

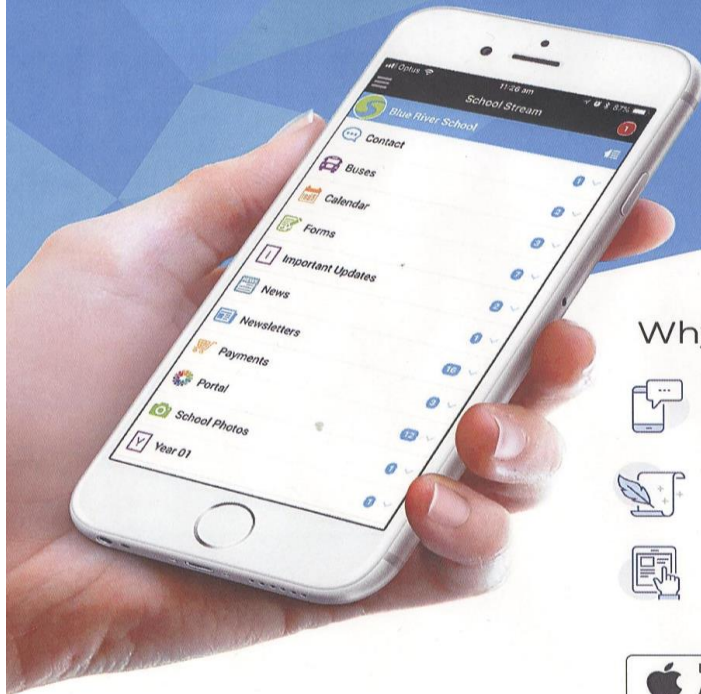
Rotokauri School Newsletter






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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 Mya Allen and Druvi Patel in Room 1, Izzy Christensen in Room 3, Brooklyn Christensen in Room 4 and welcome back to Mya Aitchison in Room 7.

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

I hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing Queen's Birthday long weekend.

As New Zealand potentially heads into Level 1 of the lockdown we have started to make some changes within the school. Our sandpits are now all open for the children but we are encouraging physical distancing with limited numbers playing at each time, Kapa Haka will begin this week and so will our formal assembly on Friday, however both these events will be limited to 100 students (e.g. junior and senior school separate). Therefore, on Friday the junior school assembly will be from 2.15 – 2.35 p.m. and the senior assembly will be from 2.35 – 2.55 p.m.

At Rotokauri School we take health and safety very seriously, which is why we carry out regular emergency drills to practise our procedures. Teachers talk to the students about these procedures so they become familiar with them. Yesterday the school completed a lockdown drill. All students, staff and visitors on-site were safely accounted for. Everyone did extremely well and responded to instructions. Ka pai.

Lockdown drills are carried out twice a year. On hearing the lockdown signal (10 bells), students and teachers remain in their classrooms, or make their way quickly to the nearest classroom if they are outside. Doors are locked and blinds are pulled down. Students and teachers assemble on the floor in a safe place, as silently as possible. When the all clear bell is rung all students and staff assemble on the school field for a roll call. Communication between the school and the community in a lockdown will take place via Facebook and SchoolStream to keep parents fully informed and to keep phone lines free for communication with outside agencies. Please ensure that you have access to one or the other forms of notification (Facebook / SchoolStream).

Lunch Orders

Thank you to the families that followed the guidelines around ordering lunches during the first two weeks back at school. The PTA lunches will resume next Monday 8th June but will be limited to pies and sausage rolls only. The full menu will be available from 15th June. The online lunch ordering system resumed this week – the company were asked to inform all past customers of this date.

We are very fortunate that our wonderful PTA volunteers organise the lunch ordering service every Monday. Just a reminder about what is available and the cost:

Pies (large) \$3.50 each – mince, mince & cheese, potato top

Small items \$2.00 each – mince pie, sausage roll

Sushi (4 piece) \$4.00 – chicken salmon

Sushi (8 piece) \$7.00 – chicken & vegetables

Subway \$6.00 – ham, beef, turkey

Lunch orders need to be placed before 8.55 a.m. in the student foyer.

Lost Property

There is still a large amount of Lost Property from before the lockdown. This week the Lost Property has been on display for the children to view and tomorrow they will be taken to a charity shop. Any clothes that are clearly named will be returned to the owner.

Have a great fortnight everyone, keep warm and continue to follow the COVID-19 guidelines. We can do this!

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

BOT Elections

The Board of Trustees wish to announce that there are 2 vacancies on the committee and have agreed to hold a by-election to fill these positions.

Rotokauri School Board of Trustees' by-election

Nominations are invited for the election of 2 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 5 June 2020 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 19 June 2020.

Sharon Verstraten
Returning Officer

STAFF NOTICES

News from Mrs Rickman

MRS RICKMAN'S RIDE FOR MALAWI WORLD VISION 40 HOUR FAMINE 5th/6th/7th June

Hi All

This weekend I will be cycling 40km to raise money for the 40 hour famine. The money I raise will be going to communities in a country called Malawi. Malawi is suffering terribly from the effects of climate change, and yet the people there contribute the least to this world wide problem. My son Daniel (see if you can guess who he is in the picture) went to Malawi in December and saw for himself how difficult life is.



If you want to find out more about the 40 hour famine you can find details here:

MORE DETAILS AT:

<https://www.worldvision.org.nz/>

If you would like to sponsor me for the 40 Hour Famine you can do that too:

SPONSOR ME AT:

<https://my.worldvision.org.nz/ss/RDU1Mv/jane-rickman>

News from Mrs Donovan

Enviro Team Update

Arbor Day has come up very fast. This year Rotokauri School is planning on postponing a celebration of Arbor Day and World Environment Day until the first week back of Term 3. We are also hoping to combine this with a fundraising event. We are going to call this "Rotokauri Arbor Day."

Our S.C.E.N.T garden is moving forward well, considering not being able to complete all the planned jobs with Covid19 setbacks.

In addition to this our Enviro group is working on growing vegetables, plants and flowers at school from cuttings and seeds. We wondered if anyone would have a small greenhouse or knows of someone who has a small greenhouse that they no longer require and is able to donate to the school. We are planning to propagate some plants for the S.C.E.N.T garden and around the school.

Library

Our library has reopened this week. Could you please check if your child has any overdue library books at home and return them as soon as possible. Classes will start using our library as part of their Reading programme. We are also opening the library every Monday and Wednesday at lunchtime so avid readers can make better use of our wonderful books there.

Many thanks
Mrs Donovan

News from the Sports Committee

Health and PE Curriculum

This term, classes have a real health focus on well-being as we all settle back into our routines and learning after the COVID 19 disruption. A school decision has been made not to participate in events outside of our own school for the remainder of this term.

Our curriculum focuses in PE are Cross Country training and Traditional Maori Games, such as Tapu Ae and Ki-o-Rahi, leading up to Matariki which falls in our school holidays this year.

School Cross Country

A new date has been set for our school Cross Country. This will be held on Friday, 26 June here at Rotokauri School, with the postponement date set for Tuesday, 30 June. Unfortunately this year, there will be no Cluster Cross Country event. There will be protocols in place for spectators and these will be shared with you all closer to the date.

Sports

Touch Rugby

With the touch season coming to an abrupt halt due to COVID 19, we did not get the opportunity to thank our coaches and managers. A big thank you to Mike Ward, Derek Hobbs, Meg Westgate, Mark Williams, Kerryn Moore, Kylie Dawson, Rebecca Jackson, Jo Fairclough and Rachel Warbrick for volunteering your time for practices and games last term. Hopefully Term 4 touch will be uneventful!

If you have a touch gear bag at home, please return them to Whaea Ariana in Room 6 as soon as possible.

Netball

Miss Swindells is busy coordinating the start of the netball season which commences next term from 21 July through to 25 September. Your netball coach will contact you shortly to let you know when practices are and the COVID 19 protocols we have in place for sports practices are below.

Fees have been **set at \$40 per player** and are due to be paid to the school office as soon as possible. **All fees must be paid by WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE.**

Covid-19 Level 2 Guidelines for Sports Coaches/Managers Rotokauri School Grounds

- Coaches and managers to sign in and hand sanitise at the school office (before and after practice).
- Any spectators must sign in and hand sanitise at the school office (before and after practice).
- Teams must use only allocated equipment. All equipment used must be disinfected at the conclusion of each practice. Bibs must be washed after each practice and game.
- Players must hand sanitise before and after each practice and game.
- Spectators must maintain physical distancing guidelines at practices and games.
- The associated sporting bodies may have additional procedures that must be followed.

News from Mr Robertson and Room 7

Room 7 is currently collecting bread bag tags. The reason is that Mr Robertson's wife is also a teacher and she is saving them up to send to Africa. For every 6000 tags sent, a child in Africa who needs a wheelchair gets one. So it's a worthy cause, please bring your tags in and hand them into Room 7.

Regards
Mr Robertson

CELEBRATIONS

This week I would like to celebrate our wonderful students work during lockdown. Our last class to share is Room 5. The teachers have shared special work with me and these children will receive a certificate and juicy. During and after lockdown there was lots of fantastic artwork completed by students. This is now on display in the multi-purpose room.

Room 5 – work produced by Ellie Fairclough

VOLCANOES



A volcano is a break in the crust of a surface that allows hot lava, ash, and gases to escape from below. Beneath Earth's surface lies hot rocks, these hot rocks are called magma. When the magma reaches the Earth's surface an eruption happens. The word volcano comes from the name Vulcan, a legend about a Roman God of Fire.

Not all volcanoes are the same. Depending on how they go bang will tell us what kind of volcano they are. There are three types of volcanoes. They are: Shield Volcanoes, Cinder Cone Volcanoes and Stratovolcano. A volcano can be active, dormant or even extinct.

The land we live on is broken into pieces called plates. If plates bump into each other different things can happen. A mountain may be pushed a little higher, there may be an earthquake or a tsunami or maybe a volcano will erupt. Many of Earth's eruptions happen on the edge of a plate called the Pacific Plate. This area is called the Ring of Fire. New Zealand sits to the left of the Ring of Fire and Indonesia is a string of Island that is also in the Ring of Fire. Indonesia has more erupting volcanoes than anywhere

else on earth. But, the most volcanic activity is not actually on Earth it is on Io, one of Jupiter's Moons.

Volcanoes are very interesting because they are made beneath the surface, and then they appear on top of the surface in different ways. They are interesting because they are both found here on earth and on other planets as well. They are interesting because they have also been around for many many years and will continue to be around for many years to come.


Lockdown Art







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