

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## ROKOKAURI SCHOOL CAR SHOW & GALA 2019

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(CLASSICS, CUSTOM & MOTOR SHOW)

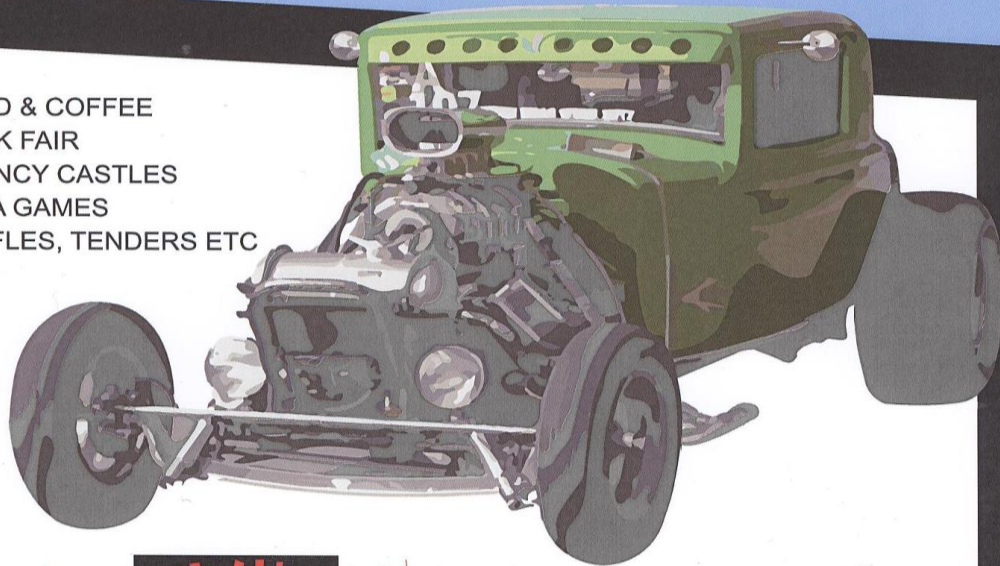
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Dear Parents

*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 Guy Johnstone who is in our Rotokauri community and will be in Room 5 this year. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

Welcome back to Term 4, we are now counting down to the end of the school year.

During the holidays school was a hive of activity with -

- teachers preparing for the new term
- cleaners spring cleaning the school buildings
- our school caretaker spraying, laying new matting under the swings and waterblasting
- contractors replacing the roof on Rooms 1 & 6, as well as changing all light fittings to LED and installing air conditioning units in the administration block. This has been part of our Ministry funded 10 year property plan. Thank you to Brad Kells and his helper Josh for painting the Room 7 & 8 block roof.
- The Atmosphere School Holiday programme operating over the holiday period

Well we started the term with an ERO visit, Ag Day and Thank Your Cleaner Day.

Thank you to all the parents that came along to the Parent Voice meeting with ERO and shared their experiences with the ERO ladies. Throughout their visit they saw and

heard from staff, students and parents about the things that make Rotokauri School special for the majority of our families. As with all schools not everyone feels positively about everything that is happening at our school. On our school website is the school's Concerns Procedure and I would strongly advise parents that have issues/concerns to make themselves familiar with the process that needs to be followed. This process begins with the classroom teacher, rather than discussions in the community. Making the school aware of concerns is the first step in resolving these.

Thank you to the families that made Ag Day a positive experience for their children. Participation in these opportunities is part of your child's learning journey and encouraging them to be Active Learners is one of our school values. It was lovely to see the commitment and effort that had gone into caring for and working with the lambs and goat. Being rewarded for this with a ribbon is quite significant for children. The parents must be commended for supporting their children with the rearing of animals. I was impressed with the quality of some students work in the classrooms – we really do have some very creative students. We would appreciate some feedback from parents/whaanau in regards to Ag Day, as we were guided by feedback received from parents earlier in the year when preparing the day. A short survey can be completed online – we would like responses received by 1<sup>st</sup> November. You will receive an email about this. Thank Your Cleaner Day was an opportunity for the staff and students to acknowledge and value the work that these wonderful people do every week. To Ash and Romila we say thank you for keeping our school looking so good. The cards and gift presented to them were greatly appreciated.

The final term of the year comes with a lot of decision making – class lists, staff placement in classes, stationery and strategic planning. Staff are currently writing reports for the students in their classes, are preparing for senior camp, are practicing for schoolwide athletics and participating in professional development based on Mathematics. Next week we also have a visit from the Ministry Property advisers as they begin their planning stages for the two new classrooms which they have allocated for Rotokauri School. This initial visit is to determine what types of structures these will be and where they will be placed. Another busy term ahead and exciting times.

Ngaa mihi  
Desiree Smith

## **BOT NEWS**

### **ERO Visit**

The BOT would like to thank the staff and students for welcoming the ERO over the first week of term. From the fantastic opening assembly to the final meeting the ERO were shown respect, honesty, openness and kindness. They commented on the calm and safe environment in which the students are learning in and were impressed with the way that the students could talk about what they doing in the classrooms and their views on the school as a whole. Congratulations and thank you to all those that played a role in the overall picture. In 15 working days the school will receive the draft ERO report which the staff and BOT will be able to review and comment on. Once there is a shared understanding and acceptance of what has been written it will be signed off and made public.

## **Carpark Safety**

Usually at this time of year we would be opening the bottom gate for parents/caregivers to pick up their children in the afternoons. Unfortunately the driveway is still rather wet underfoot and we would like to do some maintenance on it prior to the Car Show, therefore it will remain closed until after Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. We appreciate your patience with this.

## **Employment**

Currently the Appointments Committee is following the process for appointing permanent staff for 2020. This is a thorough process and does take considerable time. The BOT will notify you all once the appointments have been made.

## **Ballot**

The BOT set a ballot for students wishing to be enrolled at Rotokauri School for 2020. This ballot had spaces for up to 10 students in Year 1 and 2 students in Year 8. Applications have now closed for the ballot and the final part of the ballot process will be completed this Friday.

## **Swimming Pool Survey**

We all know that the students love the fact that we open our school pool traditionally at the beginning of December and allow class swimming up until April in the following year. However, at this time of year the decision needs to be made about operating costs etc. Attached to this newsletter is a Parent Survey in regards to the opening of the School Pool for the 2019/2020 season and we would like to receive as much feedback as possible to assist the BOT to make an informed decision.

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Car Show**

How can parents help to support the PTA in order to provide more opportunities for the students at Rotokauri School?

- Volunteer your time at the Car Show on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – this may be for your child/children's class or as a helper for other jobs that the PTA have.
- Send along some jars for the Jar Toss – the jars need to be label free and filled with goodies that children would like to win e.g. small toys, lollies.
- When requested by Room 1 send along a cake or baked goodies for the Cake Stall.
- Send along some grocery items to Miss Smith to fill the wheelbarrow which will be one of the raffles.
- Send along any used books that you no longer want for the Book Fair.

If everyone contributes to the above list the Car Show will once again be a huge success. Thank you to the PTA committee that have worked tirelessly to organise the day so far – without all your time and effort this would not be as successful as it has been in previous years.

## GENERAL MATTERS

### Medication at School

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 it is brought to school, named and in a sealed plastic bag. No medications can be administered without written permission. **If your child has any medication at school it is the responsibility of you, the parent / caregiver, to check that it is not out of date and that the medication form is up to date with any changes that have occurred since it was first filled in. Please take the time to check this.**

### Change of Contact Details

Please remember to notify the office if any contact details change i.e. address, phone number, email addresses, work numbers, emergency contact numbers etc.

### Trophy Return

It is the time of year that we need to gather in all Rotokauri School cups and shields so they can be engraved. If you have any trophies at home i.e. speech, Agricultural Day and end of year awards from 2018 please return them to the school office a.s.a.p.

### Senior School Camp Fundraisers

Over the next few weeks, the senior classes will be fundraising for their upcoming camps through their Food Frenzy Fridays. This week, we start with donuts. Order forms will be sent home on Mondays, need to be returned to the school office on Wednesdays and food will be delivered on Fridays. Thanks for your support raising funds for our camps.

### Touch Rugby

Touch rugby commences today and runs for 6 weeks. We have 5 teams entered in the Thursday competition at Swarbrick Park. The weekly draw can be found at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/swarbrickjnrtouch/Draws-Results/Draws-Results>. A big thank you to our families who have paid their fees so promptly. Also, thank you to the parents that are coaching or managing teams.

### Lugtons Round The Bridges

It's not too late to enter your child in the annual Lugtons Round the Bridges Grassroots Kids Challenge on Sunday 17 November.

**7 year olds complete the 1km course**

**8-13 years olds complete the 2km course**

**Our very keen runners are able to enter the 6km course.**

A school registration account has been set up. Please email Ms Jaimee Carter at [jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz) for the log on details.

### Values

This week, we look at the value of ACTIVE LEARNING. Family homework will have been sent home with your eldest child earlier in the week. Please return to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October.

# Active Learning

## Mātātoa

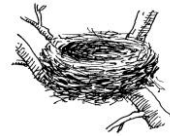
This means that we don't give up, even when we are challenged.

We know that we value this when we:

Think about our learning.

Learn from our mistakes.

Practise to reach our goals.



## CELEBRATIONS

### Lamb, Goat and Calf Results 2019

#### **Lamb**

Lamb Points Trophy – **Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson, Bella Wilson and Lewis**

**Surgenor – 34 points**

Most Obvious Pet Trophy – **Evie Wilson**

Lamb Leading Trophy – **Lewis Surgenor**

Lamb Rearing Shield – **Bella Moroney-Pearson**

#### **Goat**

Doug McFarlane Shield – Point Trophy – **Jaxson Williams – 42 points**

Goat Most Obvious Pet Trophy – **Jaxson Williams**

Goat Leading Trophy – **Jaxson Williams**

Goat Rearing Trophy – **Jaxson Williams**

#### **Calf**

Calf Points Trophy – **Oliver Campbell – 42 points**

Calf Leading Trophy – **Oliver Campbell**

Calf Rearing Shield – **Oliver Campbell**

Beef Type Trophy - **Oliver Campbell**

### Values Awards

The following students received Values Awards in Week 1 –

Scarlett Swain	Room 1	For showing the value of Empathy
Cairo Nelson	Room 3	For showing the value of Courage
Jessica Cuff	Room 8	For showing the value of Respect
Madson Garden	Room 5	For showing the value of Active Learner
Ella Burt	Room 8	For showing the value of Active Learner

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

## **Assembly Awards**

### **Week 10 – Term 3**

Room 1	Carter Moka - For showing how much he loves to learn when he is at school, Ka Pai Carter!
Room 1	Ella Wen - For her all round awesomeness to learning and being a fabulous classmate.
Room 2	Mackenzie O'Rourke - For showing commitment and dedication in completing your work with pride! It has been awesome to see.
Room 2	Nihil Maharaj - For always being a respectful member of our school and having a positive, can do attitude to enable your progress. Keep it up!
Room 3	Aja Jessop - For your amazing art work this week.
Room 3	Kaylee Clark - For your amazing art work this week.
Room 4	Clarke Robinson - For writing an amazing story using adjectives.
Room 4	Nirav Maharaj - For writing an amazing story using adjectives.
Room 5	Anya Fuller – For great progress in maths this term.
Room 5	Hannah Jones - For great progress in maths this term.
Room 6	Matthew Webber - For consistently working hard and staying focused. You are showing the value of being an active learner.
Room 6	Jett McFall – For trying your best at everything you do and your work ethic. You are taking responsibility for your own learning.
Room 7	Aidah Ali - For your commitment to keeping Room 7 a tidy and happy environment this term.
Room 7	Mikayla Farrell - For your magnificent efforts in your writing this week.
Room 8	Ella Burt - For being a student who gives 100% in all that she does, not only as an active learner in class, but throughout the school. Mihi nui Ella.
Room 8	Connor Williams-Thomas - For actively representing our school values both in his active learning and as a positive member of our school community. Mihi nui Connor.

### **Week 1 – Term 4**

Room 1	Maia O'Loughlin - For always showing the Rotokauri values. You are such a kind and thoughtful young lady.
Room 1	Ella Boswell - For persevering in your maths learning with how to count and recognise numbers.
Room 2	Nicky-Rose Hoebe - For demonstrating the school value of active learning and making positive progress in your writing.
Room 2	Kaylee Quinlan - For demonstrating perseverance with a positive attitude towards all learning that you do.
Room 3	Israel Warbrick - For demonstrating the Rotokauri values. You are especially showing active learning and courage in your reading. Ka mau te wehi!
Room 3	Rhys Jorgensen - For demonstrating the Rotokauri values. You especially showed courage in your learning this week by taking risks and never giving up.
Room 4	Evie Wilson - For listening carefully and following instructions to produce an awesome cow picture.
Room 4	Reece Calnan - Creating an interesting list of things that make you feel good.
Room 6	Ava Viljoen-Thomson - For always having a positive attitude towards your learning and showing great achievement in all areas.
Room 6	Shelby Attrill - For putting the time and effort and not giving up on your creation. You showed resilience.
Room 7	Olly Kells - For an amazing performance in Reading.
Room 7	Paige Moka - For an outstanding achievement in Reading.
Room 8	Layton Farrell - For representing our school values 100%. You are always responsible and helpful, and so kind to others. Mihi nui Layton.
Room 8	Baylee Garden - For her positivity and focus upon her learning, and her support of others in the school. You are responsible and helpful Baylee.

# Rotokauri Learners in Action

## Room 1

Room 1 has started off creating with Ag day animals. We had so much fun making our animals out of cardboard recycling. Just look at what some of our clever students made. On Fridays in Room 1 we will continue this learning making robots, aliens and houses. Watch this space!!



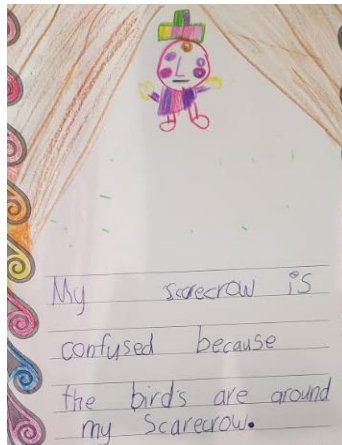


## Room 2

Room 2 created their own Scarecrows and wrote a story telling us about how they are feeling.



My scarecrow is strong and gumpy because the birds eat the seeds.



My scarecrow is confused because the birds are around my Scarecrow.



My scarecrow is grumpy because the birds eating the seeds



My scarecrow is scary because he likes to scare the birds away

## GLOBAL FLAVOURS

# GLOBAL FLAVOURS

Recipes from around the world and from different cultures, all include foods from the four food groups.

Stay tuned for the next 9 weeks as we take you on a global food adventure, with exciting recipes to try at home.



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This year's **Lugton's Round the Bridges** is on Sunday 17 November. Enter a school team of at least 10 runners and be in to win one of 5 \$200 sports vouchers.

Register online at [www.roundthebridges.co.nz](http://www.roundthebridges.co.nz) for the Grassroots Kids Challenge and also download your training programme.





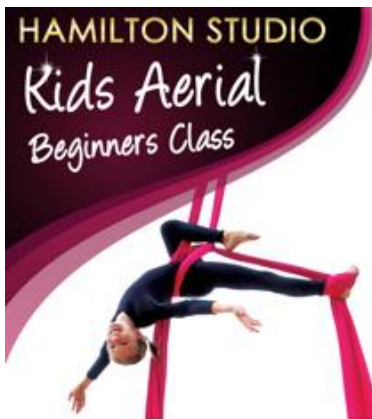
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## TERM 4 KIDS AERIAL CLASSES

Term 4 Class times at Hamilton:

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Tuesday 10-12yrs 4.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 6-9yrs 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 10-12yrs 4.30-5.30pm

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