

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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School Picnic 2021



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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

I hope you have all enjoyed your two long weekends – we have certainly eased our way into the new school year with two short weeks. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers that attended the School Picnic last Friday. It was lovely to reconnect with you after our holidays. This Friday we have the annual school bi/triathlon and we hope to have parents/caregivers on-site to cheer on the participants.

Nгаа mihi

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

Music Teacher

Thank you to the Board of Trustees for employing Mrs Win Schmits to teach Music (part of the Arts Curriculum) across the school on Tuesdays. Win brings a wealth of knowledge and makes the learning fun for students and staff.

Swimming Tutor

A big thank you to the Board of Trustees for employing Mrs Sarah Selwyn as a swimming tutor for some of our students. Sarah's knowledge and skills are invaluable and the staff appreciate the assistance which she gives them.

Swimming Pool

The Board of Trustees would like to sincerely thank the volunteers that have maintained the school pool over the holiday period. They have kept the pool looking amazing and it has been utilized by many key holders. Thank you Hans Verberne, Carie Aitchison, Anna Hapi, Tanzey Dombroski and Rhianna Moka.

School Picnic

The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and congratulate the House Captains for their outstanding effort leading their teams last Friday. They certainly role modelled our school values.

PTA NEWS

School lunches

School lunches are available for purchasing on Mondays. This term the PTA are trialing a Butter Chicken pie and will no longer sell Potato Top or Lamb and Mint pies.

Ordering –

All orders must be in by 9.00 a.m. Pies - fill in a form and staple it to the paper bag provided, put money in bag and fold over twice, put in the lunch drop box.

Sushi/Subway - fill in a form and pop it in a clear zip lock bag with your money, put in the lunch drop box.

Pricing:

Large Pies: \$3.50 (Mince, Mince and Cheese, Butter Chicken)

Small items: \$2.00

Mini Mince Pie

Sausage Roll

Sushi:

4pc Chicken \$4.00

4pc Salmon \$4.00

8pc Chicken and vegetable \$7.00

Subway: \$6.00

all come with 6inch bun (meat, lettuce, cheese, tomato), juice and cookie available with ham, beef, turkey

Order forms available in the student foyer.

GENERAL MATTERS

COVID-19

With the unexpected move to Level 2 the school had to rapidly make adjustments to our everyday lives to follow the guidelines outlined by the Ministry of Education. Thank you to the staff, students and parents for the calm way in which you all adapted to these changes.

We are continuing with our hand sanitising as we go into classrooms and washing hands thoroughly on the way out before we eat. Staff are also regularly disinfecting surfaces within the classroom. By keeping ourselves healthy we can achieve more learning & teaching time for everyone. In line with Government requirements - we ask that you please keep your children at home if they are feeling unwell.

Leadership

Giving students opportunities to take on leadership roles in the senior school is a strength at Rotokauri School. I am very proud to announce the following leadership positions have been filled for 2021 –

Student Council

Cooper McLean, Isla Kahaki, Jesse Zillwood, Bridgette Donny, Lily Allen, Seth Westgate, Aidah Ali and Ashtyn Gyde.

Peer Mediators

Bella Wilson, Charlie Jones, Eli Bell, Carter Jessop, Jack Jones, Deanna Smith, Lewis Surgenor, Hannah Hobbs, Joseph Warbrick and Blake Robinson Hastings.

House Captains

Kakariki - Matthew Webber, Ava Viljoen, Tamsin Rose, Cole Turney

Whero - Mia Walker, Corbyn Smith, Penelope Simpson, Jett McFall

Kowhai - Cory Burt, Daisy Sercombe, Maya Sharma, Jayden Ward, Lachlan Emslie

Kikorangi - Vinnie Gibson, Sophie Fairclough, Bianca Wallis, Olly Kells

Congratulations and we wish you all the very best of luck for the coming year.

No Dogs in School Grounds



Due to the amount of 'deposits' found in the playground area - a reminder that our school's policy is that no dogs are allowed on the school grounds at all times.

Swimming

We Are Swimming Everyday

Students need to bring their togs and towel for swimming every day this term. If your child is not swimming for health reasons, a note is required each day.

Being Sun Smart at Rotokauri School

Rotokauri School Sunhats are COMPULSORY throughout Terms 1 & 4. These sunhats are available for purchase at the school office for \$18.

No hat equals spending your break times under the sun shelter.

School Values

Staff, students and whanau/community are encouraged to promote our school values (REACH) and our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) approach as the basis for teaching students to become successful learners and to manage their own behaviour positively.

Respect – This means that we show that we value ourselves, value others, our school and the environment.

Empathy – This means we are able to step into the shoes of another person and try to understand their thoughts and feelings.

Active Learning – This means we don't give up, even when we are challenged.

Courage – This means that we are brave as we face new experiences and difficult situations.

Honesty – This means speaking and acting truthfully.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1 Summer Sports

The Term 1 summer sports Touch Rugby, Futsal, Flippaball and Waterpolo commence this week. Please keep an eye out on the Rotokauri Facebook page for game times as well as texts and emails from team managers. A big thank you to our volunteer coaches, managers and referees for committing your time and skills to our sports teams.

A reminder that fees are due next Friday, 26th February – A/c 123152 0116129 00

Touch fees - \$30.00

Futsal fees - \$55.00

Waterpolo - \$80.00

Flippaball - TBC

School Biathlon and Triathlon

We look forward to holding the annual biathlon and triathlon tomorrow.

Children competing in the TRIATHLON will need

Their togs, towel, a roadworthy bike, helmet, drink bottle, and a warm sweatshirt - shoes are optional.

Children competing in the BIATHLON will need

Their togs, towel, drink bottle, and a warm sweatshirt - shoes are optional.

We are returning to the format from previous years starting with the bike, swim then run.

8.00 a.m.	A decision will be made as to whether the event will go ahead. Parents will be notified of cancellation via the Schoolstream App and Facebook page.
8.30–8.55 am	Bikes are brought to school and placed on the bottom field in their age group. Students are not to ride their bikes into the school grounds for safety reasons. Children must leave their helmets with their bikes.
9.00 a.m.	The bell will ring and students will go to their classes.
9.30 a.m.	Students will meet under the gazebos in their year groups.
9.45 a.m.	Races start.

All Triathlon Events Run First

- 12 year old girls and boys
- 11 year old girls and boys
- 10 year old girls and boys
- 9 year old girls and boys
- 8 year old girls and boys
- 7 year old girls and boys
- 6 year old girls and boys
- 5 year old girls and boys

Morning tea break between events

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School Photos

The class photo and individual / family portraits will be taken on Thursday, 15 April and team photographs Thursday, 5 August. We will be using the online ordering system again and more information will be given closer to the time.

Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

An education talk for these students, regarding the immunisations and the process taken, will be held on 25th February. From here your Year 7 or 8 child will bring home a form to be filled in. This needs to be returned to school asap with either a consent or non-consent for vaccination. The vaccinations will take place on Tuesday, 16 March.

Hearing and Vision

This visit will take place on Tuesday, 9 March. Please read the following notices and contact the school office if necessary.



Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

Which children are routinely checked?

Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check

Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up

In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check

What tests are carried out?

Ears

Audiometry (hearing test)

Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

Notify parents of all test results

Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.



Year 7 Vision Screening Information Sheet

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the vision check is to identify previously undetected vision defects.

The check that is carried out is long distance vision tests on all Year 7 students.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, they should let the school know.

This will not be a complete vision examination, but a simple screening test. When an unsatisfactory result is obtained, it will be necessary for the Technician to obtain personal details ie; home address and date of birth, and parents/caregivers will be asked to seek further advice.

Our Service may share health information gathered in this way with other Health Professionals involved in the student's care.



CELEBRATIONS

Values Awards

Week 1

AJ Wirihana	Room 1	For showing the school value of Active Learning
Khloe Bennett	Room 2	For showing the school value of Courage
Khloe Bennett	Room 2	For showing the school value of Active Learning
Ruby Wilson	Room 2	For showing the school value of Courage
Cole Turney	Room 8	For showing the school value of Active Learning
Blake Robinson Hastings	Room 8	For showing the school value of Active Learning
Carter Jessop	Room 8	For showing the school value of Active Learning
Lachlan Emslie	Room 8	For showing the school value of Active Learning

Week 2

Luca Haldane	Room 4	For showing the school value of Respect
Nicky-Rose Hoebe	Room 4	For showing the school value of Respect
Nirav Maharaj	Room 6	For showing the school value of Active Learning
Ryan Jorgensen	Room 7	For showing the school value of Active Learning

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 1

Room 1	Sophie Quinlan	For showing our school value of respect towards your teacher and your classmates.
Room 1	Carter Cowley	For showing our school value of empathy towards our new students at Rotokauri School.
Room 2	Harry Gyde	For taking on a leadership role to help out Room 2. You're awesome.
Room 2	Ruby Wilson	For your courage to give everything a try, be very proud.
Room 3	Jackson Connolly	For your fantastic start to the year. You are demonstrating a positive can do attitude, keep this up.
Room 3	Ella Wen	For settling in with ease. It is wonderful to see your confidence grow this week. You bring a positive attitude everyday.
Room 4	Room 4	For settling into our room with respect for others.
Room 4	Luca Haldane	For being an awesome and knowledgeable person and helping the teacher with Prodigy.
Room 5	Jay East	Trying so hard with your work this week. Great start to Rotokauri School.
Room 5	Ellie Fairclough	Setting a great example to others, you are an awesome role model.
Room 6	Regan Bennett	For being an active learner during swimming.
Room 6	Addison Jennings	For being an active learner during swimming.
Room 7	Isaac Stratford	For being an active learner and helping others out. You showed great courage to let others know to show some respect.
Room 7	Jay Williams	For showing great teamwork today. You were so helpful when setting up our day. Thank you.
Room 8	McKay Robinson	For being an active learner and role model for others in the class.
Room 8	Aidah Ali	For being an active learner and also someone who can be relied upon to help out in our class.
Room 8	Blake Robinson Hastings	For being an active learner and working hard on your reading tasks and art work.

Week 2

Room 1	Luke Vann	For showing our school value of courage at our school picnic
Room 1	Conor Emerson	For showing our school value of courage at school all week and at today's school picnic
Room 2	Khloe Bennett	For showing courage in everything you do. Keep up the awesome attitude.
Room 2	Druvi Patel	For showing the value of empathy and looking after little friends.
Room 3	Thomas Warner	For the kind, caring nature you have. You bring enthusiasm towards all you do. Ka Pai!
Room 3	Kaylee Quinlan	Showing our school value of courage today! You never gave up which is fantastic.
Room 4	Asa Robinson	For showing the value of courage with all of his work
Room 4	Kade Calnan	For showing the value of active learning and courage when answering questions
Room 5	Ryan Russell	Showing courage in the swimming pool this week.
Room 5	Noah Rose	Your responsible attitude towards learning
Room 6	Guy Johnstone	For your positive start to the year and the shining role model in class that you are.
Room 6	Mia Van Elzaker	For your positive start to the year and the shining role model in class that you are.
Room 7	Deanna Smith	For having an excellent start to the year. You have been respectful and showing the school values. Ka pai.
Room 7	Mason Newbold	For showing all the school values. You have made an excellent start to the year. Thank you Mason.
Room 8	Vinnie Gibson	For showing respect and empathy and supporting other students in our class.
Room 8	Melisa Soltanizand	For showing respect towards your teacher and other students in Room 8.

Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby Club Weigh In and Registration

Sunday 7th March 1-4pm

at the Marist clubrooms, on Old Farm Road.

All players, new and old need to be weighed in.

Players must be minimum 4 years old, turning 5 this year

If you are a new player please bring along a copy of your birth certificate.

Check out our Facebook page for information and updates.



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