

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Wearable Arts Costumes



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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 our students in learning.

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VISION

We are responsible, confident learners and communicators.

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Persistence and Excellence.

IT'S ALL ACTION AT ROKOKAURI SCHOOL

Over the last three Friday nights our students have shown the Rotokauri Community the wide array of skills and talents that they possess. On the 6th September Fiona Owsley, Libby Kells and Safia Gordon organised a dance performance that wouldn't have looked out of place on the stage at Founders Theatre. Many of you who attended the dance show would not have realised that these girls choreographed the show and spent many hours working with the junior students during their own lunchtimes. What wonderful leadership and communication skills these girls developed over the term working with the younger students. As a school we were really proud of the girls when they decided that all proceeds from the gold coin donation at the door should go to Starship Hospital. They raised over \$240.

The Rotokauri Tuis put another polished performance together on the 13th September. They sang over 15 songs and gave many of the students an opportunity to shine through solo performances. It never ceases to amaze me the quality and depth of talent that Suzanne, Karlene and Kara uncover each year. I love watching how the three ladies give the students a sense of confidence and self-belief. Our students develop wonderful lifelong skills under the guidance of our 3 wonderful parents.

The Wearable Arts show took place last Friday and was a real showcase for creativity and persistence. Production of costumes gave students a real outlet for their artistic talents. I have no doubt that the completion of a wearable arts costume has lit a fuse for some of our students to follow this as a profession in the years to come!

I feel the last three weeks there has been a real showcase of what can be achieved when students, parents and teachers work together, with the goal of public performance in mind. The students at Rotokauri School have been given real, authentic learning experiences and I am sure that our students will remember the last three Friday nights for many years to come.

Thank you to everyone who has played a special part in the last three weeks.

WEARABLE ARTS SHOW

What an outstanding night! Here are the winners of the class competitions and the Judges Choice awards:

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Judge's Choice
Rooms 1 and 8	Ella Prangnell	Rebekah Pritchard	Joshua Marais	Oliver Campbell
Room 2	Cooper Miller	Thomas Keightley	Zhane Northover-Kiore	Jessica Munro
Room 3	Bailey Lochore-Halpin	Heidi Perring	Georgia Westgate	Daniel Prangnell
Room 4	Maggie Patterson	Eden Miller	Reuben Martin	Kieran Bradbury
Room 5	Cassie Hayde	Natalia Coppins/ Ayla Wells	Mieke Brand	Thomas Perham/ Cole Robinson
Room 6	Caylee Farrell / Alex Dashfield	Hayley Monaghan/ Kayla Ludlow	Libby Kells	Davin Barham/ Bjorn Barris
Room 7	Hannah Miller Gemma Yorke 1 st equal	Fiona Owsley	Te Waiti Rawiri	Simeon Kahuroa

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Not all schools have a Parent Teacher Association. Not only do we have one but ours is fantastic. They have been involved in everything this year in order to support the needs of our students. The Wearable Arts show was created by the PTA. Justine Fryer, Ann-Maree Vincent and Jo Campbell worked together as a sub-committee to turn the concept of a Wearable Arts show from an idea to reality on a full 10 metre long fashion runway. Did you also know the PTA gave the Student Council \$1,000 towards new sports gear. The students really appreciated this kind gesture and will have many happy hours playing with the new gear. The Student Council went through the process of ordering the equipment and this gave them a real appreciation of the value of money.

BUDDY SYSTEM

Over the last couple of weeks I have been showing new parents around our school and what the new parents often notice is our Buddy System. We show new parents around on Friday and this is when Room 7 works with their junior buddies. The relationship between these groups is strong and it's a wonderful thing to watch them working together. Senior and junior students both benefit from this relationship. Our senior students learn about leadership and role modelling. They also understand about service to the community, something which seems to be lacking in our modern world. Our junior students have a one-to-one tutor who looks upon them as a younger brother or sister. It's all about relationships at this school.

WELLBEING SURVEY

We not only conduct surveys with our parents and communities but also our teachers and Board. Recently our staff were asked to fill out a Ministry Wellbeing survey which consisted of 128 questions. The strengths of the school are based on the way that the majority of teachers answered the questions.

The following is just a sample of the positive findings from the review:

- Our staff have a collective vision.
- Staff really care about the students.
- Staff have a strong sense of belonging.
- Staff are consistent in terms of student behaviour.
- Students relate respectfully to teachers.
- Students often praise one another.
- Students look after others who are new to the school.

DENTAL NURSE

We have been informed that the dental nurse will be at Rotokauri School from 15th November until the 29th November. This date is later than previously advertised.

EVENTS FOR TERM 4

As always this is going to be a very busy and exciting term.

16 th October	PTA Meeting
23 rd October	Agricultural / Flower Show Day BOT Meeting
24 th October	Car Show Meeting
28th October	Labour Day – No school
29 th October	Group Day
1 st November	Show Day (A & P) Junior Tabloids at Te Uku (Rm 2)
7 th November	Re-testing of Rotokauri fitness goals
10 th November	Rotokauri Car Show
15 th November	Rotokauri School Tabloid Sports Mobile Dental Clinic on site
20 th November	BOT meeting
22 nd November	Interschool Athletics
29 th November	Rotokauri School Tabloid Sports
2 nd December	School pool opens
6 th December	School Disco
10 th December	Senior Camp
16 th December	School Prize Giving
17 th December	Back up date for Prize Giving
18 th December	BOT meeting
20 th December	Last day of Term 4
7 th February	First day of Term 1, 2014

THANK YOU STAFF

With the end of the term coming and the recent Wellbeing review completed it gives me a chance to reflect on what has been taking place recently. Quality staff in education is vital if we want to make a difference to student's learning.

Rotokauri Staff do an amazing job to provide a positive learning environment for our students to excel in. They are always looking at ways of improving not only student performance but also student happiness. Thank you to all the parents who in their own special ways acknowledge the hard work that these wonderful professionals put into Rotokauri School.

NEW TECH FACILITIES

In 2014 our Year 7 and 8 students will be able to enjoy new technicraft facilities at Hamilton's Junior High. Our students will have the best facilities that money can buy and this will come at no additional cost to our parents. The 2014 programme will remain the same, \$100 per pupil.

BUGS IN SCHOOLS

Just when we thought we had got through the flu season Hamilton schools have been hit with a bug that causes diarrhoea and vomiting. If your child is sick we recommend that you keep them at home until your child is fully fit to return. We have spoken to the students on a number of occasions this year about the importance of washing hands before eating and after going to the toilet.

TABLOID SPORTS

Over the past 2 years in Term 4 we have run an options programme. This year we thought we would do something different and run two full afternoons of Tabloid Sports for the whole school. It will be a great experience for all of our children, as they will be in blended teams. This will give our senior students another chance to show their leadership skills.

CARSHOW

You may have heard the radio adverts over the last few weeks. You may have even read material in the Petrol Head Magazine. What we need now is word of mouth to get the message out there about our wonderful event taking place on Sunday, 10th November. If you know of somebody who has an interesting car that they would like to display, tell them to drop me a line mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz . We are also in need of the help of parents to act as collectors at the various school gates.

Please contact me if you can help mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz

	Front gate next to Room 1	Front gate – car park
9.00 - 10.00 am	_____	_____
10.00 - 11.00 am	_____	_____
11.00 - 12.00 noon	_____	_____
12.00 - 1.00 pm	_____	<u>Anthony Janssen</u>

DAFFODIL DAY

Recently we raised \$82 dollars on Daffodil Day with our gold coin collection. Our students, through participating in these types of events gain a real empathy for others.

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE AFTER SCHOOL

All of the rules / policies / procedures we have in New Zealand schools are usually based around years of experience and hopefully a little bit of common sense. We are finding that some parents are asking their children to play on the playground after school until they can be picked up. Experience tells us that unsupervised children using the climbing frames will result in tears at some stage. All children are to go to the front of the school when the 3.00 pm bell rings. If students have to wait for parents they need to wait in the provided bus shelter. It is important that students are picked up by 3.30 p.m. or are attending After School Care. Staff are busy with meetings and lesson preparation so are not available for supervising students.

HATS FOR TERM 4 AND 1

Spring is definitely here and that was really evident when some of our Rotokauri Tuis turned up to the concert after a day in the sun at the inter-school soccer tournament with a red flush to their skin.

All the Sunsmart facts have been with us for years and it was for that reason that the Board of Trustees brought in a hat policy some years ago. All Rotokauri Students need to wear a hat during Terms 4 and 1. Rotokauri hats are available from the office for \$14. With the weather improving and with athletics season just around the corner our students will be spending more time out under the harsh UV rays of the New Zealand sun. Please make sure your child is equipped with the appropriate school hat for the start of Term 4. It is important that we take pride in wearing our Rotokauri hats, therefore we ask that no decorations or graffiti are added to the sunhats.

AGRICULTURAL DAY – 23 OCTOBER 2013

Entry forms are available from the school office. **The final close off for entries is tomorrow, Friday, 27 September.**

AGRICULTURAL DAY – HELPERS NEEDED...PLEASE

We still need volunteers to help on the day. Below is a list of jobs we need help with. If you can spare a few hours of your time it would be really appreciated. Please see Sharon in the school office if you can help.

Flower Show Scribe x 2 – to assist the judges by writing the certificates once judging is complete.

AGRISEA ANIMAL SUPPLIMENT

Free bottles of Agrisea are available at the school office. Please ask if you would like some.

INTERESTING THOUGHTS

- Your children will be what you are, so be what you want them to be. *(Author unknown)*
- It is far easier to build strong children than repair broken men. *(Frederick Douglas)*

JUNIOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT PHOTOS





2 FOCUS

Swimming Lessons at Rotokauri School

2Focus: Graham Smith & Vicki Taylor have been coaching in country schools for six years, and coaching in clubs for over fifteen years; we come to your school to make full use of the school's pool.

What we offer

- Block course 5 x 30 minute swimming lessons
- Cost \$35.00 for the week
- Swimmers are coached to their individual ability
- Technique coaching in all swimming strokes
- Time: 8.00 am to 8.30 am
- Date: 9th to 13th December 2013

To book please contact Vicki Taylor, v.taylor@windowslive.com or on Mob: 0274595647
 Information needed when emailing: Childs name, contact number, child's swimming ability and age.



NZ Association for Gifted Children

www.giftedchildren.org.nz

Is My Child Gifted - How Would I Know?

A presentation for Parents and Teachers of Gifted Children

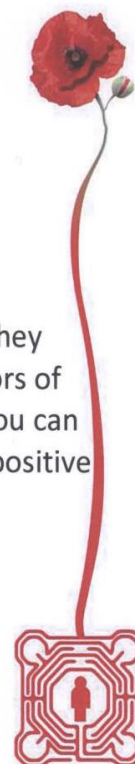
How do you know if your child is gifted? Are there particular signs? Should they be tested? In this talk Dr. Kate Niederer will discuss some of the key indicators of giftedness and how to recognise them. She will also discuss ways in which you can support your gifted child, including working with their school to promote a positive and suitably challenging learning environment.



Date: Saturday 19th October 2013
Time: 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Venue: Maeroa Intermediate School
Churchill Avenue, Hamilton

Dr Kate Niederer is an experienced gifted education researcher, lecturer and practitioner. She has worked at all levels in gifted education, from specialist teaching of gifted children to involvement in policy making and national level research. She was Deputy Director for the George Parkyn National Centre for Gifted Children in New Zealand and in 2005 was appointed Assistant Director at the National Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth at Warwick University. Kate led the team that wrote the Primary Guidance in Gifted Education document that went out to 21,000 schools in England and has presented extensively both nationally and internationally.

She now works for Cognition as a consultant, with a particular focus on gifted education. She is regional coordinator for the Northern region for the Te Toi Tupu Gifted and Talented PLD programme, works with schools in Auckland to provide PLD in gifted education, and continues to manage the TKI Gifted and Talented Online site and accompanying mailing list.



Tickets \$10 or \$15 per family

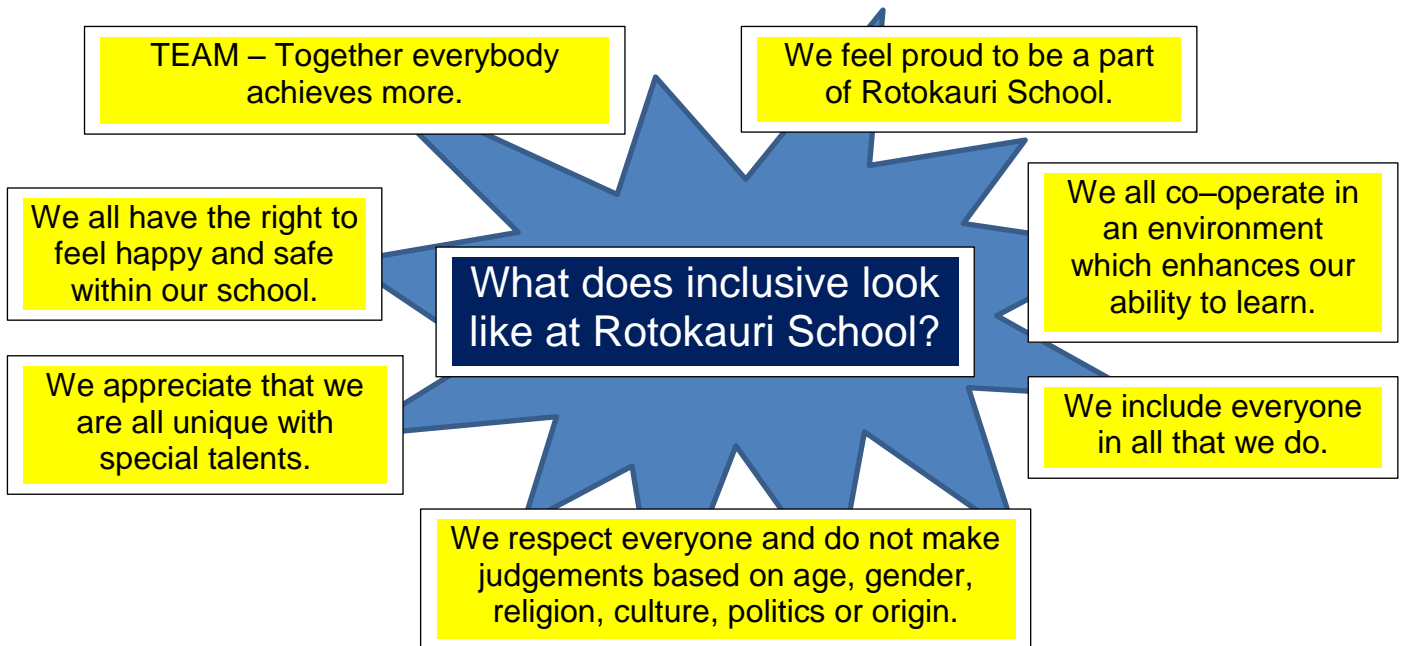
For bookings and further information contact:

Rachel Pound admin@giftedchildren.org.nz Ph 09 413 8034



NZAGC would like to acknowledge the support of Maeroa Intermediate School

www.giftedchildren.org.nz helping grow Tall Poppies



Wearable Arts Raffle Winners

- Suitcase – Thomas Keightley
- Quilt – Kayla Westgate and family
- \$100 Pumice voucher – Jo Campbell
- Okareka bracelets and false eyelashes – Sharon Verstraten
- Body Shop products and Contours voucher – Jason Campbell
- Contours voucher – Kylie Davidson
- Angel Haircare (Pack 1) – Natalie McNamara
- Angel Haircare (Pack 2) – Te Waiti Rawiri and family
- Bottle of Mystery Creek Wine – Tessa Birks

Rotokauri School
Wearable Arts Shows



Welcome to **Frankton Childrens Athletic Club** for the 2013-2014 season

Come and have a go at **ATHLETICS**
 Sprints, Longer Distances, Shot-put, Discus, Long-Jump, High-Jump
 Learn new skills

Activities for **4- 14 year age groups**

Where: Bremworth Park, Dinsdale

When: Monday nights 5.25pm

Starting 14th October 2013

First two club nights are free

check our website for details and to register

www.sportsground.co.nz/franktonjuniors

phone Michelle 07 829 9989 or Helen 07 846 3313

“I CAN'T BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE BECAUSE IT'S EXPENSIVE”

False. There are heaps of ways for you to be active without having to pay a cent. Try a few of these ideas:

- **Go bush walking or running around the park**
- **Try scootering, skateboarding and biking**
- **Enjoy walking the dog and playing games with your family**



“FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ARE BEST”

False. If you like eating fresh fruit and veg, go for it – it's an excellent snack, much better than chips or muesli bars. But remember that eating frozen and canned food are great options too. Just watch the syrup (sugar) and salt levels in the canned fruit, but otherwise go bananas!



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Magnolia wanted

I am looking for magnolia for my shop, if anyone has a tree and wouldn't mind me giving it a good trim could you please let me know on 0274 303 844

Thanks
Marie Carlson

Don't forget we offer a 10% discount to the Rotokauri community

