

Kia ora Koutou Katoa.

SWIMMING SPORTS

As you will know by now, our swimming sports has been split across two days this year.

Junior swimming sports is on Thursday 12th March here at school, and our seniors (8 years old and up) will be heading off to Cambridge High School for theirs on Friday 13th. Notices and permission slips have been sent home so please contact the office if you have not yet received one. As always, we will need parent/caregiver help with transport for senior swimming sports on the Friday, so please let us know if you can help. On both days we ask our children to come dressed in their house colours and to bring an enthusiastic attitude, ready to cheer each other on! Families are invited to come along to support our children too.

CAMP

It is getting closer! Attached with the newsletter there is a form to complete regarding the meals we will be dishing up for camp. Please return it asap. One form per family so make sure the order covers everyone who will be there. There will also be a simple gear list to help pack those bags.

The costs are also looking higher than expected. Normally Mr D can drive a bus to keep the costs down, but with so many students we will need a big bus and that comes with a driver, which will cost us more. We hope to finalise the cost by early next week.

More info on what we'll be doing at camp is on page 2.

WHAANAU/FAMILY BBQ

Thank you to everyone who came to our school BBQ last Thursday evening. It was wonderful to see so many of our families here and there was a real positive, exciting vibe about the evening. It was great to chat with the new members of our school community. Will definitely get more sausages next year so the dads don't miss out.

WELCOME

Welcome to our new students Ollie (Ruma 5) and Te Umu (Ruma 2), who are settling in and have made new friends so quickly! pictured is Alexia from Ruma 1 who was enjoying a swim last time we took photos!



LEADERSHIP DAY

The Leadership Day at Karapiro was rained off yesterday. If your year 5/6 student was due to attend this, the rescheduled date is Monday 16th March. We will keep the same permission forms but please email Roxy to let her know if you can provide Transport on the Monday, how many you can take, and if you could stay with the children for the day. Thank you.

CLASSDOJO

Please do not send messages to the teachers via Classdojo. The majority of our teachers' time is spent teaching and they grab snippets of time to record student learning when they can. Some teachers do not upload things until the end of the day, or after a few days. They are not constantly checking phones for messages, so if you send a message they may not even see it until a few days later. Certainly we want positive comments added to any examples of student learning, but at this stage, that is all the teachers have time for.

SCHOOL CAMP

Here is a brief outline of camp and a call for transport. We will be busy travelling around our area for camp and need loads of transport to move 100 kids about. We are needing to hire a bus and driver for both days, so this help transport half the school but we still need to move the other half. Your support is really important and appreciated.

This term we are focussing on My Place and Space. Learning about our past, Roto-o-Rangi's past and how that shapes where we are today. So on Thursday 19th March we will be heading to the Maungatautari enclosure (hopefully might get the Seniors right over the mountain) whilst on Friday we will have trips around Cambridge and Karapiro and Rangiaowhia to hear about some of our history.

We will be joined by mana whenua, Harry Wilson, to tell some of the stories at important sites around Cambridge and Karapiro. A real priviledge to hear the earlier history of Our Place from the direct descendents of the people of that time.

As you can see, we will need lots of vehicles to get the children around the different locations.

Did you know these stories have now been digitised and you can explore them as a family by using thewebsite www.tearawai.nz

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

Most schools operate a positive approach to behaviour management, just as we do. However, this doesn't allways achieve desired behaviours and so consequences are needed.

With so many new families and new children, this is an opportune time to explain the Traffic Light system for behaviour.

When things are all going well, our students sit on a Green Light (Going well, Growing in our learning). When we have a few repeat low level behaviours that interfere with learning there is an Orange light (Oh dear, a small consequence in line with the behaviour. I need to imprOve). Behaviours include; regularly off task, interfering with others, breaking the Values, not completing tasks, name calling, etc.

However, after the Orange light if the behaviours continue then they will become a Red light (Ring home to talk with mum/dad about the behaviour, Re-tell to Mr D why I got a Red and a follow-up consequence in line with the behaviours that need to change).

Severe behaviours go straight to Red – bullying, hurting, swearing, destroying things, stealing, etc.

We are instigating this Behaviour System as of Monday so that the students have a clear understanding of the consequences for their behaviours, have more consistency across the school, and have a chance to turn behaviours around.

The "Traffic Lights" are actually cards we will quietly give to students to help them.

Each day is a brand new day and we start anew.

TE REO TANTALISERS

Can you match the te reo colours with the english colours?

Kakariki Black
Kikorangi Pink
Maawhero Green
Pango Orange
Karaka Blue
Mangu Black

Last Newsletter answers:
Rāhina = Monday,
E noho = sit down,
Kia ora = Thank you,
Ata marie = Good morning
(morning peace),
Tēnā koe = hello to you
Morena = Good morning

PLASTIC FREE

We are aiming to be plastic free in all our lunchboxes by the end of Term 2. Rewards will start to go to children who can show us they are plastic free once camp is over.

THANK YOU!

Huge thanks goes to the Frances Skeet Charitable Trust for their recent donation to our school, which will go towards upgrading computer equipment and purchasing resources for our classes.

Thank you also to the Cozzy Four Wheelers Club who donated the proceeds of their local event to us recently, with particular thanks to Dave and Lynda Curin. A new basketball hoop frame will be on the cinderblock wall soon.

And of course thanks to Milestone Foundation who have given us a grant worth over \$13,000 to purchase 30 new Chromebooks. Thanks to the PTA, and in particular Donna Watson, for writing up the grant request.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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PHIL PAIKEA



To Hear His Story "Leaving Violence In the Dust"

HELPING WHANAU HEAL TOGETHER STAY TOGETHER

E TU CAMBRIDGE

If your family or friends are involved in family violence or you would like to learn more please come along as Phil has some pearls of wisdom to share.

Cambridge Middle School Hall Clare Street, CAMBRIDGE Start: 7 pm on Saturday 7th March

For more details visit www.fb.com/violencefreewaipa

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The Fat Bottomed Girls Walking Group of Cambridge have created several raffles to fundraise for Cancer Society as part of their Relay for Life efforts. Relay for Life takes place on Saturday 14 March. They will be constantly walking (at least two members of every team on the track at all times, for 12 hours 10 am - 10 pm)

If you would like tickets for one of their amazing raffles please contact Monique (Teacher Aide) here at school. Tickets are \$2 each.

WRITER'S CORNER

Room 5 have completed their 'I Am' poems and have them displayed on their wall. Riley is the author of this amazing poem;

I am a dancer, a gymnast and a part of a family I wonder what will happen in the future I hear pencils scraping on the table I see myself achieving goals I want a kitten I am a dancer, a gymnast and part of a family

I pretend to be a gymnast superstar I feel happy with my family I touch some people's heart when they are sad I worry about my friends I cry about my pet cat Flick passing away I am a dancer, a gymnast and part of a family

I understand the idea of learning I say "Don't judge a book by its cover" I dream about winning gold I try my best with my learning I hope that I achieve my dreams I am a dancer, a gymnast and part of a family.

By Riley K

Have something to share with our school community? Let us know!

CHOCOLATE SALES!

The PTA did a pre-Christmas fundraiser for the school selling Cadbury Christmas chocolate bars. There are quite a few bars still left, with an expiry date of only a couple of months away, so these have been considerably reduced to \$1 each! Please contact the office if you would like to purchase some.

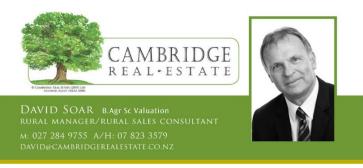
UPCOMING EVENTS

12-15/3	Auck. school rowers using the school buildings
12/3	Roto Junior Swimming Sports at Roto 12.30pm
13/3	Roto Senior Swim Sports – Cam High, 9.45am
17/3	PTA meeting 7.30pm, staff room, all welcome
18/3	Anti-bullying show – Think Magic 9.15am
19-20/3	Overnight Whole School Camp @ Roto
23/3	Rural Schools' Swimming Sports – St Peter's
25/3	BOT Meeting – 6pm
27/3	Earth Hour Schools Day
3/4	Gumboot Friday
3/4	Cambridge Schools' Swim Sports – St Peter's
9/4	Holy Thursday and last day Term 1
28/4	Tuesday – start of term 2 (ANZAC observed on
	the Monday)

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