

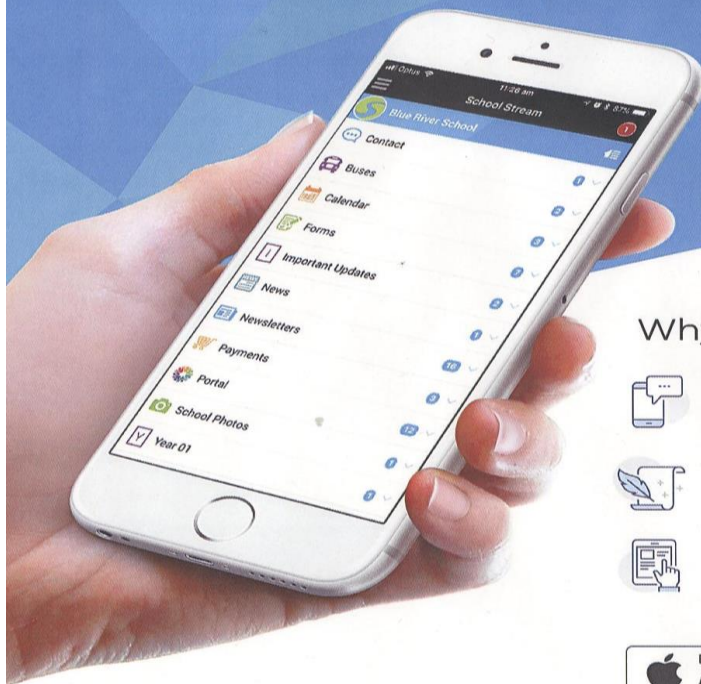
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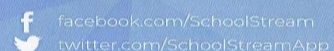
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Dear Parents

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

Welcome back to Term 2, albeit quite different from what we have experienced in the past.

Officially the school holidays finished on Tuesday 14th April and school re-opened on Wednesday 15th April.

Many parents are justifiably concerned during this lockdown period, worried about their family's health, worried about financial matters, having to work from home and all the while trying to keep everybody calm and sane in very stressful circumstances. I know that parents may feel overwhelmed at the moment by work being sent home from schools and how to access this information.... Seesaw... Google classroom.... times have changed a lot since we were students. **Please do not feel guilty or inadequate.** We are all on a steep learning curve but I would like to make a couple of points.

1. Please treat the lockdown learning as a list of options. Some days you may decide to complete all work, other days you might decide to just complete one activity, and some days you might even choose not to do any, this is all fine. We know that every family has different circumstances and we are here to support you and your family.
2. As parents, you decide what is obtainable, based on your family situation. Remember your children are in primary school, please don't worry about your child falling behind as they will cover this work again in school many

times. As teachers, it is our job to support their learning and we will help any child who is struggling when we return to school as best we can.

The Government has advised that the earliest date that schools will open is Wednesday 29 April. More direction will be provided by the Government on Monday 20 April when they make a public announcement. There will be new instructions delivered to schools around what will need to happen prior to re-opening (cleaning etc), instructions on which children may be returning first (possibly children of essential service workers) and a list of instructions on the way that school will function in the future (assemblies, playgrounds, Health & Safety precautions).

We will keep you fully informed throughout this process.

Communication

Thank you to the families that updated the school with valuable information needed during the lockdown – parent contact details (address, phone numbers, email address) and emergency contact details, information regarding access to IT devices and communication platforms.

If you have not responded to both the relevant emails that have been sent to your email address please do so as soon as possible in order for the school to maintain accurate information.

Communication between home and school is vital so I would encourage families to regularly check their emails for updates. This time in lockdown is also a great opportunity for families to connect with the platforms that the school has for communicating e.g school Facebook page, School Stream app, email and SeeSaw. If you require any information on how to join up to any of these platforms please contact your child's teacher.

Online Safety

I would like to encourage parents, caregivers and whānau to discuss internet safety with their children when using devices. This new Learning From Home opens up challenges in terms of online safety but there are things that families can do to safeguard the children.

Free internet safety filter for parents

While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, there has been launched www.switchonsafety.co.nz - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.

Parents can follow the instructions to set up their child's device for safer connectivity while they learn from home.

Remember, no technical solution is a silver bullet. Along with the free safety filter parents can look at the toolkits provided by Netsafe and the school's Digital Citizenship contracts.

Netsafe

Netsafe provides comprehensive support and information to support everyone to stay safe as they work, learn and play online. Netsafe has new and updated resources for parents, whānau and students at <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/staying-safe/>

Digital Citizenship Contracts

Please find attached the Junior and Senior Digital Citizenship contracts which all the children have signed. It is important that we refer back to these as we undertake Learning from Home.

Term Times

The term times for 2020 published by Ministry of Education:

Term 1	Monday 3 rd February – Wednesday 25 th March
Term 2	Wednesday 15 th April – Friday 3 rd July
Term 3	Monday 20 th July – Friday 25 th September
Term 4	Monday 12 th October – Tuesday 15 th December

School Calendar

Below is a tentative school calendar for Term 2. Please be aware that dates may need to change or events postponed or cancelled depending on the lockdown guidelines which we receive from the Ministry.

28 th April	Teacher Only Day (postponed)
6 th May	Lit Quiz Competition
7 th May	Marae Sleepover (postponed)
15 th May	School Cross Country
20 th May	BOT meeting
22 nd May	Cluster Cross Country
5 th June	Arbor Day
17 th June	BOT meeting
1st – 2nd July	Matariki (schoolwide activities)
3rd July	Fun Day (schoolwide activities)
3 rd July	End of Term 2

Reporting to parents, parent interviews and our school production are all under review for dates later in the term.

Wellbeing

First and foremost, during this time we want to ensure everyone's wellbeing. Teachers will be regularly checking that everyone is connected, well, and happy. If teachers do not hear back from children/families, they will continue to try to contact via email, phone, text, or Seesaw to check that all is well and find out if they can help with any barriers to learning at home.

Thank you
Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith
Principal

BOT NEWS

At our March Board meeting –

- The Budget for 2020 was approved.
- The school's Pandemic Policy was reviewed.
- Property report – the deck and busbay projects will be completed in the school holidays (this is now on-hold due to Covid-19).
- Paper towel dispensers to be installed in all classrooms.
- The BOT by-election process that was scheduled to begin at the beginning of Term 2 has been put on hold until school reopens.

The Board of Trustees wish to thank the teachers, Management team and support staff for their commitment throughout this time, devising programmes to support our children at home and connecting to see if families were prepared for learning at home.

The Board of Trustees also would like to convey their thanks to our families for their ongoing support and willingness to accommodate the often very rapid changes that have taken place.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council continues to share the results of the survey undertaken at the end of last year.

- Question 3: What could be improved in the school? *Stop bringing plastic to school, more colour, plants, flying fox, motorbike track, waterslide, having more classes, toilet down on the bottom field, more picnic days and shared lunches, bigger pool, shade over tennis court, more trees to climb, extend the junior playground, bigger changing rooms, slide into the pool, bigger multi-purpose room, more activities on the Adventure Trail, more swings, more activities to do at lunch-time, more food to order in lunch orders, more sports gear, zipline on the playground, more iPads, a 'quiet' place, overnight stays*

at school, a trampoline, a science lab, making Food Frenzy Friday a regular event, more shade, having monkey bars for the junior playground, animals, fix the rugby posts, renovate some of the bathrooms, replace the hoop on the handball court, busbay lengthened and covered, more drinking fountains, more books in the library, having clubs like drama, a school uniform, a skate park, an art area for classes to go to, artwork around the school, lines on the soccer field,

- Question 4: If we were to try new sports in the school what would you choose?
Summer netball, tennis, basketball, volleyball, baseball, cricket, hockey, squash, golf, badminton, bowling, archery, cheerleading, Rippa Rugby.

CELEBRATIONS

Values Awards

Scarlett Swain	Room 2	Demonstrating the value of Active Learner
Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Room 2	Demonstrating the value of Active Learner
Mikayla Farrell	Room 8	Demonstrating the value of Active Learner
Ellie-Rose Andersen	Room 1	Demonstrating the value of Honesty
Ivy Lu	Room 2	Demonstrating the value of Courage
Reece Calnan	Room 5	Demonstrating the value of Respect
Luca Rogers	Room 3	Demonstrating the value of Respect
Nihil Maharaj	Room 3	Demonstrating the value of Respect
Mercedes Barber	Room 5	Demonstrating the value of Respect
Evie Wilson	Room 4	Demonstrating the value of Respect
Lily Allen	Room 8	Demonstrating the value of Respect

Assembly Awards

At our assemblies in Weeks 6 & 7 the following children received certificates.

Week 6

Room 1	Aston Burt	For working with great concentration and taking care on his printing practice.
Room 1	Madison Beets	For carefully and patiently creating a colourful fish. Well done!
Room 2	Ella Wen	For showing the value of Active Learning. You are a hard worker who always has a bright happy smile and you bring joy to our class.
Room 2	Kaylee Quinlan	For showing active learning in Maths. You are using your time wisely to practice your knowledge and discover new things about numbers.
Room 3	Cairo Nelson	For your dedication and determination in working on your class goal. What an amazing week you have had. Keep it

		up.
Room 3	Kaitlyn Peng	For consistently showing all our school values. Keep up the positive attitude.
Room 5	Liam Buckle	The leadership and initiative you have shown learning your pepeha.
Room 5	Holly Hoebergen	Amazing results in Reading.
Room 6	Nalei Nelson	For upholding all the Rotokauri values and showing great leadership skills in the classroom.
Room 6	Jay Williams	For showing great encouragement during swimming sports. You have awesome sportsmanship Jay. Ka pai.
Room 7	Matthew Webber	For your positive attitude to 'Active Learning' in the classroom.
Room 7	Carter Jessop	For the 'respect' you showed towards others during swimming sports this week.
Room 8	Mikayla Farrell	For being an active learner and making great progress in Reading.
Room 8	Finley O'Rourke	For working beyond the call of duty and removing all the computers so that we could have space to work. Thank you so much Finley!

Week 7

Room 1	Thomas Warner	For being a great listener in Room 1. Keep it up Thomas!
Room 1	Corban Stratford	For being a helpful student and classmate in Room 1.
Room 2	Archer McFall	For your thoughtfulness and your kind way when helping out your classmates.
Room 2	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	For your hard work in our class. You have settled in to our class beautifully.
Room 3	Israel Warbrick	For your positive attitude towards learning and having the courage to ask for help.
Room 3	Elsie Van Rooij	For your dedication and commitment towards your reading log. Keep it up.
Room 4	Kaylee Clark	For showing the value of an active learner in her reading.
Room 4	Leon Watkins	For showing the value of an active learner in his writing.
Room 7	Ava Viljoen	For your positive attitude in the classroom.
Room 7	Vincent Gibson	For your continued dedication to all your roles throughout the school.
Room 8	Daisy Sercombe	For showing courage and determination at swimming sports. Congratulations Daisy!
Room 8	Elias Barber	For being an outstanding role model in Kapa Haka and completing work to a high standard.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Collecting Yummy Stickers

Let's work together to help support our Rotokauri students as they begin to start collecting Yummy stickers. The 'cut out' labels from the 2 kg bags of 'Yummy' apples or individual 'Yummy' stickers can be cashed in to go towards winning free DG Sport sports gear for our school. You can download a sticker chart from <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

Students can hand them to their classroom teachers when the form is filled up. Any questions contact Miss Swindells jswindells@rotokauri.school.nz

Term 2 Winter Sports

Thanks to the families who have registered their children for Winter Sports which are currently on hold due to the current pandemic. Sadly, at this stage, there are not enough students to form any hockey teams. Miss Swindells has registered netball teams with the netball association based on the number of entries as at the end of Term 1. If you missed registering your child for netball, please email jswindells@rotokauri.school.nz as we may be able to accommodate your child if there is space in their year level.

BREAKFAST IDEAS

EGGY BREAD

- 1 egg
- ¼ cup low fat milk
- ½ tsp of vanilla extract
- 2 pieces of wholegrain bread

Beat egg, milk and vanilla in a bowl. Dunk bread into mixture until completely covered. Using a non-stick pan, cook bread on both sides until golden.

Enjoy with slices of fruit and a dollop of yoghurt!



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BREAKFAST IDEAS

BANANA PANCAKES

- 2 ripe bananas - mashed
- 2 eggs
- ¼ tsp baking powder
- 1 Tbsp flour
- Pinch of salt

Whisk eggs, add banana and mix well. Stir in remaining ingredients until well combined. Using a non-stick fry pan on medium heat add large spoonfuls of mixture. Cook until golden. Serve with fruit and a dollop of low fat yoghurt



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