.

Cost to non-club members is \$40 a term payable at the first session (\$4 a lesson).

All racquets and training equipment will be supplied.

From 8yrs to 17yrs. Ideal for those who have been through the Sport Waikato Small and Big Nix programmes and wish to continue what they learnt at a club or those who just want to try it without being locked into a membership for a year. For further information, please contact:

Junior's convener at leamingtonsquash@outlook.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/5
6-13/5

Netball and Rugby starts
Mr D travelling to China – principal delegation from NZ

7/5

Union meeting – school closed from 12.30pm
PTA meeting – 7.30pm staffroom

10/5

Rāmere Rapunga starts – 12.40 every Friday

12/5

Mother's Day - find something special

17/5

Pink Shirt Day – anti-bullying week

22/5

BOT Meeting – 6pm staffroom

7/6

BOT Elections

10/6

School Photo Day - Sports and family

11/6

PTA meeting – 7.30pm Staffroom

14/6

Teacher Only Day – Fielddays Friday

19/6

BOT Meeting – 6pm staffroom

28/6

Mid year reports and Poutama come home

2 & 4/7

Student/Parent/Teacher conferences

3/7

Year 5/6 visit CMS production

5/7

Levity Beet – travelling musician

performance

SPORTS NUTRITION

SMART SWAPS FOR SPORT

Lollies → **Scroggin**

Sports Drinks → **Water with fruit**

Chocolate bar → **Half banana or sandwich**

Pie → **Wrap**

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DYNAMIX DANCE SCHOOL

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR OUR DANCE CLASSES

CLASSES ARE EITHER HELD IN THE ROTO-O-RANGI HALL OR AT CAMBRIDGE HIGH

We teach Jazz, Hip Hop & Contemporary classes
and we will offer Beginner Tap classes if we have enough interest.

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On either 0274054600 or 8271878 or carmel@dynamixdance.co.nz





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