

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## **X-Man from Xtreme Waste Education Programme has been here for the week.**



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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**

A huge thank you to all the parents, family members and school community that showed support to the school with the comments on Facebook over the weekend when we had the unfortunate experience of youths driving on our school grounds with motorbikes.

We appreciate that members of the community are 'keeping an eye on our school' when we are not in attendance. It has been pleasing to hear all the positive comments about what the school is currently looking like. Over the weekend Programmed Maintenance have been on-site washing the buildings, in preparation for paint touch-ups.

This week we have the pleasure of X-Man at school, working with our children as part of the Xtreme Waste Education Programme. Year 1 & 2 Litterless Lunchboxes, Year 3 & 4 Reduce Reuse Recycle, Year 5 & 6 Composting and Year 7 & 8 Water Conservation. I was fortunate last week to sit in on the Kapa Haka Extension Group. What a fantastic sound was coming out of the MPR. These students are working hard to learn their performance for the Kapa Haka Festival in September.

Thank you to the parents that were able to attend the hui and PTA meetings in the last few weeks – the staff and students appreciate the time and commitment that you put into providing extra opportunities for our school.

Nga mihi nui.

Desiree Smith  
Principal

# PTA NEWS



Email: [pta@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:pta@rotokauri.school.nz)

## CAR SHOW & GALA – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

It's that time again when we start preparing for our Car Show and Gala.

If you have any new unused items that you no longer want we would love them for the Car Show & Gala.

Here are some items that if you have and would like to donate that would be great:

Coloured Envelopes (various sizes are fine) – for the mystery envelopes

Items that can be used in our raffles, silent auctions.

Candy Floss supplies – bags, sticks, etc (we are also wanting a commercial or party hire candy floss machine if anyone has one or knows of someone who would donate one to us for the day.

Bouncy Castle(s) – do you know anyone that would donate or supply one at a great price.

Any items that can be used as prizes for the Gala Games.

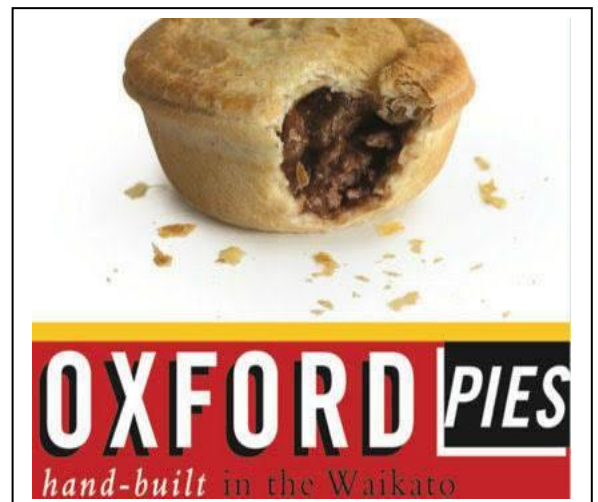
There will be a box in the school office for you to leave any donated items.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK



**Thanks for your support – funds raised \$1,508.00**

- Oxford Pies are back on the menu for **Monday** school lunch orders – mince, mince & cheese, potato top and bacon and egg – normal size pie all \$3.00 each.
- Small mince pie and sausage roll - \$2.00 each.
- Subway \$6.00 and Sushi \$4.00 (4 piece) and \$7.00 (8 piece) available also.





### Collecting puzzles, board and card games now

- This year we are going to sell **board and card games** at our School Car Show and Gala in November. Please donate 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.
- If the donated game is **complete, please cellotape the box** so it can't be opened. If possible please **write a post-it note on incomplete games**. I am collecting **jigsaw puzzles if they are complete** and in **sealed bags** or the original box

Please place the games at the collection point in the Multi Purpose Room

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



## Book Collection

*We are now collecting books to sell at the Car Show in November. We need donations of books for all ages please. The collection point is in the MPR where there is a big plastic box provided for drop off. The book sale is one of the most popular and profitable events of the show and we appreciate your help. If you have any questions please call Petria Cox 021 2170050.*

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

### **Waikato Schools Symphonic Band**

The Waikato Schools Symphonic Band came to visit last week. What a wonderful concert! Some incredibly talented young people inspired many of our students to learn an instrument. We all enjoyed your time with us. It was especially good to see a past student of Rotokauri School, Ryan Monaghan, playing electric bass.



### **Speeches**

Over the past two weeks our students have been very busy writing their speeches and learning them off by heart; we are very excited about the quality of the speeches being prepared. The style of the speech is informative and they are based on a New Zealand theme. We believe speech presentations play an important role in our student's oral language development. Learning to organise their thinking in a formal way and presenting it to an audience orally, following a success criteria, gives our students the opportunity to learn and practice skills that will help them share their ideas in a variety of settings.

Our Senior School speeches (Years 4-8) will be judged within their classrooms over the next few days. From this, four finalists from each age group will go through to the Speech Finals, these will be held in the Multipurpose Room next Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 9:00-10:30am. We will also have the pleasure of listening to a selection of Junior Speeches in the interlude between each age group. We hope that you can attend this special event.

### **Sale of Unwanted Furniture**

On 21 August we are having a sale of unwanted furniture. This will be held on the senior deck. It will include a filing cabinet, desks, desk trays, and chairs. We are asking for a donation for items. If you wish to have a look and purchase before then, please see our caretaker before 9.00am any day except Thursday.

### **Agricultural Day – 18 October 2017**

Our school is still a country or rural school and many of our city neighbours like this country atmosphere and have therefore chosen to send their children to Rotokauri School. City schools are often very envious of the opportunities offered to country

pupils and this is why we are seeking your support for our Agricultural Day. Agriculture or Calf Club Day as it is often still referred to, is unique to New Zealand country schools.

Over the last few years we have seen a decline in numbers entering mainly due to the busy lives we lead. We would like to turn this around and get more students involved and get the numbers back to the level we are used to. Rotokauri School has a long and proud history of calf, lamb and goat Agricultural Days to uphold and it is up to the present day pupils and parents to make this continue.

If you have any questions regarding Agricultural Day please see Sharon in the school office.

### **Calf Space Available for Agricultural Day**

Avril McBeth has 1 space available for a Rotokauri school student to participate in Ag Day by rearing a calf. Avril provides everything you will need to raise your calf and train it for Ag Day free of charge. This is a great opportunity for your child to get involved in calf club day without having to have an animal on your property.

If you would like to get involved please contact Avril McBeth on 07 849 7565 or Marie Carlson on 0274 303 844 (Marie has had a calf at Avril's for the past 3 years and can explain how it all works, she is also happy to help out with transport if you are unable to get to the calf every day). Start date for having a calf at Avril's will be late August.

### **Lamb Available for Agricultural Day**

Avril McBeth also has a lamb looking for a new home. If you would like to rear one for Agricultural Day please contact Avril 0272873869.

### **Agricultural Day Entry Forms (calf, goat and lamb section)**

Entry forms were emailed recently and are on the school website under newsletter attachments and notices ([www.rotokauri.school.nz](http://www.rotokauri.school.nz)). Paper copies are also available at the school office if you do not have a printer. **Entries close on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017** as we have to give our school's entry numbers to our co-ordinator on this day and paper work for the event is processed in the school holidays. **Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.**

### **Agricultural Day – Helpers Needed....Please ☺**

To make this day run smoothly we are totally reliant on volunteers. Below are jobs we need help with. If you can spare a few hours of your time it would be really appreciated. Please see Sharon in the school office if you can help.

- **Calf, goat and lamb stewards 1 x each section** - to assist the judge by organising the children with their animals, writing down the judges results and tying ribbons on the animals.
- **Flower Show Scribes x 1** – to assist the judges by writing the certificates once judging is completed.

### **Agricultural Day – Trophy Return**

- If you were awarded a trophy at last year's Agricultural Day, please return it to school ready for this year's prize giving.

## CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

### Assembly Awards

#### **Week 3**

Room 1	Nature Aitchison - For showing excellence during writing. Well done Nature.
Room 1	Isaac Hapi - For showing excellence in reading. Good job Isaac.
Room 2	Hannah Towl - Showing excellent improvement in reading and going up a reading group.
Room 2	Jude Ploeg - For showing excellence in his learning by persisting to complete tasks to a high standard.
Room 3	Bianca Wallis - For your increasing focus and enthusiasm in writing. Excellent work.
Room 3	Riley Boswell - For showing confidence when sharing ideas in group discussions.
Room 4	Blake Robinson Hastings - For making a great start on his speech and displaying excellent focus.
Room 4	Anya Fuller - Working hard to improve her reading and making excellent progress.
Room 5	Bridgette Donny - Sharing wonderful ideas during writing sessions.
Room 5	Lewis Surgenor - Having an amazing maths ability. Keep up the great thinking.
Room 6	Ella Sumner - Outstanding progress in her maths. Your hard work is paying off.
Room 6	Ben Milne - Outstanding progress in maths. You should be very proud.
Room 7	Carter Jackways - For being a polite, friendly and motivated member of Room 7.
Room 7	Baylee Garden - For her high level of motivation and focus in all that she does in class - you are doing great Baylee, keep up the great effort!
Room 8	Tegan Barham - For striving for excellence in all that you do; you set personal goals and work hard to achieve them. Well done.
Room 8	Rebecca Perham - For displaying persistence. You are a student who keeps tackling challenging tasks - without giving up.

#### **Week 4**

Room 1	Chloe Gyde - For the joy that you bring me every day with the gift of your smile.
Room 1	Cavalier Kingi - For the respect that you show people who are speaking to you.
Room 2	Grayson Wallace - For showing persistence in reading and writing. Keep up the great work!
Room 2	Ernie Young - For showing persistence in reading and writing. Keep up the great work!
Room 3	Nate Westgate - For showing excellence by doing his best consistently in all areas.
Room 3	Joseph Warbrick - For good progress in reading.
Room 4	Sophie Fairclough - For showing integrity, by doing what is right and showing respect for peers.
Room 4	Ella Thorpe - For showing integrity, by doing what is right and making excellent choices.
Room 5	Melisa Soltanizand - A high level of effort in learning to play the ukulele.
Room 5	Asher Hapi - Making excellent progress in his listening skills. Well done!
Room 6	Karenza Curtis - Believing in herself and producing a fantastic piece of writing.
Room 6	Ella Prangnell - Focusing on feedback and improving her gymnastics skills.
Room 7	Sullivan Hopewell - For striving for excellence within his Knowledge and Strategy work during maths time in class.
Room 7	Koen McCurdy - For striving for excellence within his Knowledge and Strategy work during maths time in class.
Room 8	Reiley Samuels-Porter - For showing integrity toward others. You value others and show kindness to your peers and younger students.
Room 8	Dan Cameron - For showing persistence in gymnastics. You give everything a go and challenge yourself in all that you do - be proud.

## Maths Whizz Results

### **Week 2**

#### **Progression Placings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Lewis Surgenor

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Isaac Stratford

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ashtyn Gyde

#### **Classroom Placings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Room 7

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Room 5

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Room 4

### **Week 3**

#### **Progression Placings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Paige Moka

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jessica Cuff

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Corbyn Ridley

#### **Classroom Placings:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Room 7

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Room 5

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Room 6

## Class Sharing Space

### Room 3

We have had a busy start to the term. We have been focusing on choosing descriptive language in our writing. Ms Hall even brought her cockatiel into class for us to describe using descriptive vocabulary. We also were lucky enough to experience the Waikato Schools Symphonic Band who performed for the school. We thought they were very cool and loved the different instruments they played. Richard from Project Energise came and helped us with our football skills ready for the Junior Football Tournament coming up.



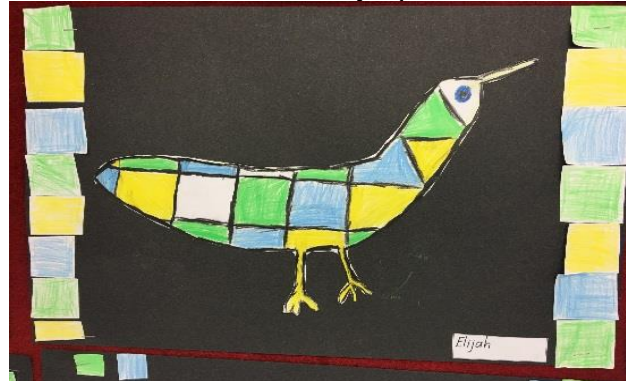
Archie and Addison checking out the cockatiel



Waikato Schools Symphonic Band



James and Hannah playing hard at football



Elijah's kiwi





## **Room 4**

Here are some narratives that Room 4 have written. These stories needed to include a problem and a solution. We hope you enjoy them!

### **The Deep Black Hole**

Greta was driving and she saw a cave. She stopped and hopped out of the ute and went in it. It was very dark, she saw bats and snakes and she fell in some sticky mud. She got out and fell in a deep hole. Then a guy came in a forest truck and heard her. He grabbed a hook tied it to a stronghhhhhhhhh rope and Greta grabbed onto it. She was very pleased to be saved.

By Madson

### **The Big Scary Monster**

Once upon a time I made a doodle. It had spikes for a chin, a pig nose for a nose and a mohawk for hair. His name is Jeff. He likes eating people. But one day some people found his cave that he stays in every day. He said "I'm going to eat you." "No you're not." "Oh yes I am. Actually I'm not." That was a lie, but the people didn't know. Then he said "Will you show me round the village you stay at?" They took the big scary monster to the village. It was a very long way. The monster sneaked up on them. Gobble, gobble, gobble. The monster had eaten them. The monster could see the village so he ran up to it. Everyone ran away. There was a nail seller in the monster's belly so the nail seller handed out a nail to every one so they got one each. They pushed and pushed, finally they got out. They all ran to their houses. The monster had to sew himself up and go home. The people lived happily ever after.

By Neve

### **Duck Shooting**

Uncle Paul picks Cory up in the big truck to go to the bach. We went down to the kayak and paddled to the possie. We shot a goose, but the rusty gun is not working. Uncle Paul fixed the gun by shoving a cleaning stick up the gun barrel. Paul shot the gun and it was working again. Uncle Steven and Uncle Paul shot a goose and a paradise duck.

By Cory

### **The Cat and the Fish**

One day a cat was sleeping, then it woke up. The cat saw the fish and the fish saw the fat cat. The black cat went straight for the fat fish. The cat got stuck in the bowl but the fish was on the ground. Then the human came into the door and quickly picked up the fish. The human pulled the cat out of the bowl. She put the gold fish back in to the glass fish bowl. Next time the human will take away the blue chair!

By Charlotte

## **REMINDERS**

### **Puss 'n Boots Show**

Thanks to the generosity of the PTA, the Playhouse Theatre Company will be doing a performance of this fantastic show for our students in Week 5. The PTA have heavily subsidised this learning opportunity for our students. A notice will be coming home with each student this week asking for a remaining \$2 donation towards the cost of this travelling performance company. This is part of our Arts curriculum. Follow up literacy activities have been provided by the theatre company.

## Team and Group Photographs

Team photographs will take place on Tuesday, 29 August. Envelopes have been sent home already. If your child is in a team / group and you didn't get an envelope please contact the office. **If you would like to purchase a photograph, please have your envelope and money to the school office by 9.00 am on Tuesday, 29 August.** If you do not get your envelope to the school before the photographer has left on that day, you can still order a photograph but you will have to send your request and payment to Photolife directly (address is on the envelope).

**If you managed or coached a team and would like to be in the photo, contact Sharon for the approximate time of your photograph.**

## Headlice

The school has been notified that a number of classes have children that are being treated for headlice. It is important that once discovered they are treated quickly so that they do not spread to others. Thank you to the families that have notified the school and that have treated their children. If you would like further information we have pamphlets in the school office from the Public Health Nurse.

## Kapa Haka Uniforms

On Thursday, 31st August there will be a group of parents and teachers meeting to cut material in preparation for sewing our new Kapa Haka uniforms. We are looking for some more sewers. They are a very simple wrap around design. If you would like to help out by cutting and/or sewing please let Mary Evans know or send a message to the office.

**HEALTHY HOME BAKING**

# GET SPICY

Sugar in recipes can be reduced by  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the suggested amount. Add spices like cinnamon, allspice or nutmeg for extra flavour.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

The infographic features a blue background. On the left, a glass bowl of white sugar is shown with a pink arrow pointing to two packets of spices: 'GROUND Cinnamon' and 'GROUND Nutmeg'. A 'Team Energy' logo is in the top right corner.

**HEALTHY HOME BAKING**

# HEALTHY SWAPS

Halve the amount of butter or oil and replace with:

- Mashed banana
- Mashed canned peaches – drain off any juice
- Stewed apples – no added sugar
- Natural yoghurt

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The infographic features a pink background. On the right, there are images of a bowl of mashed banana, a bowl of white yoghurt, and a can of 'PEACHES' in syrup. A 'Team Energy' logo is in the top right corner.

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Hi my name is Jaimee Carlson and I am a reliable 15 year old (ex student of Rotokauri School). I am available for babysitting at nights and on weekends. I have my own transport and have experience caring for my siblings and other friends /families children.

Please call me on 022 033 0401 or my mum Marie on 0274 303 844

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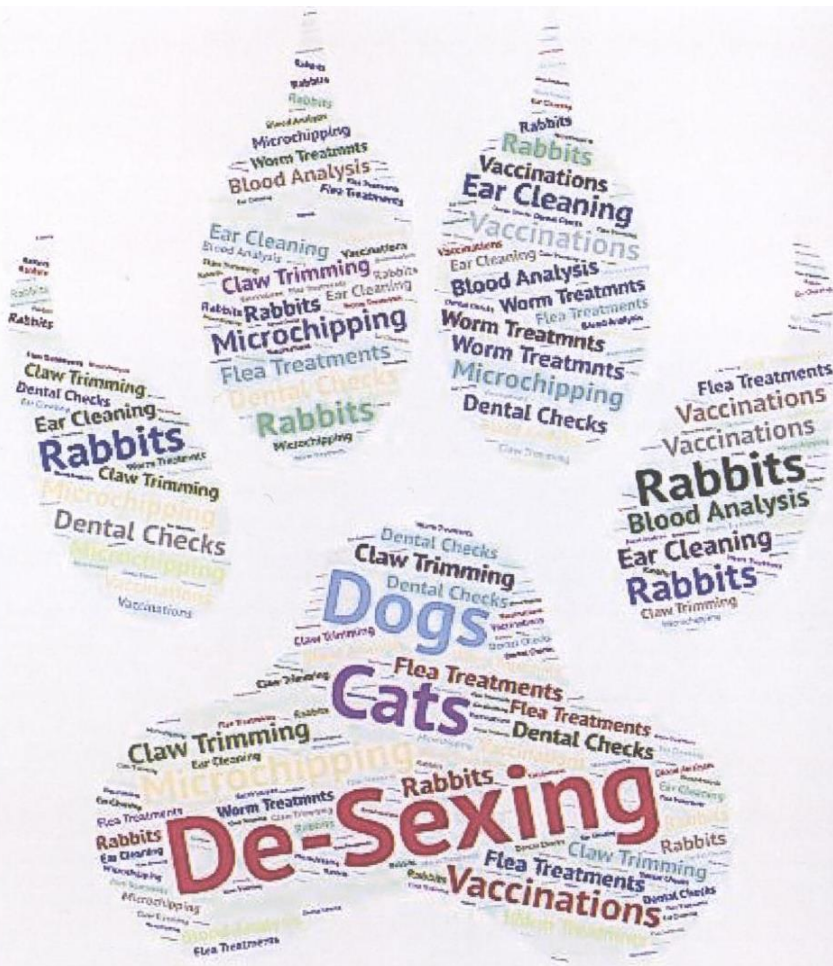
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<b>Cat Spey (female)</b>	\$90.00
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<b>Dog Spey (female)</b> - includes intravenous fluids	
X-Small (1 – 5 kg)	\$150.00
Small (5.1 – 10 kg)	\$195.00
Medium (10.1 – 25 kg)	\$220.00
Large (25.1 – 35 kg)	\$260.00
X-Large (35.1 – 45 kg)	\$300.00
<b>Dog Neuter (male)</b>	
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Large (25.1 – 45 kg)	\$200.00

### De-sexing Surgery

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<b>Cats male &amp; female</b>	\$40.00
<b>Dogs male &amp; female</b> - includes intravenous fluids	
X-Small (1 – 5 kg)	\$80.00
Small (5.1 – 10 kg)	\$100.00
Medium (10.1 – 25 kg)	\$140.00
Large (25.1 – 35 kg)	\$180.00
X-Large (35.1 – 45 kg)	\$200.00

De-sexing conditions apply. Bookings essential for all services. Open Thursdays & Fridays.

### Vaccinations & Microchipping

<b>Cat Vaccinations</b> (felocell 3)	\$25.00
<b>Dog Vaccinations</b>	
Vanguard +5 (parvo, distemper + hepatitis)	\$35.00
Lepto (single)	\$25.00
Kennel Cough (single)	\$25.00
Combination of 2	\$45.00
Combination of all 3	\$65.00
<b>Microchipping</b>	
Basic (chip only)	\$25.00
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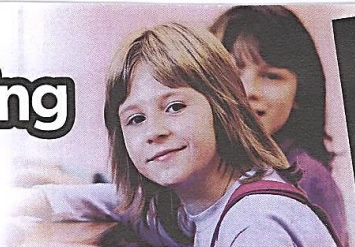
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