

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## You Are Invited To . . .



### **Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information Meeting**

**Date: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August (today)**

**Time: 2.30 p.m.**

**Venue: Multipurpose Room**

Information meeting to discuss any questions you may have about the Keeping Ourselves Programme taught in classrooms this term.

**Meeting to be run by: Constable Jacob Goldsmith**



### **Rotokauri R.E.A.C.H**

**Respect, Empathy, Active Learner, Courage, Honesty**

**VALUES REFLECTION NIGHT**

**Date: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**Time: 6.30 p.m.**

**Venue: Multipurpose Room**

Rotokauri School is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school and we have developed, with your input, a set of school values REACH.

Come along and learn about how we as a community can support our students in developing these values and behaviours.

**Meeting to be run by: Bette-May Waine**

**(RTLB – Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour)**

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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 Xander (Room 3) and Lance (Room 7) Higgins who have moved into the Rotokauri community and to Hannah-Leah Warbrick who has joined Room 1.

We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

## PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you enjoyed some quality time with your children. The children have come back with smiles, laughter and an enthusiasm for being back at school. Walking around this week there has been a wonderful buzz around the school as students settle back into school life, with enthusiasm for learning.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a reward for being chosen from the Values Box during Term 2 –

Mahi Sharma	Room 2	Active learner
Grace Petley	Room 4	Active learner
Noah Rose	Room 4	Active learner
Maddox Stratford	Room 1	Respect
Kaylee Quinlan	Room 2	Active learner
Ryan Russell	Room 4	Courage
Ciaran Williams-Thomas	Room 7	Active learner

Aniket Raju	Room 3	Empathy
Rebecca Cameron	Room 3	Empathy
Hannah Towl	Room 4	Active learner
Mackenzie O'Rourke	Room 2	Active learner
McKay Robinson	Room 7	Respect
Vedhikah Goundar	Room 6	Active learner
Ivy Lu	Room 1	Empathy
Blake Robinson Hastings	Room 6	Honesty
Maia O'Loughlin	Room 1	Courage
Imogen Jennings	Room 4	Active learner
Hannah Jones	Room 5	Active learner

## **Welcome to Mr Robertson**

*Hi, I'm Scott Robertson. I'm the new teacher in Room 7. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know my new class over the past two weeks and meeting the other children around the school.*

*I am married with two children; a 19 year old daughter, Caitlyn who is studying Health Science in her first year at Otago University and a 15 year old son, Daniel who is in Year 11 at Te Awamutu College. My wife, Suzanne is also a teacher. She is a Team Leader at Te Totara Primary School, here in Hamilton; teaching Year 5 & 6's.*



*My interests include music (learning the guitar), history (both military and political), reading, motorcycling, skateboarding, snowboarding (learning novice) and most importantly family time. In my past I have ridden motocross and road bikes, having moved on from BMX bikes, I have also been an avid squash and tennis player.*

*Previous roles have included training as a mechanic, working for Repco Merchants for 14 years in various sales roles, managing a motorcycle dealership, working for Mazda NZ, managing a Fire and Security Company and finally 4 years working in a psych secure unit. This last role, ironically is what led me towards finally training to become a teacher. This is a role that I love, and am passionate about, as I watch these young people develop into valued members of our communities.*

Ngaa mihi  
Desiree Smith

## **BOT NEWS**

### **Co-option**

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce that they have co-opted Brad Kells on to the Board as a committee member. Brad has had a long association with the school and brings a great deal of property knowledge to the Board.

## **Attendance**

At our July BOT meeting the Term 2 Attendance Report was presented to the Board.

**Sixty nine students had 90% or more attendance for Term 1 & 2, 2019.**

**One hundred and seven students had 80 – 90% attendance for Term 1 & 2, 2019.**

**Thirty students had less than 80% attendance for Term 1 & 2, 2019.**

The Ministry of Education guidelines state that:

- A school must follow up on absences
- A school must record and monitor attendance and absence data
- A school must work to improve attendance
- Attendance includes being on time for school and class

The BOT will be reviewing the school's Attendance Management Policy and will share this with the community once completed.

## **Enrolment Scheme**

At the July Board meeting Anna Manukau from the Ministry of Education spoke to the Board about operating an enrolment scheme and following the appropriate guidelines.

Points to note from her presentation that are important for the school community to know and understand are –

- The purpose of an enrolment scheme is to avoid overcrowding and to ensure that the selection of applicants for enrolment at a school is carried out in a fair and transparent manner.
- Students who live in the home zone have an absolute entitlement to enrol at the school.
- Out-of-zone students who apply for enrolment at the school must be offered places at the school in the following order of priority
  - Students accepted for enrolment in a special programme run by the school
  - Siblings of current students
  - Siblings of former students
  - Child of a former student
  - Child of Board employees or a child of a Board member
  - All other students
- It is the Ministry of Education's view that any decision on whether or not a student lives within a home zone should be based on whether or not the student's given address is his or her **usual** place of residence. The intention of remaining within the home zone is shown by the student living with his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) in a house in the home zone owned, leased, rented by the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- The onus is on the parent to provide evidence that will enable the Board to judge whether the given address will be the student's usual place of residence when the school is open for instruction.
- The difficulty for Boards is determining 'genuineness'. Parents/guardians will need to provide evidence and sign an enrolment statement.

- Once attendance at a school has commenced, there is a provision in the legal documents which provides for the annulment of enrolment if the Board has reasonable grounds for believing that, at the time of application, the parents/guardians falsely claimed the student was living in the home zone or was entitled to a particular priority in the ballot. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the school if students move in or out of zone.

## PTA NEWS

### S.C.E.N.T Project

If you have been down onto the school field you will notice that this project is well underway. A number of items have been kindly donated to the school for this project – tyres, topsoil, battens and troughs. Thank you to everybody that has provided something.

### Car Show BOOK FAIR

The Rotokauri School Book Fair is back again by popular demand. The Book Fair will be part of the annual Car Show, to be held on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

We are looking for the donation of good quality books that we can sell at the Book Fair. So start to clean out those cupboards or bookshelves and bring those unwanted books along to the Rotokauri School Multi-purpose Room.

We would also like some clean paper bags to place the books into once they are sold. Please let as many people as possible know about our book collection.

## GENERAL MATTERS

### Team / Group Photographs – 7 August

Team Photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 7 August. Photo order forms came home last week. If your child did not bring one home but has been in a group or team since August 2018 please contact the office. If you would like to order a photo please return the filled in envelope and payment to the school office by 9.00 am on 7 August. If the order comes in after this time you will be asked to arrange delivery to Photolife yourself. Team Coaches and Managers are welcome to come along to school and be in the photo. For an idea of the timetable on the day, please contact Sharon closer to the time. Please remember to send your child with their sports uniform on the day of the photo and if necessary to have black leggings or shorts so that the photographs look tidy with everyone looking like a team.

### Medical Requirements

Please ensure you come to the school office to fill out a medical form if your child requires medication during school hours. If your child needs to use an inhaler please ensure that they are brought to school, named and in a sealed plastic bag. No medications can be administered without written permission. **If medication is held at school please take the time to check expiry dates during the year so that, if needed, the medication will work correctly when administered.**

## **Digital Citizenship and the Use of ICT at School**

Last week classes reviewed Digital Citizenship which is also part of our upcoming Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. This included keeping passwords and personal details secure, respect for the school's ICT equipment and using ICT as directed by the teacher to enhance learning. Students recommitted to the Digital Citizenship Contract by reviewing their privileges and their responsibility to make wise choices. Students were also reminded of the consequences when they break the contract or misuse ICT; this includes loss of ICT privileges. The school has invested in a range of digital devices that are available in each class and used in a variety of ways to enhance learning.

## **Support for Principal Parity**

After winning pay parity for primary and secondary teachers, it is time to support primary school principals in gaining pay parity with secondary principals. A key part of this campaign is visible support from the community. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of August children can come to school wearing green in support of Miss Smith being paid fairly. Parents and families are encouraged to demonstrate their support by tooting for the principal in the afternoon in the bus bay and popping something green on a car window.

## **Agricultural Day Entry Form**

The Agricultural Day Entry form is attached to this email. **The last day for entry forms to be returned to the school office is Friday, 20 September. Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.**

## **Trophy Return**

Could all Agricultural Day and speech trophies be returned to the school office please so that they are ready for this year's events.

## **SPCA Help**

It always makes my heart swell with pride when students use their initiative and decide that they are going to make a difference. Please help these two lovely young ladies to support the cause which they are collecting for.

Hi, our names are Ella and Olivia. We are fundraising to help the SPCA because we care about the welfare of animals and we know that the SPCA needs our help. You can support us by donating non-perishable pet food, like pet biscuits. We don't want dog rolls or anything that needs to be kept in the fridge. If you have any toys or old blankets/towels they can be donated as well. Please support the SPCA who work hard to help animals. If you are able to donate it would be a big help. Thank you for your future donations.

The SPCA Crew

## CELEBRATIONS

### Student Celebrations

Congratulations to Oscar Stratford for being chosen to play in the Southern Reds representative rugby team for the Bowers Cup. Oscar played his first games last Sunday.



Congratulations to Amos Robinson for entering the Hamilton Strings Competition, held on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Amos played two of the songs he has been preparing for his cello exam to be held later this year. Amos was in the 11 years and under 13 years category, competing for the Simon and Tim Jones Cup. He was placed first and was able to take home the cup and a small cash prize. Amos has been learning to play the cello for 3 years and this is Amos's first competition on his cello.

Amos's Mum said that he performed confidently and represented Sistema Waikato and Rotokauri School with great pride. Amos has increased his confidence and has the desire to learn more and perform more too. Keep up the great work Amos.

Congratulations to Bella'Capri Nelson as she was recently selected to play in a tournament in Melbourne, Australia as a member of the Cameron Academy. She was among 10 players selected from around the country chosen for their talent and skill level, as demonstrated at a national Maori tournament earlier in the year. Bella'Capri had a successful tournament as a starting 5 player. However, most of her extra fun was had off the court as she visited various museums, the aquarium and the zoo. Bella'Capri's parents (and the school) are very proud of the way that Bella'Capri represented her whanau and school so well while she was in Australia. It has shown that all Bella'Capri's hard work and dedication to her sport have paid off.



Congratulations to Carter Jackways for his rugby and basketball sporting success.

During the holidays Carter played for Hamilton Eagles in the Gwynne Shield rugby competition. Eagles are one of four Hamilton teams. They came 7<sup>th</sup> out of ten teams and were pleased to beat the only unbeaten team in the last round.

Carter is now switching to his basketball rep team responsibilities. He is playing for Waikato Country Under 13 A-team. We look forward to hearing how Carter does in his upcoming tournaments.

Congratulations to Riley Boswell with his karting success. During the school holidays Riley competed in Kartsport New Zealand National schools competition in Wellington. This is a competition where young karters from all around NZ compete for a national title representing their school. Riley finished 9th overall after experiencing a week full of engine issues but still battling hard.

He is now chasing the Top Half Series title, which travels around the upper part of the North Island over 4 rounds. The first one being in Hamilton on 17th August. He finished 2nd overall in this competition last year so is chasing the win this year.



### **Kiwis Netball Team**

Last Saturday, the Kiwis played in a netball tournament at Minogue Park. They were lucky enough to win some new bibs for our school. Well done Kiwis!





At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

## **Assembly Awards**

### **Term 2 Week 10**

Room 1	Oliver Ashplant - For working very hard on his writing goals and making amazing progress.
Room 1	Franco McQueen - For thinking carefully about his maths and doing some amazing calculating in his head.
Room 1	Archer McFall - For being a fabulous class member who is always kind and thoughtful. You are a cool young man.
Room 2	Nicky-Rose Hoebe - For always using your initiative and always lending a helping hand without being asked.
Room 2	Jesse McDonagh - For trying hard in your writing this and being a great helper in Room 2.
Room 3	Israel Warbrick - For being an active learner in all areas. Keep up your great effort and attitude.
Room 3	Mya Hoebergen - For being an active learner in all areas. Keep up your great effort and attitude
Room 4	Nayr Bradbury - For awesome reading.
Room 4	Ryan Russell - For awesome reading.
Room 5	Joseph Warbrick – For your careful self-portrait.
Room 5	Madison Gibson – For your great progress in reading.
Room 6	Nadia Peng - For working hard and showing the Rotokauri Values.
Room 6	Timothy Sumner - For staying on task and showing the value of respect.
Room 7	Hosea Warbrick - For being an active learner by offering your services in the ePRO8 Challenge and working extremely well with the rest of the Team.
Room 7	Lily Allen - For being an active learner by offering your services in the ePRO8 Challenge and working extremely well with the rest of the Team.
Room 8	Liam Janssen - For the wonderful dedication and support shown to your Ki-O-Rahi team throughout the Ki-O-Rahi tournament.
Room 8	Connor Williams-Thomas - Always displaying the Rotokauri values and being a mature role model for Room 8

### **Term 3 Week 1**

Room 1	Ella Wen - For thinking creatively and coming up with great ideas.
Room 1	Elijah Ploeg - For thinking creatively and coming up with great ideas
Room 2	Cameron Emslie - For being an active learner and focused during writing time, therefore completing a good piece of writing.
Room 2	Asa Robinson - For being an active learner and focused during writing time, therefore completing a good piece of writing.
Room 3	Isaac Hapi - For demonstrating the value of empathy and helping out your classmates when needed.
Room 3	Bella Gyde - For your fluent and expressive reading and continued progress in your accuracy and understanding. Great active learning!
Room 4	Regan Bennett - For working hard in his reading and moving up a group.
Room 4	Evie Wilson - For her dedication to reading and being an active learner.
Room 6	Ryan Jorgensen - For having an awesome start to term 3. You have been proactive with your learning, and have been organised overall. You have shown our school value of being an active learner.
Room 6	Zephyr Rhind - For having great ideas during class discussions. Your ideas are very valuable to our learning.
Room 7	Angus Elliott - For responding positively to all feedback, during writing this week.
Room 7	Olivia Moroney-Pearson - For having a positive attitude towards all your learning this week, and being a leader in the classroom.
Room 8	Lucas Birks - For showing courage in his learning, thinking independently and creatively outside the square in his research task.
Room 8	Aamira Ali - For demonstrating resilience when tackling challenging learning. Well done.

## **Values Awards**

Well done to the following students for showing our Rotokauri School values –

Deanna Smith	Room 5	For being an active learner
Nate Turney	Room 3	Showing empathy

## **Class Sharing**

### **Room 1**

As part of our topic “Keeping Ourselves Safe” Hugo Hodgson wrote this story.

#### **I am Special**

*I am special because I have a neighbour's cat that is my friend. When I give it treats it does tricks.*

*By Hugo Hodgson*

### **Room 2**

As part of our Matariki celebration, Room 2 children created the seven stars of Matariki. We tried to include koru into our design. The stars are Matariki, Tupu-ā-nuku, Tupu-ā-rangi, Waitī, Waitā, Waipunā-ā-rangi and Ururangi.



# SNACKS

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Snacks are an important part of our day as they give us energy to keep going between meals.

Snacks are 'mini meals' and should come from the four food groups.



**Vegetables and fruit**



**Milk and milk products**



**Meat and meat alternatives**



**Grain foods**



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# GLOW SNACKS

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Vegetables and fruit contain vitamins and minerals that help fight off infections, bad bugs, make our skin glow and eyes shine. Try to eat a variety of colours.



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