

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Tough Guy, Tough Girl Challenge



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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.

We would like to welcome Rhys Jorgensen to Room 1. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

This year we adopted five school values that spell the word PRIDE – persistence, resilience, integrity, diversity, excellence. We have begun to embed these values across the school so they are understood, are visible around the school and are rewarded. The definition we are using with the students for each value is outlined below -

Persistence - This means that we don't give up, even when we are challenged.

Resilience - This means that we stay strong and overcome set-backs.

Integrity - This means being responsible for our choices and actions. It also means being fair and honest.

Diversity - This means we value all cultures in our community, accept people for who they are, and celebrate our differences.

Excellence - This means we value personal success.

We now have a Values box outside my office. Staff are recognising students that are demonstrating our Rotokauri values, students are then given a Values ticket which goes into the Values box. Every week at assembly a student councillor will draw two tickets

from the box and these students will be rewarded with a juicy. Parents are more than welcome to fill in a Values ticket for a student that they spot showing our values. Last Wednesday 14th June we celebrated Support Staff Day by providing morning tea and a certificate for our hard working support staff. At Rotokauri School these wonderful people are – Mrs Sharon Verstraten – Office Administrator, Mrs Karen Hollingsworth – SENCO, Mrs Raewyn O'Brien – Teacher Aide, Mrs Toni Rae – Teacher Aide, Mrs Glenda Strong – Reading Recovery Teacher and Mr Hans Verberne – Caretaker. Our support staff are such an important part of our school community, we truly appreciate the wonderful job they do and thank them for the contribution they make to the success of our students and school.

Congratulations to the students that have sat the ICAS exams this term in Spelling, Writing, Science and Digital Technologies. We await the results, knowing that you gave your best effort.

Last weekend bench seats were installed at the bus bay. Thank you to the PTA for purchasing these and thank you to the Cameron family for installing the seats – they will provide a safe place for our students to wait for their pick-up.

Rotokauri School is very privileged to have parents, caregivers and a school community that support the school in many ways.

Ngaa mihi nui.

Desiree Smith
Principal



GENERAL MATTERS

Bruce Potter Visit

We were very privileged to have a visit from the fabulous Bruce Potter, author, illustrator and performer last Friday morning. What an enjoyable and engaging show for our students. Students and staff alike, learnt about shading and drawing techniques. We were all inspired to do some of our own straight after the show! Books by Bruce Potter, can be purchased on Trade Me. If you mention that you are from Rotokauri School, Bruce is more than happy to do a free 'doodle illustration' inside each book sold.

Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme

Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS)

Over the next two weeks and in Term 3 teachers will be working on the Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) Programme.

What is Keeping Ourselves Safe?

Keeping Ourselves Safe [KOS] consists of a comprehensive range of child protection resources to help students learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

What will our children learn?

They will learn:

- To work out when their safety is at risk, for example walking home alone in the dark;
- How to keep safe when they meet and mix with other people;
- Who and how to ask for help if they, or someone they know, is being abused;
- To go on asking for help until someone does something to stop the abuse;
- That it is important to make and follow personal, family and school safety rules.

They will know:

- That abuse is never okay;
- That abuse is never their fault.

Who teaches KOS?

- Your local police education officer introduces KOS to the school staff.
- Your child's teacher will take the KOS lessons.
- The police education officer may take part in some of the lessons.

What part do parents, caregivers and whanau have in KOS?

- You can attend a meeting at school to tell you more about KOS – this postponed, we will let you know when this meeting will take place.
- You can find out about abuse and what to do if you think a child you know is being abused.
- You can talk to your child about what they have learnt in KOS.
- You can set safety guidelines with your family.
- You can help young children with the KOS Home Book activities they bring home.
- You can give the same safety messages as the school is giving.

For further information:

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping-1>

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, if you require further information.

A rescheduled Parent Information Workshop has been planned for Thursday, 29 June from 2.00 – 3.00 pm.



CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 7

Room 1	Jiya Prajapati - For the progress she has made by staying focused on her writing goals.
Room 1	Chloe Inglis - For sharing her vast general knowledge with the class as appropriate to the topic under discussion.
Room 2	Kaeleb Beets – For excellent progress in reading and showing the value of integrity by taking care of our classroom equipment.
Room 2	Clarke Robinson – For excellent progress in reading and showing the value of persistence in all your learning.
Room 3	Zakk McDonagh - For having an excellent attitude in all that you do.
Room 3	Elijah Esselbrugge - For enthusiasm and hard work with your maths.
Room 4	Caleb Jacobs - For trying hard to self-correct when he is reading. Well done Caleb.
Room 4	Caleb Samuel - For being a focused learner and working hard to complete all his tasks.
Room 5	Melisa Soltanizand - For always giving everything 100% at school.
Room 5	Mārama Tangiora - For making pleasing progress in maths.
Room 6	Elias Barber - Outstanding effort in Maths Whizz.
Room 6	Natal Birks - Asking questions in maths helping you make progress.
Room 7	Ryleigh Beyer - For his effort and focus on writing to his pen pal.
Room 7	Brooklyn Snelgrove - For his high level of effort and focus on his learning in class last week.
Room 8	Charlize Nevill - For displaying a positive attitude in all that you do. Be proud!
Room 8	Georgia Westgate - For being a productive team player. Awesome stuff!

Week 8

Room 1	Chloe Gyde - For using your new Early Words in your story writing.
Room 2	Hannah Towl - Excellent progress in reading and showing the value of persistence in your learning.
Room 2	Ryan Keightley - Excellent progress in maths and showing the value of diversity by being a good friend.
Room 3	Vedhikah Goundar - For showing great self-management skills and a fantastic attitude at all times.
Room 3	Maddix Annis - For showing great self-management skills and a fantastic attitude at all times.
Room 4	Jamie Haldane - For showing the value of integrity, by being responsible, fair and honest.
Room 4	Timothy Sumner - For showing the value of diversity, by accepting and caring about others.
Room 5	Olly Kells - For a high level of focus and independence during writing time.
Room 5	Tamsin Rose - For being a focussed learner and always engaged in learning tasks.
Room 6	Ella Caulfield – For making excellent progress in reading and writing.
Room 6	Oliver Campbell – For tremendous improvement in your latest writing assessment.
Room 7	Sophie Barris - For being a friendly and caring member of our class.
Room 7	Cooper Miller - For always showing the school value of Integrity and for putting a high level of effort into all that you do.
Room 8	Daniel Cameron - For striving for personal excellence in all that you do - be proud!
Room 8	Vanessa Campbell - For never giving up and persisting at challenging tasks. You serve as a positive role model!

MATHS WHIZZ RESULTS

Week 6

Progression Placings:

1st Place - Brooklyn Snelgrove
2nd Place - Reed Kahaki
3rd Place - Kezia Samuel

Classroom Placings:

1st Place - Room 7
2nd Place - Room 6
3rd Place - Room 3

Week 7

Progression Placings:

1st Place - Brooklyn Snelgrove
2nd Place - Elias Barber
3rd Place - Isla Kahaki

Classroom Placings:

1st Place - Room 7
2nd Place - Room 8
3rd Place - Room 6

MOLLY FLETCHER

Congratulations to Molly Fletcher for all her accomplishments with her calf Luckie. Molly has excelled at a number of show events throughout the past year, starting with her entry at Rotokauri School's Agricultural Day in 2016. Molly has written about her journey with her calf –

Molly and Luckie

Luckie came into my life on the 15th of July 2016.

Rearing and training an animal is a huge commitment especially when I'm only 11 years old.

I have has reared and trained her since then and I continued until the end of April 2017. Our very first show was October 9th. A very successful day indeed as we came away with 5th in leading, 1st in Rearing, Champion Rearing , 3rd in Dairy Type and Reserve Supreme Calf.

Rotokauri School Agricultural Day was also a major success for Luckie and I winning all three classes and taking 2 Champions and 1 Reserve Champion and winning the point's trophy.

We have continued on at such shows as Waikato A & P Show where we were Reserve Champion Rearing out of 183 calves, Waihi A&P Show where we were twice Champion, Wellsford A & P Show with outstanding success with a win or a placing in every class we had entered with Easter show being a great success winning all first place ribbons possible and a Champion.

21 shows over the 2016/17 season have resulted in 111 ribbons. 37 first places, multiple placings, 22 Champions, 8 Reserve Champions and 1 Reserve Supreme Champion and 6 Supreme Champions. We are already invading the trophy cabinet with 10 trophies with some having to be left at shows. I have also just won the Holley Geck Memorial Junior Showing Trophy and breaking the record for the most points ever recorded by 20 points since the trophy first started in 2009.

We share a great bond together and our success is a tribute to my commitment to my beloved animal in only my second year of showing.



TOUGH GUY / TOUGH GAL

Well done to all the students that participated in the Tough Guy/Tough Gal Challenge recently. We have heard some great feedback from the students and the parents about the successful day.

Here is a comment from a proud parent – *“I have to say this is an amazing event and we loved it. There were some tears and a little bit scared at the start but finished it with a smile. We look forward to next year. He most definitely had to overcome some huge challenges today”*.

MATTHEW WEBBER

With the money that he raised at school (with the Wacky Hair Day) for Ronald McDonald House, Matthew and his Mum were able to purchase a number of goodies from the Ronald McDonald wish list. These will be well used and well loved by the children and families at Ronald McDonald House.



WIG WEDNESDAY

Well done to all the children that came to school wearing their wigs on Wednesday to support Child Cancer. Thank you for your donations.



REMINDERS

World of Maths

The World of Maths Roadshow will be visiting Rotokauri School on Friday, 23rd June. All students will be participating in a number of Maths challenges whilst having fun. Don't forget to send your payment of \$6 per child to school in a named envelope.

Change of Clothes in Bags

Just a reminder to send your children to school with a change of clothes in their bags (yes - even seniors). It might save you having to make a special trip to school with spare clothes for those who have gotten wet and muddy in the wintery conditions.

No Peanuts or Sharing Food at School Please

We have a student with a PEANUT allergy which means that if she should eat a peanut (even a tiny amount) she will probably have an allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. This can be life threatening. Anaphylaxis constricts the throat (airways) making it very hard to breathe. Medication will be held at school and safety plans have been put in place. Most packets of snack foods show on the labels whether they contain peanuts. Alternatives to Peanut butter and muesli bars containing peanuts: Nutella (Hazelnut spread), almond butter, vegemite, marmite, honey, cheese etc.

We also have another student who is allergic to several types of nut. He could have an allergic reaction if he eats these nuts. He understands he must not eat foods containing nuts and is managing this for himself.

For this reason we actively discourage children from sharing food at Rotokauri School. In order to provide a safe environment for these children we would be grateful if you could discuss the potential dangers around sharing food at school.

Absent From School

If your child is going to be absent from school it is really important that you let the school know as soon as possible. You can email office@rotokauri.school.nz if that is more convenient or phone 8495068 before 9.00 am so that the day book can be updated before it goes around the classrooms. We appreciate your support with this because at present a lot of time is spent trying to contact parents of absent students.

THANK YOU... FROM ROOM 5

Thank you to Dave (Ashtyn's Dad) for coming into Room 5 and reading us the book called "Stories for Boys". What a great book!


You were a wonderful male role model to have in our class. Thank you for sharing. Dave explained to the class about Dyslexia and ways to cope with public speaking. We did a fun task about making up "silly stories".



MAAORI NEW YEAR

TRADITIONAL MAAORI GAMES

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017



Ki o Rahi, Tapu Ae and Tii Uru are great games to play at school or with whaanau.

MAAORI NEW YEAR

WATERCRESS

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017



Did you know, watercress is the oldest green leafy vegetable? Try making this 'quick quiche' at home:

- Whisk 2 eggs with 100ml trim milk
- Season, then add chopped watercress, tomatoes and grated cheese
- Pour into a non-stick pan and cook for 10 - 15min

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 17 July until Friday 21 July

9am to 3pm

\$10 per family per day

Registrations Essential

AM & PM Tea provided

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or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzshow.co.nz or 0800 667 469

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Hi! My name is Cary. I am a mother of 3 and a fully qualified early childhood teacher. With 10 years of wonderful experience as a mum and 8 years working with children in a centre, I am really excited to be stepping into the role of an in home educator. I feel like this is my dream job and believe that the small group sizes and loving, warm, relaxed environments that home-based care offers is the perfect combination to allow me to be the best teacher I can be and provide quality, enjoyable learning experiences for the children in my home while building close relationships which allow children to feel safe and confident, free to explore their full potential. I am based in a lovely new home with heaps of outdoor space near the Hamilton Zoo and would love to hear from you and your child... It is really exciting to imagine all the great fun we could have!



20 free hours for 3&4 year olds and WINZ subsidies available
Spaces Available end of July

Contact me on 0274280437



OLYMPIC FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME JULY

Where: Rototuna Primary School
When: 10th, 11th and 12th July
from 9am - 3pm
Who: Children of all skill levels,
aged 5 - 13 years

Where: Silverdale Normal School
When 17th, 18th and 19th July
from 9am - 3pm
Who: Children of all skill levels,
aged 5 - 13 years



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Per Day \$35

REGISTRATIONS

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