

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Teachers Paid Union Meeting

A reminder that on Monday 25th June some of our teachers will be attending a NZEI teacher union meeting at Claudelands at 1.30 p.m. This is part of the Teachers Collective contract. To ensure minimal disruption, Rotokauri School will remain open during this time. As most teachers will be attending this meeting we will be organising alternative programmes run by the remaining teachers for students at school. To help with this organisation you may choose, if you wish, to take your child/children home at the earlier time of 12.30 should this suit your family. Today the students will come home with a note which we would like to have returned by Monday. It would be appreciated if you could indicate if you are going to make alternative arrangements e.g. you will be taking your child home at 12.30 p.m.

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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

At Rotokauri School we endeavour to provide a variety of educational opportunities for our students. This week we are celebrating Matariki, culminating in our short assembly tomorrow at 2.45 p.m. All families are welcome to attend. I would like to thank all the parents/caregivers/extended family that support our teachers by helping with classroom programmes – testing spelling, listening to children read, assisting with PMP and providing transport/supervision on school trips. We appreciate your contributions. Students are excited about the upcoming Fun Run and we encourage you to help your child/children with the new fundraising system online. If you need any assistance with organising your child's profile please talk to your child's teacher.

In the news at the moment is lots of discussion about school Agricultural Days and the impact that *Mycoplasma bovis* is having. Some schools have decided to exclude calves from their Agricultural Days. Rotokauri School has made the decision to continue with calf entries at this year's Agricultural Day. There will be some simple precautions that will be implemented to minimise the risks. Group Day at Gordonton will be excluding calf entries.

Another topic which is causing great frustration to some of our families is the outbreaks of headlice. Some families are treating their child/children but are finding they keep getting re-infested. Please notify the school (by emailing the office or myself) every time your child comes home with a fresh batch of headlice, as the whole school community needs to take responsibility for the problem. It is important that families complete any

treatment, keep checking their child's hair and follow prevention tips. It is an expectation that children's hair will be treated if they have headlice so that the spread to other children is minimised.

Have a great fortnight.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

PTA NEWS

Disco Thursday 28th June

Theme: Black and White

Where: Multipurpose Room

Time: 6.00 - 7.30 pm Juniors Years 1 – 4 (Rooms 1-5)
7.30 - 9.00 pm Seniors Years 5 – 8 (Rooms 5-8)

Cost: \$2:00 entry fee

- Food available for sale.
- Children must have a signed permission slip to attend the disco.
- Junior parents please pick up your child / children at the back doors of the Multipurpose Room at 7.30 pm.
- Tea and coffee will be available in the admin foyer from 6.00 pm for parents who would like to stay and mingle with other parents. This will be provided free by your PTA.
- **Note:** This is a **Thursday disco** not a Friday like we have had in the past.

Oxford Pie Fundraiser

Thank you to the families that supported this PTA fundraiser. We hope that you enjoy your delicious pies.

Second Hand Items

The PTA have a few second hand Rotokauri t-shirts for sale. If you would like to purchase one of these please see Raewyn via the office before 9.00 am. The cost is \$5.00 each. We have size 14, 12 and 8. Please note these are pre-loved and are not in new condition.

The School Fun Run Fundraiser

Well done to the 118 children who have made their online profile pages and started fundraising. So far we have made over \$2,000 (net profit) from the School Fun Run sponsors. This is a very exciting start. The money goes to the Sound System upgrade for the Multipurpose Room.

The Fun Run is on 3rd July. Children can create their Fun Run profile page here <https://schoolfundraising.co.nz>. Then share that profile page to collect donations online. Every child who earns \$10 or more in donations will receive a prize of their choice.

PB4L

Our next school value in the acronym PRIDE is INTEGRITY. This means being responsible for our choices and actions. It also means being fair and honest.

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.

Congratulations to the following students that have been identified by their teachers or their peers to receive rewards:

Mackenzie O'Rourke – for being kind to others.

Tamsin Rose – showing the value of integrity by being kind and honest to everyone in class.

Jesse Zillwood – showing the value of excellence by picking up a game that he didn't get out.

Arbor Day

I love receiving positive feedback about Rotokauri School so it was lovely to open a letter from the Hamilton City Council in regards to our participation at Arbor Day. The Parks and Recreation Team extended their warm appreciation to staff, pupils and caregivers from Rotokauri School for their tremendous contribution and efforts on Friday 1st June at Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park. All involved showed great enthusiasm and passion. They hope that the students will continue to be connected to this important place and feel proud of the benefits they've helped to provide for all.

Well done everyone!!!

Kapa Haka

If you are able to attend our short Matariki celebration assembly on this Friday you will be impressed with the whole school Kapa Haka. Every week staff and students are taught by Whaea Penny and the results have been wonderful. I was reading a professional magazine a few weeks back about the benefits to all students of participating in Kapa Haka opportunities and I would like to share the following information which I found interesting –

Kapa Haka provides an avenue for students to be culturally connected learners. It also provides them with a platform for expression, giving them the opportunity to experience success, gain confidence through performance, and step up as leaders and role models. Through Kapa Haka, students are able to experience a holistic way of learning – which is conducive to a sense of well-being (hauora). There are also physical demands requiring stamina, coordination and manipulation of props e.g. poi, the cognitive aspect of learning and memorizing language, the social aspect of coming together and performing as one.

GENERAL MATTERS

Thanks Cliff and Viper

Thank you to Cliff Bell from the New Zealand Police for visiting the Junior School on Thursday 7 June. He brought in his dog Viper and his puppy Justice. We got to hear a lot of interesting information about his role as a dog handler and how he helps people in the community.



Gumboot Day

Well done to all the staff and students that participated in this FUN activity. There were some very creative decorated gumboots that came along to school on the day. Below are the winners of the class competition –

Room	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Room 1	Jaxson Williams	Kade Calnan	Israel Warbrick	Elsie Van Rooij
Room 2	Alex Dombroski	Liam Surgenor	Aja Jessop	Rebecca Cameron Nature Aitchison Bella Gyde
Room 3	Maddox Annis	Hannah Towl	Ryn Keightley	Reece Calnan Lucie Birks Ellie Fairclough Clarke Robinson
Room 4	Charlie Jones	Vedhikah Goundar	Madison Gibson	Addison Jennings Archie Cameron Joseph Warbrick
Room 5	Adam Towl	Maya Sharma	Sophie Fairclough	Corbyn Smith Carter Jessop
Room 6	Vinnie Gibson	Bella'Capri Nelson	Bella Wilson	Grace Cox
Room 7	Oliver Campbell	Natal Birks	Hayley Jorgensen	Kayla Westgate
Room 8	Bailey Lochore-Halpin	Tegan Barham	Sophie Elliott	Amos Robinson Sarah Teale

Wig Wednesday

Wig Wednesday was held on Wednesday 20th June. This was a way of fundraising for Kiwi kids with cancer. Well done to everyone that took part by wearing a wig, either handmade or bought. We were able to fundraise \$219.50. Below are the winners of the class competition:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Room 1	Elsie van Rooij	Israel Warbrick	Asa Robinson
Room 2	Chloe Inglis	Bella Gyde	Nature Aitchison
Room 3	Evie Wilson	Holly Hoebergen	Ernie Young
Room 4	Joseph Warbrick	Lily Young	Charlotte Frew
Room 5	Maya Sharma	Carter Jessop	Neve Townsend
Room 6	Tamsin Rose	Mya Aitchison	Isla Kahaki Hannah Hobbs
Room 7	Rylee Barber-Smith	Nick Perring Karenza Curtis	Ella Prangnell
Room 8	Sophie Elliott	Bailey Lochore-Halpin	Ella Kells

CELEBRATIONS



EPro8 Challenge
Engineer Problem Solve Innovate

Inter-School Science and
 Technology Competition
 Year 5-6 and Year 7-8 Teams

A group of Year 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 students were selected to represent Rotokauri School at the EPro8 Challenge held at **Te Rapa Primary School** last week. This was an exciting interschool science and technology event, where teams competed to finish a variety of fun and interesting challenges.

Years 5 & 6 Team:

Bella'Capri Nelson, Jesse Zillwood, Bridgette Donny, and Ella Burt

Years 7 & 8 Team:

Georgia Westgate, Daniel Prangnell, Amos Robinson, and Tegan Barham

After the preliminary round: our Year 7 & 8 team placed 4th – they did not give up; they worked tirelessly as a team to the very end – great work! Our Year 5 & 6 team placed in the top three and are now going through to the semi-final round. This is held at **Maeroa Intermediate** on **Friday the 29th of June**. We wish them the best of luck!





Hamilton's Tough Guy and Gal Challenge is reportedly one of the toughest in the nation. It is hilly, muddy, and very challenging. A group of very brave students challenged themselves in this event. They started the run with a smile and ended the run with an even bigger smile – the feeling of pride was evident when they received their medal. We are proud of these very resilient and brave children. Two of our runners placed 2nd (Dan Cameron) and 3rd (Isaac Collinson) in a field of over 1000 competitors.

The 2018 Tough Guy and Gal Team: Reece Calnan, Fin O'Rourke, Isaac Collinson, Dan Cameron, Georgia Westgate, Ryan Jorgensen, Hayley Jorgensen, Karenza Curtis, Jakin Warnock, Lachie Anderson, Euan Aitchison, Jesse Zillwood, Lewis Surgenor, Grace Cox, Oliver Campbell, Blake Robinson, Corey Molloy, Sophie Elliott, Tegan Barham, Acacia Barham, Lily Young, Ashtyn Gyde, and Savannah Smith.



Maths Whizz Results

Week 5

Progression Placings:

- 1st Place – Lily Allen
- 2nd Place – Sophie Elliott
- 3rd Place – Aidah Ali

Classroom Placings:

- 1st Place – Room 6
- 2nd Place – Room 8
- 3rd Place – Room 4

Week 6

Progression Placings:

- 1st Place – Lily Allen
- 2nd Place – Lewis Surgenor
- 3rd Place – Connor Williams-Thomas

Classroom Placings:

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

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 6

Room 1	Jaide Zillwood - For working hard to learn seven new words in her reading.
Room 1	Jaxson Williams - For great concentration and persistence in story writing, so that you finish quickly and well.
Room 2	Rebecca Cameron - For working so hard on her alphabet knowledge and using it in her reading.
Room 2	Tommy Selwyn - For taking on the gingerbread challenge and designing a gingerbread builder.
Room 3	Reece Calnan - For putting a high level of effort into your reading and making excellent progress.
Room 3	Holly Hoebergen - For always showing excellence in your attitude toward your work.
Room 4	Hannah Milne - For putting a high level of effort into her reading. Great focus, keep it up.
Room 4	Charlie Jones - For being a motivated, friendly and caring student. You are such a great help in the class Charlie.
Room 5	Imogen Jennings - For showing persistence by learning to use a talking pen with to help with her Rainbow Reading. Nice job!
Room 5	Anya Fuller - For showing excellent work habits with her red box reading comprehension activities. You shine!
Room 6	Grace Cox - For showing a high level of motivation and enthusiasm in all that she does in class.
Room 6	Ciaran Williams-Thomas - For his effort, focus and motivation in class this week.
Room 7	Kiedis Vallett - Persistence - not giving up in the face of challenges.
Room 7	Ella Caulfield - Diversity - always showing an interest in, and helping, others.
Room 8	Carter Jackways - Integrity - you are always so kind, considerate, and respectful toward others.
Room 8	Brooklyn Snelgrove - Persistence - you are really trying your best to keep going, even when challenged. Be proud!

Week 7

Room 1	Mya Hoebergen - For your perseverance, and using other terrific skills in reading.
Room 1	Mackenzie O'Rourke - For your ready smile and cheerfulness when you are asked to persevere with something tricky.
Room 2	Luca Haldane - For asking big scientist questions.
Room 2	Chloe Gyde - For fantastic writing this week.
Room 3	Hannah Towl - For working hard to learn the Kapa Haka actions and words.
Room 3	Kaeleb Beets - For being a good collaborator, by listening to ideas and sharing his thinking with others.
Room 4	Deanna Smith - For putting a high level of effort into the arts curriculum.
Room 4	Vedhikah Goundar - For always showing excellence in your attitude towards your work.
Room 5	Isaac Stratford - For showing persistence and always making sure that his classmates have a computer devices charged ready to use.
Room 5	Anya Fuller - Integrity - for being so kind, considerate, and respectful toward others.
Room 6	Alex Porter - For doing an excellent job of reading with his buddy during partner reading.
Room 6	Hosea Warbrick - For working effectively with his buddy to create an informative movie about different types of caves.
Room 7	Alaura Pickles - For always keeping up with her homework and reading log.
Room 7	Ben Milne - For always giving 100%.
Room 8	Molly Fletcher - Displaying integrity. You are always conscientious and sincere - something to be proud of.
Room 8	Danny Caulfield - Showing persistence. You worked hard on your Homework this week - I am proud of you!

Class Sharing

Room 5

In conjunction with Road Safety week, Room 5 participated in a Road Survey and discussed the importance of wearing seat belts when sitting in a moving car.

We also brainstormed ideas to keep ourselves safe on the road such as always wearing a helmet, being visible to drivers such as wearing bright clothes and always biking on the correct side of the road.

Students' drew a bicycle by folding our page in quarters and looking at scale and proportion. Here is an example from one of our year 4 artist's Nadia Peng. You can view other Room 5 bicycle artwork in the Multipurpose Room.



Room 6

Cinquain Poems

Room 6 learned about Cinquain Poems and wrote three each by following different formats related to word count, syllable count and types of words.

STALACTITES

Tall, fragile
Growing, hanging, dripping
Hanging on the ceiling
Crystals

By Bridgette

CAVES

Dark, cold
Hole in Earth
Big place of darkness
Cold

By Quinlen

CREATURES

Creeping around
Behind rocks and pillars
Underwater or on the ground
See through

By Bella'Capri

CAVES

Dark, large
Bats, bugs, creatures
Lots of tourists visiting
Cold

By Lewis

REMINDERS

Lost Property

Please check the lost property bin inside the MPR for items of your child's clothing. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the clothing bins in town at the end of the term.



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MINUTE
mini
STUDIO
SHOOTS

23RD JUNE
FROM 9AM

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Squiggle Holiday Programme – 9th – 20th July 2018

Squiggle Holiday Programme is an OSCAR approved programme that is great for girls and boys ages 5-13 years old. We are based at Waikato Diocesan School in Fairfield and offer a huge variety of activities.

Our theme for this coming holiday is “Matariki” (the Māori name for the cluster of stars known as Pleiades) and we'll be learning about Matariki, baking biscuits and pancakes, creating art from old stuff, playing basketball and team games and of course Young Engineers will be a key feature in our programme. We'll be heading to the movies to watch Incredibles II on Friday 13th July and we have a special Tech Expert who will be coming to teach our kids more about STEM on Friday 20th July.

Enrolments are now open on www.squiggle.org.nz. If you have any queries, please contact either Katrina on 0279093903 katrina@squiggle.org.nz.

Marrzipan

*Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)*

SPORTS NUTRITION

EAT YOUR FOOD GROUPS GROW

Low-fat milk, yoghurt and cheese will give your body calcium. These foods will help to build strong healthy bones.

The poster features three circular images: a carton of Milk for Schools next to a glass of milk, a bowl of yogurt topped with raspberries and blueberries, and a slice of Swiss cheese. A small cartoon character is visible in the bottom right corner of the poster.

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