


# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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The background of the cover is a photograph of a calm lake with a line of trees and a church spire in the distance under a blue sky with light clouds. In the bottom right corner, there is a faint, stylized illustration of a kiwi bird.

  
*Rotokauri School presents:*  
**Our Place in the World**  
*The story of an epic journey.*

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2017**  
**Venue: Central Baptist Church,**  
**Charlemont Street**  
**Hamilton**  
**Time: 6:30pm**

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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**

What wonderful weather we are enjoying at the moment. The countdown to the end of the year is in full swing – there is testing, report writing, class and stationery lists being developed, and of course, our school production. It is great to see the commitment and excitement building as we inch closer to the big night where we will showcase not only our student's creativity, but also travel on a journey of discovery about what happens at Rotokauri School. Tickets for the show are now on sale from the school office. Get in quick as tickets are limited.

It is with deep sadness that we announced this week the passing of our dear friend and colleague Mrs Clara Lange. We were extremely grateful for her dedication to the students, her incredible artistic and musical talent, her cheeky sense of humour and her beautiful caring nature. Mrs Lange will be remembered by a number of students at the school as she was a regular reliever and also taught in Room 8 with Mrs Hill. It was a pleasure to know and work with such an incredible woman and she will be missed by so many people. This is a difficult time for staff and students as we grieve with Clara's family and we appreciate the kind words we have received from parents that knew Clara and for your support as we prepare to attend her funeral on Friday afternoon.



## Rotokauri School - 2012 Room 8 - Year 1 & 2



Back Row: Sophie Barris, Kian McNamara, Mitchell Robinson, Zhane Northover-Kiore  
2nd Row: Tyla Brooks, Cole Thomson, Mrs Clara Lange (Teacher), Bailey Lochore-Halpin, Mrs Jacqueline Hill (Teacher), Isaac Collinson, Tristan Flay  
Front Row: Tallulah Paea, Ella Tunnell, Rylee Carlson, Koen McCurdy, Brooklyn Snelgrove, Daniel Prangnell, Kate Ruediger, Samantha Jones, Aamira Ali

At the Board meeting last week we accepted Mr Mike Watkins resignation. Mike has won a teaching position at Aberdeen School for 2018. Congratulations Mike, we all wish you all the best with your new career change. The Appointments Committee are currently working through the appointments process to ensure that we start 2018 with all vacancies filled.

Thank you to the PTA and all the volunteers for all their efforts with running the Car Show and Gala. As many people commented to me it really was outstanding having the whole community come together on such a great occasion. Great work everyone. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers that have put their name on the list for pool volunteers. The school swimming pool will be able to be opened to pool key holders now that this committee has been formed.

This week a parent survey quite different to the BOT survey will come to all families electronically. As we plan for next year we need to understand what has worked well this year and where we can make improvements, therefore your views and opinions are really important in this process. The cut-off date for getting these surveys back to school will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 3.00 p.m. Have a great week everyone.

Ngaa mihi nui.

Desiree Smith  
Principal

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

### **Swimming Pool**

Reminder – swimming pool keys are currently on sale from the school office. Pool keys (with access to tennis court as well) are \$75 and a tennis court key on its own is \$25. A key holder agreement must be completed and signed when making payment. The swimming pool will open on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **17<sup>th</sup> November Deadline**

Thank you to the parents/caregivers that provided feedback about their preference for their child's class placement for 2018 and those that notified us of their child leaving Rotokauri next year.

### **Production**

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Time: 6.30 p.m

Venue: Central Baptist Church on Charlemont Street

Tickets available from the school office during school time.

Ticket prices: \$10 per adult

\$2 per school age child

Pre-schoolers free if sitting on lap

Please note: students in the performance do not need to pay for a ticket.

### **Rotokauri School Values**

The focus of our production is on our school values –

P = Persistence

R = Resilience

I = Integrity

D = Diversity

E = Excellence

Our values this term are integrity and diversity. Staff are spotting students that are demonstrating these values and are awarding Values tokens which go into a Values box and two names are pulled out per week and the recipient is rewarded with a juicy.

Integrity –

We know that we value this when we:

- Are honest and tell the truth.
- Do what's right and make good choices.
- Show respect for people and the environment.

Diversity –

We know that we value this when we:

- Are being friendly with others.
- Showing kindness to others.
- Show an interest in others.



## **Car Parking**

Thank you to everyone for the big improvement in the traffic flow in the car park after school. By staggering the times that families are arriving there is less congestion. The bottom gate will be open on a daily basis from next week if parents/caregivers would like to start using this.

The road patrollers are impressed with the way that drivers are finding car parks if their children need to enter the vehicle from the driver's side of the car. This is ensuring that children are safe at all times. The bus bay is a drive-through so drivers need to remain in their vehicles and move on as soon as possible.

## **Library**

The library will be closing for the year on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. All library books need to be returned prior to this date. Mrs Toni Rae will be doing an annual stocktake of the library. Any books still unreturned will be invoiced. Please have a good look around home and bring back any readers or library books. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

## **Stationery**

Next year we are starting a new system for purchasing stationery. There will be packs of stationery available for purchasing online, by phone or in store at OfficeMax. Further details will be provided soon.

# **BOT NEWS**

## **CAR SHOW AND GALA DAY**

We just wanted to say a massive THANK YOU to the wonderful team of parents who organised and helped out with the PTA's major fundraiser of the year. Without the PTA and the support of the community these events would not be able to go ahead. Well done on another great year.



## **SCHOOL POOL KEY**

School pool keys are now available to purchase for the upcoming summer season. You can purchase these from the school office for \$75.00.

## **PLANNING 2018**

Planning for next year is underway, the BOT will be working hard with the community and whole school team to put together plans for our school moving forward.

## **SURVEY**

Thank you again to everyone who filled in our community survey. We will be looking at the results and feedback over the coming months.

Contact us:  bot@rotokauri.school.nz Next meeting: Wednesday 13th December @ 7pm

## CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

### Assembly Awards

#### **Week 5**

Room 1	Hunter Edgar-Brewer - For the integrity you show when you are completing jobs around the classroom.
Room 1	Kaylee Clark - You are an outstanding role-model for our class Kaylee. I can always rely on you.
Room 2	Evie Wilson - Making excellent progress in reading and writing, showing the value of integrity by working hard on her learning tasks. Evie always produces work of a high standard.
Room 2	Noah Rose - Making excellent progress in writing. Noah works very hard to sound out the words he is unsure of, showing the value of persistence. He is an excellent role model.
Room 3	Regan Bennett - For showing resilience and taking risks in his learning.
Room 3	Vedhikah Goundar - For including special effects in her writing.
Room 4	Deanna Smith - For showing the value of diversity, by being friendly and kind towards others.
Room 4	Jamie Haldane - For making excellent progress in reading. Keep up the great work Jamie.
Room 5	Hannah Hobbs - For your fantastic input and motivation during dance.
Room 5	Bella Wilson - For your fantastic input and motivation during dance.
Room 6	Fin O'Rourke - Showing an excellent use of the writing process.
Room 6	Ben Milne - Showing outstanding enthusiasm in his story writing.
Room 7	Sophie Elliott - For being a self-managing student who strives for excellence in all that she does.
Room 7	Anaiya Nelson - For being a self-managing student who strives for excellence in all that she does.
Room 8	Reiley Samuels-Porter - For displaying integrity. You show kindness and respect to your peers and younger students. Thank you so much!
Room 8	Bailey Lochore-Halpin - Aiming for and achieving personal excellence. This is something you should be really proud of.

#### **Week 6**

Room 1	Usman Niazi - For great progress learning your alphabet and sounds.
Room 1	Luca Haldane - For noticing your letters and sounds.
Room 2	Ellie Fairclough - For showing the value of diversity by helping another student to reach a personal goal on the adventure trail. Ellie stayed behind to help this student over the climbing wall.
Room 2	Grayson Wallace - For showing the value of persistence by trying something that he found frightening. Grayson made it over the climbing wall on the adventure trail today.
Room 3	Cooper Hobbs - For persistence and extending your thinking.
Room 3	Lachie Anderson - Showing great focus in your learning. Keep it up.
Room 4	Caleb Jacobs - For showing the value of diversity by being a good friend.
Room 4	Oliver Selwyn - For showing the value of integrity, by working hard to make good choices in our class.
Room 5	Keira Cowley - Excellent focus and determination during dance.
Room 5	Lewis Surgenor - Showing excellent reading skills and results.
Room 6	Mikayla Farrell - Outstanding improvements in writing. Your confidence has also improved a lot.
Room 6	Euan Aitchison - I really appreciate how polite you always are. You show kindness and caring to everyone.
Room 7	Riley Cornelissen - For making better choices in the class and working hard on his Maths-Whizz learning.
Room 7	Alicia Norton - For showing a high level of persistence and resilience when training for high jump.
Room 8	Nick Westgate - For aiming for and achieving personal excellence. Nick, you serve as a positive role model. Be proud!
Room 8	Molly Fletcher - For being a responsible and reliable student - I can always count on you to get a job done. Thank you!

## MATHS WHIZZ RESULTS

### Week 4

#### Progression Placings:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Connor Williams-Thomas

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mya Aitchison

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Isaac Collinson

#### Classroom Placings:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Room 8

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Room 7

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Room 5

### Week 5

#### Progression Placings:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Connor Williams-Thomas

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nadia Peng

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Bailey Lochore-Halpin

#### Classroom Placings:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Room 8

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Room 7

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Room 5

## REMINDERS

### Headlice

This is an ongoing problem – they never go away! Please get into the habit of checking your children's hair regularly. If you find evidence of headlice please treat your children and retreat as recommended by whatever product you are using. We have information available for parents in the office from the Public Health Nurse. If you would like to read it, please see Sharon.

### Helpful Resource

KidsLink is an online resource available to parents to find a range of services that specialise in working with children, teenagers and their families with issues. They help with educational, physical and emotional needs.

## Make a great connection with KidsLink



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[kidslink.co.nz](http://kidslink.co.nz)

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Rotokauri School PTA has these two vouchers up for grabs, please email the PTA with your best offer. Highest offer for each voucher received by 3pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December takes it away.

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

Note: anytime fitness to be presented by 31<sup>st</sup> December to validate voucher.



**SUPER SUMMER SALADS**

# DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Dress your salad with this creamy homemade dressing:

- 2 Tbsp. Greek yoghurt
- 2 Tbsp. oil
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- garlic - crushed
- black pepper

Mix Greek yoghurt, olive oil and vinegar, stirring to combine.  
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# Squiggle Holiday Programme, Hamilton



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We're heading off to the Hamilton Zoo, hiking up the Hakarimata's, learning how to 'free run' and for some down-time, we'll chill out at the movies watching "Coco".

Squiggle runs from one of the best locations in Hamilton - Waikato Diocesan School (Fairfield) from 8am-5.30-pm Mon-Fri. We offer 20% discount for siblings and eligible families can apply for WINZ funding. To enrol, please go online

– [www.squiggle.org.nz/enrol](http://www.squiggle.org.nz/enrol), or contact Katrina [katrina@squiggle.org.nz](mailto:katrina@squiggle.org.nz) or 027-909 3903.

A vertical advertisement for S.T.M FIT AVALON. At the top is a logo featuring an owl inside a shield with the text "S.T.M FIT AVALON". Below the logo is the slogan "THE STUDIO THAT CARES" and "Classes perfect for parents". The main image shows a person in a gym setting with the text "me TIME" overlaid, where "me" is in orange and "TIME" is in white. A white banner below says "It's important!". At the bottom, it reads "ROKOKAURI SCHOOL: 2 DAY FREE TRIAL". Contact information for Richard is provided: phone 027 780 0170 and email knowlsonr@stmfunctionalfit.com. A Facebook icon and the text "Like us on Facebook // STM FIT Avalon" are at the very bottom.

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