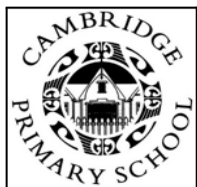


RUTHERFORD NEWSLETTER Term 1 - 2024



Teenaa koutou! Welcome Back to Cambridge Primary School (CPS)

We hope you have had a lovely summer break. We look forward to getting to know you and your children in 2024.

Rutherford is made up of five classes, Rooms 1 - 5. Below is an outline and contact details for each class:

Room 1	Mr Todd Rice todd@cambridgeprimary.co.nz	Release teacher - (Thurs) Mrs Anna Noy annan@cambridgeprimary.co.nz
Room 2	Mrs Diana Kelly diana@cambridgeprimary.co.nz	
Room 3	Mrs Carmel Stock (Mon/Tues/Wed) carmel@cambridgeprimary.co.nz	Mrs Josie Pullenger (Thurs/Fri) josie@cambridgeprimary.co.nz
Room 4	Mrs Sharyn Douglas - Team Leader sharyn@cambridgeprimary.co.nz	Mrs Laura Wallace (Fri) laura@cambridgeprimary.co.nz
Room 5	Mr Adam Poka - Whaanau Class Year 4 - 6 adam@cambridgeprimary.co.nz	

LEARNING FOCUS- TERM 1

Mathematics - We will begin the year with a Statistics, Number Knowledge and Basic Facts focus. Children will be grouped according to their needs in these areas.

Literacy - Reading and Writing programmes will focus on topics relating to our 'Whaanaungatanga Unit. In this unit we will get to know ourselves as learners, each other, our houses, and prepare for Rutherford Camp. We will look into poetry, recounts, reports and other areas of interest for the children. We will also be participating in the ANZ Financial Literacy programme this term.

PE - We begin swimming in the first week of school. We will group the children based on their water confidence and structure our lessons according to their needs. As part of the Health and PE curriculum, **all children** are expected to participate. Rutherford Syndicate will have 2 or 3 swimming sessions per week. Your classroom teacher will remind you of your class' swimming days. Please ensure all togs, towels, goggles and swimming caps are named. If your child is unable to swim due to illness or injury, please inform your classroom teacher.

STEAM/ARTS Programme - The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) rotation, and Arts programmes will be scheduled for classes throughout the year, and will be taught by specialist teachers. Children are allowed to wear their PE gear to and from school on Thursdays.

Topic - 'Whaanaungatanga' - building close connections together. Our focus for the first few weeks is to ensure the children are settled in their new classrooms and get to know one another.

Te Reo Maaori - This term we will be focussing on Maaori protocol, daily karakia, waiata and greetings. We will also be developing our Te reo kupu (word knowledge).

Homework

Each class will set homework as per our school policy. For Rutherford this means 30 mins per night. Activities are set to be independent and will reinforce learning at school, eg reading, times tables, spelling or will be based on creating independence or research. Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions. Adults need to sign off the homework, this shows us you are happy with what your child has completed.

TERM ONE EVENTS

Please check the school calendar for school wide events - and stay up to date by reading HERO weekly updates.
School Swimming / Interschool/ Year 3 & 4 Camp

CAMP

This year we have Rutherford Camp in Term 3 - We will be skiing. The dates are
Week 9 - 16th - 20th September
Week 10 23rd - 27th September
More information will be coming out around the camp.

Things to Note:

Clearly labelled summer uniform, hats, shoes, togs and towel will be required everyday. All efforts will be made to ensure your child has their belongings, however any unnamed items that are left behind will be moved to the lost property boxes.

eLEARNING and BYOD

All children in Hillary and Rutherford will be learning about the expectations of a Responsible Technology User at CPS. We will explain this in class. Students need to complete this google form together with a parent. Your child will not be able to use a device at school until this form is completed.

[2024 agreement](#)

Please read this carefully and discuss this agreement with your child/ren at home to support their understanding. This agreement outlines the day to day responsibilities when using a personal device at CPS. Devices are only one of the learning tools that CPS learners have access to on a school day. Students will be monitored carefully by their teachers to ensure they are using the right tool in the right way.

It is **NOT** compulsory for a learner to bring their own device to school, **this is a family choice**, but it is highly recommended as one of the important tools to support your child's learning in the 21st century. No child will be disadvantaged because they don't bring a device to school, as we will still provide shared access to a limited number of school owned devices for our students. The benefit of personal devices is that they provide opportunity for children to personalise their learning and gain instant access to the tools they need.

Headphones

Headphones are essential in class. Please make sure your child has a set of headphones and they are named. These can stay at school.

Book Bags

Please ensure your child/ren has a book bag to protect both our precious home reading books and library books. Your child will bring home their book bag Monday-Friday starting in week 4. Each class will also visit the school library once a week. If they do not have their book bag at school they will not be able to bring a reader or library book home.

Water Bottles

Please encourage your child to bring a named water bottle to school. Although we have fountains, use of a bottle is far less disruptive during class time. Each classroom will provide a storage area for these.

Litterless lunch

We are an enviro school and encourage our community to make wise choices when packing lunch boxes. Teachers will be looking to promote Litterless Lunches by using a token system, and all packaging will come home in your child's lunch box.

School Houses

Children are divided into one of four school houses. Families are kept in the same house. The houses are named after four famous Cambridge horses. These being Sir Tristram (Yellow), Charisma (Black), Young Quinn (Green) and Zabeel (White or Blue). House points are collected in many ways including sporting events like Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming and Tabloid Sports. Plus non-sporting points like litterless lunch boxes. Children are encouraged to dress up in their house colour for school sporting events. The winning house is announced at our full school assemblies.

Classes Open

At 8:30am the bell rings to indicate children can enter the school gate. If you are at school before this time, please respect the teachers' preparation time. Children are not to be on school grounds unsupervised before 8.30am (unless in Before School care). Please note we have a new timetable over the day. This enables the children to have regular breaks and spreads the workload evenly across the day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.3	Students on site, morning activities				
8.45	Calendar, Roll, Karakia, Admin				
9	Block 1	Block 1	Block 1	Block 1	Block 1
10.10- 10.30	First Break - morning tea and sit down			10.25 - 10.45 Break	
10.30 - 11.40	Block 2	Block 2	Block 2	Block 2	Block 2
11.40-11.50	Brain Break- run around- small snack				Second Break
11.50-1.00	Block 3	Block 3	Block 3	12.15- 1.15- lunch	Block 3
1 - 1.40	Lunchtime			Block 3	Lunchtime
1.4	Block 4	Block 4	Block 4		Block 4
2.5	First group leave				
2.55	Second group leave				
3	Third group leave				

Wanted

Please send 2 boxes of tissues to help us keep the germs at bay. We may ask for more to get us through the winter months. However, as per our school policy - any children who are not well should stay at home.

Parent Help

We would love some parent helpers in our classrooms. If you have some time available, please let your teacher know.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to a fun-filled term and getting to know our fantastic Rutherford Learners!

Ngaa mihi mahana

The Rutherford Team