

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

There is no school on Monday due to Queen's Birthday long weekend. We wish everybody a safe and happy long weekend. May you get to spend some quality time with family & friends.

On Friday the 14th of June there is a teacher only day for the majority of schools in Cambridge as part of Te Puna o Kemureti (Cambridge Community of Learners). As a result, families will have another long weekend then too. We are very fortunate to have access do some world-renown speakers on this Teacher Only Day as we also get to share the awesome practices that are happening in our school with other schools in Cambridge. Our teachers have been fortunate enough to visit Cambridge East recently to look at the learner agency that they are doing in their Kura and to bring back some ideas which will help our students at the Roto-o-Rangi. This exchange of quality teaching practice has only come about because of our involvement in Te Puna o Kemureti.

TEACHERS STRIKE UPDATE

Thank you for your support with the teacher strike that was held on Wednesday.

We understand and appreciate the issues this has caused for some families. I am personally aware of how difficult this can be as my daughter is involved in further strike action by the PPTA (the Secondary Teachers Union) who are doing rolling strikes next week and I need to cater for her during this strike. Unfortunately the issues which have been present for the last decade have now reached a critical stage, hence the prolonged action been taken by the teachers. (Our agreement ended May 2018, and we have not been paid the increase in salary we would have been due by now.) This commitment to action is costing each of us financially but for the sake of the future, the teachers to come and the students we have to do something. Unfortunately the last budget announcement does not look like it's going to address the issues ... yet.

Those who are not aware, decile 1-7 schools will be receiving an additional payment of \$150 per child rather than asking parents to pay school donations, photocopying charges, etc. As we are a decile 9 school we will *not* receive this extra funding. This is on top of the fact that lower deciles schools already get more funding per child than we do. Whilst I fully support funding being made available schools particularly for parents who do not have a lot of disposable income, we have parents in our school who are in the same financial situation and yet they are not granted the same financial benefits just because they come to this school.

BOT ELECTION UPDATE

Thank you to the parents who nominated themselves or others for positions on the Board of Trustees.

We received six nominations to fill five positions, so a voting election will now take place. Your voting papers have been posted out to you, so they should be filtering through the mail system by now. Each parent will receive an explanatory letter, a voting paper, a return envelope, and information on each of the candidates. Please ensure your voice is heard by voting for the candidates that you wish to govern and lead the strategic development of Roto-o-Rangi School.

Please return your completed voting papers to school before Friday 7th June, when voting will close at 12 Noon.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Monday June 10th we will have our annual school photos taken. If your child is in a sports team please ensure they come to school with all of their sports uniform to wear for the photos. If children are in a team with students from another school and wearing their school's sports uniform NZ, please bring this to school. However, we will also take a photo in the Roto-o-Rangi sports uniform as well.

CHANGES TO THE BUS LIST

Just a quick reminder that a lot of time can be wasted checking whether the children are supposed to be going on the school bus or not. When parents have changed arrangements or do not notify us of their casual arrangements that they may have we have to make contact with a parent - we do not take the child's word because we have been caught out before. Children can be adamant about a changed arrangement but when we have contacted families they were wrong. Hence we will follow the normal arrangements unless we have been clearly notified. Whilst we endeavour to make sure every change is covered, leaving a message at 2.57pm about a change cannot be guaranteed to be actioned, so please notify us as early as possible. Ring the office before 2pm to catch Roxy and please speak to the teacher on bus duty if you pick up your child instead of them catching the bus like normal. We want to keep your children safe and it can be very difficult to do so when we are unsure of what the arrangements are.

HOT FOOD WEDNESDAY

A reminder that 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. 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.

WINTER BUGS

As we get into winter there are lots of bugs going around, which of course is not unusual. Please follow the recommendations by the Ministry of Health and keep sick/recovering children at home. If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea please **do not** send them back to school for at least 24 hours after their 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.

CAMP FEES

There are still a number of families who are yet to pay the fee for the whole school camp we attended in March. The cost to families was only \$20 per child. Please send this into the school office as soon as possible or pay via online banking.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Thank you to the families and extended families who have purchased a 2019 Entertainment Book; we have sold more this year than ever before, which is a great addition to our school fundraising efforts!

If you still have a book at home please return this to the school office as soon as possible as this will impact on our fundraising efforts.

The vouchers in the 2018 Entertainment Book will expire tomorrow so it's a great time to purchase a new book and begin saving on days out, meals, fast food outlets and shopping trips! Spread the word and help raise some funds for our school. Books can be purchased from our website, or if you can find the link on the bottom of any email that has come from Roxy in the office.

News From the PTA:

WARM MILOS

Our tamariki are really enjoying their warm milo with marshmallows on a Friday morning! Thank you so much for the donations of Milo and marshmallows that have been sent in to school. We rely on your support to be able to continue offering this throughout winter, so if you would like to make a donation please send it with your child or drop it into the school office.

Physical help i.e. making and serving Milo, is very much needed too! Please make contact with the PTA or office if you can spare an hour or so on a Friday morning during the term.

Currently there are golden kiwifruits for sale from the office for only \$2 per bag – proceeds from this will be used to purchase more Milo.

YUMMY STICKERS

Please keep collecting your Yummy fruit stickers and return any completed forms (or partially completed if you've finished) to the office.

COUNTRY FAIR 2019

We will soon be announcing the date and asking for helpers

WRITER'S CORNER.

Room 1

My cat is sleeping in my bed
Me and my Dad are building a new loading ramp
Me and my cat are going to the vet
My unicorn has rainbow hair and a bow
Barrett is going to pick flowers
I had a birthday. There were lots of people.
My Lego tower is going to fall before we put
the top on.
A Rainbocorn is a toy. It is māwhero.
The ladder is long and a person is climbing up
onto the roof.

Holly Liam M Iyla Summer Lane Ila-Rose

Sofie-Ela Milly

Kayla



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Support our school through Cambridge Grains!

Each year Cambridge Grains chooses certain charities to offer support to. This year we have decided to keep it closer to home and support our local schools.

From 1st June to 30th September 2019 any purchase of Pure Pine Shavings, One for All and Calf Milk Replacer - or all three! This will allow you to nominate a registered school of your choice to go into the running to win our prize pool.

We will be donating a minimum of \$500 to the school with the most nominations – each bag is worth one nomination, so the more bags that are purchased, the more nominations you can put forward.

Now here is the fun part, once we have reached a total of \$500 bags sold, any sales of the selected products from thereon will add an extra \$1 to the prize pool e.g. 501 bags sold = \$501 to go to the winning school, and so on...

This promotion is open to anyone, you don't have to be going to a school or have children at a school to show your support; just let us know who you want to nominate and we will add it to the tally.

Don't forget to tell them your nomination is for Roto-o-Rangi School!

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/6	BOT Elections Close 12 Noon
10/6	School Photo Day - Sports and family
11/6	PTA meeting – 7.30pm Staffroom
12/6	Waipa Rippa Rugby Competition
14/6	Teacher Only Day – Fieldays Friday
19/6	BOT Meeting – 6pm staffroom
21/6	Winter Sports Day
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



Matariki begins on 25th June. Watch this space for more info on what we'll be doing!

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