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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 Ihaia Still in Room 2.

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Week 10, our final week at school for Term 3, and this is our last newsletter for the term. As I write this newsletter we have just heard the news that we are moving to Level 1 from Tuesday morning. This is welcome news for staff and students. However, we will continue with the increased hygiene practices for the remainder of the year. Please remember to sign in at the school office if you are coming onto the school grounds and use the QR code at the front entrance.

We have had an eventful fortnight and this newsletter will showcase the opportunities that our students have been participating in.

Congratulations to the students that participated in the Junior Tough Guy/Gal competition at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp. We were even lucky enough to win some spot prizes. The school relies on parent support in order for our students to take part in

these opportunities, so a huge thank you to the parents that transported students and assisted with cheerleading.

Congratulations to our two EPro8 teams that competed this year. The Year 5 & 6 team came third in their heat and the Year 7 & 8 team came first. Both these teams will be competing at St Pauls this week in the semi-finals. Good luck teams.

I hope that everyone has been checking out our school Facebook page as there are some photos and videos of our Kapa Haka Performance Group in action. I was fortunate enough to be present during their performance in front of the Koromatua Kapa Haka group. It was also wonderful to catch up with a past pupil, Lola Fau. The group were outstanding, their commitment to improving their skills is commendable and the way that students stepped so confidently into leadership roles is a credit to them. Thank you to the BOT for funding our Kapa Haka tutor all year and to Haka Hiva tutor Whaea Penny for working with our students. We really do have amazing students at Rotokauri School and they do us proud.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone. Remember that students start back at school on Tuesday 13th October, due to a Teacher Only Day on the Monday.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

Rotokauri School Ballot and Enrolment – 2021

The Board of Trustees invites applications from parents/caregivers who wish to enrol their sons and daughters at Rotokauri School for 2021. Enrolment at Rotokauri School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

An application form must be completed for all students wishing to enrol at Rotokauri School. In and out-of-zone application forms are available from the school office. The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is **Monday, 19th October 2020**.

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

The Board has determined that up to **20 places** are likely to be available for out-of-zone students next year in Year 1, up to **2 places** in Year 4, up to **3 places** in Year 5 and up to **3 places** in Year 7. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on **Friday 23rd October 2020**. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Any questions regarding the pre-enrolment and ballot applications may be directed to the school office (office@rotokauri.school.nz).

PTA NEWS

Car Show & Gala

The annual Car Show and Gala is planned for Sunday 8th November at Rotokauri School.

Bookfair

The Car Show & Gala is quickly approaching and we are on the lookout for good quality books and games to be donated so that the Book Fair can be a success again this year. We are collecting these now – if you have any to donate please drop them off in the school's MPR.

Donations

The PTA would appreciate your help. If there is any businesses that could donate money or products for this event please let the PTA know pta@rotokauri.school.nz



Hoop Toss Game

Again this year we are asking that each child brings one or more filled jars for this popular game. These are to be taken to the classroom teacher **from next term onwards**. One house point will be awarded for each jar brought to school. Please do not use pickle jars as the smell lingers and if you are donating sweets these will need to be commercially wrapped for food hygiene reasons. Some ideas for the jars are – sweets, hair accessories, toys, lego etc. Use your imagination!

STAFF NOTICES

Student Led Conferences Online

The students have been busy over the last two weeks planning and presenting their Student Led Conference via SeeSaw. Please take the time to talk with your child/children about their presentation. There will be an example of their Reading, Writing, Maths and another curriculum area.

To respond to your child's learning, click on the comment button  to type a response, or use the microphone  to record a message.

Some ideas to comment on:

- celebrate achievements and progress
- praise your child for what they have done well?
- ask a question in which your child can talk further with you
 - tell me about what you are sharing?
 - what are you most proud of?
 - what did you find easy/hard?
 - what might you do next?
- make a goal together about some next steps in learning.

Enjoy this special sharing time and celebrate what your child/children have achieved this year.

PB4L

As part of our PB4L values rewards system, all values vouchers earned by students over Term 3 go into the draw for prizes from the Values Rewards Box. Values vouchers are awarded by any staff member, parent, community member, peer mediators, student councillors and can be child nominated. These are given out for demonstrating our Rotokauri School values – Respect, Empathy, Active Learning, Courage and Honesty. This Friday, at our school assembly, we will draw 4 students out from Rooms 1 - 4 and 4 students from Rooms 5 - 8. Names of our winners will be published in the first newsletter of Term 4.

House Points Hot Chip Lunch

To celebrate the end of the Term 3 - the winning house will receive a hot chip lunch this Friday (it will go nicely with the pizza ordered for Food Frenzy Friday).

House points are given out freely and frequently for a variety of reasons e.g. returning permission slips on time, being in the right place at the right time doing the right thing.

This Term's winning House is Whero.

Speech Winners 2020

On Tuesday, 8 September and Thursday, 10 September we held our annual Junior and Senior speech competitions. As it was a non-cluster year, students had more freedom with their speech topics and could choose to inform, persuade or entertain their peers and judges. Thank you to Eden Miller (past student and Rotokauri Senior Speech Cup winner), Win Schmits and Haley Keast for giving their time to judge this year. Congratulations to all of our finalists and this year's winners.

Senior Speech Cup Winner - Finley O'Rourke

Junior Speech Cup Winner - Ashton Newbold

Year 8

1st - Finley O'Rourke - What Teachers Do In Their Breaks

2nd - Ella Summer - Salem Witch Trials

3rd - Layton Farrell – How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse

Highly Commended - Ella Prangnell - Dumb Ways To Die

Year 7

1st - Tamsin Rose - Anxiety

2nd - Lewis Surgenor - Sideline Harassment

3rd - Bella Wilson - Why Adults Are Weird

Highly Commended - Hannah Hobbs - Procrastination

Year 6

1st - Ava Viljoen-Thomson - Polar Bears

2nd - Lachlan Emslie - Maths

3rd - Cooper McLean - If I Was Prime Minister

Highly Commended - Bella Moroney-Pearson - Concussion

Year 5

1st - Nalei Nelson - Why Speeches Shouldn't Be Compulsory

2nd - Reed Kahaki - Superpowers

3rd - Ryan Keightley - Save Our Birds

Highly Commended - Cooper Hobbs – Dragons

Year 4

1st - Ashton Newbold - If I Was A Youtuber
2nd - Evie Wilson - If I Was Half Chicken, Half Elephant
3rd - Bella Gyde – If I Was A Teacher

Year 3

1st - Liam Surgenor - If I Was A Famous Soccer Player
2nd - Shaan Judge - If I Was A Star
3rd - Elsie Van Rooij - If I Was A Park

Year 2

1st - Scarlett Swain - If I Was A Unicorn
2nd - Esme Gyde - If I Was A Teacher
3rd - Cameron Emslie - If I Was A Pukeko
Highly Commended - Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson – If I Was A Panda

Year 1

1st - Van MacDonald-Hooper - Little Miss Muffet
2nd - Talia Hefferon - Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
3rd - Harry Gyde - Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
Highly Commended - Paige Robinson-Hastings – Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

ICAS Results

Congratulations to the following students on their efforts in the recent ICAS Exams. We are awaiting the official certificates and these will be presented at a school assembly next term.

Digital Technologies

Nirav Maharaj - Year 5 - Credit
Lily Allen - Year 7 - Participation
Lewis Surgenor - Year 7 - High Distinction
Corey Molloy - Year 8 - Participation

Science

Nirav Maharaj - Year 5 - Participation
Lily Allen - Year 7 - Merit
Lewis Surgenor - Year 7 - Distinction
Jesse Zillwood - Year 7 - Distinction
Hayley Jorgensen - Year 8 - Distinction

Spelling

Caitlin Furlonger- Year 5 - Participation
Nirav Maharaj - Year 5 - Participation
Vedhikah Goundar - Year 6 - Participation
Lily Allen - Year 7 - Participation
Ciaran Williams-Thomas - Year 7 - Credit
Jesse Zillwood - Year 7 - Credit
Hayley Jorgensen - Year 8 - High Distinction
Daksh Prajapati - Year 8 - Participation

English

Caitlin Furlonger - Year 5 - Credit

Vedhikah Goundar - Year 6 - Participation

Lily Allen - Year 7 - Credit

Lewis Surgenor - Year 7 - Credit

Jesse Zillwood - Year 7 - Credit

Hayley Jorgensen - Year 8 - Distinction

Mathematics

Nirav Maharaj - Year 5 - Participation

James Ward - Year 5 - Participation

Vedhikah Goundar - Year 6 - Participation

Lily Allen - Year 7 - Credit

Olivia Moroney-Pearson – Year 7 - Participation

Lewis Surgenor – Year 7 - Distinction

Jayden Ward – Year 7 - Credit

Ciaran Williams-Thomas - Year 7 - Participation

Jesse Zillwood - Year 7 - Participation

Hayley Jorgensen - Year 8 - Distinction

Corey Molloy - Year 8 - Participation

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

Winter Sports - Netball

A big thank you to our coaches and managers Helen Rose, Marie Walker, Cary Viljoen, Sarah Jones, Jo McCready, Malina Mang, Tracy Wilson, Carie Aitchison, Kerina Jacobsen, Sarah Buckle and Rose Gyde. We appreciate your time and efforts over a very difficult season.

Please return **CLEAN** netball uniforms and gear bags to Miss Swindells in Room 3 as soon as possible.

GENERAL MATTERS

Sunhats

Our school policy is that students and staff wear the Rotokauri School sunhats during Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure that these sunhats do not have embellishments and/or graffiti – if they do, they will need to be replaced. New sunhats are available from the school office for \$18.00.

CELEBRATIONS

Values Awards – Weeks 8 & 9

Talia Hefferon	Room 1	For showing the school value of courage.
Van MacDonald Hooper	Room 1	For showing the school value of respect.
Rydge Shortland	Room 1	For showing the school value of respect.
Aidah Ali	Room 8	For showing the school value of active learning.
Grace Petley	Room 5	For showing the school value of empathy.
Samuel Watkins	Room 5	For showing the school value of active learning.

Assembly Awards

At our assemblies the following students received certificates. Congratulations.

Week 8

Room	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
1	Van MacDonald Hooper	For showing such courage when presenting your speech to the junior school. Then again to the seniors. Ka Pai Van!
1	Mya Allen	For showing our school value of respect towards your teacher and your classmates
2	Ellie-Rose Anderson	For demonstrating the values of courage and empathy when you were Room 2's Leader of the Day.
2	Ivy Lu	For demonstrating the values of courage and active learning when tackling challenges in your learning.
3	Kade Calnan	For actively working hard to improve your reading. Keep it up Kade!
3	Koby Rose	For demonstrating the value of respect and making good choices in the classroom. Well done Koby!
4	Isaac Steger	For working hard in all areas of your learning. Well done.
4	Cooper-Love Buckle	For working hard in her writing and using great describing words. Well done.
5	Kaeleb Beets	Your entertaining dragon story
5	Grace Petley	Your high standard of art for our beautification project
6	Bella Moroney-Pearson	For reading a massive 200 and more nights this year. AMAZING!
6	Sophie Fairclough	For reading a massive 200 and more nights this year. AMAZING!
7	Jack Jones	For consistently maintaining your Reading log, and reading every day.
7	Room 7	For your fantastic efforts over the past several weeks and your positivity.

8	Lily Allen	For an outstanding presentation about colour psychology.
8	Ella Burt	For an outstanding presentation about colour psychology.
8	Ella Caulfield	For fantastic progress in your reading and always being helpful.

Week 9

Room	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
1	Aston Burt	For showing our value of courage during your student conference. You are becoming more and more confident every day.
1	Teagan Mancer	For always having such a positive attitude to learning. Keep it up!
2	Mahi Sharma	For demonstrating the value of active learning. You have had such a busy week working hard in all areas.
2	Turner Wallace	For your amazing progress in your number knowledge. Impressive work.
3	Ava Esselbrugge	For showing the value of active learning throughout this week with completing your student led conferences. Well done
3	Asa Robinson	For successfully writing a story using complex sentences and recording it with expression and fluency. Ka Pai Asa!
4	Room 4	For working hard all week for Miss Smith and Ms MacDonald
5	Noah Rose	The extra effort you are putting into your work at the moment
5	Addison Jennings	Your progress in independence
6	Joseph Warbrick	Showing great fluency and understanding in your reading. Your progression has been outstanding.
6	Bianca Wallis	Showing great fluency and understanding in your reading. Your progression has been outstanding.
7	Lachlan Emslie	For your consistent efforts in writing.
7	Zephyr Rhind	For your positive attitude to your learning in all areas.
8	Kiedis Vallett	For great progress in reading and working hard on your writing.
8	Mikayla Farrell	For working hard on your calendar art and writing.
8	Finley O'Rourke	For staying focused and working hard on your writing.

Principal's Award

Anna Haldane	Room 2	Congratulations for establishing a reading habit – 25 nights. Keep it up Anna.
Scarlett Swain	Room 2	Congratulations on reaching 200 nights. Great work Scarlett.

Class Sharing - Beautification Projects

Room 1

The students in Room 1 did not like the garden outside the classroom. They thought that it looked empty and boring. They thought that we should try and do something to it so that people walking past could enjoy it, as well as students at school. We had a discussion to work out what we could do to make it look better from the classroom window and from the footpath outside the school grounds.

Some suggestions were to plant some flowers to make it more colourful. We had fairy light suggestions, a stream, plant trees or simply to just try and keep it tidy.

Out of nowhere came a suggestion of making a fairy garden. "We could make houses so that the fairies come and live here", "They can have a stream and a bridge to cross the water".

Apart from the wooden houses that were made by Mr Vile, the students went on daily treasure hunts to find, sticks, leaves, grass, pine needles and anything else that the fairies would like their houses decorated with. The children are very happy with their creations.

Now that our fairy garden is built, we have more ideas to keep adding and we also think that the fairies have moved in already.

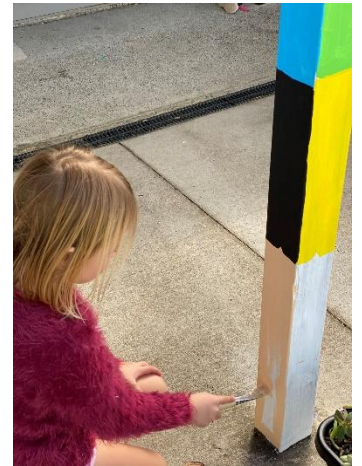


Room 2



Room 2 students looked at places they would like to improve around the school. They felt very strongly about wanting more colour and flowers in places around the school. They put together design proposals.

As a result, the children have worked collaboratively to complete some beautification projects including painting the posts outside Room 2, new chalkboards for use outside, potted flower pots and an outside sight word display.



Room 2 children are proud of making a change and helping to make our school beautiful.



Room 6



Rotokauri Tough Guy / Gal Participants



TENNIS LESSONS

Starting: Wednesday, 14 October – 25 November 2020 (7 weeks)

Time: 4.00 pm for juniors
5.00 pm for seniors

Where: Rotokauri School Tennis Courts

Tutor: Alby Ellis, PE teacher at Hamilton Boys High School

Cost: \$10 per lesson – can be paid week to week to Alby the coach.

Information: Alby has a fun, friendly effective method for teaching the children tennis. He has been successfully teaching tennis at our school for a number of years and also teaches at other schools and St Peters tennis club.

Tennis court access: Rotokauri School Tennis Court keys can be hired from the school office for use out of hours - \$30.00 for season.

Contact: Sacha sacha@photosacha.co.nz with your child/rens name, age, experience or any questions.

Beginners: Beginners are welcome, just bring a racket.



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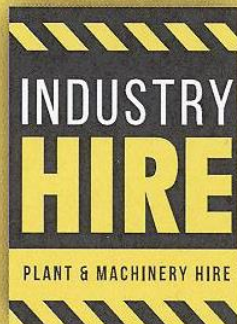
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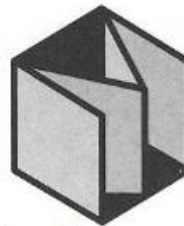
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