

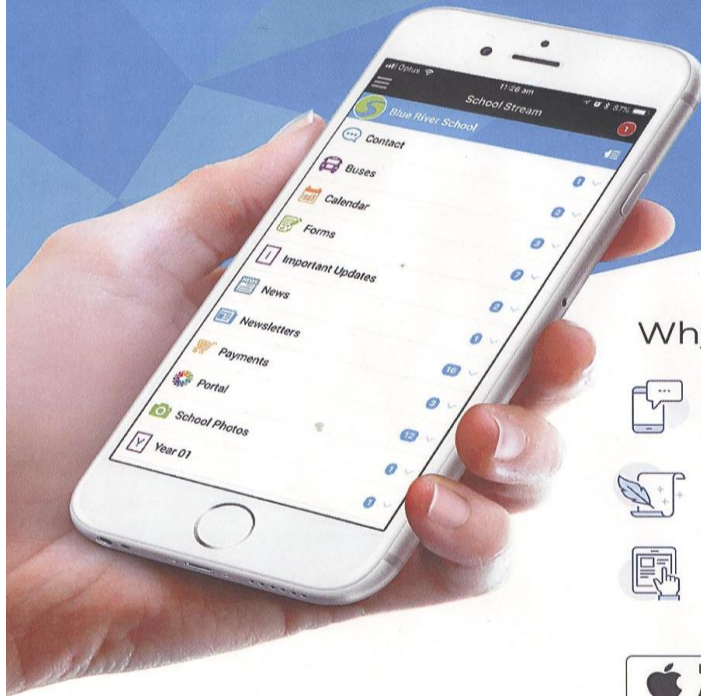
# Rotokauri School Newsletter






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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

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

I hope that you all enjoyed the long Queen's Birthday weekend, despite the weather. This week we welcome Mrs Diana Donovan to Rotokauri School. Mrs Donovan will be teaching in Room 5 and we are grateful to Jude MacDonald for all her hard work with the students for the last 5 weeks. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Win Schmits will be teaching in Room 8 for the remainder of the year.

The staff would like to thank the families that offered their support during our recent strike action. We realise that this action places extra pressure on families who may need to take time off their own work to look after their children. Strike action is not taken lightly and for the first time, both primary and secondary teachers were striking together, which shows that the crisis in education needs to be addressed. I am not aware of any new plans for further industrial action as yet.

In a previous email the new BOT was announced. I would like to once again thank our current BOT for their service to the school and welcome the new BOT to their new roles. This Friday we have a group of students attending the Tough Guy Tough Gal Challenge at Ngaruawahia. Good luck to all our competitors. A huge thank you to Cherie Moroney for organising all the entries and transport – we really do appreciate it when parents assist us with the many requirements necessary for students to attend events. Have a great fortnight everyone.

Ngaa mihi  
Desiree Smith

## **BOT NEWS**

### **Resignation**

At our May meeting the BOT accepted Ms Stone's resignation. Tanya will be taking up a teaching vacancy at Te Kowhai School starting in Term 3. We are currently advertising for a new staff member. We wish Ms Stone the best of luck at her new school and thank her for all that she has done working at Rotokauri School.

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

### **New Netball Uniforms**

It was very exciting to have new uniforms delivered recently for the Rotokauri Eagles netball team. A huge thank you to the PTA who kindly paid for these. Also, thank you to Lisa Burt for ordering the uniforms. Our students will take to the courts with pride.

### **Reporting to Parents**

In Week 8, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding our Parent Interviews. These learning discussions enable our teachers to share your child's progress to date, discuss next steps for learning and how you can help support your child/ren at home. The interviews will also be an opportunity to talk through your child's mid-year report. Forming a positive, collaborative relationship with parents and whaanau is very important to us and research suggests that having strong, positive partnerships between home and school can lead to greater student outcomes.

### **Help Request**

The junior PMP programme is up and running smoothly and the children are loving it. We have one last set of equipment on our wish list to complete our collection of gear. It would cost nearly \$600 for the school to purchase and ship these items. Are there any talented builders who are able to make a set of plywood shapes and stands for us? Please contact Mrs O'Rourke in Room 3.



### **Thanks ANZ and Parent Supporters**

The ANZ Bank run a partners scheme where anyone taking out a mortgage with them can nominate a school to receive credits that can be redeemed for a number of items. Thanks to this scheme we have recently been able to upgrade our school BBQ. A big thank you to any parents supporting the school this way and of course ANZ for providing such a generous scheme to help schools.

## **Scholastic Book Fair Viewing Times**

The Book Fair is on 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> June. Children will view the Book Fair during class time and will bring home a wish list.

The more books we sell, the more money the school gets to purchase books and resources.

The Book Fair will be open for viewing and purchasing at these times. EFTPOS is available.

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 9:00 am

Monday and Tuesday 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesday and Thursday 3:00 - 4:30 pm

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **Interschool Cross-Country**

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Interschool Cross Country at Waitetuna. Thank you to the parents that attended to support our children and to Miss Swindells and Ms Carter for supervising our Rotokauri students.

Results are as follows:

7 year old girls	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evie Wilson
8 year old girls	1 <sup>st</sup>	Hannah Milne
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Acacia Barham
9 year old girls	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nadia Peng
5 year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bosston Edgar-Brewer
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Toby Milne
6 year old boys	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nate Turney
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cairo Nelson
9 year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cole Turney
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cory Burt
10 year old boys	1 <sup>st</sup>	Angus Elliott
11 year old boys	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oscar Stratford
12/13 year old boys	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cole Viljoen-Thomson

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

### **Assembly Awards**

#### **Week 4**

Room 1	Ivy Lu - For working quietly in the classroom and showing the Rotokauri values.
Room 1	Carter Moka - For showing Rotokauri values in the classroom.
Room 2	Kaitlyn Peng - For showing all Rotokauri School values and always having a positive attitude.
Room 2	Shaan Judge - For being an active learner and making fantastic progress in your reading. Well done.

Room 3	Brianna Donny - For being an active learner and working hard on your group's play presentation.
Room 3	Kaylee Clark - For demonstrating leadership qualities and the Rotokauri Values and for being a role model for Room 3.
Room 4	Jiya Prajapati - For always working hard in everything you do and trying new things and using the value of courage.
Room 4	Regan Bennett - For working hard in writing and always trying your best and using the school values.
Room 6	Shelby Attrill - For showing the right attitude towards math and reading. You have been working hard in these areas. Well done and keep it up.
Room 6	Jett McFall - For demonstrating the Rotokauri Value of active learner. Your work ethic has been awesome and you have been working well during maths.
Room 7	Corbyn Ridley - You have been an active learner all this term and because of this you have made a huge improvement in your writing. Well done!
Room 7	Quinlen Dixon - For creativity in your Kiwiana Ice Cream Poetry poster and creating a new flavour: Fluro Banana Blast, it may become a hit!
Room 8	Kayla Westgate - For being a student who always represents our school values - respect, empathy, active learning, courage and honesty. Be proud Kayla.
Room 8	Ben Milne - For being such a positive and active learner, especially in Maths. Ben, you always give of your best in all that you do. Well Done!

## Week 5

Room 1	Turner Wallace - Managing your learning tasks so that you complete them quickly.
Room 1	Ivy Lu - Completing your writing tasks independently and quickly.
Room 2	Jesse McDonagh - For reading regularly and being enthusiastic about your reading log.
Room 2	Elsie Van Rooij - For always using your manners and having a positive attitude in all that you do.
Room 3	Chloe Inglis - For your kind manner in which you talked and work with your peers while directing the Zebra Crossing play. You demonstrate respect and empathy.
Room 3	Nature Aitchison - For demonstrating the Rotokauri Values, especially courage and empathy and for being a role model.
Room 4	Reece Calnan - Working hard in maths and showing courage by taking chances in his learning.
Room 4	Nayr Bradbury - Working hard in reading and maths and showing empathy to others.
Room 5	Archie Cameron - Working hard on his writing this week.
Room 5	Elijah Esselbrugge – For his enthusiastic attitude towards all work.
Room 6	Maya Sharma - For being a great role model in Room 6. Always having a positive attitude to her learning.
Room 6	Ava Viljoen-Thomson - For always being a kind, helpful and respectful member of Room 6. You are an awesome role model. Ka pai!
Room 7	Mikayla Farrell - Showing creativity on your Project House design during our Measurement topic.
Room 7	Keira Cowley - Showing creativity on your Project House design during our Measurement topic.
Room 8	Amos Robinson - For the leadership qualities he shows, and for being a role model for our school values. Well done.
Room 8	Ella Caulfield - For being so positive and always doing her very best in all learning activities, showing perseverance. Be proud Ella.



## Writing by James – Room 5

James

### Anzac Day Diary

Imagine you are an Anzac soldier during World War I. Your boat has just landed at Gallipoli and you are safe. Write a diary entry about the experience and how you feel.

Dear Diary,

Today we are digging, I am terrified that I'm going to have to need to get <sup>my</sup> foot cut off! My mates are falling down while I smooth the sides of the trenches. The battlefield is overloaded with mud. I have been ill daily. I'm brokenhearted that I'm here. I got taken to the hospital, it's dreadful. My foot is now cut off! My mates are trying to defend me. The icky sticky mud is slowing me down. At least it's my last day as they signed the treaty and I hope

Dear Diary,

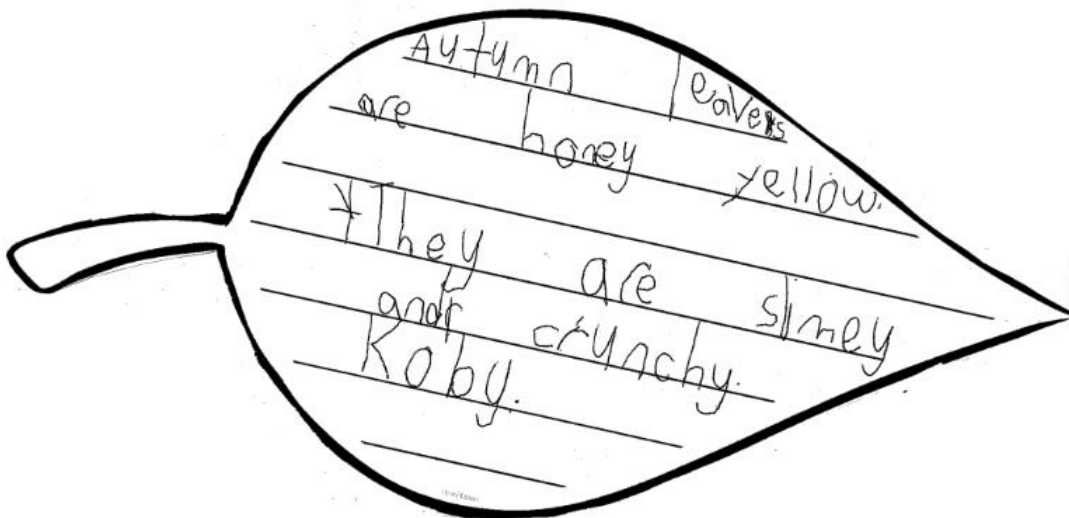
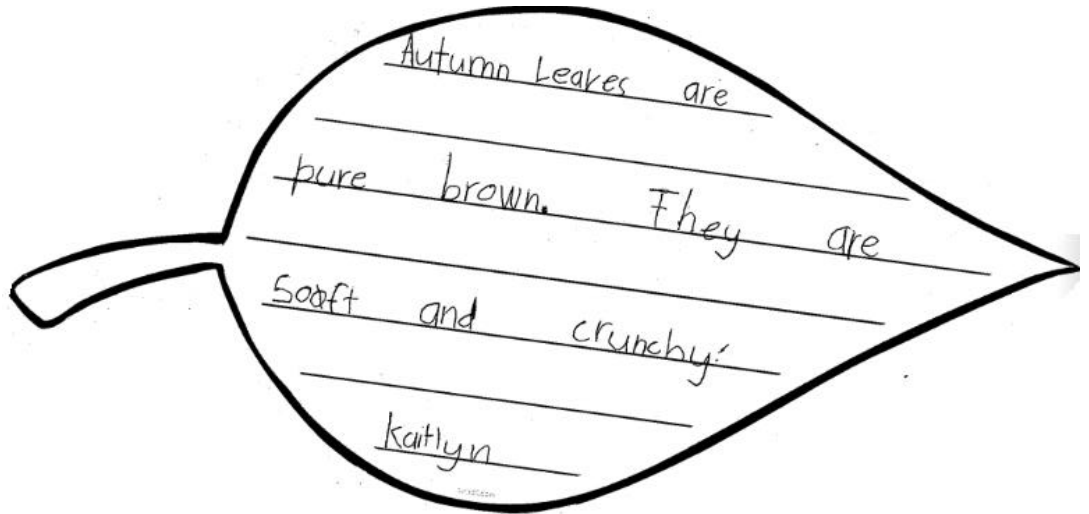
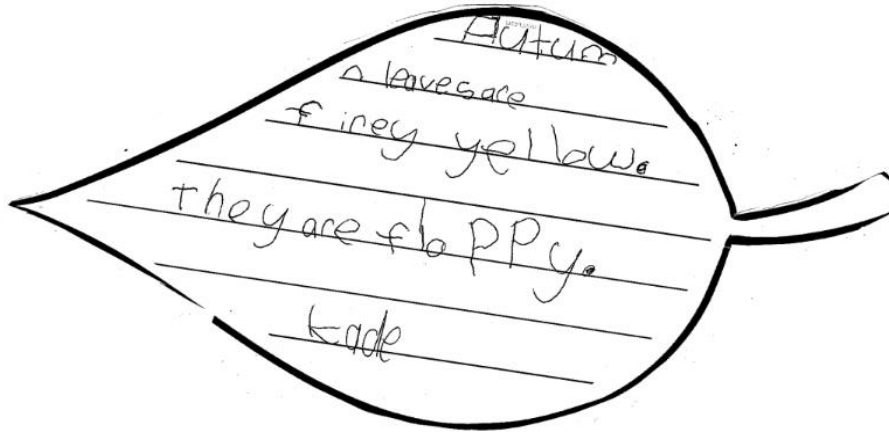
I survive. Some young men that are dying are only 16 and 17 years old because they lied about their age. Now I'm getting ambushed. I sneak away back to the icky sticky trenches.



**Class Sharing**

**Room 2**

Room 2 have been looking at how the leaves change in autumn. They wrote descriptively about the colour and texture of the leaves.



## Room 3

# Bucket Filling



Room 3 is learning about empathy. We have read [Have you Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud](#). This book is about people's feelings and how we can choose to make others happy.

*In our class we have little buckets where we can pop messages in to brighten people's days. We have been learning to write explanations. Here is some of our writing, explaining how bucket filling works. Bucket filling is when you fill someone's bucket. Bucket dipping is when you say something mean to a friend or your sister. But saying something amazing, your own bucket will get filled.*

By Nature

*Everyone has a bucket. Everywhere and anywhere. Even in your house. I am going to tell you more about how to fill people's buckets. You can fill other people's bucket just by smiling. You can ask if you want to play with them for the day or ask if you want to be a friend. You can empty your bucket by not worrying about others, ignoring them or do anything mean. When you are mean it empties your own bucket. It doesn't make you happy, it makes you sad. At the end of the day, ask yourself did I fill someone's bucket today?*

By Mya



*Everyone in the world has an invisible bucket and where you go you are holding it. When you are dipping into other people's bucket, it doesn't fill your own bucket but it empties your bucket too. Bucket filling is something that if you smile at someone you fill their bucket.*

By Liam

*Everyone in the world has a bucket. You are holding it right now. It feels wonderful when they get filled up. When someone's bucket gets filled, it's not just them who gets a full bucket, it's you as well! It makes you feel incredible when you fill someone's bucket and it makes them feel on cloud nine.*

By Chloe





**MATARIKI**

# TUPU-AA-RANGI



The star of Tupu-aa-rangi represents food from the sky, like our trees. Healthy and tasty fruit gives our bodies vitamins and minerals which help us to GLOW.



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**MATARIKI**

# WATERCRESS & PUUHAA!



When picking both waatakirihi (watercress) and puuhaa they are tastier before they flower. Make sure the water is clear when picking waatakirihi and snap at the base of the stem. If you can, pick puuhaa in the morning for a tastier harvest.



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GET THE INSIDE SCOOP BEFORE THE WORLD CUP!

A NIGHT WITH

# ALL BLACKS COACHES

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