

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Staff will continue to review our curriculum.

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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 Zac Hoebergen in Room 1.

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Well it's been another interesting fortnight as we continue to operate under Alert Level 2 guidelines. I would like to thank everyone for respecting our Level 2 protocols that have come back into our lives. I continue to applaud the students for their cooperation, resilience and understanding of the need for increased hygiene practices, social distancing and limited contact with parents on the school grounds.

I would like to wish all our students good luck as they present their speeches this week and next. I know that they have been working hard to write and practice their speeches. ICAS testing started last week and will continue throughout the term. Good luck to the students that will be participating in these.

My last thank you goes to the Year 6, 7 & 8 parents that attended the Positive Puberty Workshop that was run last week and to our school presenters – Ms Carter, Mr Robertson and Mrs Rickman.

I would also like to thank the school community for their ongoing support for our Food Frenzy Fridays. Camps are wonderful experiences and we believe that they are important opportunities for our students. Fundraising for camps (Year 5 – 8) is a

necessity as we know that the costs of sending your children to camp can be a financial burden to some families. Therefore, we will be offering a number of fundraising events throughout Terms 3 & 4. The fundraising we do at school must be limited to activities that are easy to organise and do not take the focus off our teaching and learning programmes. All money raised from these school based fundraisers will be spread across all children attending camp and will reduce the overall cost of attendance. We appreciate parent help at our fundraising events so if you are available to assist please let your child's teacher know.

At this time of year planning for 2021 is beginning and the first thing we need to think about is the ballot for students for the coming year. Please refer to the BOT notice further down for the criteria and process that we follow. If you know of any younger children in the community that could potentially enrol at Rotokauri could you please share our information with them as this helps with forecasting for future years as well. If your child will not be returning to Rotokauri School for 2021 (e.g. will be attending intermediate) could you please let me know as soon as possible, as we have a number of students on our interested parties list that could meet the ballot criteria that is set by the Management Team and the Board of Trustees (e.g. number of places available at different year levels).

Have a great fortnight everyone, continue to look after yourselves in these unusual times and keep being kind.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

COVID-19

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers that have been following the protocols put in place by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education in order to keep our students, staff and school a safe place. School may feel a little 'unfriendly or not as welcoming' with all the protocols, however we are very hopeful that if all goes well for us in society then we can return to the close level of community engagement and involvement that we all enjoy at Rotokauri School.

Ballot

At the August BOT meeting we discussed and approved the running of a ballot for the 2021 year at Rotokauri School.

Enrolment at Rotokauri School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office. The criteria that the ballot follows are listed below:

- Priority One – not applicable at Rotokauri School
- Priority Two – sibling of a current student at Rotokauri School
- Priority Three – sibling of a former student at Rotokauri School
- Priority Four – child of a former student at Rotokauri School
- Priority Five – child of an employee of the Board of the school or a child of a member of the Board of the school.
- Priority Six - all other applicants.

Evidence will need to be provided to the school (e.g. school report, school photo) for Priority 2 – 5.

Further information about the ballot will be coming out soon.

PTA NEWS

Car Show & Gala

Put the date in your diary and fingers crossed for fine weather.

Display Cars \$5 Entry
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*** SUN 8th NOV 2020 ***

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Face Masks

A grandmother of one of our students has been busy making face masks for children and adults. Wide range of designs available e.g Frozen, skulls, Batman etc. One size fits all. 100% cotton materials. \$5.00 per face mask or 12 face masks for \$50. Face masks are available outside Miss Smith's office – orders can be taken if sold out.

Some examples:



Crossing the Mid-Line with Tony

Room 1 and 2 were lucky enough to attend a singing and dancing performance with Tony. He performed hilarious songs with fun actions encouraging the children to cross the mid-line (centre of their body). Tony was very impressed with the manners and behaviour of our children and we are proud of the way they demonstrated the Rotokauri School values as an audience for our visitor. For more fun with Sing Along With Tony you can find videos, songs and more on Facebook, YouTube and Spotify.





Beautification of Rotokauri School Grounds

Over the next few weeks, each of our classes will be working on art projects to add interest and colour to our school grounds. Many of our ideas involve recycling materials as part of our conservation inquiry. Therefore, if you have any of the following items that you are no longer using, could you please consider donating them to our beautification project. Please send items directly to the class by Thursday 27th August.



Room	Wish list...
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exterior Paint- orange, pink, green, red, blue, yellow
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bright coloured tiles for mosaics
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic bottle tops
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acrylic White aerosol spray primer and top coat. • Polyurethane sealer aerosol spray
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would appreciate any donations of exterior paint that would be suitable for painting tyres (bright colours if possible). • Undercoat paint.

Many thanks for your continued support of our school wide initiatives.

Speeches

Congratulations to all of our students who have worked hard over the past few weeks writing and practicing their speeches.

This week, students are presenting their speeches to their classes, next week is our year group finals and the following week we will be holding our school speech finals.

Junior Finals - Years 1-4 - Tuesday 8 September at 9:15am

Senior Finals - Year 5-8 - Thursday 10 September at 9:15am

Hopefully, we will be back operating at Level 1 so that parents can attend the finals.

Netball

Hamilton City Netball have done an outstanding job of organising netball at Level 2. A big thank you to our coaches and managers for communicating the new rules and procedures to our teams.

Junior Tough Guy and Gal

Rotokauri School have 43 students set to complete the Junior Tough Guy and Gal course at Ngaruawahia on Friday 11 September if there is a return to Level 1. Ms Jaimee Carter will be contacting parents later this week with an update.

GENERAL MATTERS

Trophy Return

Could all Agricultural Day trophies be returned to the school office please so that they are ready for this year's event.

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.

- **Calf, goat and lamb stewards 1 x each section** - to assist the judge by organising the children with their animals, writing down the judges results and tying ribbons on the animals.

Agricultural Day Entry Form - Calf, Lamb and Goat only

The entry form is available on our website www.rotokauri.school.nz under newsletter and newsletter attachments and notices. **The last day for entries is Friday, 18 September. Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.**

Group Day

Pre entry is required again this year. Calves are returning to Group Day in 2020. Please consider if you will enter your children and their animal for Group Day as no late entries will be accepted. The close off date is yet to be confirmed. Look out for this in the next newsletter. It is better to enter your child, if you are considering going, and withdrawing closer to the time if you change your mind.

Chickens

Unfortunately we have not been able to source one day old chicks, therefore this section will not be available in 2020.

Agricultural Day Changes

This year only the students with animal entries will be competing on Ag Day. Indoor activities will be changed for this year and will be held on a different date (Friday, 23 October in conjunction with Grandparents Day).

CELEBRATIONS

Values Awards

Heidi Viljoen	Room 1	For showing the school value of Active Learner
Maddix Annis	Room 6	For showing the school value of Active Learner
Evie Hodgson	Room 1	For showing the school value of Active Learner
Ella Caulfield	Room 8	For showing the school value of Active Learner
Van McDonald-Hooper	Room 1	For showing the school value of Active Learner
Rydge Shortland	Room 1	For showing the school value of Respect

Assembly Awards

At our assemblies the following students received certificates. Congratulations.

Week 4

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Evie Hodgson	For showing our value of courage, day after day since starting school only 4 weeks ago
Room 1	Paige Robinson Hastings	For being such an awesome member of Room 1, being kind, polite and having a fantastic attitude to learning.
Room 2	Noxx Rogers	For your wonderful mat behaviour this week. Keep up being an awesome role model.
Room 2	Ella Boswell	For all your sharing of your thinking in class discussions. We enjoy hearing your ideas.
Room 3	Israel Warbrick	For making excellent choices in class and being an active learner.
Room 3	Shaan Judge	For making excellent choices in class and being an active learner.
Room 4	Grayson Wallace	For working hard in his maths and showing his strategy.
Room 4	Zach Williams	For working hard in his maths and showing his strategy.
Room 4	Rebecca Cameron	For working hard in her maths and showing her strategy.
Room 5	Hannah Milne	On to it work this week, Great effort, well done.
Room 5	Jordyn Harihari	Your super dooper neat bookwork, great example for others.
Room 5	Samuel Watkins	For being a Tidy Kiwi.
Room 6	Eli Bell	For showing resilience in your work ethic. You are giving things a go and you are having great success. Ka pai.
Room 6	Hannah Jones	You have shown great understanding in rounding to tens and hundreds. Keep it up.
Room 7	Olly Kells	For your continued positive attitude in the classroom at all times.
Room 7	Neve Townsend	For your focus and determination to complete your speech writing this week.

Room 7	Mya Aitchison	For always bringing a positive attitude to learning into the classroom.
Room 8	Corbyn Ridley	For being an active learner and complete an excellent presentation about the Deer debate.
Room 8	Olivia Moroney-Pearson	For being an active learner and for completing all of your work to a high standard.

Week 5

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Corban Stratford	For his awesome effort to write his story independently.
Room 1	Heidi Viljoen	For always using her manners and being kind to others.
Room 2	Archer Mcfall	For the way you show the Rotokauri School values in all areas and especially in your maths project this week.
Room 2	Ella Wen	For your expressive and fluent reading this week. Great progress.
Room 3	Leelyn Clark	For showing persistence when learning to tell the time. Well done Leelyn.
Room 3	Israel Warbrick	For being an active learner and challenging himself when learning to tell the time. Keep up the great work Israel.
Room 4	Isaac Hapi	For working hard in his speech writing.
Room 4	Ernie Young	For using the value of active learning in his writing.
Room 4	Jiya Prajapati	For always being helpful to others in class and for always being happy.
Room 5	Hannah Milne	For being helpful to others in the class.
Room 5	Clarke Robinson	For the effort you have put into writing this week.
Room 6	Caleb Jacobs	For showing a great attitude towards your reading this week. I can see your confidence increasing. Well done.
Room 6	Elijah Esselbrugge	For coming up with some creative and excellent ideas to beautify Rotokauri. Great imagination!
Room 7	Cooper McLean	For your outstanding efforts in our secret project. Sssh!
Room 7	Jack Jones	For being our classroom top reading log daily recorder.
Room 7	Oliver Selwyn	For your focus in completing your speech writing on time.
Room 8	Ella Prangnell	For working hard on your speech and your overall positive attitude to your learning.
Room 8	Hayley Jorgensen	For always completing your work to an exceptional standard.
Room 8	Elias Barber	For working hard on your speech and delivering a great impromptu one.

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EAT TO ENERGIZE

SMART SWAPS FOR HALF TIME

Muesli bar Half banana

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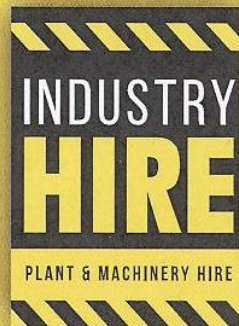
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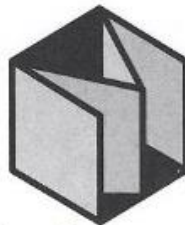
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