

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## ★ Congratulations ★



A special congratulations to Cory Burt and Cole Turney for their outstanding effort and success at the Weetbix Triathlon. The boys competed in the 7-10 year old team event. Cory completed the 100m swim, Cole did the 4k bike and they both ran the 1.5k together. They were the first team to finish out of 70 teams competing. It took them 18 minutes to complete the triathlon. Great work Cory and Cole.

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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**

Respect

Empathy

Active Learning

Courage

Honesty

### **WELCOME**

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri.

Welcome to Oliver Ashplant in Room 1. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Nгаа mihi nui.

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

What an incredible start to the year. We have had touch teams start their season, parents have attended the Meet the Teacher evening, we have held our School Picnic and Biathlon/Triathlon.

We are very proud of the Leadership opportunities which we provide for our senior students. Last week the students in Years 5 – 8 voted for the Student Council for this year. There were 14 applicants and each one completed a well-thought out application, outlining the qualities that they could bring to their role on the Student Council. Thank you to all these students for putting their names forward. It is with pleasure that I announce the Student Council for 2019 – Carter Jackways, Amos Robinson, Brooklyn Snelgrove, Jessica Cuff, Ella Burt and Kayla Westgate.

The Peer Mediators for 2019 were also chosen and we congratulate – Cooper Miller, Connor Williams-Thomas, Corbyn Ridley, Ella Prangnell, Ben Milne, Baylee Garden, Ella Sumner, Oliver Campbell, Karenza Curtis and Hayley Jorgensen.

We have also appointed House Captains for the year:

Kowhai – Liam Janssen, Thomas Keightley, Baylee Garden and Alaura Pickles.

Whero – Lucas Birks, Oscar Stratford, Karenza Curtis and Ella Caulfield.

Kakariki – Cole Viljoen-Thomson, Riley Cornelissen, Layton Farrell and Elias Barber.  
Kikorangi – Aamira Ali, Daksh Prajapati, Corey Molloy and Kiedis Vallett.

Our new school values are REACH – Respect, Empathy, Active Learning, Courage, Honesty. Staff are actively teaching and modelling the value of RESPECT. A matrix has been designed which unpacks the behaviours expected in a variety of situations e.g. in the classroom, at the swimming pool, in the toilets. It has been disappointing though to have had some incidents reported to Management about parent behaviour in regards to showing respect to the staff and the school property. It seems timely therefore to share expectations with all members of our school community. At Rotokauri School we recognize that the education of our children is a partnership between parents/caregivers and staff. Teachers have a professional code of conduct that they must adhere to and the students at Rotokauri have a set of values which helps to guide their behaviour. We would like to remind parents/caregivers about conduct that is expected from them, whether in speech, actions, emails, phone calls or social media, when at Rotokauri School or at another venue where students are assembled for school purposes e.g. at camp, at sports matches or on school trips. Rotokauri School expects parents/caregivers and visitors to – treat all people with respect, respect and demonstrate the school values, set a good example to students at all times and adhere to the school policies and procedures (e.g. Smokefree, Dogs on School Property, carpark rules).

If we can all show respect to people and property then we will be able to provide a safe and healthy physical and emotional environment for all members of our Rotokauri School community.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

## **BOT NEWS**

With Board elections this year it seems pertinent to inform families about the role of the Board and the process leading up to the triennial elections.

### **A Board's Role**

The Board of Trustees is responsible for determining the strategic direction in which the school is heading (in consultation with parents, staff and students). The Board must ensure that the school provides a safe environment and quality education for all its students. Boards are also responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration.

### **Who is on the Board?**

At Rotokauri School, our Board is made up of:

- The Principal of the school
- One elected staff representative
- Five parent elected trustees
- Co-opted trustees (as needed)

Trustees are elected by the parent community and staff members. Elections for parent and staff trustees are held every three years.

## **Board Meetings**

Boards typically meet once a month between February and December. Meetings are open to the public, however, they are not public meetings where everyone has the right to speak. Board members are also involved in Board sub-committees which meet as required.

## **How Can I Get Involved?**

Standing for the Board is a great way to get involved in your child's education. Training and support are available to make carrying out this responsibility easier. If you wish to stand for the Board you must confirm that to the best of your knowledge you are eligible to be a School Trustee. The website of the New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) is an excellent website with lots of information for current or potential trustees. [www.nzsta.org.nz](http://www.nzsta.org.nz)

If you are interested in standing for election, a good idea is to talk to a current Board member. You may also like to attend a couple of Board meetings to get a better idea of what goes on at the meetings and about the responsibility involved.

## **Rotokauri School Board (currently)**

Chairperson:	Jarrold Teale
Treasurer:	Aaron Cornelissen
Property:	Mike Keightley
Personnel:	Isaac Warbrick
Committee:	Craig Zillwood
Staff rep:	Andrea O'Rourke
Principal:	Desiree Smith

## **Election Dates**

Main roll closes:	Wednesday 8 May
Nominations close:	Friday 24 May
Voting papers sent:	Wednesday 29 May
Election Day:	Friday 7 June
Board takes office:	Friday 14 June

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Yummy Stickers**

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. The more we collect, the more sports gear we get so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now! Each class has a collection sheet which students can add to or have your own sheet at home. Let's see how many we can collect this year.

### **Car Boot Sale**

The first fundraiser for the year is on this Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, from 8 a.m. – 12 noon. Have a spring clean and bring any unwanted new or good quality second hand items to

school for the White Elephant Stall. Or maybe even have a stall of your own selling crafts etc. Each family has been given a paper plate and plastic bag, if you could please provide some baking (put it on the plate and pop into the plastic bag, and return it to school on Friday) it would be greatly appreciated. We would like to see as many families as possible coming along to support the school on Saturday morning – see you all there.

## GENERAL MATTERS

### School Picnic

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers that came along to the School Picnic to share this time with the staff and students. We had an amazing time participating in the 8 activities prepared for us by Project Energize. A highlight for many students was the four-way Tug-o-War.

### Contact Details

If any of your personal contact details have changed since you enrolled your child, including emergency contacts, please take the time to contact the school office so these details can be changed on our student management system. Please also remember to update any address changes, especially if parents live apart, so that you can be sent BOT Election paper work later this year.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Biathlon / Triathlon

Despite the wet weather we were able to complete the annual school Biathlon/Triathlon. Well done to all the students that participated. It was lovely to see all the students cheering each other on, participating with enthusiasm and persevering to complete their races. Here are the results from Friday's competition:

### Triathlon

	1st	2nd	3rd
5 year old boys	Koby Rose	Zach Williams	Toby Milne
5 year old girls	Elsie Van Rooij	Esme Gyde	Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson
6 year old boys	Liam Surgenor	Nate Turney	Cairo Nelson
6 year old girls	Bella Gyde	Mya Hoebergen	Chloe Gyde
7 year old boys	Noah Rose	Reece Calnan	Alex Dombroski
7 year old girls	Ellie Fairclough		
8 year old boys	Nate Westgate	Joseph Warbrick	Archie Cameron
8 year old girls	Mercedes Barber	Nalei Nelson	Bianca Wallis
9 year old boys	Cole Turney	Isaac Stratford	Timothy Sumner
9 year old girls	Bella'Capri Nelson	Neve Townsend	Carter Jessop
10 year old boys	Seth Westgate	Lewis Surgenor	Vincent Gibson
10 year old girls	Paige Moka	Hannah Hobbs	Isla Kahaki
11 year old boys	Oscar Stratford	Elias Barber	Carter Jackways
11 year old girls	Ella Caulfield		
12 year old boys	Cole Viljoen-Thomas		

## **Biathlon**

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
5 year old boys	Leelyn Clark	Bosston Edgar-Brewer	Carter Moka
5 year old girls	Shaan Judge	Anna Haldane	Ivy Lu
6 year old boys	Brayden Ridley	Zeke Sia	Luca Rogers
6 year old girls	Nature Aitchison	Aja Jessop	Ava Esselbrugge
7 year old boys	Isaac Hapi	Jude Ploeg	Nirav Maharaj
7 year old girls	Evie Wilson	Lucie Birks	Kaylee Clark
8 year old boys	James Ward	Ryan Jorgensen	Kees Rogers
8 year old girls	Hannah Milne	Acacia Barham	Vedhikah Goundar
9 year old boys	Cory Burt	Matthew Webber	Jamie Haldane
9 year old girls	Nadia Peng	Bella Wilson	Mya Aitchison
10 year old boys	Ben Milne	Asher Hapi	Angus Elliott
10 year old girls	Mikayla Farrell	Aidah Ali	Bridgette Donny
11 year old boys	Layton Farrell	Thomas Keightley	Amos Robinson
11 year old girls	Jessica Cuff	Ella Burt	Kayla Westgate
12 year old boys	Connor Williams-Thomas	Brooklyn Snelgrove	Cooper Miller
12 year old girls	Aamira Ali		

**We will be presenting the certificates at this week's Friday assembly, which will be starting slightly earlier at 2.15 p.m.**

## **Touch Results – Round 1**

<b>Teams</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Player of the day</b>
Rotokauri Rattlers vs Maeroa Cutters	Lost 1-8	Cooper Miller
Rotokauri Rangers vs St Peters Chanel	Won 5-2	Paige Moka
Rotokauri Rebels vs TK Tigers	Lost 1-6	Lachlan Emslie
Rotokauri Rascals vs Crawshaw Gold	Lost 2-5	Hannah Milne
Rotokauri Racers vs Southwell	Won 4-3	Nate Turney

## **Weetbix Tryathlon**

Congratulations to the following students that competed in the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> February – Regan Bennett, Lachie Anderson, Cooper Hobbs, Elijah Esselbrugge, Zakk McDonagh, Charlie Jones, Baylee Garden, Hannah Hobbs, Lewis Surgenor, Grace Cox, Cole Viljoen-Thomson, Riley Cornelissen, Sophie Fairclough, Ava Viljoen-Thomson, Jay Williams, Bianca Wallis, Cole Turney, Cory Burt and Zephyr Rhind.

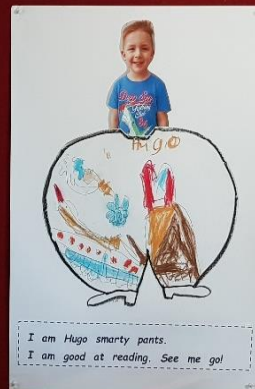
## **Basketball**

I always feel immense pride when students tell me about their success outside of school. I would like to congratulate Bella'Capri Nelson for her outstanding basketball skills. In January, Bella'Capri played in the annual Maori basketball tournament and she was talent spotted by the Cameron Academy. She has been selected to play in the Under 12 division of an elite tournament being held in Melbourne in July. Players were selected from around New Zealand and Bella'Capri was one of those girls selected. An amazing opportunity for Bella'Capri. Before she participates in the tournament in Melbourne she has to compete in other tournaments in New Zealand to prepare for her trip. We would like to wish Bella'Capri all the best of luck and we look forward to hearing about her journey.

# CLASS SHARING

## Room 1

**Room 1 are all smarty pants. We are learning to colour in the whole space, with no peeky whites!**



## Room 2

Room 2 have been learning about how to float and kick in the water and making their way from one side of the pool to the other. It has been great fun developing our water confidence skills in this warm weather.







# TE KOWHAI JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB



## WEIGH-IN 2019

**SUNDAY, 3RD MARCH**

Te Kowhai School Pavilion

**NEW  
PLAYERS  
WELCOME!  
3YRS-12YRS**

- Weigh in from 10am
- Muster and team announcements 11am

2019 Subs are \$35 per player for the season (May-September)  
 A team rugby jersey and shorts will be provided.  
 All players need a mouthguard, boots and socks.  
 Club socks are \$18 and can be purchased on the day.  
 New players please bring your birth certificate or passport for  
 player registration.

**EFTPOS  
AVAILABLE**

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN ASSIST AS A  
COACH OR MANAGER

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**TE KOWHAI JUNIOR RUGBY**



## **TE RAPA JUNIOR RUGBY 2019 WEIGH IN**

TE RAPA JUNIOR RUGBY ARE HOLDING 2 WEIGH INS FOR ANYONE 3YRS OLD TO YEAR 8 THAT IS WANTING TO PLAY RUGBY THIS YEAR FOR TE RAPA.

3YR OLD TO 7YR OLDS PLAY RIPPA  
AND OVER 7 PLAY TACKLE.

#1<sup>ST</sup> WEIGH IN IS FRIDAY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 2019 5PM TO 7PM AT  
TE RAPA RUGBY CLUBROOMS ON VICKERY ST HAMILTON

#2<sup>ND</sup> WEIGH IN IS SUNDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> 9AM TO 11AM AT TE  
RAPA RUGBY CLUBROOMS ON VICTORY ST HAMILTON

IF YOU CANT MAKE 1 OF THESE 2 DATES

PLEASE CONTACT

JASON BRYANT ON 0275938967

TO ORGANISE ANOTHER TIME TO WEIGH IN.

NEW PLAYERS PLEASE BRING A COPY OF BIRTH  
CERTIFICATE OR PASSPORT AND CURRENT PHOTO,  
RETURNING PLAYERS PLEASE BRING AN UPDATED PHOTO.  
EFTPOS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PAY FOR SUBS

# SPORTS DRINKS

**DRINKS**

Sports drinks are high in sugar and are not needed for our bodies to perform at their best. Water is the best drink to rehydrate our bodies during and after sport and activity. Feel like something extra? Eat a piece of fruit!

**11tsp SUGAR**



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# MILK

**DRINKS**

Reduced/low fat milk is a great EVERYDAY choice. It contains calcium which helps our teeth and bones to grow healthy and strong. Flavoured milks contain calcium but have added sugar so are NOT everyday drinks.



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