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Roto Review



WELCOME BACK

Here we are at Term 2.

We hope you enjoyed the holidays and were able to spend some time with family and friends, possibly even getting away for a break.

This term is beginning to feel a lot more normal, finally. There is a buzz and lightness about school as the students and staff no longer wear masks unless they want to and all the children can mix at break times. It almost feels like how school is supposed to be.

We have begun our special lessons in Science and Technology and trips are back on the agenda.

We have planned a most exciting day trip in a few weeks, June 23 to be precise. In preparation for our first ever Matariki holiday, we will be doing various things at school based around this. Our day trip is the day before the long weekend. It starts with a pre-dawn Matariki star gazing event. We will then welcome the dawn with a morning karakia and enjoy a breakfast together. A little later we will go on our school trip to visit and hear the local stories of importance to our local hapu Ngati Koriki Kahukura and Ngati Hauaa. This rich history has shaped our existence today in this school. More details will come out in a newsletter dedicated to this exciting day.

Also this term we have Harold the giraffe in his Life Education Van coming to visit us, Pink Shirt Day, two other long weekends; one being a 4-day weekend (on the Friday the teachers are working on mid-year reports about your child/ren's learning and the Monday is Queen's Birthday) and the other is a whole of Cambridge Teacher Only Day. Check the calendar for the specific dates.

At the end of the term you will receive the students reports and have a chance to sit down with the classroom teacher to discuss how your child is doing here at school.

WELCOME TO...

Mrs Judy Costello, who we have employed for the rest of the year to do some Science and Technology teaching across the school for two days a week. She will start with the 3 older classes this term. Mr Appleford was stunned by Mrs C's first experiment earlier this week, so that is a good sign for the children. "Holy flying teabags Batman, that was amazing!"

Mrs C is a very experienced teacher who recently moved from Auckland to our lovely part of paradise. We look forward to sharing some photos of her working with the children.

MUSIC LESSONS WITH IGNITE ARTS ACADEMY

Ignite Arts Academy began their awesome Music Bus lessons here again today, and it's so good to be able to have them back! They still have room for new students to join in, so if your child would like to have fun lessons in small groups during school time please contact Ignite for more information. Fees apply. www.ignitearts.co.nz/music-in-schools 0508 2446 483 admin@ignitearts.co.nz



MILO MONDAYS & HOT FOOD

It's a bit of a tradition here at Roto to have hot lunches and Milos during the cooler months of Terms 2 and 3.

Milo Mondays returns first, with a roster currently being developed by Renata (parent/BOT member). If you can spare a bit of time to prepare and serve some yummy warm Milo to our tamariki on a Monday please get in touch with Renata directly, or via the office.



We'd love your Milo and marshmallow donations too please, as we go through a fair bit during these terms! These can be dropped off at the office.

Hot Food Wednesdays **begin on Wednesday 25th May**. We offer our students the option to bring in a lunch that can be heated up by staff/senior students. Their lunch has to meet the following requirements in order for a hassle-free heatup and distribution, so please note the following;

- Wrapped in ovenproof wrapping (baking paper, tin foil, paper bag, ovenproof dish). Must be able to use in the oven/pie warmer.
- Must be clearly marked with the child's name and room number.
- No Sistema containers, or other plastic containers that will melt when placed in a hot oven.
- No 2 minute noodles etc. That need boiling water or to be microwaved.

Examples of suitable foods include; pie, sausage roll, toasties, pizza slices, pasta, samosa, quiche, meatballs, etc. This is purely optional, so if it doesn't work for you and your child/ren please don't feel obliged to do it.

WINTER SPORTS

The Winter Sports season is upon us and the children are now training with their new clubs, with their first games of netball and rugby coming up! Keep us up to date on your child's sporting achievements so we can share in celebrating with them and don't forget we have school umbrellas to keep you dry on the sidelines, priced at \$25 (payable to the PTA).

Here are Melita, Millie and Mia from Room 3 who played their first netball game yesterday for Leamington Sunshine, coached by Renata & Jo. They had heaps of fun!



LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Harold is returning to visit us on Friday 13, Mon 16th and Tues 17th May.

The learning the children will be doing in the van is based around relationships and resilience, which ties in nicely with the Positive Behaviour for Learning work we are currently doing in the school.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Room 5 have come up with some ideas for being a part of Pink Shirt Day.

Firstly, we dress up in as much **pink** clothing as we can muster (or colouring our hair if we need to).

Secondly a Pink Bake Sale. If any parents are prepared to provide some pink baking to sell at morning tea and lunch time, that would be awesome. Please email the office if you are providing anything and how much you will bake (e.g Mr D = 12 large pink muffins).

Thirdly, a human sign to say No Bullies, then a photo taken and posted in each room to remind us we are choosing NOT to be bullies.

Great ideas Ruma Rima, we can't wait to put them into action on the 20th May!

YUMMY STICKER COLLECTION

Take a look in the fruit bowl at home and see if any of your apple or pear stickers have 'Yummy' written on them.... If they do, save them up! We have collection sheets here for you to stick them to, so let the office know if you'd like some. We hand the stickers in during Term 3 and in return we receive FREE sports equipment – so get eating those Yummy apples!

PTA NEWS

Finally we are able to hold the PTA organised **Bookarama** book sale!



Join us here at school on Saturday 14th May any time between 9am and 4pm, to purchase a HUGE range of books, heaps of puzzles, and some dvds and games. We will also be running a sausage sizzle, selling tea, coffee and baking. So come along, support our kura (school) and grab a bargain!

Keep an eye on our Roto Parents FB group for the date of the next PTA meeting.

WHERE CAN I GET HELP FOR MY WHAANAU?

Most of us will go through tough times in life, be it as children or adults, with our health, our wellbeing, or perhaps our financial situation.

If you feel you need some support, a good place to start is the Cambridge Community House at 193 Shakespeare Street, Leamington. They offer a wide range of supports and really are a 'wrap around' service, assisting families and individuals with a range of difficulties. Their services, many of which are free or subsidised, include;

- Free Financial Mentoring
- Counselling
- Advocacy
- 2nd hand school uniform
- Contacts for help with kai/food
- Mental Health & Addictions Support
- Whaanau Support including family harm issues
- Parenting Support including programmes

Get in touch with their friendly team by calling 07 827 5402.

HEADLICE

The little critters are back! Please check your child for lice or eggs present in their hair. It is recommended that you treat the hair and remove all lice and eggs before returning your child to school. Continued combing and removal is usually required for up to two weeks following the first treatment - it only takes one little egg to hatch and you're back with a whole reinfestation! It is worth checking your child's hair once a week, as it's easier to get rid of them early on. A spray bottle with water and tea tree oil in it will often deter headlice if you spritz it onto your child's hair in the morning, and they tend not to like hair products like gel or hairspray, and even conditioner which makes the hair too slippery to grip onto.

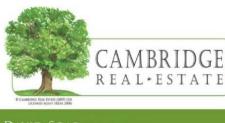
There are some helpful tips on prevention and treatment online, particularly on the Ministry of Health website.

GROWING KIDS, FULL TUMMIES

With the weather slowly cooling down we've noticed some of our children are munching through their lunch and still feeling hungry (possibly from being back at school, not being able to graze through the pantry in the holidays!) It's important to pack enough kai/food to get your child through the day, including lots of healthy snacks to give them sustained energy to carry on learning and playing until that final bell goes. Feel free to share some ideas with us by email and we'll pop them into future newsletters!

UPCOMING EVENTS

08/05	Mother's Day
13-17/05	Life Ed Van with Harold the giraffe
13/05	Assembly – first in person for 2022
14/05	PTA Bookarama (Saturday 9-4)
18/05	BOT Meeting 6pm
20/05	Pink Shirt Day
27/05	Assembly 2.10pm
03/06	Teacher Only Day (Friday)
06/06	Queen's Birthday (Monday)
10/05	Assembly 2.10pm
17/06	Te Oko Horoi Teachers PLD day
	(All Cambridge schools are closed)
23/06	Star Gazing morning, breakfast and
	Local Stories trip
24/06	Matariki long weekend (Friday)
14/06	Rural Winter Sports Day (Yr 4-6)
01/07	Student Reports go home
05/07	Student/Parent Conferences
07/07	Student/Parent Conferences
08/07	Last Day of Term 2
	Assembly 2.10pm





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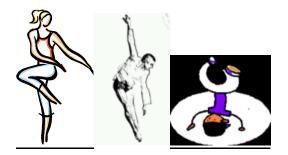
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