

Rotokauri School Newsletter



Issue No: 14

14 September 2017

ROOM 8 HAVE BEEN BUSY...

We are making a difference to our school environment by clearing away green waste. This will make a space for our compost heaps.



ROKOKAURI SCHOOL
462 Rotokauri Road
R D 9
HAMILTON 3289

Telephone (07) 849 5068
Fax (07) 849 4371
Email: office@rotokauri.school.nz
www.rotokauri.school.nz

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 Zeke Sia to Room 1. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

As I write this newsletter in my office I once again watch the rain pour down outside. The weather has most certainly had an impact on the staff and students at school over the last two terms. It is extremely wet underfoot and we thank everybody for their patience with moving around the school in a safe way in these conditions. Winter is officially over and spring is trying to do its thing. Sunny days are starting to make an appearance and we are enjoying some warmer days. The most direct effect that sunlight has on us is the way it makes us feel good. It is because our brain produces a mood enhancing chemical called serotonin. So let's hope for lots more sunny days to lift our spirits.

I am always proud of the accomplishments of our students, no matter how big or small, and I like watching the children enjoying the opportunities that they are presented with. I was fortunate to accompany five students to Te Uku for the cluster Speech Competitions and to watch them speak with confidence, as well as supporting each other. Their results along with the students that participated in the Gymnastics Festival

and Spelling Bee are mentioned later in this newsletter. Thank you to the staff and parents that attend these events, not only supporting their own children but the whole school team.

Also, a big thank you to the PTA committee for holding another successful disco. This takes a lot of organising but to see the smiles on the children's faces and to watch them having fun makes all the effort worthwhile.

On a more disappointing note, I would like to remind parents, caregivers and family members about the Code of Conduct for adults when on the school property. We expect parents, caregivers, visitors and other members of our school community to –

- Respect the values of our school.
- Demonstrate that everyone should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.

We would encourage parents to make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this.

We are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly school community, and we appreciate the partnerships that we develop between home and school.

Ngaa mihi nui.

Desiree Smith
Principal

GENERAL MATTERS

Student Led Conferences

Thank you to the number of parents/caregivers that came along to the Student Led Conferences held last week for the students in Rooms 5 – 8. If you would like to share some ideas about your experience with me please email dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz as the staff and students are completing a reflection on how effectively this type of reporting works.

Room 5 – 23/29 parents attended = 79%

Room 6 – 21/31 parents attended = 67%

Room 7 – 22/30 parents attended = 73%

Room 8 – 15/28 parents attended = 53%

CELEBRATIONS

Speech Results (Cluster)

Year 5 & 6 **1st place** = Cooper Miller
 2nd place = Cole Viljoen-Thomson

Year 7 & 8 **1st place** = Ella Kells

Open **1st place** = Liam Townsend
(all year levels)

The Great Waikato Spelling Bee 2017

On Saturday, 9th September the following students represented Rotokauri School at The Great Waikato Spelling Bee:

Year 5 Category

Hayley Jorgensen

Year 6 Category

Connor Williams-Thomas

Brooklyn Snelgrove

Year 7 Category

Hazel Rodney

Heidi Perring

Year 8 Category

Reiley Samuels-Porter

Liam Townsend

Connor Hopewell

We are very delighted to announce that **Hayley Jorgensen placed 1st** in her category and Rotokauri School was placed 2nd overall. We are also really proud of all of our competitors; we know you practiced hard for this event, and it certainly was not an easy one.

Assembly Awards

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Week 7

Room 1	Alex Dombroski – For using new maths skills
Room 1	Rhys Jorgensen - For showing persistence when he is working independently.
Room 2	Ryan Keightley - For showing great improvement in his writing. Showing the value of integrity by sharing and showing kindness to his classmates.
Room 2	Lucie Birks - For meeting her writing goals and continuing to improve on her writing. Showing the value of excellence in all her learning
Room 3	Reed Kahaki - Excellent place value knowledge - showing understanding of bigger numbers.
Room 3	Mercedes Barber - Excellent progress in reading this term - keep up the great work.
Room 4	Mason Newbold - For delivering his speech with great expression and eye contact. The audience enjoyed the humour.
Room 4	Nadia Peng - For confidently delivering her speech and using great expression.
Room 5	Kaycee Whitfield - For an improvement in your reading comprehension.
Room 5	Grace Cox - For making excellent progress in reading this term.
Room 6	Euan Aitchison - For having a good understanding of his learning and clearly reporting this to his mum.
Room 6	Corey Molloy - For showing improved responsibility and getting focused on his task quicker and more regularly.
Room 7	Jaycob Elliott-Daysh - For always producing work that is of a high quality as he strives for personal excellence.
Room 7	Anaiya Nelson - For being a focused and motivated learner who will only hand in her best work - showing personal excellence.
Room 8	Vanessa Campbell - For achieving excellence in all areas of your school life. You set achievable goals and use these to guide you - well done!
Room 8	Liam Townsend - For striving for and achieving personal excellence with your speech writing and presentation. Be proud!

Week 8

Room 1	Orlando Smith - For returning to his work after being distracted. A very useful skill.
Room 1	Aja Jessop - For your amazing persistence, and your steady focus on your work.
Room 2	Noah Rose - For showing the value of excellence by working hard in all you do. You are always on task and an excellent role model.
Room 2	Evie Wilson - Showing the value of excellence in all you do by persisting in your learning tasks and presenting your work to a high standard.
Room 3	James Ward - For being a risk taker in writing. You included correctly punctuated complex sentences in your persuasive writing.
Room 3	Madison Gibson - For being a risk taker in writing. You included correctly punctuated complex sentences in your persuasive writing
Room 4	Talei Phillips - Making excellent progress in reading and working hard to improve her comprehension
Room 4	Jett McFall - Putting 100% effort into learning the actions and words in Kapa Haka.
Room 5	Alex Porter - Showing an improvement in focus and finishing work to the best of your ability.
Room 5	Mya Atchison - For a high level of focus and determination to always do her best work.
Room 6	Oscar Stratford - Great improvement in his writing.
Room 6	Ella Sumner - Improvement in her surface features in her writing.
Room 7	Alicia Norton - For always putting a high level of effort and focus into all that she does. It has been great to see your confidence grow Alicia.
Room 7	Thomas Keightley - For being a great role model of the Rotokauri Values on a daily basis.
Room 8	Georgia Westgate - For displaying integrity. I noticed how you offered to take someone else's bucket of dirt when they were struggling. Be proud of this!
Room 8	Daniel Prangnell - For striving for personal excellence. You try your absolute best to achieve personal excellence in all areas of school life. Great effort!

Maths Whizz Results

Week 6

Progression Placings:

- 1st Place – Angus Elliott
- 2nd Place – Corbyn Ridley
- 3rd Place – Ashtyn Gyde

Classroom Placings:

- 1st Place – Room 5
- 2nd Place – Room 6
- 3rd Place – Room 8

Week 7

Progression Placings:

- 1st Place – Cooper Hobbs
- 2nd Place – Isaac Stratford
- 3rd Place – Matthew Webber

Classroom Placings:

- 1st Place – Room 6
- 2nd Place – Room 4
- 3rd Place – Room 3

Gymsport Festival

The Gymsport Festival was held on Wednesday the 30th of August at the Hamilton Gymsports Complex. The following students represented our school at this event: Savannah, Kezia, Achsah, Isla, Bella W, Bridgette, Tamsin, Matthew, Jesse, Jett, Ella, Lily A, Ella C, Karenza, Sullivan, Cooper, Cole, Hayley, Ryan, Bella'Capri, and Keira. We are really proud of our students and know that they performed and competed with such confidence. Thank you to those parents who helped with transport and supervision on the day.

Class Sharing Space

Room 7

Persuasive Writing

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

Everyone should be trying to reduce the amount of waste that goes into the 'lazy bin'. Why you ask? We are about to give you three reasons why.

Firstly, when you recycle, you help protect wildlife. Picture this, the world's biggest dump, and you probably don't picture an ocean, but that's the sad reality of what some parts of the Pacific have become. Unfortunately, a lot of our rubbish enters our drains and eventually makes its way onto our beaches and waterways which kills our sea mammals and beach birds.

Secondly, there are huge benefits for EVERYONE when you recycle. Together we can make a difference by reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills. Recycling saves natural resources such as timber, water and minerals. And don't forget it saves energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change. It is true if we keep putting rubbish into our land, our world will be wiped out, so listen in!

Thirdly, many of the resources that are used to produce packaging in our world are limited. This includes a lot of our natural raw materials like sand, trees, oil, minerals, vitamins and lots more. And don't forget that most of our plants are used to make plastic so soon our lovely green world will be a brown grotty place where everything is dead.

So don't forget to reduce, reuse and recycle, let's keep our world green!

By G'arni-Lee Clark & Jessica Cuff.

Room 8

Room 8 is learning how to write in a persuasive way.

WALT: recraft sentences/ideas to make them persuasive

- * I eat food to stay healthy.
- * I know it is good to have a balanced diet.
- * Knowing what goes into my food is a good thing.
- * What I eat effects my energy levels.
- * I make choices with my diet every day or as a teenager to look after my body and mind.

HOW: Use: emotive language, rhetorical questions, and time connectives.

Re-crafted sentences:

It's been scientifically proven if you know what's going into your food you're more likely to eat and be healthier; therefore, making you a happier person. It cannot be stressed enough, it is vital that you know this information. Would you agree?

Crafted by Liam Townsend.

It is absolutely true that our energy levels are effected by the foods that we choose to eat. Therefore, you won't have the energy to perform at our best if you make the wrong choices. Do you think this is important?

Crafted by Georgia Westgate.

Why do you eat the food you eat? You eat healthy food to maintain a fit and healthy body. A homemade burger is healthier than a burger from McDonald's. You should try to cook from home as much as you can so you know what you're eating. As a result, you know what goes into your food and you are making healthy choices.

Crafted by Daniel Prangnell.

REMINDERS

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.

PGG Wrightson and Ballance Fundraiser

This spring, PGG Wrightson and Ballance Agri-Nutrients will again run Cash For Communities and give farmers an opportunity to raise funds for their local school. PGG Wrightson and Ballance will donate \$1 for every tonne of qualifying Ballance fertilizer purchased by farmers who have registered and nominated their school. The school with the highest amount of nominations in both the North and South Island will receive three Apple iPad Pros each. The school with the second highest amount of nominations will receive two Apple iPad Pros each. So if you have family or friends that own farms and could possibly help to support our school in this way please share this information with them or find out more details on the website www.pggwrightson.co.nz

Agricultural Day

This day is fast approaching. We hope that the animal rearing is going well. Don't forget that entries for children competing with either a goat, lamb, calf or chicken needs to be into the school office as soon as possible.

Staff are currently reviewing the Indoor Activities programme and information will be coming out to families soon.

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.

- **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.

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.**

Agrisea Available - FREE

If you would like a free bottle (or 2) of Agrisea animal supplement, please come to the school office.

Breakfast

Richard from Project Energize has been doing nutrition sessions with each class for the last 3 weeks covering the topics of healthy lunch boxes, making healthy choices around take away foods and also the importance of a healthy breakfast. He and the teachers were surprised with the high number of our students that don't eat breakfast every day. Breakfast is an important meal to fuel your body and mind and to give you the necessary energy for the day ahead. Missing breakfast can leave you tired, lacking concentration and not to mention hungry! Ask your children what the best choices for breakfast are.

BREAKFAST?

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day! It kickstarts you for the day and boosts brain power. Kids who don't eat breakfast find it harder to concentrate and learn at school.

GREAT CHOICES:
**Weetbix,
Porridge, & Toast**

They are low in sugar and have plenty of goodness so are a great start to the day.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016



Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

Car Show & Gala – 12th November 2017

Do you have any new unused items you would like to donate to the school to be used as prizes? If so please drop into the box in the school office.

If you or your work has any products or services they can donate we would love to have these too. (for Mystery Envelopes & Silent Auctions)

Any assistance that parents can offer in helping source prizes would help as the PTA is 7 parents who put a great deal of time into events such as this.

If you would like to sponsor a stall or activity this year please email us for the cost of the ones we require sponsorship for.

We need Lollipop's for the Lollipop Tree Game this year if anyone is keen to donate a bag or two (can be placed in the box in the office)

Sponsorship

We are seeking sponsorship for the Car Show & Gala. If you have a business that would like to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Product, Service or Donation of \$50 will all help towards prizes, running costs and purchasing of items for this event.

A Donation Invoice will be given.

Your Business logo will go in the school newsletter and sponsorship board on the day. We are also looking for a couple more main sponsors that will be given the chance to choose one of the Top 5 Classic Cars on the day.

Book Fair

Books wanted, please drop off at the MPR

Board Games & Puzzles

Wanted complete & incomplete board games.

Puzzles – complete

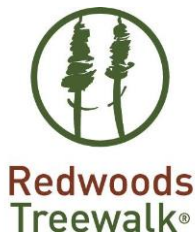
Drop off point MPR

Envelopes Wanted

Coloured for Mystery Envelopes

Rotokauri School Car Show and Gala 2017 Sponsors





Please support these businesses who are so kindly supporting our school

Round the Bridges 2017 – 2km Kids Challenge

© Classic Events Limited 2017



Registration Guide 2017

Overview

Schools are crucial to the success of Round the Bridges, and we encourage every child to get together with their peers and run together as a school. The 2km Kids Challenge is an excellent opportunity for schools to be involved, both as a recreational and competitive outlet.

This year, schools won't necessarily need to create a 'team'. We have uploaded a list of all schools in the Waikato Region for parents and children to select upon registering.

Key Dates 2017	Price	Super Saver 10 July - 31 Aug	Early Bird 01 Sept - 12 Oct	Full Price 13 Oct - 13 Nov
Entry Type				
2km Kids Challenge		\$6	\$8	\$10
Under 20's		\$10	\$14	\$18
Adults		\$20	\$29	\$38
Community Service Card Holders		\$10	\$14	\$18

Children and their parents will need the following details to enter online:

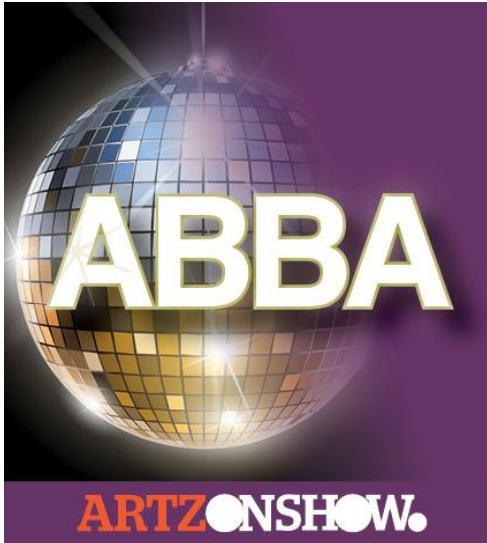
- A valid email address (may be a parent's email address)
- Personal details including date of birth
- School name (and team name if you have opted to create a team)
- Contact phone number
- Emergency contact name and phone number
- Parent/guardian information (if under 16 at the time of the event)
- Medical Conditions, past and/or present
- Must agree to the event terms and conditions

When children register as part of the 2km Kids Challenge, they will be prompted to pick which school they attend. Our school is on this list, so click Rotokauri School to ensure you register as a school team member.

The link below will provide you with the information you require.

<http://www.roundthebridges.co.nz/entry-info/>

If you require further information, contact Helena Kirkham: hkirkham@rotokauri.school.nz



Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

9 - 13 October 2017, 9 am – 4 pm daily
Held at Southwell School

*View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 0800 667 469*

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

KIDS FIND PUBLIC VOICE For confident public speaking

LEARN: School Speeches - Impromptu - Speaking Skills – Discussion plus!

Roz 027 248 2888 roz@speak4success.co.nz www.speak4success.co.nz



ASB

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

ASB Bank Limited 56290 12478 0617

VEG IT UP



Look for recipes that include vegetables such as carrot muffins, spinach and cheese scones or zucchini loaf.



Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

LITTLE CHEFS




Baking is a fun family activity!

Getting kids in the kitchen is a good opportunity to talk about healthy food and learn and practise cooking, maths and fine-motor skills, plus it's FUN!



Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

Sponsors of the
Rotokauri School Coromandel Fishing Tournament



WEST HAMILTON
AUTO REFINISHERS

JASON CAMPBELL

PANEL & PAINT

127 COLOMBO ST.
FRANKTON

P. 07 957 2415
F. 07 957 2416
M. 029 957 2415
E. whar_dsl@clear.net.nz



THE MEAT WAREHOUSE
Low priced quality meat
... Direct to you!

5 Wickham Street
Hamilton

Ph: (07) 847 3372
Fax: (07) 847 9333

PO Box 15178
Hamilton 3243

Waikato Ear Health
Now at Northcare Medical Centre, Pukete
Wednesdays
No referral required

- Professional ear care by experienced NZ registered nurse
- Ear Micro-examination and micro-suction (performed under direct vision using a microscope)
- For removal of wax, skin, debris and foreign objects.

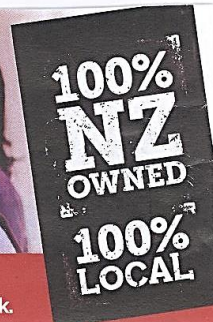
Adults \$48 Children (over 4yrs old) \$38
Ph 0800777327 for appt



NEW WORLD
Te Rapa



**Proudly supporting
our community**



New World Te Rapa is proud to sponsor your school.
Every time you shop at New World Te Rapa and swipe your Fly Buys card you help us give back.