

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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THANK YOU 😊



During the holidays we were donated a large variety of balls from Vanessa at the iSport Foundation – a foundation founded by Richie McCaw and Dan Carter. Thank you to the McLean family for helping to make this happen, the students are going to enjoy this extra PE equipment.

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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.

Welcome to Ivy Lu, Franco McQueen, Carter Moka, Elijah Ploeg, Archer McFall, Maia O'Loughlin and Bosston Edgar-Brewer to Room 1. Also to the Moroney-Pearson Family – Mackenzie Room 2, Bella Room 5 and Olivia Room 7 and Taylor Underhill in Room 6. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

It is wonderful to be back and to see the children full of energy, enthusiasm and optimism for the coming year. A very warm welcome back and a special welcome to all new children, families and staff who have joined our Rotokauri School whanau this year. It has been great to hear all the holiday stories from the staff and students.

We have started the year with 200 students across 8 classes and our roll continues to increase.

It has been a hot start to the year with temperatures much higher than normal, so it is fortunate that our school pool is functioning and that the classrooms are all equipped with air con units. Every classroom has sunscreen available and the teachers remind students to apply this when outside, and to wear their sunhats. However, we also encourage students, no matter what age, to develop positive well-being skills and to take responsibility for themselves. The teachers actively encourage their students to

drink water during the day, and if students bring drink bottles from home these can be brought into the classroom.

Please keep checking the noticeboard at the front of the school, the school calendar available on the webpage and your emails to ensure that you keep updated with events happening at school throughout the year.

If you have a concern or complaint please check that you are following the correct process. The information and flow chart for this is attached to this email. If you have an idea/suggestion for improving anything that is/isn't happening at Rotokauri School please let me know by popping in to my office or emailing me – dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz - we do appreciate parent feedback.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

Every three years state school communities elect their parent trustees to help govern their schools. Right now Boards around the country are preparing to hold their 2019 triennial school board of trustee elections.

What does a board of trustees do? If you are interested in finding out more check on <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz> to watch a three minute clip for prospective trustees which briefly outlines what trusteeship is all about.

PTA NEWS

The PTA have their first fundraiser for the year which is a Car Boot Sale. Please find information and registration form at the end of this newsletter.

GENERAL MATTERS

School Picnic

We are excited about starting the school year with a whole school picnic with our families. This will be held on Friday, 15th February. The picnic and activities will be held on the school grounds and we welcome all parents/caregivers to attend, to join in with the children and to enjoy lunch together.

We are fortunate that Dianne Rodger from Sport Waikato will be here to assist and support the school as we participate within our house groups in some fun activities. The activities will begin promptly at 11.30 a.m on the bottom field and teams will rotate around the 8 activities (obstacle course, marsh manoeuvres, ski relay, sponge relay, radioactive waste, adventure playground, parachute, slingshot). At the completion of the activities we will eat our lunch in the shade. If time, there will be a tug-o-war for the Houses.

What to bring:

- Change of clothes, towel, nutritious morning tea/lunch, bottle of water.
- We encourage students to dress in their House colours.

The school will be providing a sausage and ice block for all students.

Touch Teams

Thank you to the parents/staff that have volunteered to coach or manage Touch teams this term –

Team Name	Coach	Manager
Rotokauri Rattlers	Richie Stratford	Meg Westgate
Rotokauri Rangers	David Gyde	Rhianna Irons
Rotokauri Rebels	Cliff Bell	Fiona Webber
Rotokauri Rascals	Ariana Matenga	Derek Hobbs
Rotokauri Racers	Rose Gyde	Jill Cameron

It is exciting that we have entered 5 teams and have 42 students playing Touch this term. Good luck to you all.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Our Meet the Teacher evening will be on Monday 18th February. Teachers will be in their classrooms during the evening to outline their programmes of work, explain their expectations and answer any questions. If there are particular questions you wish to ask, please email these to the classroom teacher prior to the meeting time so that they can address these for you. There are 30 minute slots per class teacher at the following times -

5.30 – 6.00 p.m	Mrs Jacqueline Hill	Room 1
5.30 – 6.00 p.m	Miss Jaimee Swindells	Room 2
6.00 – 6.30 p.m	Mrs Andrea O'Rourke	Room 3
6.30 – 7.00 p.m	Mrs Claire Walker	Room 4
7.00 – 7.30 p.m	Mrs Win Schmits	Room 5
7.00 – 7.30 p.m	Miss Ariana Matenga	Room 6
7.30 – 8.00 p.m	Ms Tanya Stone	Room 7
7.30 – 8.00 p.m	Miss Sarah Mussett	Room 8

Morning Entry to School

I ask that parents/caregivers ensure that they do not enter the school grounds with their child/children prior to 8.30 a.m, unless dropping off to Atmosphere Before School programme. We ring a bell at 8.30 a.m which lets everyone know that the school is now open. If you are unsure if the bell has rung please check the busbay as this is where early arrival students wait for the bell. This is the preparation time for staff.

Staff Hours of Contact

Please note that our staff are available in their class from 8.30 a.m. Due to privacy this may not be the best time to raise a concern in front of other families (or your child) so it may be appropriate to email your concerns to the teacher and/or make an appointment to meet at a mutually agreed time. Due to their teaching load and duties during the day staff will endeavour to give an email response within 24 hours, within the hours of 8.00 a.m and 6.00 p.m from Monday to Friday. E-mails sent to staff during the weekend will not be responded to until Monday.

Staff have professional meetings on Tuesday mornings (8.15 – 8.55 a.m), Tuesday afternoons (3.15 – 4.45 p.m) and Thursday afternoons (3.15 – 4.30 p.m once a fortnight) so may not be available to address any concerns face-to-face on these days. As a staff we are committed to open and positive communication with our families.

Clothing

A plea from the staff – please ensure that all items of clothing and towels are named. At this time of the year we have a volume of clothing that continues to increase due to not finding the owner. Children, especially younger students, often do not recognize their own clothing. For younger children it is also handy to have a change of clothing in their schoolbag in case of accidents.

Late Arrivals

Students arriving at school after the 8.55 a.m bell need to sign in on the VisTab at the front office. Late arrivals and absences are monitored by staff, as this is a requirement of the Ministry of Education. Arriving late at school can be quite distressing for your child as it brings attention to them and they may have missed vital pieces of important information that is shared at the beginning of a school day. If students do arrive late they need to enter the classroom quietly so as not to disturb the other students or the teacher.

Class and Portrait Photographs

Photographs will be taken on Thursday, 21 March. Information envelopes will be coming home in the next few weeks.

Hearing and Vision Testing

This will take place on Thursday, 14 March. Please read the notice later in the newsletter regarding this.

Year 7 and 8 Immunisation Information

An education session for this year's immunisations will be held on Tuesday, 5 March. Forms will be sent home after this session. **Please return all forms to school – consent or non-consent.** If you have any questions there is more information on a notice later in the newsletter and contact details of our Public Health Nurse Michelle are at the bottom of the notice. Year 7 and 8 (first dose) immunisations will take place on 2 April and the 2nd dose for the Year 8 students is on 15 October.

CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 1

Room 1	Maia O'Loughlin - For making great choices, helping herself to be an active learner at school.
Room 1	Archer McFall - For making great choices, helping himself to be an active learner at school.
Room 2	Brayden Ridley - For being a respectful member of Room 2 and making the right choices to be an active learner.
Room 2	Elsie Van Rooji - For showing fantastic empathy and respect, and being a kind and caring member of Room 2.
Room 3	Rhys Jorgensen - For being an active learner and producing a high standard of work to begin the year. Keep it up.
Room 3	Tommy Selwyn - For being a collaborative class member showing mature problem solving skills.
Room 4	Grace Petley - For working hard in your artwork.
Room 4	Grayson Wallace – For working hard in writing and being happy.
Room 5	Anya Fuller - For such a positive start to the new school year and demonstrating the values of our school.
Room 5	Riley Boswell - For such a positive start to the new school year and demonstrating the values of our school.
Room 6	Tamsin Rose - For using her initiative and being an awesome team member of Room 6.
Room 6	Mason Newbold - Being a hard worker and respectful member of Room 6.
Room 7	Corbyn Ridley - For being a helpful class member in the first week of school.
Room 7	Olivia Moroney-Pearson - For showing resilience by fitting into Room 7 very quickly.
Room 8	Karenza Curtis - Being an active learner in swimming
Room 8	Amos Robinson - Being a respectful member of the class.

Values Awards – REACH – Respect, Empathy, Active Learning, Courage, Honesty

Week 1

Oscar Stratford	Whero	Showing the value of integrity
Reed Kahaki	Kowhai	For working as a team player

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. 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

Which children are routinely checked?

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

All Year 7 student's vision only

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.

Year 7 Vision Screening Information Sheet

The check that is carried out is long distance vision tests on all Year 7 students.

This will not be a complete vision examination, but a simple screening test. When an unsatisfactory result is obtained, it will be necessary for the Technician to obtain personal details ie; home address and date of birth, and parents/caregivers will be asked to seek further advice.



School Based Immunisations

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Public health nurses will be delivering two school-based immunisation programmes in your child's school during 2019.

Year Seven Students

These students will be offered the Boostrix vaccine which is a booster for their early childhood immunisations of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). This is the same vaccination that would have been given to your child at 4 years of age if you consented.

Information about the year seven programme will be given to students at school and this session may include watching the Ministry of Health presentation on Year Seven Immunisations and is designed specifically for this age group.

At this information session, your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to read and choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school. Whether you choose to immunise or not, the form needs to be returned to school.

Year Eight Students

From 1 January 2017, males and females aged 9 to 26 inclusive (i.e. under 27 years) have been eligible for HPV (Human Papilloma virus) immunisation. The focus has historically been on cervical cancer prevention for women but increasing evidence has emerged of the impact of other HPV related cancers on men; so both groups are now offered this vaccine free of charge. This vaccine will be given in two doses 6 months apart.

Information will be given to the students about the HPV vaccination programme at school. This may include viewing the Ministry of Health presentation about the *HPV Vaccine Information* and is for the year 8 age group.

Your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school.

- Information on the immunisations is included on the consent form which will be given to your son / daughter at the information session
- Please complete the consent form and answer all the questions and return the form to school
- If your child is not being vaccinated at school you still need to fill in the section with your child's name and details on it
- Please check with your doctor or practice nurse if you are unsure if your child has had a tetanus injection in the last two years

For further information on these vaccines phone **0800 IMMUNE (466 863)**

Public Health Nurse: Michelle Anderson

Phone: 021761597

Car Boot



+ School White Elephant Sale

Saturday 2nd March 2019

8am – 12pm on Rotokauri School Field

462 Rotokauri Road, Hamilton

Sellers from 7am

Car boot - \$20 Craft & Larger sites - \$30

To book your spot contact Meg on
021971251 or Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

PTA will have food & drinks available for purchase

Rotokauri School PTA Car Boot Sale REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Car Rego Number:

I wish to secure the following site:

- Car Boot (\$20/site)
- Larger Site (\$30/site)
- Craft Site (\$30/site)

Craft sites only. Please provide details of what you will be selling:

Please read and sign below indicating you agree to abide by the rules & regulations:

- All vendors must arrive between 7–8 a.m. for set-up. Field gate is between # 436 & 446 Rotokauri Rd.
- All cars must remain parked in designated area until 12pm
- The seller is responsible for all tables, supplies, marquees etc. they require.
- No selling of food or drink.
- Everything brought onto the site must be contained within the allocated site.
- All unwanted or unsold goods are to be taken with you when you leave. No rubbish disposal on site.
- This is a family based event so organizer's reserve the right to ask you to remove inappropriate items from display.
- Site fees: Car Boot - \$20, Craft & Larger Sites - \$30 (online banking details below)

Signed:

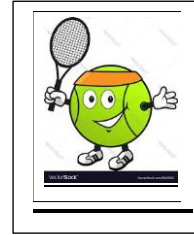
Name:

Date:

TENNIS LESSONS

Starting: Thursday 7 February – 14 March 2019

Time: 4.30-5.15 for Novices and
5.15 - 6.15 pm Advanced (parents are welcome to join advanced class)



Where: Rotokauri School Tennis Courts

Tutor: Alby Ellis, PE teacher at Hamilton Boys High School

Cost: \$60 – or \$10.00 per lesson to be paid at beginning of term.

Information: Alby has a fun, friendly effective method for teaching the children tennis. He has been successfully teaching tennis at our school for a number of years and also teaches at other schools and St Peters tennis club.

Tennis court access: Rotokauri School Tennis Court keys can be purchased from the school office for use out of hours.

Contact: Sacha sacha@photosacha.co.nz with your child/rens name, age, experience or any questions.

DRINKS

HYDRATION

Over 50% of our body is made up of water, so it is important to stay hydrated.

The best way to do this is to sip water ALL DAY, EVERY DAY.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2019

The poster features a blue silhouette of a person with a water level line. A pink arrow points from the text to the water level. A circular logo with a cartoon character and the text 'Team Energy' is also present.

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FLAVOURED WATER

Filling a bottle or jug with water, adding ice, seasonal fruit, vegetables and/or herbs like mint is a healthy and tasty way to help keep our bodies hydrated.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2019

The poster shows a glass jug filled with water, ice, and various fruits and vegetables like oranges, watermelon, lemons, and cucumbers. A circular logo with a cartoon character and the text 'Team Energy' is also present.



KIDS SPEAK UP!

Kids won't speak out? Got raw energy? Hate school speeches?

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES: Kids gain real life skills!

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FRASER TECH JUNIOR RUGBY

Fraser Tech Junior Rugby is taking registrations for 2019 Junior Rugby.

New players go to www.frasertech.co.nz follow links to junior registrations.

Returning players follow links on the email you've received from Sporty.

SUBS 6th to 8th Grade are \$25, 9th Grade up are \$35, Family is \$50.

12-3122-0146853-00 ASB for subs Child's name as reference

Weigh-in dates Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th March - 10am till 12pm at the clubrooms on the corner of Mill Street and Norton Road. All new and returning players (up to and including Year 8) are welcome.

Muster Sunday 7th April 10am at the clubrooms on the corner of Mill Street and Norton Road

First games start Saturday 4th May.

Uniforms available on these days

(Shorts \$30 Socks \$15 Caps \$15 Beanies \$15 Hoodies \$40)

(Used boots are available for a donation)

Any queries phone/text Jan 0212970172 or Steph 0274944142

Frankton Junior Rugby Weigh in 2019

Feb 28th 5.30pm – 7pm

March 2nd 11am – 1pm.

@ clubrooms on Rifle Range Road.

We want GIRLS and BOYS to join our family club so bring a copy of birth certificate or passport with you.

All new players please register at sporty.co.nz/franktonrugbysports

Click on the junior tab.

Any questions

email: franktonjuniorrugby@gmail.com

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