

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Wacky Hair Day



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(more photos in the newsletter)

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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

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

It is great to hear about the number of students that are playing winter sports this term – football, rugby, netball, hockey and rollerblading. Kiwi children play sport to have fun, play with their friends, learn new skills, be fit and healthy and to have a sense of fair play. Later I have included a Code of Conduct to help parents support their child.

Last week the Senior Syndicate held their Parent Interviews – thank you to all the families that were able to attend. The Junior Syndicate teachers will continue to report on their students as part of the reporting schedule (Progress or Anniversary) based on the students time at school. Regular two-way communication between home and school is an essential part of the learning process. At Rotokauri School we report on individual progress to inform parents and promote better learning in the future. The reports talk about your child's progress and achievement, including against the National Standards. To determine where each child is at, teachers will make an overall teacher judgement (OTJ) using a range of assessments, including what they have seen in the classroom, talking about learning with the students, children's assessment of their own and each other's work and results from testing. It is important to remember that students start at different points and progress in their learning in different ways and at different rates from one another. Parents are welcome to contact their child's classroom teacher at any time during the school year should they have any concerns about their child.

Staff Appointment

On behalf of the BOT Appointments Committee I would like to announce that we have appointed Ms Andrea Hall to the position of Assistant Principal. Ms Hall is currently employed at Koromatua School and will begin teaching in Room 3 at the beginning of Term 3. I am certain that everyone will make her feel welcome at Rotokauri School.

Parent Code of Conduct

After consulting with Project Energise I would like to provide parents/caregivers with a Code of Conduct as they support their child/children in the coming months –

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Remain outside the field of play.
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials.
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are a part of learning.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

Wacky Hair Day

Thank you to Matthew Webber and his Mum for organising the Wacky Hair Day, held yesterday. What a wonderful assortment of colourful, weird, creative hairstyles that students and staff came along to school with. Well done to the winners on the day – we hope you enjoy your McDonalds vouchers. Matthew will be presenting the gold coin donations to the staff at Ronald McDonald House in Starship Hospital.

Carpark Behaviour

It is disappointing to have to mention the carpark behaviour of adults once again. However, some parents/caregivers/family members continue to ignore the pedestrian crossings and even the students with the signs at these crossings. We have also observed a number of parents driving into the carpark whilst talking on their mobile phones. It is our aim to model safe and sensible behaviour for our students. Please do not be offended if a student or staff member approaches you to remind you of appropriate behaviour within our carpark.

Late Pickups

The time that staff members spend before and after school is precious as they are organising their classroom programmes. Rotokauri staff or Atmosphere personnel often spend a great deal of time trying to locate the adults responsible for picking up students and sometimes receive no thanks for their efforts. If you are running late to pick up your child/children it would be appreciated if you could phone the school.

Ngaa mihi nui.

Desiree Smith
Principal

BOT NEWS

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

No feedback this month due to illness, keep an eye out for feedback after our next BOT meeting.



We are currently working through the ERO draft report with ERO and will have this report confirmed in the upcoming months.

MPR Update

The MPR has been completed and as you would have seen the big white tent is now over the administration block. Everything is on schedule for this project and we thank you for your patience during this time.

Have a question for the BOT?

Email us on bot@rotokauri.school.nz

Contact us:  bot@rotokauri.school.nz Next meeting: Wednesday, 21 June @ 7.00 pm



NEWS

Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

Arbor Day-Friday 2nd June, 2017

The Rotokauri School PTA has again been asked to do the barbeque this year to feed all the volunteers. We have various jobs that require the help of three more people. The day starts around 8.00 am and finishes around 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm but not everyone needs to be available all this time.

If you have some free time and would like to help please phone:

Chris Zillwood on: 0211184208

Your help will be most appreciated

Entertainment Book Reminder

Thank you to those who have purchased or returned their books. **We require all books to be paid for or returned to the school office so you can be marked off the list.**

The book and app are available all year so if you do hear of someone wanting to purchase please email pta@rotokauri.school.nz or see the school office. Extra books are available at the school office if you need them. Your support is greatly appreciated.

GENERAL MATTERS

Writing Course - Improving Boys' Literacy Skills - Joseph Driessen

Last term five teachers from Rotokauri School attended an intensive day workshop about raising the standard of literacy for boys. The staff are currently trialling new techniques and/or approaches in their classrooms. Below is some information that they found interesting:

- Boys need to feel pride in their bookwork - use a criteria to make bookwork presentable. The criteria should come with a rewards system.
- Use humour - let students write stories and use language that they find funny.
- Regular movement helps boys keep focussed on their tasks - move around every 20 - 30 minutes.
- Expect high standards and accept nothing less.
- Remind students that they are at school to work hard.
- Boys need to be taught self-management and time management.
- Expectations need to be spelt out. Boys need firm boundaries - if they overstep these, then there needs to be a consequence.
- Teach the correct formation of letters and expect it to be used. It takes the hard work out of writing if formation is automatic.
- Some boys need to talk through their ideas before they are sure they understand what they have read and before they can commit their ideas to paper effectively.
- Boys will be deeply engaged in literacy when the themes touch them personally - tap into their need for tasks to be purposeful and meaningful to their lives.

Cross Country

Due to the poor weather conditions the school cross country which was to be held on Thursday 18th May was postponed. The back-up day is today, Thursday 25th May. If your child finished 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 with the details.

Rice and Fabric Drive for Huggable Hearts

Thank you to all the families that sent along a bag of rice and/or some fabric for the Huggable Hearts last Friday. A total of 60kg of rice was brought along to school and a wide assortment of fabric. Thank you to Amy Fuller for making the delicious cupcakes which the children enjoyed.

Visitors on School Site

Once again, during the weekend, we have had a number of teenage students on-site at school. Whilst we are happy for people to use the school grounds we would appreciate those that do come onto site to show respect for our school property. The group on Saturday decided that it was appropriate to throw rubbish bin lids around the school and to climb onto coat hooks outside the classrooms. Disappointing behaviour from young people that should know better. These teenagers were then observed walking away down Bagust Road. They are either locals or are coming from areas close to the

school. We have photos of the teenagers – thank you to the vigilant people that took these. If you hear about incidents or witness inappropriate behaviour on school grounds please let the school know.

Bench Seats

Thank you to Jill Cameron for organising the bench seats which were purchased for the Adventure Trail and bus bay, as well as a thank you to Hans Verberne for collecting these from the Whitiara Bowling Club.

Bottom Carpark

The bottom carpark will be closed from Monday, 29th May as the entranceway is becoming muddier. We are aware that there is football coaching on a Monday afternoon so the gate will be open on these days if the weather is fine. Thank you to all the families for using this driveway as it has taken some pressure off the top carpark.

CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 3

Room 1	Kaylee Clark - For working hard to use your Early Words in writing.
Room 1	Brooke Watkins - For using your alphabet knowledge for writing.
Room 2	Lucie Birks - Great progress in writing.
Room 2	Nirav Maharaj - Working hard towards his writing goals.
Room 3	Ryan Jorgensen – For excellent progress in reading, especially when answering tricky questions.
Room 3	Hannah Milne – For being such a kind and positive student who is making great progress in Reading.
Room 4	Charlotte Frew - Making good progress in her Maths. Well done Charlotte.
Room 4	Oliver Selwyn - For making great progress and enthusiasm towards reading.
Room 5	Alex Porter - For contributing to classroom discussions with thoughtful ideas
Room 5	Bridgette Donny - For contributing to classroom discussions with thoughtful ideas
Room 6	Hosea Warbrick - Great questioning skills and discussions in class.
Room 6	Ella Sumner - Showing excellence in her work and putting in 100% effort.
Room 7	Thomas Keightley - For his high level of effort and focus on his learning tasks.
Room 7	Aamira Ali - For always being a wonderful role model of the Rotokauri Values.
Room 8	Rebecca Perham - For showing integrity at all times; you treat everyone with respect and kindness - be proud!
Room 8	Eden Miller - For always being a persistent learner - you never give up, even when challenged - well done Eden!

Week 4

Room 1	Orlando Smith - Working out tricky maths with the counters.
Room 1	Aja Jessop - Always making good choices during learning time.
Room 2	Lachie Anderson - Making great choices in class and showing the value of integrity.
Room 2	Regan Bennett - For showing excellence in everything you do and making great progress in reading.
Room 3	Mercedes Barber - Great effort in written language especially with punctuation.
Room 3	Madison Gibson - It's a treat to hear you read with such expression and phrasing.
Room 4	Jett McFall - For moving up a whole year level in reading after just one term. Excellent progress Jett!

Room 4	Lily Young - Making good progress in her reading and moving up a level. Well done Lily.
Room 5	Asher Hapi - For making steady gains in maths.
Room 5	Kaycee Whitfield - Great effort in Maths.
Room 6	Ella Burt – For being an excellent role model.
Room 6	Hosea Warbrick – For being an excellent role model.
Room 7	Kezia Samuel - For her high level of effort and focus in all that she does.
Room 7	Baylee Montgomery - For her focus and effort during maths and literacy times.
Room 8	Reiley Samuels-Porter – For showing such a positive attitude in all that you do. I am so proud of you!
Room 8	Sarah Teale - For showing integrity in all areas of school life. You consistently treat others with respect. I think you are amazing!

REMINDERS

Pre-Loved School Shirts

We know kids grow, so the PTA has set up a register to put those who may have second hand school shirts in good, clean condition that they are wanting to sell in touch with those who are interested in buying them.

There is a folder with Sharon in the school office which holds the register to be completed by the seller – name / contact details / size / condition / price etc. Potential buyers are able to get in touch with whoever has the shirt they are wanting and organise to view / purchase if it is suitable. Please DO NOT take your shirts to Sharon as there is insufficient storage space for her to hold them.

We hope this service will be utilised by school families as a recycling initiative as well as an opportunity to save a little money!

Swimming Pool 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.



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)

More Wacky Hair Day Photos







MAAORI NEW YEAR

DID YOU KNOW?

Matariki is the Maori name for the cluster of stars known as Pleiades. Historically, if the stars were clear and bright it was a sign that a productive planting season lay ahead.



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MAAORI NEW YEAR

TRADITIONAL MEALS MADE HEALTHIER!

Add a variety of vegetables to any dish. Green leafy vegetables like spinach, puha, watercress and silverbeet are great. Cut visible fat from meat and skin from chicken when preparing dishes such as boil up and hangi.




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SPEAK OUT –

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Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?

The Ministry for Vulnerable Children, Oranga Tamariki is currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.

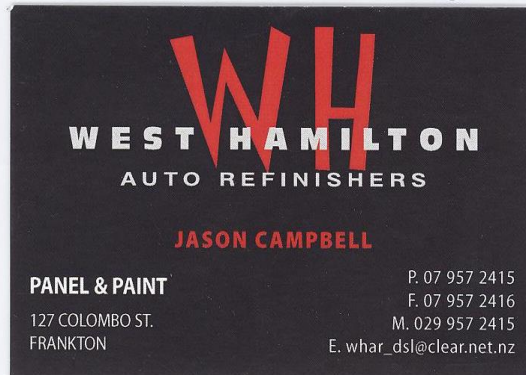
Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Manager Caregiver Support Waikato Region, on 07 957 4740 or email Johnson.Taoho@mvcot.govt.nz

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