

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Rooms 1 & 2 Visit to Te Awamutu Primary School Enviro Unit



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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 Tommy Selwyn, Room 1. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

What a busy fortnight it has been for staff and students. Rooms 1 and 2 have enjoyed a bus trip to Te Awamutu Primary to learn about the Enviro initiatives that they have operating at their school e.g chickens, bees, worm farm, productive vege patch. Rooms 3 and 4 students participated in the Cluster Junior Football Tournament held at Bremworth Park. The students enjoyed a number of games and were lucky to have such amazing weather. Thank you to Mr Watkins for organising such a great tournament. Also, thank you to Danny Caulfield, Liam McLaughlin, Liam Townsend and Ella Kells for umpiring the games and helping the Rotokauri teams, and to Vanessa Campbell, Eden Miller, Tahlia Farrell, Jakin Warnock, Nick and Georgia Westgate for fundraising for the senior camp. Project Energise have been working in the school over the last two weeks, teaching the students about Lunch Boxes, Label Reading and Breakfasts. The classes have participated in Cricket Awareness workshops with Hamilton Cricket and many students attended the Puss 'n' Boots show.

As this newsletter goes to print the following students will be representing Rotokauri at the cluster Speech Competition at Te Uku School – Eden Miller, Ella Kells, Liam Townsend, Cooper Miller and Cole Viljoen-Thomson. Also, the following students will be competing in the Gymsport Festival at Hamilton City Gymsports – Savannah Smith, Kezia Samuel, Achsah Samuel, Isla Kahaki, Bella Wilson, Bridgette Donny, Tamsin Rose, Matthew Webber, Jesse Zillwood, Jett McFall, Karenza Curtis, Sullivan Hopewell, Cooper McLean, Cole Turney, Ella Burt, Lily Allen, Ella Caulfield, Hayley Jorgensen, Ryan Jorgensen, Bella'Capri Nelson and Keira Cowley. We wish them all the best of luck and know that they will make us proud by doing their best. We look forward to hearing about their success.

We are very pleased to sign the school up for online bookings for parent interviews. Thank you to the parents/caregivers that have followed the instructions and booked their child's Student Led Conference. These Student Led Conferences are new to Rotokauri School. Further information about this process of reporting to parents can be found below.

At this time of the year our Year 8 students are attending Open Days at a number of local high schools and are submitting their applications and CVs for 2018. We wish them luck.

Ngaa mihi nui.

Desiree Smith
Principal

GENERAL MATTERS

Student Led Conferences

Many schools in New Zealand are using student led conferences to report to and share information with parents and caregivers. Student led conferences are a conversation between the student, their parents and their teacher. It gives students the opportunity to share their growth as a learner. Students are accountable and responsible for their progress and achievement, and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners.

Student led conferences are designed to achieve some of these goals –

- to help students demonstrate evidence of learning
- to teach students the process of reflection and self-evaluation of their learning goals (goals set by themselves, their parent/s or by the teacher).
- to encourage student's oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence
- to encourage students, parents and teachers to engage in open and honest discussions about learning
- to encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning
- to increase parent understanding of their child's learning

Both research and experiences by other schools have demonstrated that student-led conferences offer many benefits including the following:

- stronger sense of accountability among students;

- stronger sense of pride in achievement among students;
- more productive student-teacher relationships;
- development of leadership skills among students;
- stronger links between home and school.

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

Entry forms are on the school website under newsletter attachments and notices (www.rotokauri.school.nz). Paper copies are also available at the school office if you do not have a printer. **Entries close on Wednesday, 27th September 2017. 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.

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.

Gardener Please

I would like to hear from someone who would be able to give their time to help in our vege garden for 1/2 hour a week. This would need to be during 1 lunch time between 12.45 p.m. and 1.15 p.m.

Mrs Jacqueline Hill – Room 1

PTA NEWS 

Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

CAR SHOW & GALA – Sunday 12th November 2017

Sponsorship Wanted

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

If you own a business or know of a business that would be interested in sponsoring our Car Show and Gala we would love to hear from you, sponsorship can be products or a service, through to a donation from \$50 - \$400 which will be used in many areas of this event to make it a great success.

When you become a sponsor your company's logo will be advertised immediately in the school newsletter for the duration up to the event, on our sponsor's board on the day, on the program and if you are one of our 4 main sponsors we have a sponsor's package which includes your logo on the event poster (\$400 sponsorship). Please email us for more details.

We are also seeking any new unused items that you may no longer want to re-gift as prizes. There is a box in the school office for you to leave any donated items.

Please email us if you can help in any way. - pta@rotokauri.school.nz

CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 5

Room 1	Ryan Russell - For showing the value of excellence in your learning.
Room 1	Luca Haldane - For your excellent attitude toward story writing.
Room 2	Devon Fuller - Showing the value of persistence and making great progress in writing and reading.
Room 2	Alex Perring - Showing the value of excellence in all you do and making excellent progress in reading.
Room 3	Charlie Jones - Learning so much from Mr X-man about how to reduce, reuse and recycle.
Room 3	Kees Rogers - Showing persistence, excellence and resilience in reading.
Room 4	Lachlan Emslie - For making excellent progress in his reading.
Room 4	Matthew Webber - For making excellent progress in his reading.
Room 5	Adam Towl - Making an excellent improvement in your attitude towards all areas of school.
Room 5	Bella'Capri Nelson - Striving for excellence in all that you do.
Room 6	Mikayla Farrell - Outstanding effort in your speech. Your hard work paid off.
Room 6	Kiedis Vallett - Having a strong clear voice in your speech.
Room 7	Aamira Ali - For showing the school value of Diversity by including and caring for others.
Room 7	Seth Dixon - For presenting his informative speech so confidently to the class - it was awesome to see. Be proud of yourself.
Room 8	Connor Hopewell - Striving for personal excellence. I was really impressed with the speech you wrote and presented to the class on Pineapple Lumps.
Room 8	Vanessa Campbell - Aiming to do the best that you can do in all areas of your learning. You serve as a positive role model to your peers.

No assembly week 6 due to photographs.

MATHS WHIZZ RESULTS

Week 4

Progression Placings:

1st Place - Paige Moka
2nd Place - Cole Turney
3rd Place - Vedhikah Goundar

Classroom Placings:

1st Place - Room 7
2nd Place - Room 5
3rd Place - Room 4

Week 5

Progression Placings:

1st Place - Hayley Jorgensen
2nd Place - Paige Moka
3rd Place - Corbyn Ridley

Classroom Placings:

1st Place – Room 7
2nd Place – Room 5
3rd Place – Room 6

Maths Whizz continued...

Congratulations to the following students that have made 3 or more progressions in their Maths Whizz by the end of Term 2:

Room 8 – Tegan, Vanessa, Isaac, Connor, Bailey, Eden, Heidi, Liam T, Jakin, Georgia, Darryn.

Room 7 – Amos, Ryleigh, Rylee, G’arni-Lee, Jessica, Sophie E, Liam J, Jaycob, Kezia, Koen, Cooper, Anaiya, Brooklyn, Jaxon, Cole, Kayla, Connor.

Room 6 – Achsah, Lily, Elias, Hosea, Hayley, Isla, Corey, Corbyn, Jayden.

Room 5 – Ashtyn, Grace, Angus, Hannah, Bella’Capri, Tamsin, Lewis, Seth, Jesse.

Room 4 – Caleb S, Carter, Lachlan.

Room 3 – Cooper, James, Nalei, Nate, Reed.

Room 2 – Nirav.

Seth Westgate - Motorcross

On Friday, 19th August Seth Westgate represented Rotokauri School in the Interschool Motorcross Competition held near Matamata.

He had a great day coming 2nd in all his races, for an overall placing of 2nd on the podium in his MX class of 7-8 years 65cc.



Speech Results

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 2	Reed Kahaki	Elijah Esselbrugge	Zakk McDonagh	
Year 3	Lachlan Emslie	Nadia Peng	Mason Newbold	
Year 4	Grace Cox & Lewis Surgenor		Jesse Zillwood	Ashtyn Gyde
Year 5	Elias Barber	Corey Molloy	Ella Caulfield	Rylee Barber-Smith
Year 6	Cole Viljoen-Thomson	Cooper Miller	Carter Jackways	Rylee Carlson
Year 7	Ella Kells	Hazel Rodney	Isaac Collinson	Dan Cameron
Year 8	Eden Miller	Liam Cornelissen	Liam Townsend	Nick Westgate

Junior Speech Cup – Lachlan Emslie

Senior Speech Cup – Eden Miller

Judge: Falstaff Mitchell-Dowling	MC: Bailey Lochore-Halpin
Judge: Sebastian Mitchell-Dowling	MC: Connor Hopewell

We are very proud of all our competitors; you all wrote informative and interesting speeches and presented them with such confidence.

Thank you to our judges and MCs, we are very lucky to have had your help on this very special occasion.

Class Sharing Space
Room 5



Daffodowndilly

By A.A. Milne

She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,
She wore her greenest gown;
She turned to the south wind
And curtsied up and down.
She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbour:
"Winter is dead."



REMINDERS

Kapa Haka Uniforms

Tonight, 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 mevans@rotokauri.school.nz

Headlice

This appears to be an ongoing issue for most schools. If you discover that your child/children have headlice it is a school expectation that they will be treated prior to returning to school. It is also important that other members of the family are treated. Our school's Public Health Nurse has provided tips for treating headlice. If you would like to use this information please see Sharon in the office for a copy of the paperwork.

Road Patrol

We work hard to keep our children safe, so we provide road patrollers and we encourage our students to use the pedestrian crossings daily. If you are walking your child/children to and from the carparks, please lead by example. It is also disappointing having to correct children's behaviour such as exiting and entering vehicles as this is a driver's responsibility.

School Hats – Terms 4 and 1

For Terms 4 and 1 all students need to wear a Rotokauri sunhat, which is available from the school office - \$15.00 each. These hats are not to be individualized (no graffiti or accessories added) by the students. Failure to have a hat means the child has to sit in a shaded area during break times.



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.

Hearing and Vision

We are being visited by our Hearing and Vision Technician on Tuesday, 12 September. Not all children will be tested. If you **do not** want your child tested, please contact the school office. If you have concerns about your child and would like them tested please also contact the school office. Please read the following information sheet.



Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school.

The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check
- New immigrants

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test
NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.



ICING

Icing should be kept for special occasion baking, like birthdays. Try one of these instead:

- Yoghurt – add a spoonful on the side
- Fresh or canned fruit - drain, slice & arrange on top
- Frozen berries when defrosted make a nice fruity sauce



TIP:

Use canned fruit in natural juice, not syrup for less sugar

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NO BAKE MUESLI BAR



Ingredients:

- 1 cup pitted dates – soak in water for 10min then drain
- 3 Tbsp. honey
- 3 Tbsp. peanut butter
- 1 cup natural nuts – loosely chopped
- 1 ½ cup rolled oats

Whizz up dates in a food processor and then add to oats and nuts in a separate bowl. Melt honey and peanut butter in a pot or microwave then add to

the oat mixture. Stir through to mix all ingredients. Transfer to a dish lined with plastic wrap or baking paper. Press down until flat then refrigerate until firm. Remove and chop into bars.



Makes approx. 15 bars

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Babysitter Available

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




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)

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