

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Potato in a Bucket Competition

Monday 9th December is our **Potato in a bucket** competition day. Please bring your potato **in** your **named** bucket to school. They are to be left in the dirt they have been growing in, but the greenery can be taken off. They are to be taken to the tennis courts before school and placed in a line behind your classroom number. Judging will happen during the first block.

Judging categories- Most potatoes, heaviest potato and most unusual potato.

You will need a **named plastic bag** to take your potatoes home in after judging. If you didn't plant your potato and you still have the bucket, we would appreciate it being returned so we can use it again.

Good luck Green fingered Growers!

Bike Safety Week



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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 Aston Burt in Room 1. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Nгаа mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

This is the last official newsletter for the year and as the school year comes to an end we have lots to celebrate and be proud of in 2019. **We will be finishing the school year on Wednesday 18th December at 12.30 p.m.** and we ask that students are picked up at this time or an arrangement is made with Atmosphere After School Care. **Our final assembly/prizegiving will be held on Monday 16th December on the school field at 6.00 p.m.** We ask that all adults attending find a seat on the flat area of the field in front of the mowed stage area.

Term 1 – School Picnic, Touch, Meet the Teacher, Car Boot Sale & Craft Stalls, Weetbix Tryathlon, School Biathlon/Triathlon, Junior & Senior Swimming Sports, Top Schools, Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge, Gumboot Day

Term 2 – School Cross Country, BOT elections, Disco, LitQuiz, EPRO8, National Young Leaders Day, Scholastic Bookfair, Ki-o-rahi tournament, Book Week

Term 3 – Keeping Ourselves Safe, SPCA fundraising, Values Reflection Evening, Speeches, GymSports Competition, Junior Football Tournament, ICAS exams, Winter Sports Festival, Kapa Haka Festival

Term 4 – ERO visit, Agricultural Day, Car Show & Book Fair, Junior & Senior Athletics, Market Day, Round the Bridges

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to two of our dedicated teachers at our end of year prizegiving and our Year 8 students. Thank you to Mrs Mary Evans and Miss Kylie Christian for their contribution to the school over a number of years. We wish them both all the best in their new adventures. To the Year 8s that are moving on to High School, we hope that you will enjoy your new adventure as well and we say thank you for becoming the amazing young people that you are – you truly demonstrate our Rotokauri values and we know that you will make us proud.

Thank you

- To the BOT past and present – Jarrod Teale, Mike Keightley, Aaron Cornelissen, Isaac Warbrick, Craig Zillwood, Andrea O'Rourke, Fiona Webber, Brad Kells, Rebecca Jackson, Paul Burt
- To the PTA – Cilla Molloy, Tracy Wilson, Nicole Barham, Jill Cameron, Craig McDonagh, Meg Westgate, Chris Zillwood, Raewyn O'Brien
- To the parent helpers that have worked in classrooms or provided transport at events

Some important dates and information as we go into 2020.

Term dates for next year are –

Term 1: 3rd February – 9th April

Term 2: 29th April – 3rd July

Term 3: 21st July – 25th September

Term 4: 12th October – 15th December

Teacher Only Days in 2020 – next year we will be holding three Teacher Only Days during terms 1 – 3.

Teacher Only Day 1: 25th March – all staff will be attending a Literacy course.

Teacher Only Day 2: 28th April – staff will be attending workshops on the Local Curriculum.

Teacher Only Day 3: 20th July – staff will be attending workshops on the new Digital Technology component of the curriculum.

Year 7 & 8 students in 2020 – Tech in 2020 will be held on Mondays. On the first day back at school you will have Tech at Hamilton Junior High School. You will need to be at school before 8.30 a.m. on this day, with your pencil case, Rotokauri School sunhat and covered shoes. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but to complete the necessary days provided at Tech we had to timetable this day.

The final touches are being done to the class and stationery lists, prior to us announcing this information.

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to thank the parents, caregivers and community for their ongoing support given to the school. Every person has contributed to another successful year at Rotokauri School.

We wish you all a relaxing and safe holiday, enjoying time with family and friends. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see you back at Rotokauri School on Monday 3rd February at 8.55 a.m.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith

GENERAL MATTERS

Care Bags – Help Needed

Kia Ora,

My name is Kaeleb Beets and I am in Room 4. When I first started school in Room 1 with Mrs Hill my cousin Kayden got cancer and passed away. He was 5 years old too. We were born 4 weeks apart so were very close and I miss him every day! His mummy is doing some fundraising to help support other families going through what they went through and I would love it if the Rotokauri community could help me and my family support this great cause.

What are we wanting to do? We would like to make Care Bags for Rainbow Place.

What would we like Rotokauri School and community to? Donate goods that can go into the Care Bags – there is a big list below that we would love to put inside the Care Bags.

Any donated goods can be placed in the black container in the student foyer before Friday 13th December.

Thank you for supporting the Beets family to help families at this stressful time.



26 NOV - 15 DEC

Supporting
Rainbow Place
Respite services for children and young people

CARE BAGS FOR CHARITY

We need your help! We are seeking donations of goods or cash to help supply care packages for families during hospitalization. These packages can mean so much during a time of crisis. Your support is needed. Please give to families in need this holiday season.

How Can I Help?

Donate Goods
Gather items found on the list below and drop into your nearest Collection Point.

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Moisturiser
- Dry Shampoo
- Facial Wipes
- Tissues
- Hair Gel
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Lip Balm
- Socks
- Shaver
- Small Brush
- Hair Ties
- Sanitary Pads
- Coffee/Milo sachets
- Puzzle Book
- Bag of lollies
- Gift Vouchers (valid December 2017)
- Or similar items

Donate Funds
Money donations would be greatly appreciated to help assist with the care and support of families in need.

Please visit:
www.rainbowplace.co.nz/donate
for payment options.

COLLECTION POINTS

NORTH
BestStart Puketaha
144 Puketaha Rd, Puketaha

WEST
Mamas Donuts
67 Duke Street, Frankton

SOUTH & EAST
Walkaro Dental
1000 Victoria Street, CBD

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— ITEMS NEEDED —

- | | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Toiletries | Shaver |
| Body wash | Small brush |
| Shampoo | Hair ties |
| Conditioner | Sanitary pads |
| Deodorant | Socks |
| Tissues | Moisturiser |
| Toothbrush | Coffee/milo sachets |
| Toothpaste | Bag of lollies |
| Facial wipes | Puzzle book |
| Dry shampoo | Gift vouchers |
| | Or similar items |

CARE BAGS FOR CHARITY

PTA NEWS

The PTA committee need your help.

Thank you to Craig McDonagh for starting our SCENT project. We appreciate all that you have done with the vision for this project and for getting it off to a great start. Now that Craig's children have left the school Kirsty Bell has offered her expertise to project manage. In order to get this project completed we need some help from the community.

If there is a parent or family member that has building skills and is willing to donate their time for boxing a path on the hillside and making planter boxes could you let Kirsty know by 021 367 337 and/or kirstybell@hotmail.com

We are also requiring - gravel, topsoil and weedmat - free is possible. If you have contacts to get these please let Kirsty know (at the contact details above).

CELEBRATIONS

Interschool Athletics Results

8 Year Olds		
Grace Petley	Shotput	1st place
Evie Wilson	200m	3rd place
Reece Calnan	200m	3rd place
9 Year Olds		
Hannah Milne	200m	2nd place
Cory Burt	60m, 100m and 200m	1st place
Nalei Nelson	Long Jump and Discus	2nd place
10 Year Olds		
Bella'Capri Nelson	Discus, High Jump	1st place
Bella'Capri Nelson	Long Jump and 200m	2nd place
Isaac Stratford	Long Jump and 800m	2nd place
Isaac Stratford	200m	3rd place
Cole Turney	Long Jump	1st place
Cole Turney	200m	2nd place
Hosea Warbrick	80m and 100m	2nd place

Ashtyn Gyde	Discus	3rd place
Angus Elliott	80m and 100m	3rd place
Mya Aitchison	80m	3rd place
11 Year Olds		
Paige Moka	800m	3rd place
Ben Milne	800m	1st place
Elias Barber	200m	3rd place
12 Year Olds		
Amos Robinson	Shotput	3rd place
Oscar Stratford	Long Jump	2nd place
Ella Burt	200m	2nd place
13 Year Olds		
Cole Viljoen-Thomson	Long Jump and 800m	2nd place
Cole Viljoen-Thomson	High Jump	3rd place
Relays		
Junior Girls		2nd place
Junior Boys		2nd place

Values Awards

At our assembly over the last two weeks the following children have had their Values awards pulled out of the Values Box –

Ben Milne	Room 8	Demonstrating the value of Active Learning – always positive and working confidently.
Lucas Birks	Room 8	Demonstrating the value of Respect
Nature Aitchison	Room 3	Demonstrating the value of Respect
Layton Farrell	Room 8	Demonstrating the value of Active Learning – being focused on his work.
Madison Gibson	Room 5	Demonstrating the value of Active Learning.
Thomas Keightley	Room 8	Demonstrating the value of Respect
Madson Garden	Room 5	Demonstrating the value of Empathy

ICAS Results

Here are the final results from the ICAS exams.

High Distinction	Awarded to top 1% of participants
Distinction	Awarded to next 10% of participants
Credit	Awarded to next 25% of participants
Merit	Awarded to next 10% of participants
Participation	Received by all remaining participants

Writing

Student Name	Year	Award
Nirav Maharaj	4	Credit
Grace Cox	6	Credit
Karenza Curtis	7	Participation
Hayley Jorgensen	7	Participation

English

Student Name	Year	Award
Nirav Maharaj	4	Participation
Bella'Capri Nelson	6	Participation
Lewis Surgenor	6	Credit
Grace Cox	6	Merit
Karenza Curtis	7	Participation
Hayley Jorgensen	7	Distinction
Cooper Miller	8	Participation

Mathematics

Student Name	Year	Award
Nirav Maharaj	4	Participation
Cooper Hobbs	4	Participation
Matthew Webber	5	Participation
Grace Cox	6	Participation
Angus Elliott	6	Participation
Jesse Zillwood	6	Credit
Lily Allen	6	Credit
Olivia Moroney-Pearson		Credit
Jayden Ward	6	Credit
Lewis Surgenor	6	Distinction
Bella'Capri Nelson	6	Merit
Hayley Jorgensen	7	Distinction
Thomas Keightley	8	Participation
Cooper Miller	8	Merit

Market Day

The children's Market Day was a huge success! We are so impressed with what our students have been capable of doing. They did themselves proud as they set up shop, ran stalls and delivered quality customer service. The overall profit was \$2,231.00 which the student council is looking into using for beautification of the school. This was an incredible achievement by everyone. Thank you to the parents who helped out along the way. Well done Rotokauri students.



At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 6

Room 1	Ella Wen - For all your hard work helping out with Market day. You are a superstar.
Room 1	Scarlett Swain - For your help designing and creating our Market day posters. They looked fantastic.
Room 2	Koby Rose - For taking pride in your poster for Market Day, putting a lot of thought and consideration into it. It looked fantastic!
Room 2	Mahi Sharma - For all your enthusiasm and dedication in selling our products at Market Day. You did a great job.
Room 3	Ava Esselbrugge - For demonstrating the true value of respect by providing the highest quality of customer service at our Market Day.
Room 3	Nature Aitchison - For demonstrating the true value of respect by providing the highest quality of customer service at our Market Day.
Room 4	Lucie Birks - For using the values of respect and for being an active learner in all that you do. Well done.
Room 4	Jiya Prajapati - For always working hard and trying your best at all times. Well done.
Room 6	Melisa Soltanizand - For all your hard work and dedication building up to Market Day. Thank you for taking the time and effort in making and presenting our items.
Room 6	Lachlan Emslie - For all your hard work and dedication building up to Market Day. Thank you for taking the time and effort in making and presenting our items.
Room 7	Lewis Surgenor - For your outstanding effort towards achieving your learning goals.
Room 7	Jesse Zillwood - For your positive and enthusiastic attitude to learning.
Room 8	Liam Janssen - For undertaking extra responsibilities carrying these out positively and responsibly. Awesome effort in Athletics too.
Room 8	Ella Caulfield - For continuing to demonstrate positivity and perseverance in all learning experiences as well as being super helpful throughout the school. Mihi nui Ella.

Week 7

Room 1	Elijah Ploeg - For always trying your best in your leaning.
Room 1	Noxx Rogers - For being a great helper towards our new students coming into Room 1.
Room 2	Elsie Van Rooij - For you amazing efforts in Reading this year, your dedication towards your reading log has contributed to your success!
Room 2	Jaxson Williams - For your positive attitude towards all work that you are doing this week. Your efforts in reading were outstanding.
Room 3	Luca Haldane - For taking pride in all your work. Your presentation, detailed drawings and handwriting style set the standard for the class.
Room 3	Alex Dombroski - For showing the value of active learning and working so hard to improve your handwriting style this term.
Room 4	Ryan Keightley - For working hard in maths this week and trying new strategies.
Room 4	Reed Kahaki - For working as part of a team during our games.
Room 8	Oliver Campbell - For his impeccable manners, positive attitude, awesome sense of humour and amazing kindness towards others. You are a superstar
Room 8	Jessica Cuff - For demonstrating her leadership, initiative, responsibility and communications skills when undertaking extra duties. Mihi nui.

Week 7 Rooms 5, 6 and 7 were at camp

Rotokauri Learners in Action

Room 7

In Room 7 we have been working on Narrative Writing, in particular focusing on character descriptions. Here are some examples of our work'.

Beeb-bot the Robot

"I really don't care Holly" said April, a purple short haired 15 year old. "I'll tell the whole of Tokyo" cried Holly as the girl walked into school. "SHUT THE HELL UP" shouted April. "But everyone has to know its your birthday" whispered Holly. "No they don't" said a salty April. "Come on we are going to be late".

BBBRRRIINNG! No that is not your doorbell no need to get up, that is just the school bell at ST Rowlings School for girls. (Holly and Aprils school)

"What a long day" sighed Holly. "Mr Zillwood gave us so much homework" moaned April as the girls trudged home. "At least it's Friday" said Holly "I'm coming to yours for a sleepover". April grunted and said nothing. "Then we can play football and eat marsh

mallows" said Holly. Once again April said nothing. "See you" she mumbled. "Welcome Home April" said the robotic door as it slid open. As soon as April stepped inside the house she was swallowed by darkness.

"MUM, DAD what the heck is going on" yelled April. "Take the blindfold of Tom" cried her mothers voice from somewhere to her left. "Suprise" yelled Aprils parents. April opened her eyes to see a robot about as tall as a great dane staring up at her.

"OH NO" cried April "OOOOHHH YYYYYEEEESSS" yelled the robot spinning around in joy. "Hi i'm Beeb- bot your personal assistant it said. "I HATE YOU" April yelled. Her parents looked hurt and confused she didn't care. "Don't you remember how my brother died, it was them it was the robots, they ,they killed him." Oh April" her mum "that was a long time ago and beeb bot is different. April knew her parents were right now with that out of the way it was time to celebrate!

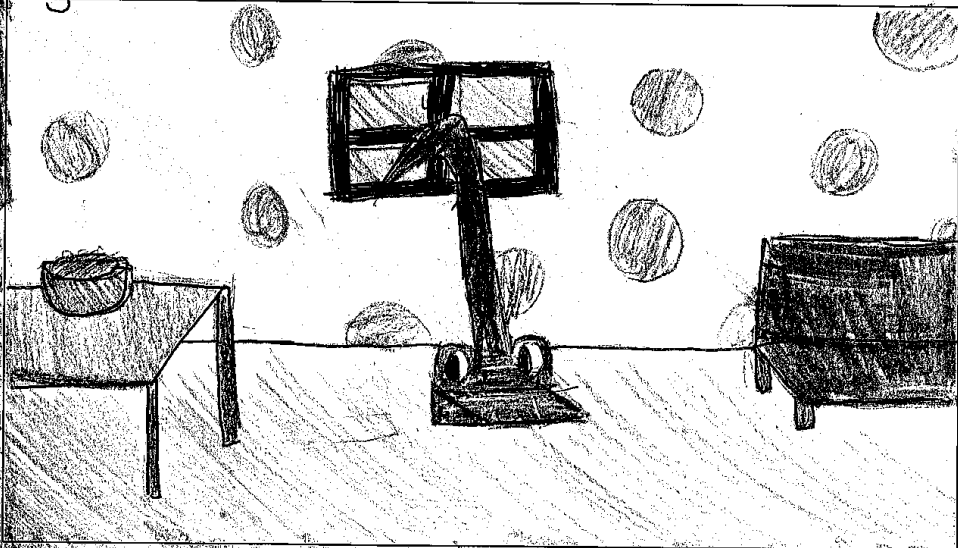
BY GRACE

My Mum 24/10/2019

My mum has short blonde brownish hair. she is as tidy as a vacume.

My mum tells really bad dad jokes. she smells like a rose. when shes angry she is a bull. My mum is a goat. greatest of all time.

By Bella Capri



Room 8

Creative Writing from Room 8

Taking Shelter

By Hayley

Huddled under an oversized leaf, a juvenile orangutan sits atop a decaying tree stump and watches the seemingly endless downpour. He had red-brown hair, wet from the rain and not yet the distinctive flame-orange of the older orangutans hiding from the drizzle. The young primate listens intently to the drumming of raindrops. Water trickles along the veins of the broad green surface, down the orangutan's back, and splashes on the leaf litter below. As the rain ceases, he notices tiny beads of dew glitter under the sun's warm rays. He could hear toucans and other birds of paradise calling to each other in the distance.

Hope

By Ella S

Light danced on the old man's jacket, as he mourned the loss of his wife. Slumping against an old mossy park bench he held a bunch of tulips.

Thick fog covered the ground making the ground cold and mysterious. Dim light filled the air. He knew she was gone. He could hear owls calling and felt light gusts of wind on the back of his neck.

Shutting his eyes, he remembered coming to the park everyday with her and how happy it made him feel. Sadness was all he felt now when he came to the park. Only the stars could make him happy now.

Taking Shelter

By Karenza

Gerald the orangutan was sunning himself on a tree stump when suddenly he heard crash, crack, boom! It was the sound of thunder and rain that had rolled in, he was very nervous. He was scared. Gerald's little heart raced. Gerald knew the storm was still miles away but he still needed to react fast.

As quick as Gerald could, he found a tree with piles of leaves crowded around it. He heard the storm come closer so Gerald swung as fast as his little orangutan arms could carry him. He picked an enormous leaf off the tree and took shelter. Soon after the storm had arrived. Gerald the orangutan could only hear the sound of the rain storm going drip, drop, pitter, patter on his leaf.

Hope

By Ella P

He was hoping his dog would return and wondering why she left him so soon. Snow was falling from the winter sky. Zoe, the man's dog, loved winter. Suddenly a breeze of the cold winter air came. It made him feel like Zoe was there with him.

Overwhelmed by the situation, he sat at a gloomy bench where used to meet his best friend. Gloomy and dull the night grew. Soon the man would have to return to his lonely house on the hill.

Journey Through the Clouds

By Cole

White fluffy cotton buds dance through the sky, floating majestically through the air. The light purr of the engine accompanies the soft cooing of the pristine white doves, creating an oddly calming symphony. Magnificent mountain peaks explode through the clouds at random, like spikes through a gossamer quilt. The wispy clouds drench my hands as I attempt to catch one. 'That was dumb.' I think to myself, shaking my hand vigorously.

The poster features a red background with the text 'MARY POPPINS' in large, white, blue-outlined letters. Below the text is a black silhouette of an umbrella. The background is decorated with small white starburst patterns. At the bottom of the poster, the 'ARTZONSHOW.' logo is displayed in white and orange text on a dark purple background.

**Artz on Show School Holiday
Performing Arts Workshop**

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

20 - 24 January 2020, 9 am – 4 pm daily
Held at Southwell School

*View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129*

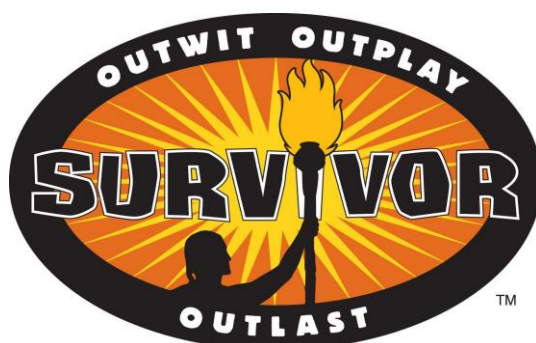
ARTZONSHOW.

Squiggle Holiday Programme 6th - 24th January 2020

Squiggle Holiday Programme is an OSCAR approved programme that is great for girls and boys ages 5-13 years old. We are based at Waikato Diocesan School in Chartwell and offer a huge variety of activities.

Our theme for this coming holiday is "Survivor Squiggle" and we'll be learning about hut building and survival in the outdoors, basic first aid, cooking delicious pizzas and making healthy snacks in our Master Chef Challenges. We'll have awesome arts and crafts and will be making our own team buffs, playing survival team games, and of course Young Engineers will be a key feature in our programme. We'll be heading to the movies on the 10th and 24th of Jan, and then Bridal Veil falls followed by a picnic in Raglan on the 17th Jan.

Enrolments are now open on www.squiggle.org.nz. If you have any queries, please contact Katrina on 0279093903 katrina@squiggle.org.nz.



Spanish Club for Kids at Rotokauri School Term 1 2020

Wednesday After School

Learn Spanish through fun activities. The children are immersed in Spanish through games, activities and classroom activities.

The club takes place in the Library on Wednesday 3pm-4pm.

Come for a free trial before the end of term 4.

The cost is \$15 per session. 9 week term = \$135

For any further information and to register your interest for term 1, please contact

amber@lcclubs.co.nz website: <https://lcclubs.co.nz/>



FRESH ASIAN STIR-FRY

GLOBAL FLAVOURS

Ingredients:

- 1 tsp oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- fresh or frozen vegetables
- choice of meat, thinly sliced

Brown onion in pan with oil and add meat. Cook for 5min then mix veges through. Stir-fry until veges are just cooked – they should still be a little crunchy. Add soy sauce for flavouring. Serve hot with brown rice or udon noodles.




CHICKEN


BEEF


PORK


FROZEN VEG

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CHINESE SWEET & SOUR PORK

GLOBAL FLAVOURS

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Tbsp oil
- 350g lean pork, diced
- 1 red capsicum, chopped
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 1 can pineapple pieces in juice, drained
- 1/2 c pineapple juice
- 1 tsp ginger, grated
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 1/2 Tbsp white vinegar
- 1 1/2 Tbsp tomato sauce
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp cornflour
- 2 Tbsp cold water

Heat oil in pan over high heat. Add pork. Stir-fry until lightly browned. Add veges. Stir-fry for 5mins. Add ginger, juice, soy sauce, vinegar, tomato sauce and sugar. Simmer until veges are just cooked. Dissolve cornflour in water, add to pan along with pineapple pieces and stir until sauce thickens. Serve with rice.





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Give it a Tri »

Join Team Energize and get ready for your School or Weetbix Triathlon! Suitable for 7-12 year olds to build confidence and develop swim, bike, and run skills through a range of FUN games & activities.

Tri Kids 9.30am – 12pm

14, 15, 16 January 2020
University of Waikato grounds, Silverdale Rd, Gate 3a

21, 22, 23 January 2020
Te Rapa School, 61 Ashurst Ave, Pukete

Cost: \$20
Register: www.sportwaikato.org.nz/calendar
(limited to first 50 registrations)

For more info: contact Melissa on 021 907 984 or melissas@sportwaikato.org.nz

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Tri Kids Training!


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RUN

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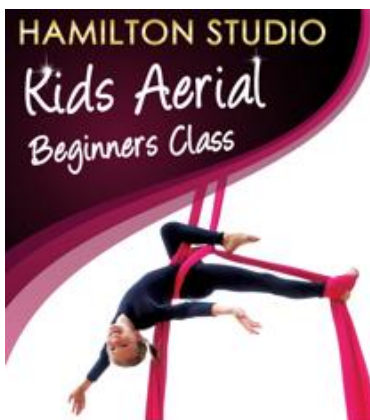
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- ★ Fun

TERM 4 KIDS AERIAL CLASSES

Term 4 Class times at Hamilton:

Tuesday 6-9yrs 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 10-12yrs 4.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 6-9yrs 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 10-12yrs 4.30-5.30pm

Price: \$135 for the term
(9 weeks)

See our QR code link below to book or email
students@the-studio.co.nz for more
information.



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CHILD FOR
TERM 4**



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