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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 Tanisha Shankar in Room 5. We hope you and your whanau / family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

I hope that all our mothers enjoyed celebrating Mothers' Day on the 12th May and that you were lucky enough to have a relaxing day.

A very warm welcome to Ms Jaimee Carter who joined our Rotokauri School staff last week. Ms Carter is our new Deputy Principal and SENCO. She will not be teaching in a class, which is something new for our school. Ms Carter can be found in the office by the staffroom. Welcome Jaimee.

Note from Ms Carter -

My name is Jaimee Carter and I am very excited to be joining the team here at Rotokauri School. I have been working in education for the past 20 years and have taught across a range of year levels. I have spent the last 8 years at Gordonton School and love the experiences the rural, full primary schools provide. I live with my partner Dylan and our son Jackson who is almost 6 years old. In the weekends I enjoy spending time with family and friends and playing sport. I am passionate about a variety of sports and look forward to meeting many of you over the next few weeks.

The last fortnight has been a busy one, with the school cross-country, disco, national young leaders day and ePro8. Congratulations to all of the children who competed or participated in these events. To those who were successful in qualifying for the semi-finals of ePro8 or the interschool cross-country, well done . . . what a fantastic effort. We all wish you the best for your training and preparation for the next stage of competition.

It appears that NZEI (the teacher and Principal union) and the Government have not yet been successful in reaching an agreement regarding pay and conditions. Please pencil in Wednesday 29th May as the Strike Day. The Board of Trustees have decided that the school will be closed for instruction on this day.

Thank you to all the students that participated in Pink Shirt Day on Friday 17th May. We wore pink to stand together against bullying and to celebrate diversity and positive relationships. The gold coin donations for 'I Am Hope', raised \$95.50 to provide counselling for Kiwi kids.



This week we have been celebrating our wonderful Rotokauri Support Staff (Office Administrator – Mrs Sharon Verstraten, Teacher Aides – Mrs Raewyn O'Brien and Mrs Sarah Dyer, Caretaker – Mr Hans Verberne). This is part of the national Support Staff Day that was held last Thursday.

We are very fortunate to have these amazing support staff as part of our Rotokauri TEAM. We are lucky that they assist teachers and support our students. It was lovely to put on a morning tea for them to show our gratitude and make them aware of how much we value them and what they do for us all.

Thank you to the parents/caregivers that have been regularly checking the lost property box and also encouraging their children to do this as well. Last week our lost property was overflowing once again, which is disappointing, but by Friday afternoon a number of items had been claimed. We encourage parents to clearly name all school items. At this time of year the days can warm up significantly and the children tend to shed their outer layers as they play. It is much easier for us to reunite children with their clothes if they are named.

Lastly, as one of the staff members that monitors the bus bay on a daily basis, I would like to remind parents/caregivers about our rules when dropping off and picking up children. Please be considerate to other road users at all times and show respect to the school by following our guidelines and mandated road rules e.g. use pedestrian crossings when provided, no parking on pedestrian crossings, reduced speed limits around schools.

Keep warm and safe everyone.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

Elections Update

Nominations close at noon on Friday 24th May (tomorrow) and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

If a vote is required, voting closes at noon on Friday 7th June, 2019.

Returning Officer - Sharon Verstraten

PTA NEWS

Friends of the PTA (no meetings!)

We appreciate that everyone has busy lives and that not everyone is able to join our PTA. However, there is a way to help without over-committing yourself and that is to become a Friend of the PTA. This is a group of people willing to donate their time when there is a need. The PTA organise many events and they always need more help. If you can help once or twice per year then that helps relieve the pressure on the PTA volunteers. It really is true what they say 'many hands make light work'. If you would like to be added to the Friends of the PTA contact list please email

pta@rotokauri.school.nz

S.C.E.N.T Project

If you have been down to the school field recently you will have seen a lot of activity happening. The PTA are creating a Sensory Classroom and Educational Nature Trail (SCENT). There is a number of materials that the PTA is on the lookout for so that the project can be completed. If you are able to help sourcing any of these items please let the PTA know via their email. The PTA need –

- ponga logs, large bamboo, or other natural materials that might be suitable to be used to make a screen from the neighbouring property
- rocks – a trailer load of basketball size rocks
- old fence battens
- used paving stones – about 50 (not cobblestones)
- 3 or 4 concrete farm troughs – large or small, cracked or damaged is fine, not for holding water just soil
- 2 or 3 concrete culvert pipes
- Steel reinforcing mesh – one sheet, rusty or damaged is fine
- 44 gallon drums – 4 or 5, good quality appreciated
- Rope – 50 0 75mm diameter, at least 100 metres required

Disco

Thank you to the staff, PTA members and senior students that helped with the school disco last week. The students had a great time.

GENERAL MATTERS

Strike

Rotokauri School Board of Trustees has made the decision to close our school for instruction on Wednesday 29th May. Staff and Principals that are members of NZEI will be on strike. As Rotokauri School will be closed for instruction on this day we ask that all students remain at home.

The teaching staff at Rotokauri School appreciate your support for better conditions in education. Teachers are striking for improvement in –

- Support for students with learning needs
- Teacher/Principal workloads
- Recruiting and retaining teachers
- Remuneration

CELEBRATIONS

Cross-Country

Last Friday 17th May we held our school Cross-Country event. The weather certainly played its part in making this a successful event, we had perfect autumnal conditions for running! Well done to everyone who participated and achieved their goals. We were extremely proud of you all. We witnessed some great examples of our school values – students encouraging each other, students supporting each other, students giving 100% effort. Thank you to the parents and family members who came along on the day. It is always great to have you there.

Congratulations to the strong team of 52 students who will represent Rotokauri at the interschool cross-country on Friday 24th May at Waitetuna. Good luck to all the runners! Results are as follows:

Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5 year old boys	Toby Milne	Bosston Edgar-Brewer	Koby Rose
5 year old girls	Esme Gyde	Kaylee Quinlan	Scarlett Swain
6 year old boys	Liam Surgenor	Nate Turney	Cairo Nelson
6 year old girls	Rebecca Cameron	Mya Hoebergen	Ava Esselbrugge
7 year old boys	Noah Rose	Ashton Newbold	Luca Haldane
7 year old girls	Evie Wilson	Jiya Prajapati	Chloe Inglis
8 year old boys	Archie Cameron	Nate Westgate	James Ward
8 year old girls	Hannah Milne	Acacia Barham	Mercedes Barber
9 year old boys	Cole Turney	Cory Burt	Isaac Stratford
9 year old girls	Neve Townsend	Nadia Peng	Sari Tangiora
10 year old boys	Angus Elliott	Asher Hapi	Lewis Surgenor
10 year old girls	Paige Moka	Bella'Capri Nelson	Keira Cowley
11 year old boys	Oscar Stratford	Elias Barber	Layton Farrell
11 year old girls	Ella Burt	Ella Caulfield	Ella Sumner
12 year old boys	Cole Viljoen-Thomson	Riley Cornelissen	Brooklyn Snelgrove
12 year old girls	Jessica Cuff	Kayla Westgate	Aamira Ali
1 st = Kakariki	2 nd = Kowhai	3 rd = Whero	4 th = Kikorangi

EPro8

Eight students participated in the EPro8 (Engineering, Problem-solving, Innovation) competition last week. The Year 5 and 6 team members were Paige Moka, Bridgette Donny, Jesse Zillwood and Bella'Capri Nelson. The Year 8 team members were Lucas Birks, Baylee Garden, Connor Williams-Thomas and Thomas Keightley. It was a challenging competition drawing on the students' qualities of co-operation, persistence and planning. Both the teams displayed these over an intense 3 hours. The Year 8 team overcame an unexpected twist to rally and push ahead, gaining 4 places in the last half achieving 7th place. The Year 5 and 6 team sparked from the very start of the competition maintaining their lead to be placed first. This means that they will go on to the semi-finals. Congratulations to all the students for the way that they represented themselves and our school. Thank you also to the parents and grandparents who supported the students so positively.



NYLD 2019 (National Young Leaders Day)

On 14th May 2019 all of the year 8's went to Claudelands Arena for National Young Leaders' Day. Throughout the day there were seven speakers and two of them were the hosts, Liz Alexander and Phil Baker.

The guest speakers' were Dr Lehan Stemmet (a neurologist), Kings (a rapper), Hana Tapiata (a lifestyle blogger), Ronnie Taulafo (a TV presenter on What Now) and Christian Gallen (a kiwi comedian).

Ronnie was very humorous as he shared funny childhood stories, information about his Samoan culture and how you should be proud of your ancestors. Hana was very inspiring. She shared about listening to the good voice inside your head not the bad one. Dr Lehan Stemmet was sharing about leadership, how the brain works, how being popular doesn't make you better than anyone else and you don't need to win awards to be a leader. Kings was very calm and was sharing about his music, saying always believe in yourself and never give up. Christian Gallen said lead yourself and never listen to the people who don't lead themselves.

At the end of the day Kings did a performance rapping his hit songs "Don't Worry About It and Money Dance". At leaders day we learnt that anyone can be a leader and you don't need to be popular to lead other people into greatness.

HE AHA TE KAI A TE RANGATIRA, HE KORERO, HE KORERO, HE KORERO.
What is the food of a leader? It is conversations.

By Kayla and Connor

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 2

Room 1	Archer McFall - For choosing to settle into learning activities at home and at school, and showing empathy often.
Room 1	Franco McQueen - For participating cheerfully in class activities and making some thoughtful comments to others.
Room 2	Mahi Sharma - For making an improvement on your writing and completing your work independently.
Room 2	Cameron Emslie - For showing the value of honesty and completing your work independently.
Room 3	Jaide Zillwood - For your commitment to your learning and your lovely positive attitude. You are a valued member of our class.
Room 3	Chloe Gyde - For being an active learner who excitedly participates in word challenges during reading.
Room 4	Evie Wilson - For working hard in all areas.
Room 4	Lucie Birks - For working hard in all areas.
Room 5	Jack Jones - For effort in maths, and being an active learner. Ka Pai!
Room 5	Cooper Hobbs - For his quiet hard working attitude and kindness to others.
Room 6	Matthew Webber - Your work ethic is amazing. You are always quietly working and are always following instructions.
Room 6	Cole Turney - For having a great start to Term 2. You are showing the school value of active learner, by focusing on your work especially in reading.

Room 7	Adam Towl - For an excellent 'mushroom' presentation that was extremely interesting and visual.
Room 7	Angus Elliott - For always being an amazing role model in Room 7 by showing pride in his work and patience with his classmates. Great job!
Room 8	Kiedis Vallett - For being a kind and respectful student who is becoming more confident taking on learning challenges. Be proud Kiedis.
Room 8	Baylee Garden - For being a senior role model in her class and school. She is always willing to help and support others with a smile and a positive attitude. Thank you Baylee.

MATARIKI

TUPU-AA-NUKU

The star of Tupu-aa-nuku represents food from the ground which are our huawhenua (vegetables) that give us vitamins and minerals which help us to GLOW.

TIP: Eat an uenuku (rainbow) of different colours for a variety of different vitamins and minerals.

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MATARIKI

STARS

The stars of Matariki each represent a different part of our environment. 4 of the stars have a link to kai (food):

- Waitii food from the rivers
- Tupu-aa-rangi food from the sky
- Waitaa food from the ocean
- Tupu-aa-nuku food from the ground

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