

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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NYLD

Our Year 8 students at the National Young Leaders Day on Monday. Motto for the day, "I am a seed born of greatness."



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Dear Parents

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me to whanau.

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our positive environment will actively engage us all in learning.

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VISION

Together We Grow

- Unity (Kotahitanga)
- Inclusive (Manaakitanga)
- Guardianship (Kaitiakitanga)

Together We Learn

- Innovative (Auahatanga)
- Happy (Uruhau)
- Responsible (Tuutika)

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES

Persistence

Resilience

Integrity

Diversity

Excellence

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri.

Welcome to Nature Aitchison (Room 1) Aja Jessop (Room 1) and Jaycob Elliott-Daysh (Room 7). We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Welcome back to Term 2 at Rotokauri School. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday. The students have come back refreshed and eager to learn. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of wonderful experiences planned for our students – National Young Leaders Day (Year 8's), Football workshops, Lit Quiz, Parent Interviews, ICAS preparation, Hui, Bluelight PCT Challenge (Years 7 & 8), School Cross Country, EPro8, Arbor Day, Cluster Cross Country, Keeping Ourselves Safe, Wig Wednesday, World of Maths and Matariki.

Whilst we were away on holidays the contractors have continued to work on the MPR. There are a few details still to be completed but we were able to make the transition across during the second week of the holidays. Thank you to all the staff and students that were able to help with the shift. Due to the administration block being unavailable there has been a number of changes in places where staff are now working. The entranceway to the school is blocked so when entering the school people will need to come through the side gate beside Room 1 or come around behind the swimming pool.

The school office is now operational in the MPR kitchen area and the school sickbay is beside this. Atmosphere Before and After School Care is now using the MPR in the mornings and afternoons. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but it is out of our control until the project is completed in early July.

Also in the holidays the library books and shelves were returned from their storage at Fraser High School. Thank you to Mike Keightley for arranging this and to Toni Rae for reorganizing the library, which is now open for the students.

We have also come back to see the Dental Therapist mobile caravan in our carpark.

Thank you to the parents that have come along to visit the caravan and talk to the dental therapists. The caravan is scheduled to leave on the 12th May and follow up work for the students will take place at the Crawshaw School Clinic.

Please remember to keep checking the website for updates and the calendar of events.

On behalf of the staff, students and school community I wish to offer our sincerest condolences to Deanna Smith (Room 4) and her family with the passing of her Dad, Andrew. "The love of a father is one of life's great masterpieces."

Ngaa mihi nui.

Desiree Smith
Principal



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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Books have been sent home with your child, if you do not wish to purchase your copy please see if you can sell it to a family member or friend. If you have no luck please return to the school office so we can tick you off the returned list.



In purchasing the Book or the App our school receives \$13 from each sale.

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BOT NEWS

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Feedback from our Community Consultation

Question 11- Do you have a question about education either in New Zealand or at our school that you would like answered?

Response – 7.8% Yes 92.19% No

Comment from BOT: We had 6 parents ask questions in this section, Desiree smith will be addressing each question in the next school newsletter.

Question 12– Swimming pool, Do you believe the school should continue to operate a swimming pool?

Response - 94.20% Yes 1.45% No 4.35% unsure

Comments: (please note not all are shown)

- Absolutely, it is sad the number of children that can't swim.
- Having a pool in the school promotes water confidence.
- Really really love having the school pool.

Question 13 – Would you be able to assist us in the running of the school pool this season?

Response: 34.38% Yes 32.81% No 32.81% unsure

Comment from BOT: We have realised that this question should not be asked in this forum as this can be an anonymous survey and so can be hard to follow up on offers. We would like to thank everyone that has offered help and supports the school in keeping the pool functioning.

Question 14 - Do you believe the Board should raise the cost of buying a school pool key by \$10.00 per season?

Response: 32.84% Yes 32.84% No 34.33% unsure

Comment from BOT: We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to all the questions in regards to the school pool, this has helped us to shape our plans for the upcoming year.

Question 15 - Religious instruction, would you like this instruction to continue in 2017?

Response: 34.29% Yes 20.00% No 15.71% unsure

Comment from BOT: The BOT will be reviewing this in more detail throughout the calendar year.

Writing

The school's 2017 target is writing.

The Board of Trustees support the school by providing funding for teacher aides to give additional support in the classrooms and for resourcing e.g. books and equipment. Currently the Board of Trustees is looking at providing funding for teacher professional development in order to raise student achievement in Writing.

Property Update

The BOT is in the process of looking at our next 10 year property planning. We will be doing this over the next 3-6 months and will share the results and plans with the community after this time.

Staff Appointment

We are very happy to announce that Mrs Helena Kirkham is our new Deputy Principal.



GENERAL MATTERS

Marrzipan

*Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome drama classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)*

Friends for Life Parent Evening

Thank you to the parents/caregivers that attended the workshop run by Jenny Bell.

There has been a lot in the media recently related to stress and its impact on children. Last night we hosted a **Parent Information evening** about the **FRIENDS** programme run by Mrs Jenny Bell. This programme is a well-researched and proven initiative that over the course of a 9 week period teaches students strategies to cope with everyday stress and anxiety. It is becoming increasingly evident that children nowadays are exposed to increasing levels of stress and are often not equipped to deal with their worries.

SIGNS OF EXCESSIVE WORRY MAY BE

- Persistent **worry** about upcoming events
- Avoidance
- Attention to threat/hyper vigilance
- Fast and sustained physiological changes
- Stress related physical symptoms
- Difficulty in resting and going to sleep
- Shyness
- Social withdrawal
- Perfectionism
- Appetite changes

The FRIENDS programme explores areas such as:

- Understanding feelings in ourselves and others.
- Learning to help others.
- Identifying feelings and being able to articulate these.
- Body clues and relaxation strategies.
- Helpful and unhelpful self talk and thoughts.
- Coping steps and strategies and developing a plan for this.
- Learning from our role models and support teams.

If you missed this meeting but would still like some information, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will get a brochure to you. Alternatively you could contact Jenny directly:

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Karen Hollingsworth (SENCO) khollingsworth@rotokauri.school.nz

Cross Country

Everyone is invited to attend the Rotokauri School Cross Country, next Thursday, 18th May. Races begin at 9:15am. There is no time slots for each race, but it will go in order from the Junior School to Senior School. We will need a handful of parents to help put up the schools 4 gazebos in the morning. If you can help us with this can you please email to let us know. Please see the timetable of the day below. We hope to have all races done by lunchtime, but that will depend on how long each race takes. The seniors will be selling baking and juices on the day for parents and students. Parents can take students home after the prize giving assembly if they let the classroom teacher know they are doing so. Teachers are given the course this week for students to practice. If your child finishes 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their race, they will qualify to attend the Inter School Cross Country on Friday, 2nd June at Waitetuna School. They will receive a notice that day with the details.

Timetable for the day
8:15 Parent helpers meet on bottom field to put up gazebos
9:10 Whole school meets on bottom field in house groups. Children to bring warm clothes, drink bottle and morning tea to eat when they get hungry.
9:15 First race
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<i>All times are approximations, it could slightly be earlier or later.</i>
12:30 Prize giving
12:45 Lunch

Parent helpers for gazebos please email mwatkins@rotokauri.school.nz

Kind Regards

Michael Watkins and Helena Kirkham

Pool Volunteers

A huge thank you to Amy Fuller and her roster of volunteers for maintaining the school pool over the summer season. This is a big commitment and all the pool key holders appreciate the time and effort that you have put in to keep it functioning for people to enjoy. Thank you to – Cary Viljoen, Lisa Williams, Jo Campbell, Carie Aitchison, Leba Phillips, Melissa Ridley, Mellissa Frew, Jo McCready, Davina Aitchison, Nick Spiers, Kara Butterworth, Mike Keightley, Hans Verberne and their families.

Football Coaching

The After School football coaching programme that was held in the school last term will be continuing this term. The coaching sessions will begin on 15th May and run for 6 weeks. Further information is available on our school website.

Olympic Football was a huge success at Rotokauri Primary School in Term 1 2017. We had an incredible roll of over 50 children take part over the term, all taking full advantage of the opportunities to play and practice with some of the best youth football coaches in the Waikato.

A couple of special mentions, first to Angus Elliott, for his wonderful efforts and performances at the after School football. Angus was invited to train with the U12 FTC team Northern United, who are competing in the top Waikato and Bay of Plenty regional league. Secondly to all the brave children who took part in their first sports programme and have found a passion in the sport and have now decided to join their first football club! This is exactly why we are here, that is to provide the opportunities and pathway for children to be involved in football at all levels, all ages, girls and boys. We look forward to working with a number of Rotokauri students again this term.

Rice and Fabric Drive for Huggable Hearts

Please bring a bag of rice or a piece of fabric to school on Friday, 19th May for our friends at Huggable Hearts and in return you will get a delicious cupcake or two.

Preferred fabrics are fleece or flannel, snuggly cottons, boy or girl prints. Poly-Pellets (plastic) out of old stuffed toys are also a great alternative to rice.



Huggable Hearts

Hearts to help with grief

Huggable Hearts is a FREE service that provides grieving families who have lost a baby with a fabric heart made to their angels birth weight.

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CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 1

Room 1	Ashton Newbold – For your cheerful attitude towards your learning even when it is hard.
Room 1	Brianna Donny – For the way you keep your eyes on your work so that you get it finished.
Room 2	Flint Coyle – For a great start to term. Ready to learn.
Room 2	Callista John – For fantastic writing so early in the new term.
Room 3	Riley Boswell - Awesome start to the term Riley. Your questions for reading comprehension were very thoughtful.
Room 3	Kees Rogers – We so enjoy your confident sharing of ideas in discussions. You speak so clearly. Be proud Kees.
Room 4	Mason Newbold – For always being such a thoughtful and focused learner.
Room 4	Nadia Peng – For your focused attitude towards your learning.
Room 5	Jesse Zillwood – For showing the value of excellence. Always doing work to a high standard.
Room 5	Grace Cox – For showing the value of excellence. Always doing work to a high standard.
Room 6	Nick Perring – For showing leadership and responsibility in class.
Room 6	Ella Burt – For challenging yourself and showing excellence in your work.
Room 7	Cooper Miller – You are a great role model of the Rotokauri values in class – be proud.
Room 7	Sullivan Hopewell – It is great to see you putting a high level of effort into your learning tasks to produce your best work.
Room 8	Heidi Perring – You never shy away from a challenge and show perseverance in all that you do. Be proud.
Room 8	Lily Daniels – You are a student who shows respect to others in everything that you do. Well done.

Week 2

Room 1	Isaac Hapi - For effective listening during football skills.
Room 1	Luca Haldane - For effective listening during football skills.
Room 2	Ernie Young - Excellent effort in reading.
Room 2	Devon Fuller - For going up a spelling list.
Room 3	Joseph Warbrick - For being a kind and caring person. A very good friend to others.
Room 3	Nate Westgate - For giving his best in all that he does, with excellent progress in Maths.
Room 4	Cole Turney - For listening and cooperation during in PE sessions.
Room 4	Anya Fuller - For always working hard to do her best.
Room 5	Jesse Zillwood - For excellence and determination in everything you do.
Room 5	Olly Kells - For a persistent and determined attitude, you never give up.
Room 6	Nevaeh Grason - For being such a positive member of class and working hard on her tasks.
Room 6	Ben Milne - For sharing his thinking and contributing to classroom discussions.
Room 7	Liam Janssen - For his high level of effort and focus on his Statistics learning tasks.
Room 7	Jessica Cuff - For her high level of effort and focus on her Statistics learning tasks.
Room 8	Nick Westgate - For serving as a positive role model. Nick, you are so much fun to be around - you are always smiling and say things that bring joy to others - thank you.
Room 8	Adam Fryer - For showing respect to others. Adam, you are such a kind and considerate person. Thank you for your thoughtfulness - it means a lot.

Lit Quiz

Congratulations to the following students for their participation in the Lit Quiz competition held at Southwell School last night. Thank you to Toni Rae for working with the students since the beginning of the year.

Team 1: Eden Miller, Sarah Teale, Liam Cornelissen, Lily Daniels.

Team 2: Cole Viljoen-Thomson, Koen McCurdy, Isaac Collinson, Brooklyn Snelgrove

National Young Leaders Day

On Monday, 8th May we took our Year 8 students to the National Young Leaders Day. This day plays a part of our Year 8 Leadership Programme. Concepts covered throughout the day reflected what we are learning in class.

The Whakataukī for the day was:

E KORE AU E NGARO, HE KĀKANO I RUIA MAI I RANGIĀTEA

I am a seed born of greatness.

NGARO – Sometimes we feel invisible, or like we have nothing to offer. Like a seed in the ground, we are full of potential, but we are yet to see very much growth.

KĀKANO – Seeds are tiny and full of potential. How do you move from potential to growth? What does it look like to take an idea and make it a reality? Sometimes we have ideas but what is it going to take to make that idea happen or come to life?

RUIA – We need to be nurtured to fulfil our potential. The environments we are in and the environment that we create for others can make things grow, or make things die. How do you surround yourself with environments that create growth?

RANGIĀTEA – Life is a journey. If you want to know about the next step you should take, then it's a good idea to have an idea of where you are heading. It is possible to achieve something great with your life that will lead the world in a better place.

We had a great day. Thank you to the parents (Justine Fryer, Leigh Westgate, and Gary Perham) who gave up their time to transport our students – we really appreciate your time and value your ongoing support.

REMINDERS

Swimming Pool and Tennis Court Key Return

Please return your keys to the school office as soon as possible to receive your \$10.00 refund. If you send your child with the key please send a note to say that you are happy for them to sign for and receive the \$10.00 refund on your behalf.

Māori Consultation Hui - Thursday 18 May 2017

Next week on Thursday, we are holding a Māori Consultation Hui in the staffroom at 7.00 pm, everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. We hold a Hui once a term and would love your input and ideas. We will be discussing upcoming events planned for this term (Matariki) and ideas for the coming year.

Hope to see you there.



Collecting board and card games in Term 3

This year we are going to sell **board and card games** at our School Car Show and Gala in November. Please keep aside the games the kids (or you) no longer play, the ones that they just don't like or that are no longer complete. I plan to put a number of incomplete games together to make an entire game that we can sell. The book fair will still be running so please keep your books too.

If you have any further ideas or games available please contact me, Miranda Collinson (collinsons@hotmail.com)

MAAORI NEW YEAR

MATARIKI

Matariki marks the Maaori new year. It's a time to celebrate new beginnings, renew relationships and prepare the land for crops and planting.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

The poster features a dark background with white stars and a red circular logo with a person's face and the text 'Elevate Energy'.

MAAORI NEW YEAR

SOW SPRING VEGETABLES

Traditionally Matariki is about harvesting and preparing the land for next spring. Try sowing vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and spinach.

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The poster features a dark background with white stars, a red circular logo with a person's face and the text 'Elevate Energy', and images of cauliflower, broccoli, and spinach.



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