

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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PEER MEDIATORS AT JUMP



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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

As I write this newsletter I can hear squeals of delight as children take full advantage of the sunshine and the swimming pool being open for the season. Thank you to Hans Verberne for all the work he has undertaken to get the pool operational.

With the thunderstorms and lightning strikes at a local school this week it is timely to talk about children's safety in situations such as these. Classroom teachers have been speaking to the children about actions that need to be taken when indoors and outdoors during a thunderstorm. Here are some recommendations from the Civil Defence.

During a thunderstorm or if a thunderstorm is imminent

GO INSIDE! If you hear distant thunder or see a flash of light, get indoors immediately. A sturdy building is the safest place to be during a severe thunderstorm. Avoid gazebos, rain or picnic shelters, golf carts, and other isolated structures in otherwise open areas because such places are often struck by lightning. In addition, gazebos and picnic shelters are often poorly anchored and subject to being uprooted and blown around in strong thunderstorm winds. They also offer little protection from large hail. Remember, lightning is attracted to metal and poles or rods.

The countdown to the Christmas holidays has begun and it is an extremely busy time for everyone at school. The teachers have completed end of year assessments, reports have been written for all the students, fixed term staff for 2019 have been appointed and two permanent positions are now being advertised, class lists have been confirmed, along with stationery lists, singing and prizegiving practices are underway and classes

are enjoying the last few weeks of school together. It is interesting listening to the Year 8 students as they reminisce about their schooling at Rotokauri, for many of them since they were 5 year olds, and dealing with a variety of feelings as they prepare themselves for the next phase in their educational journey. We wish them the best of luck and know that they will all do well at High School.

Don't forget the school prizegiving is being held on Monday 17th December, on the school field, starting at 6.30 p.m. We look forward to celebrating with whanau the success of our students this year.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

The BOT have accepted Helena Kirkham's resignation from her role as Deputy Principal and Room 8 classroom teacher. Mrs Kirkham has accepted a position at Matangi School, which starts at the beginning of Term 1, 2019. On behalf of the school community we would like to thank Helena for the years of dedicated service that she has given to the school. The students that have been in Room 8 have valued the experience and staff, parents and BOT have appreciated all that Helena has accomplished whilst at Rotokauri School.

The BOT have great pleasure in announcing that the Appointments Committee have selected two new staff - Miss Jaimee Swindells and Miss Ariana Matenga - to join Rotokauri in the new year.

The BOT would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for organizing another successful Car Show and Gala, as well as providing the students with many extra opportunities this year and funding extra resources for the staff. Your time and effort is recognized and greatly appreciated.

PTA NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone that helped in any way to making the Car Show and Gala such a great success. Without the hard work of the PTA committee members and the parent volunteers on the actual day, these experiences would not be possible. This year's Car Show and Gala raised approximately \$12,400.

At the last meeting the PTA discussed fundraising towards a major project such as providing a structure over the tennis court so that it can be used all year round, in all weather conditions. The PTA would like to thank the students that have voiced their wish to have this happen and they are now seeking prices for such a project, regulations etc. The PTA would love feedback from families with ideas about large fundraising activities that could be undertaken by the school e.g Tamahere School raised \$250,000 for a new swimming pool through selling their cookbook.

GENERAL MATTERS

Classes/Teachers for 2019

Room 1 – Year 1 – Mrs Jacqueline Hill
Room 2 – Year 1 & 2 – Miss Jaimee Swindells
Room 3 – Year 2 & 3 – Mrs Andrea O'Rourke
Room 4 – Year 3 & 4 – teacher to be appointed
Room 5 – Year 4 & 5 – Mr Neville Harding
Room 6 – Year 5 & 6 – Miss Ariana Matenga
Room 7 – Year 6 & 7 – Ms Tanya Stone
Room 8 – Year 7 & 8 – teacher to be appointed

Swimming Pool Key Holders

Reminder about the swimming pool rules that need to be followed:

The key holder shall –

- Be 18 years of age or over.
- Be responsible for the security of the key and shall not transfer the key to any other person (the key must not be lent to or shared with other persons).
- Agree to their name being published on a list of key holders displayed in the pool area.
- Only use the pool facility during the following hours –
Term time – Monday to Friday 3.00 – 9.00 p.m
Weekends, school holidays and public holidays – 10.00 a.m – 9.00 p.m
- Be responsible for ensuring the pool facility is securely locked after entering and upon leaving the pool facility.
- Ensure that only family members and guests of the key holder who the key holder is willing and able to accept full responsibility for, are given access to the pool facility by the key holder.
- Ensure that a mobile phone is carried and is available to use in case an emergency arises whilst using the pool.
- Be responsible for ensuring that every person given access to the pool facility by the key holder complies with the conditions of this agreement.
- Ensure that:
 - Children under 8 years of age must be actively supervised by a responsible caregiver aged 18 years or over (actively supervised means watching your child/children at all times and able to provide immediate assistance).
 - Children between 8 and 18 years of age are actively supervised by a responsible caregiver aged 18 years of age or over.
- Ensure that:
 - There is no running, pushing, bombing, diving or any similar activity, and other displayed rules for safety are followed.
 - Only proper swimming attire is worn, no jeans to be worn in the pool.
 - Appropriate language and behaviour is shown at all times, this includes no smoking or consumption of alcohol in the pool facility.
- Advise (in confidence) the school Principal of any inappropriate behaviour.

- Return the key to the school office on request. If the Principal or Board of Trustees advise that the key holder has breached the conditions of this agreement, no refund will be paid in this event, and the decision will be final.
- Pay the amount of \$85 for the lease of the key for the period 1st December 2018 – 1 April 2019. A \$10 bond will be refunded on the successful return of the pool key. If keys are lost a replacement fee will be charged.

PB4L Survey Results

From our recent survey the following information was collated from the 30 parent responses that we received –

Question 1: Which word best describes what the school should embed in the school culture?

Rules – 1 response

Values – 16 responses

Expectations – 3 responses

Code of Conduct – 1 response

Virtues – 4 responses

Aspirations – 3 responses

Kawa – 0 responses

Tikanga – 2 responses

Question 2: Rank the top 5 words that demonstrate what you value and believe would demonstrate our school culture.

Caring – 14 responses

Respectful – 24 responses

Confident – 17 responses

Honest – 20 responses

Positive mindset – 17 responses

Empathetic – 13 responses

Risk taker – 4 responses

Inclusive – 10 responses

Proud – 4 responses

This feedback, combined with the staff feedback, has informed our decision to have **Rotokauri VALUES of Respect, Empathy/Aroha, Active Learner, Caring, Honesty = REACH**

The staff are currently working, in consultation with the students, to develop ways to implement our values into our daily lives at school, in all areas of the school e.g busbay, swimming pool area, classrooms.

Peer Mediators

Yesterday I had the privilege of helping to transport our Peer Mediators to JUMP, which was their reward for doing such a fantastic job in the playground this year. Thank you to all these young people for their commitment over the year, ensuring that our students enjoy their lunch times and for developing their problem solving skills. Peer mediators this year have been – Jakin Warnock, Ryleigh Beyer, Cooper Miller, Heidi Perring, Tegan Barham, Bailey Lochore-Halpin, Ella Caulfield, Ella Sumner, Sophie Elliott, Ella Kells and Jessica Cuff.

CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 6

Room 1	Toby Milne - For your fantastic improvement in hearing the sounds at the beginning and ends of words, and choosing to persist with your work.
Room 1	Anna Haldane - For the thought you have put into preparing an enclosure that meets the needs of your tiger.
Room 2	Rhys Jorgensen - For working hard in all areas of learning.
Room 2	Brianna Donny - For working hard in all areas of learning.
Room 3	Alex Perring - For displaying an excellent attitude towards your learning. Keep it up Alex!
Room 3	Lucie Birks - For being a self-managing and self-motivated student who shows integrity in all that she does.
Room 4	Harley Smith - For the impressive way you have settled into Room Four.
Room 4	Nalei Nelson - For being a helpful, focused role model in Room Four.
Room 5	Riley Dempsey-Irvine - For HUGE improvement in your spelling words.
Room 5	Cooper McLean - For displaying maturity and excellence during Kapa Haka Performance group lessons.
Room 6	Paige Moka - For striving for excellence within all of her learning tasks in class this week. Well done for producing your best work.
Room 6	Bella'Capri Nelson - For striving for excellence within all of her learning tasks in class this week. Well done for producing your best work.
Room 7	Kiedis Vallet - For making excellent progress with reading this year.
Room 7	Baylee Garden - For making excellent progress in reading this year.
Room 8	Carter Jackways - For striving for excellence during your Kapa Haka practise - you serve as a positive role model.
Room 8	Seth Dixon - For showing perseverance during our math assessment - you never gave up! Well done Seth!
Room 9	Koby Rose - Always so positive about his learning, working with great concentration to achieve results that he is proud of. Beautiful manners too.
Room 9	Kaitlyn Peng - For setting herself high standards in all that she does, working thoughtfully to achieve results that she is proud of. Beautiful manners too.

Week 7

Room 1	Mackenzie O'Rourke - For making excellent progress in reading and going up a reading level.
Room 1	Maddox Stratford - For making excellent choices, and finishing your work quickly.
Room 2	Nature Aitchison - For strong focus in maths and working hard to understand new concepts.
Room 2	Nate Turney - For diving head first into every learning opportunity knowing that taking risks and having a go leads to progress and success.
Room 3	Ernie Young - For always being kind and caring. You are a positive role model.
Room 3	Kaeleb Beets - For your positive attitude and enthusiasm towards all school activities.
Room 4	Addison Jennings - For always giving it a go and doing your best work in all areas.
Room 4	Lily Young - For your spectacular work in our class Destination Zoo activities.
Room 5	Jack Jones - For your amazing problem solving during maths. Great job!
Room 5	Jay Williams - For showing amazing creativity when making of your animal enclosure design.
Room 6	Isla Kahaki - For working diligently to create an awesome animal enclosure - you thought carefully about your animal, the visitors and staff, well done.
Room 6	Bella Wilson - For working diligently to create an awesome animal enclosure - you thought carefully about your animal, the visitors and staff, well done.
Room 7	Hayley Jorgensen - For creative, independent work on the animal enclosure and report.
Room 7	Daksh Prajapati - For creative, independent work on the animal enclosure and report.
Room 8	Isaac Collinson - For displaying persistence. You were so determined when running on our School Camp.
Room 8	Tegan Barham - For displaying persistence - you never gave up during our early morning runs.
Room 9	Nihil Maharaj - For his fluent reading and descriptive story writing. Awesome Nihil.
Room 9	Zach Williams - For showing that he can listen carefully. You are a helpful and kind class member too, Zach.

Maths Whizz Results

Week 6

Progression Placings:

1st Place – Isaac Hapi
2nd Place – Ciaran Williams-Thomas
3rd Place – Mercedes Barber

Classroom Placings:

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

Week 7

Progression Placings:

1st Place – Nadia Peng
2nd Place – Mercedes Barber
3rd Place – Ciaran Williams-Thomas

Classroom Placings:

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

REMINDERS

Upcoming Events

Keep checking the school calendar on our website (www.rotokauri.school.nz) to ensure you are up-to-date with the information about – Avantidrome trips for years 5 – 8, Junior Wheels Day, Year 5 & 6 overnight camp, Year 8 dinner, Helper Morning Tea, final BOT and PTA meetings and the end of year prizegiving.

School Pool Keys

A limited supply of keys are still available to purchase for the season. The cost is \$85.00 and the keys can be used for the pool and tennis court until the pool closes at the end of March 2019. A key holder's agreement needs to be signed by an adult so please call into the office to do this.

Trophies

All Agricultural Day and Speech Competition cups and trophies have returned from the engravers and can be collected from the school office.

Cluster Athletics Bus Fare Refund

Refunds are being collected and signed for by the students involved.

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Sunday 16th December 2018
from 3pm**

Bring the family and a picnic to enjoy live entertainment
Dance Performers - Clowns - Face Painting
Petting Zoo - Pony Rides - Bouncy Castles
Merry Go Rounds - Hot Air Balloon and much more...

**DONATED TOYS WANTED
for children in need this Christmas**

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9.30am-12.30pm



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MEAT & MEAT ALTERNATIVES



MUSSEL FRITTERS



Ingredients:

- 12 fresh mussels
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp flour
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- pepper – to taste
- 2 tbsp parsley or chives – chopped
- lemon wedges
- 2 – 3 tbsp olive oil

Makes 6 – 8 fritters

Open mussels by steaming in an open pan with a little water. Remove from the shells, clean, then chop finely.

With a fork, whisk together the egg, flour, baking soda, pepper and herbs. Mix through the mussels and chill the mixture for 1 hour, if you have time.

Heat oil in a frying pan. Spoon large tablespoons of the mixture into the pan and cook until golden brown on both sides. Sprinkle with a squeeze of lemon.

Enjoy 2- 3 fritters as snack or serve with a salad for a meal.

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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!

21 - 25 January 2019, 9 am – 4 pm daily
Held at Southwell School

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