

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Photos from students' vs staff netball game on 16 August



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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 Daisy Sercombe in Room 7. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Nгаа mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Wow! I can't believe we are already at the halfway point of Term 3. It is great to see our learners working hard and showing massive amounts of resilience towards their learning. During the year I have had the pleasure of showing prospective families around our school. Whilst doing these 'walk-throughs' I am always impressed with the warm welcome the families receive from our students and staff. Another humbling experience is talking to the relievers that come in to support our school when teachers are unwell or are attending courses etc. They have shared positive comments with me about the way that our students and staff have welcomed them in to the school, how Rotokauri has a wonderful family feel which demonstrates our school values. It truly is an honour to be the Principal of our school.

Future Planning

It is that time of year when the school needs to start planning for the upcoming year. The Board of Trustees have decided to hold a ballot in Term 4. Before this happens though we need to update our information. If you know of any parent or parents who have a child turning five soon, that lives in-zone, please get them to contact the school.

Also, if any current students are making a change in 2020 and will not be attending Rotokauri please update the school. Knowing these facts will assist the staff in forming class lists for next year.

School Stream App

Don't forget to download our SchoolStream app if you haven't already done so. This is a great tool for the school to communicate information to families.

Student Led Conferences

Student-Led Conferences will take place on Monday 16th September from 3.10 – 6.30 p.m for **all** Rotokauri School students.

Please find attached to this newsletter the information about Student Led Conferences, your role and the booking system.

Camps

Organisation is well underway for the senior camps that students will participate in this year. Year 5 & 6 students will participate in an overnight camp at Narrows Park Christian Camp (Tamahere) and Year 7 & 8 students will participate in a two night camp at Totara Springs Christian Camp (Matamata). Thank you to the PTA and BOT committees for their kind contributions towards the cost of camp. Please support the students as they now fundraise to make the final cost of camp as low as possible. If you are able to assist in any way or have suggestions about fundraising ideas please talk to your child's classroom teacher. Direct any questions about camp to Ms Jaimee Carter jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz

Keep warm and dry everyone. Enjoy your week.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

ERO Visit

We were notified last week that the Education Review Office (ERO) will be visiting the school during Term 4, Week 1, to complete their external evaluation.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

The Keeping Ourselves Safe programme has now been completed in most classes and we would like to thank parents and caregivers for supporting the school, by completing the home-based activities and for taking the time to talk through the important points that were raised in the programme.

Suspicious Behaviour

During the last month there have been some suspicious activities occurring around the school and in the local community. Please report any suspicious behaviour in or around the school grounds to the Principal and the office. We encourage families that are using the school grounds to abide by the school rules and behave in a respectful way at all times. It is disappointing to have members of the community riding horses or motorbikes on the school property, climbing the tennis court fence, smoking, drinking

alcohol and/or bringing dogs to school (even when students are at school). The BOT investment for security cameras has been invaluable in identifying these disrespectful community members. The BOT has developed a Security Camera Policy which can be viewed on our school website.

Recently a car window was smashed and equipment stolen from it while it was parked in our school carpark, over a weekend. A black SUV was seen driving in the vicinity and this vehicle has also been spotted in suspicious circumstances around the local community as well. The driver and passenger have approached a home where a young girl was home alone. The Police have been notified about this vehicle and are keen to hear about any incidents or sightings.

Safety at School

There is little doubt that student safety at school is paramount to all Rotokauri School community members. However, despite our best efforts and many reminders, sadly, some parents/caregivers are choosing to breach the rules and are placing our students and staff at risk every day. We have grown tired of reminding parents/caregivers that Yellow lines mean NO STOPPING and that when the orange sign/white bar is across the pedestrian crossing cars MUST STOP. The new camera purchased by the BOT will be photographing offender's cars and the BOT will be contacting these drivers. Modelling appropriate, safe behaviour is one of the best methods of reinforcing expected safety routines. Our road patrol volunteers give much of their time throughout the year to ensure there are safe places to cross the road. We cannot condone parents/caregivers jaywalking in our carpark while in full view of the students and in so doing modelling inappropriate, unsafe behaviour. Last week a member of the District Council came to view and assess our carpark in operation. He was disappointed at the drivers who sped past the school or sped into our entranceway (some even talking on the phone).

We urge those members of our community reflected in this article to take the few extra steps to follow our school rules and respect the rules of the road.

Of course, we wholeheartedly thank those families who obey the road rules and prioritise the safety of our children.

Lastly, in an effort to reduce the number of issues that we are experiencing we would like to suggest some initiatives that could be considered by those drivers picking up students –

- Staggering the time that drivers arrive at school to pick up
- Using all available carparks in or outside the school grounds – rather than driving through the bus bay
- Carpooling

Let's continue to make our school a safe place for our children and if you have any further ideas of how we could accomplish this please let us know.



NEWS

Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

CAR SHOW & GALA 10th NOVEMBER 2019

We are seeking sponsorship for this year's Car Show & Gala. We have a few options available and are seeking assistance from businesses in the way of a monetary donation. Your donation will be used to purchase items for the Car Show & Gala. Here are some options we are currently looking for sponsorship for:

Scratchie Kiwi Raffle Sponsor	Cost \$100	Grocery Raffle Sponsor	Cost \$150
Child's Scooter & Helmet Sponsor	Cost \$200	Lolly Pop Tree Game	Cost \$100
\$100 Dollar Note Sponsor	Cost \$100		

Donations of \$50 & \$100 are most welcome or you can sponsor one of the above and have your business logo attached to this item or stall.

We may have a main sponsor's option for the Car Show – info to follow

If you are interested and can help please email us at pta@rotokauri.school.nz and we can give you some more details.

New Unwanted Gifts

If you are having a clear out we are collecting new unwanted gifts to use as prizes in our hampers for our Quick Fire Raffles. There is a collection box in the office you can drop your items into.



Wine

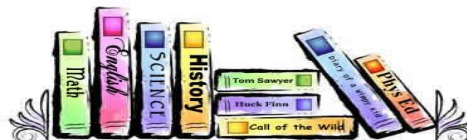
Does anyone have a contact that would donate 5 bottles of wine for the Top 5 Winners of the Classic Cars Show?

Items for Prizes

Donations of vouchers, prizes etc would be appreciated.

Book Fair

Thank you to the parents/caregivers and school community that have brought along book donations for the Book Fair. Keep checking with family and friends to see if they have any unwanted books that they would like to donate to Rotokauri School. The collection point is in the multi-purpose room. Also thank you to the families that are bringing in clean paper bags. If you have any queries, please contact the Book Fair Co-ordinator: Desiree Smith 8495 068.



GENERAL MATTERS

Values Reflection Evening

Thank you to Bette-May Waine RTLB who presented at our recent Values Reflection Evening and to our parents, PTA and staff who attended. Your input into our new values and their definitions and examples are going to be shared with you in our upcoming newsletters. Please expect your child to be bringing a family questionnaire home as homework to discuss the reach values individually. This will occur over 5 newsletters and is to get community voice for those of you who were unable to attend our values evening. Thank you also to Beau Stowers from The University of Waikato for assisting us with our Maori translations.

Junior and Senior Speech Competition

Children have been working hard in their classes to write their initial drafts for their persuasive speeches. Thank you to those parents who have helped children to complete their speeches and published them on cue cards. We really appreciate this assistance. Children will be presenting their speeches in class throughout the next week.

The Junior Speech Finals Competition will be held at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 9th September in the MPR. Parents will be notified of the finalists by Thursday, 5th September. Teachers will video in-class speeches and send them home on Seesaw for families to enjoy.

The Senior Speech Finals Competition will be held at 9.15 a.m. on Thursday, 12th September in the MPR. Parents will be notified of the finalists by Monday, 9th September.

Agricultural Day Entry Form

The Agricultural Day Entry form is available on the school website www.rotokauri.school.nz under the newsletter attachment section. **The last day for entry forms to be returned to the school office is Friday, 20 September. Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.**

Agricultural Day Helpers Needed

To make this day run smoothly we are totally reliant on volunteers. Below are 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 Scribes x 2** – to assist the judges by writing the certificates once judging is complete.

Digital Citizenship Agreement

As technology continues to evolve at a face pace, we continue to regularly evaluate our ICT procedures and we are guided by the recommendations of Netsafe. Our students are privileged to have access to a variety of tools and devices to access the Internet and with this, comes rights and responsibilities. We have filtering software installed and do our best to keep our students safe online.

This term we have further developed our Digital Citizenship Agreement to support our students in making wise choices when online. We have gathered student voice by asking a selection of students what they believe should be part of their responsibilities in the agreement.

Teachers will support students to understand the Digital Citizenship Agreement and then sign the agreement to affirm their commitment to becoming the best Digital Citizens they can.



Rotokauri School Junior Digital Citizenship Agreement



At Rotokauri School we use digital technology (computers, ipads...) to help with our learning. We cannot use computers and iPads until we have understood and signed this agreement. When we use digital technology, we need to learn to keep ourselves safe.

Keep it Private

I don't give out things like my address or phone number.

I protect my password and log in details and keep them private.

I only use my log in and password, and log out when I am finished.

If someone else is logged in, I tell them and help them to log out.

I can only use my log in details at home if the teacher has given permission for homework.

Keep it Safe

I treat computers and iPads with special care.

I only use the computers and websites when the teacher tells me to and the teacher is watching.

I use the website or app the way my teacher has told me.

I stay on the apps and websites my teacher has said I can use.

I do not talk to strangers online; I let an adult know if someone I don't know has tried to contact me.

Keep it Kind, Respectful, Honest and Fair

I always treat others like I want to be treated, even online.

I share the computers and iPads fairly.

I will help to look after the accessories.

I will help to make sure the iPads are charged ready for use.

Get Help

If I see anything that upsets me, is mean or not acceptable at school I will:

- not show others
- turn off the screen
- get an adult straight away

I show honesty and tell my teacher if something has gone wrong.

I tell my teacher if something is damaged or broken.

We are smart digital citizens, we agree to follow the rules

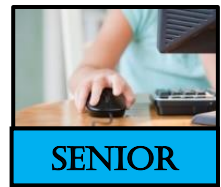
We understand that if we break the rules, there are consequences:

- Our parents may be told
- We may lose the right to use the computers and iPads

We sign here to agree to the rules and responsibilities in this agreement

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rotokauri School Senior Digital Citizenship Agreement



- At Rotokauri School we use digital devices to support and enhance our learning.
- I cannot use digital devices until I have understood and signed this agreement.
- Digital citizenship is the ability to participate meaningfully and confidently in opportunities online.

Keep it Private

I keep my profile and log in details private, safe and secure. I am careful who I share personal information and photos/videos with.

I respect log in details of others.

I can only use my log in details for approved online resources at home if the teacher has given permission for school use.

Personal phones must be handed in at the office. Any other devices are to be left at home.

Keep Safe

I demonstrate care and responsibility for digital devices and accessories.

I only use digital devices when I have teacher permission and the teacher is supervising.

I only access digital content (websites and apps) approved by my teacher.

I do not talk to strangers online; I let an adult know if someone I don't know has tried to contact me.

I do not change any settings without permission.

Keep it Friendly and Respectful

I do not share conflicts, comments that are hurtful or harmful, photos or videos that are not appropriate or are not mine to share online.

When online, I reflect my strong and positive personal values and behaviours and represent the Rotokauri School values.

I think before I post anything online for the world to see (if I am unsure, I will ask).

When I use or take others' work or ideas from the internet, I learn and understand what the rules are for copying.

Get Help

If I see anything upsetting, is mean or not acceptable at school I will:

- not show others
- turn off the screen
- get an adult straight away

I will show honesty and report issues to my teacher.

I report if something is damaged, broken or not working.

Digital Citizenship and Fluency

As an active learner, I strive to develop my online attitudes and values, my knowledge of the online world and my digital literacy skills.

I agree to follow the rules

I understand that if we break the rules, there are consequences:

- Our parents may be informed
- We may lose privileges to use digital devices and go online

I sign here to agree to the rules and responsibilities in this agreement

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Digital Citizenship and Fluency

Digital citizenship is the ability to participate meaningfully and confidently in the opportunities online, across three key aspects. Digital citizenship is about the behaviour not the technology.

1. Our online attitudes and values

- **Our actions, decisions, and behaviours online**, and our efforts to build a 'culture of kindness'.
- **How we respond to others** and what we participate in; eg. upstander v's bystander
- **How we represent ourselves** through the photos, videos, comments and posts we upload or 'like'.
- **How we respect others** through actions such as consent in posting/using images of others, on-sharing their content, etc.

2. Our knowledge of the 'online' environment

- How we understand **what the internet is**;
- How we understand that behind a screen is an **active world of people** with different values; attitudes; cultures; needs; and capabilities.
- **The ways in which we interact with sites and apps**, and features within these such as privacy and security tools, deleting and editing our content; our rights and responsibilities; knowledge of sites' terms and conditions.
- **Our understanding of how data is being collected** about the sites we use, when we click or 'like' something, and subsequent effects.
- **Understanding concepts of the public domain and a 'digital footprint'**; and the potential for content to be on-shared, replicated, altered, and control taken from the owner/author.

3. Digital literacy skills

- **Research skills** – developing abilities to critically assess truthful information from that which has been elaborated, or sourced from unfounded or unreliable sources.
- **Use of search filters** for safe searching, or 'kids specific' search engines.
- Learning **how to provide constructive comments** online, and respond positively to others' feedback about our own content.
- **Knowledge and use of open licenses** (e.g. Creative Commons) and how to attribute credit or reference others when information is sourced from online sites.
- **Showing resilience in the face of digital challenges** and knowing how to respond and also, seek support.

The School's Role

Rotokauri School supports you by helping you learn in the best ways we can, and keeping you safe at school whether you are online or offline.



We will do this by:

- Making everybody aware of their responsibilities.
- Making time to learn about positive online behaviours and ways to keep safe.
- Overseeing students' use of school's digital devices and online spaces.
- Offering access to the internet and online platforms.
- Using filtering software to protect everybody.
- Helping students who need support to deal with online problems.
- Protecting your rights to a safe and positive online environment.
- Providing opportunities to use digital technologies in the learning at school.
- Having a plan to help you when something serious or illegal happens that involves digital technology or online spaces. This might include getting in touch with the NZ Police or Netsafe.

Online issues

Despite the good things technology offers and people's best intentions, sometimes things will go wrong. Sometimes these things are on purpose, and sometimes they are accidents. Your responsibility (as part of this agreement) is to report online issues to your teacher, Mrs O'Rourke or Miss Smith.

Online bullying

Online bullying is not accepted at our school. If you or somebody else is being bullied or criticised online, report it. Keep the content so we can investigate it. Stop any further contact with the person who is bullying. You can report to your teacher, Mrs O'Rourke or Miss Smith for help.

Report a problem

We need your help to keep our school safe. If you see something on the school systems that you don't think should be there, we need you to report it as soon as you can to your teacher, Mrs O'Rourke or Miss Smith. This is really helpful and important, so that the school can find out what the problem is and fix it as soon as possible.

CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 4

Room 1	Maia O'Loughlin - For always completing her work to a high standard, and being a great self-manager.
Room 1	Scarlett Swain - For always completing her work to a high standard, and being a great self-manager.
Room 2	Zach Williams - For being an active learner and having a positive attitude towards speeches and making great progress with this. Keep it up.
Room 2	Mackenzie O'Rourke - For being an active learner and showing dedication in making the right choices for your learning. Well done.
Room 3	Aniket Raju - For showing the value of active learning in all areas. Keep it up.
Room 3	Bella Gyde - For showing the value of active learning in all areas, especially in maths this week.
Room 4	Nayr Bradbury - Working hard in his reading and spelling words.
Room 4	Ryan Keightley - Working hard in all areas and being an active learner.
Room 5	Mercedes Barber - For being an active learner.
Room 5	Cooper Hobbs – For your maths this week.
Room 6	Cole Turney - For being a standout student this week for Mr Vincent. You showed great respect and he was very impressed with you.
Room 6	Nadia Peng - For being a standout student this week for Mr Vincent. You showed great respect and he was very impressed with you
Room 7	Aditya Raju - For persevering with his writing, and breaking through the mind block barriers.
Room 7	Alex Porter - For displaying courage and completing the presentation for his maths group this week.
Room 8	Corey Malloy - For being an honest and positive student who is mindful of, and helpful towards others. Awesome Corey.
Room 8	Carter Jackways - For consistently working towards his learning goals, showing thoughtfulness and persistence. He is a positive and caring leader.

Week 5

Room 1	Carter Moka - For being such an awesome helper on Mrs Vile's first day.
Room 1	Ivy Lu - For excellent story writing. Well done Ivy.
Room 2	Shaan Judge - For demonstrating the value of active learner and having 100% dedication to your speech! Keep up the great work.
Room 2	Kaitlyn Peng - For demonstrating the value of active learner and having 100% dedication to your speech! Keep up the great work.
Room 3	Rebecca Cameron - For all your hard work this week, especially in your speeches. Well done.
Room 3	Ella Attrill - For all your hard work this week, especially in your speeches. Well done.
Room 4	Hannah Towl - For being an active learner in her maths. Well done.
Room 4	Reece Calnan - For working hard on his speech and looking for facts.
Room 5	Charlie Jones – For being a good friend.
Room 5	Lily Young – For being an active learner.
Room 6	Bianca Wallis - For showing the school value of Active Learner, by working well in a pair and staying on task.
Room 6	Vedhikah Goundar - For showing the school value of Active Learner, by working well in a pair and staying on task.
Room 7	Bella Wilson - For consistently being a role model of RESPECT in the classroom.
Room 7	Lily Allen - For consistently being a role model of RESPECT in the classroom.
Room 8	Ella Sumner - For showing deep understanding when reading, demonstrating her skill when responding to inferential questions. Awesome Ella!
Room 8	Ben Milne - For his confidence taking on board tricky concepts in maths. He shows great commitment and enthusiasm in our financial business preparing for Market Day. You are amazing Ben!

Class Sharing
Room 4

Room 4 have been working hard on our bookmarks that we are going to sell on market day.



Room 6

We have been getting creative in Room 6 and using a different type of art to explore. This is called Pull String Art and it is simple to do. Be as creative as you can.

Equipment

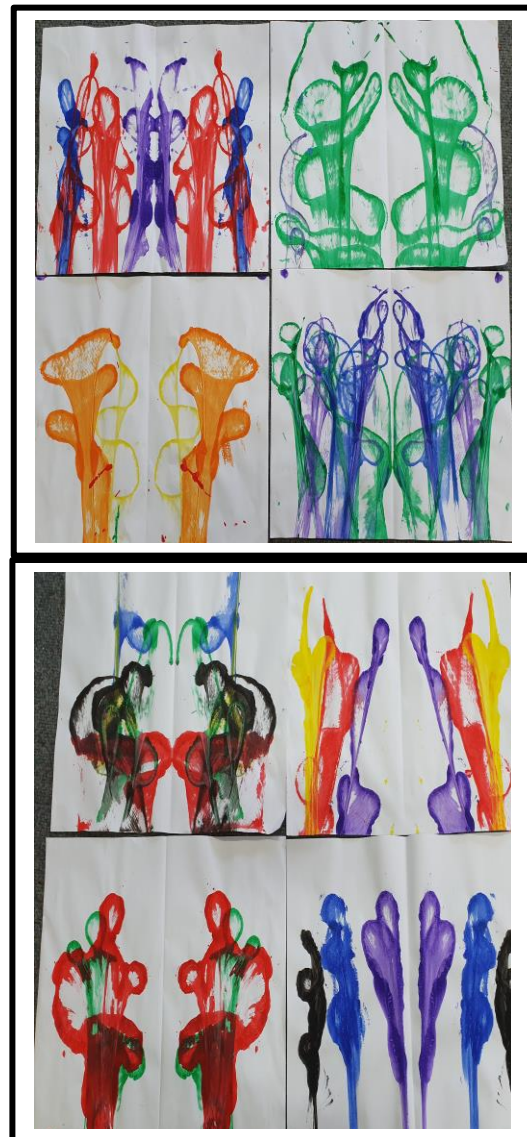
- String
- Paint
- Paper
- A hard cover book or something firm

Here are some of our creations below:



Method

1. Dip string into paint and wipe of excess.
2. Fold piece of paper in half and place string in a design on one-half of the paper making sure that you leave some string hanging down.
3. Fold over other half of paper.
4. Place book cover down and pull string downwards.
5. Open up piece of paper and see your creation.



GROW SNACKS

Meat and meat alternatives provide protein which is important for muscle growth. A great choice of snack for home, work or school are:

SNACKS

Post Energy

HUMMUS AND VEGES

NUTS **TUNA ON CRACKERS** **EGG SANDWICH** **CHICKEN**

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BE SIZE WISE

Snacks are a mini meal to get us through to the next main meal, so watch your portion sizes and keep snacks small.

SNACKS

Post Energy

LUNCH

SNACK

1/2 Sandwich + small handful of nuts

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**Fun Spanish Club at Rotokauri School
FREE TRIAL Wednesday After School**

The children coming to our Spanish clubs this term are having so much fun and learning so much through immersion and fun activities. We are looking for some more people to join us in Term 4 and would like to invite anyone who is interested to come for a free trial class this term. Parents are always welcome to attend. The club takes place on a Wednesday from 3pm- 4pm in the Rotokauri School library. For any further information and to register your interest, please contact amber@lcclubs.co.nz or 022 199 3958 website: <https://lcclubs.co.nz/>



Dance Programme



Kia ora!!!

After a successful trial of dance classes in the Whatawhata community we are excited to announce "CreatingMoves dance programme". This programme is an opportunity for children between the years 5 - 11 yrs in Whatawhata / Te Kowhai and all surrounding areas to learn the basics of music, movement and a variety of street dance styles.

The programme will be an 11 week course of show preparation/ rehearsal that will consist of learning dance styles to mixed music with creative formations and transitions to make each set unique and customized to ages and ability of movement and understanding. Children will then perform for family at the end of year showcase. **There will be (2) age performance groups - Junior ONE 5-6 years & Junior TWO 7-11years.**

Creative directors (Wai Jones & Vinnie Saulo) will be facilitating classes each week for 11 weeks - beginning Friday 13th September at Te Kowhai hall. Wai and Vinnie are experienced and well respected dancers, choreographers in the NZ Hip Hop dance community and they are super excited to share their knowledge and experiences with the future of their communities.

There will be a **\$80 cost per person** (family discounts available) to go towards the hireage of rehearsal/ show venue, performance t-shirts, stage lighting/music and kids break up celebration. Payment options available. **The programme will go ahead with a minimum of (30) dancers. 15 per age group.**

Start date: Friday 13th September 2019 - End date: Friday 22nd November 2019 (SHOW)
Please note: rehearsal will continue throughout Term 3 holidays.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE DATE: September 9th 2019

If you or anyone you know are interested. Please email: Creatingmovez@gmail.com or phone Wai: **022 391 3504** for registration details.



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