

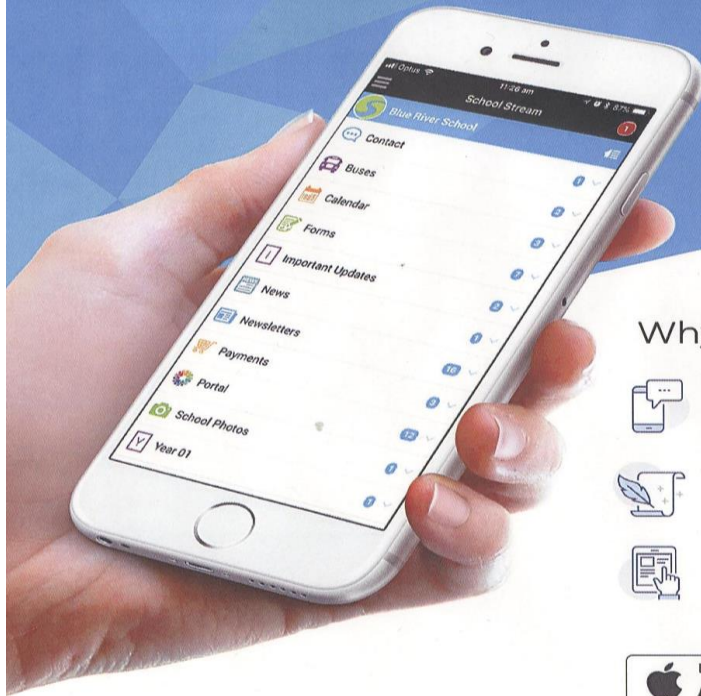
# Rotokauri School Newsletter






Issue No: 3

4 March 2021

## Download our school app for free!



### Why download the app?



-  Receive instant notifications for important news.
-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



### Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



 [facebook.com/SchoolStream](https://facebook.com/SchoolStream)  
 [twitter.com/SchoolStreamApp](https://twitter.com/SchoolStreamApp)

**ROKOKAURI SCHOOL**  
462 Rotokauri Road  
R D 9  
HAMILTON 3289

**Telephone (07) 849 5068**  
**Email: [office@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:office@rotokauri.school.nz)**  
**[www.rotokauri.school.nz](http://www.rotokauri.school.nz)**

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**

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

**We are currently at Alert Level 2 and will remain so until Sunday, 7 March.**

Once again the school has put appropriate measures in place, which are outlined below.

### **Key messages:**

1. School is open for all students and staff. At level 2, students and staff do not need to physically distance themselves.
2. Hygiene Golden Rules are being reinforced at school:
  - We encourage students to wash hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds) and dry thoroughly.  
We remind students to cough or sneeze into their elbow or cover their mouth and nose with tissues (Putting them in a bin immediately).
  - We remind students to avoid touching their face, including their eyes, nose or mouth if hands are not clean. Surfaces may have infectious droplets.
  - We clean surfaces regularly. This includes items frequently touched like door handles.

### **Reminders for parents:**

3. Keep children (and yourselves) away from school if sick and unwell.

4. Parents should not come onto the school site during Level 2. If you need to visit the school please go directly to the school office and follow staff instructions. The QR code displayed in the office must be used.
5. Assemblies will only be attended by students and staff while in Alert Level 2.

**Important message to all parents:**

Manaakitanga is important at Rotokauri School. It means to care, respect and show empathy towards other people despite their differences. This is also underpinned by our school values of respecting ourselves, other people and the environment. We work extremely hard to create a safe and caring learning environment for all children despite the challenges that they may be faced with.

For students to learn to show these values they need every adult to act as a role model. At times, children will face social issues at school and outside of school. Parents need to demonstrate resilience. They can do this by acting in a calm manner so their child/children feel they are being heard. Parents should follow up on any worries their child is having as soon as possible with the classroom teacher.

Parents also have other responsibilities they need to role model to their child/children. These include:

- Ensuring the students attend school. When a child is away, parents need to contact the office before 9.00 a.m. via SchoolStream app, email or phone. The reason has to be genuine e.g. sickness.
- Keeping up to date with school events through the SchoolStream app, emails and Facebook.
- Modelling adult behaviour when in the community.

If we want all our children to AIM high and be the best they can be, they need parents to role model what this looks like all the time.

With the postponement of our Meet the Teacher evening twice due to COVID restrictions and the busyness of our Term 1 timetable, the Management team have decided that this event will take a digital platform this year. Thank you to the teachers for sharing their information in a different format for our families. These will be shared with you by Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March (Monday, 15 March for Room 8).

This year we are hoping to put two teams in to the ePRo8 Science competition again. Unfortunately some of the guidelines have changed and there is now a hireage fee for equipment which is required for the first round of competition. Rather than hiring we would like to consider purchasing our own school science/technology equipment. If you know of a company that would be prepared to sponsor the school to purchase a full kit valued at \$600 could you please let me know [dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz)

I look forward to hearing the news on Sunday that we are back to Level 1. Keep safe everyone.

Ngaa mihi  
Desiree Smith

## **BOT NEWS**

### **Maternity Leave**

It gives the BOT great pleasure to congratulate Jaimee Swindells on the news that she is expecting a new addition to her family. The BOT have granted Miss Swindells maternity leave from the beginning of June. A new teacher will be announced once all the paperwork has been completed.

### **Property**

During the holidays the BOT were able to replace the old deck out the back of the library. Thank you Vivod Developments for making an awesome spot for children to enjoy their reading.

The BOT have also replaced the two air con units in the MPR. Thank you to Pro Spark Electrical for installing these. It will certainly be more pleasant attending events in the MPR.

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Lunches**

Just a reminder that if we are at Covid Level 2 sushi and Subway cannot be ordered for Monday lunches.

Order forms available in the student foyer.

### **Thinking of Joining the PTA?????**

**Come along to our AGM on WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH at 6.30 p.m in the Staffroom**

The Rotokauri School PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a team of like-minded parents, caregivers and teachers who get together to fundraise for some of the extras that make our school a great place to be - things that make life fun, interesting or more easily accessible for our children, as well as helping to build and strengthen our community, so our families feel more connected to the school.

As for all volunteer groups, the PTA work to the philosophy that 'many hands make light work' and as such are looking for new faces and fresh enthusiasm. Being part of the PTA is a great way to get involved and meet new people, especially if you are new to the school. It can also be valuable towards personal development - perhaps working as a stepping stone towards becoming a member of the Board of Trustees and/or providing experience working within a committee.

The PTA meet once a month in the evening to share ideas and plan for upcoming events. Please don't be put off if you work full time as you are able to contribute as much or as little as you like - some members work full time, some work part time and some are stay at home parents. It is a great mix of people!

## **Friends of the PTA**

Rotokauri School also has in place 'Friends of the PTA' – a group of parents, grandparents or caregivers that are willing to be contacted to help out occasionally for events, for example, helping out with sausage sizzles, discos, making up Easter Raffle hampers, sorting out Oxford pies for pickup - tasks that are not too onerous but make a big difference to making events happen!

**An email was sent out to all families to complete an online questionnaire. If you missed the email, the link is <https://forms.gle/fdxkSZsKqZHLjn6h9>**

## **Easter Fundraiser**

Earlier this week, tickets were sent out to families for the annual Easter Raffle. Please sell tickets to your friends and family over the next few weeks. **Cards and money are due back at school by Friday, 19 March and the draw will be made the following Friday, 26 March.** Children have been asked to bring along Easter treats and goodies to make the raffle prizes. Please hand into their classroom teacher for house points. If you would like more tickets to sell, these are available at the office. If you do not wish to sell tickets, please return your card to the school office as we need to account for all cards.

## **School Disco**

The PTA will be holding the first disco of the year on Friday, 9 April. It will be an Easter theme. We are looking for parent helpers during the day to help with decorating the Multi Purpose Room and/or helping on the night, please indicate this on the PTA questionnaire.

## **PTA Upcoming Dates**

**Wednesday, 24 March** - AGM - 6:30pm in the Staffroom

**Friday, 19 March** - Easter Raffle Tickets and Money due back at school

**Friday, 26 March** - Easter Raffle Drawn

**Friday, 5 April** - Easter Themed School Discos

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Leadership Camp**

This year the Year 8 leadership camp has been reinstated. The Year 8s will be staying at Finlay Park for one night on Tuesday, 9 March.

This camp will go ahead at Alert Level 1 & 2. Protocols will be in place for Alert Level 2. Thank you Mrs Rickman for organising the camp and thank you to the parents that have volunteered their time. I am certain that students, staff and parents will enjoy the experience.

### **Year 7 & 8 Immunisations**

We have been informed by our Public Health Nurse that because of the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out, that some of their staff have been called away to assist with this programme. Because of this and their numbers being down, they will only be doing the Year 8's first immunisation on 16 March and will do the Year 7's when they return for the Year 8's second injection. Please still return all consent / non consent forms now.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Senior School Swimming Sports

The Senior School Swimming Sports (for children aged 8-12 years) will be held next **Thursday, 11 March** at the Huntly Pools. **We will be departing school just before 9.00 a.m. and returning to school by 2.55 p.m.**

A letter and permission slip were sent home early this week. **Please pay the \$6.00 to cover the cost of the bus and entry to the pools by Tuesday, 9 March.**

We hope to start races around 9.45 a.m. and have changed the format for the day as we are now offering widths as well as lengths. Your child will select their races in class with their teacher. **If you are able to help as a marshal on the day, please email Jaimee Carter at [jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz)**

ALERT LEVEL 2 - If we are at COVID alert level 2 next week, our swimming sports is able to go ahead, however we are unable to have spectators in line with the Huntly Pools COVID protocols. Fingers crossed we return to level 1.

### Sport at Level 2 at Rotokauri School

The Rotokauri School BOT support the continuation of our sports teams participating in the Futsal, Flippaball, Touch Rugby and Waterpolo competitions in accordance with each code's Level 2 guidelines. Our sports co-ordinators Jaimee Carter and Ariana Matenga will have shared the Level 2 guidelines with each team. If you have any questions, please email Desiree, Jaimee or Ariana.

### Swimming Pool / Tennis Court Key Holders

Due to Level 2 restrictions QR codes have been placed on the fence/gate of the swimming pool and tennis courts for key holders to scan when coming for swims or playing on the tennis courts during out of school hours. Your assistance with following this guideline would be much appreciated.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Principal's Awards

Aja Jessop	Room 5	For showing courage at the school triathlon when she fell off her bike and kept on going.
Blake Robinson Hastings	Room 8	For showing courage to complete the school triathlon despite having an injury.
Cory Burt	Room 7	For showing empathy by helping another student to complete the triathlon.
Lily Allen	Room 8	For showing empathy by helping another student to complete the bi/triathlon.

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

### **Assembly Awards**

#### **Week 4**

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Archie Hibbert	For showing his awesome listening skills during learning this week.
Room 1	Violet Short	For showing courage in the swimming pool with Sarah.
Room 2	Kairo Sharma	For being an active learner in your reading and writing. You should be proud of the efforts.
Room 2	Evie Hodgson	For being a role model in the class, showing all the school values especially active learning. And we love seeing you smile all day.
Room 3	Carter Moka	For being an overall respectful member of our class. You are making conscious choices about your learning, which is awesome to see.
Room 3	Mahi Sharma	For awesome writing this week, you used all describing sentences independently to form a great description. Keep this up Mahi!
Room 4	Asa Robinson	For showing the school value of Active Learning when doing his artwork.
Room 4	Luca Haldane	For showing the school value of Active Learning when doing his artwork.
Room 5	Ashton Newbold	Your wonderful story about Summer
Room 5	Coco Doody	The effort you are putting into your work at school.
Room 6	Madison Gibson	For going out of her way to make the reliever feel welcome.
Room 6	Caitlin Furlonger	For showing creativity by creating a unique and detailed maze for a coding project.
Room 7	Penelope Simpson	For a fantastic piece of descriptive writing. Your similes and metaphors are creative and fun. Keep it up. Ka pai.
Room 7	Caleb Jacobs	For being an active learner and showing great active listening skills to support his learning in Maths this week and putting it into action.
Room 8	Corbyn Smith	For showing courage and being an active learner in your swimming lessons.
Room 8	Ashtyn Gyde	For showing fantastic leadership and coaching skills with your touch team.

## **Values Awards**

Weeks 3 & 4

Rydge Shortland	Room 2	For showing the school value of Active Learning
Nihil Maharaj	Room 4	For showing the school value of Respect
Scarlett Swain	Room 3	For showing the school value of Respect
Maia O'Loughlin	Room 3	For showing the school value of Respect
Riley Boswell	Room 7	For showing the school value of Respect
Corbyn Smith	Room 8	For showing the school value of Active Learning
Madson Garden	Room 7	For showing the school value of Respect
Maya Aitchison	Room 8	For showing the school value of Respect

## **Sports Results**

### **Week 3**

#### **Touch Rugby**

Y7/8 Pukekos - Player of the Day

Y5/6 - Player of the Day -

Y3/4 Tuis - Player of the Day - Aniket Raju

Y1/2 Fantails - Player of the Day -

#### **Futsal**

U9 Storm - Player of the Day - The Whole Team

#### **Flippaball**

Orcas - no game

#### **Waterpolo**

Tiger Sharks - Player of the Day - Ashtyn Gyde

### **Week 4**

#### **Touch Rugby**

Y7/8 Pukekos - no game

Y5/6 - Player of the Day -

Y3/4 Tuis - Player of the Day - Carter Moka

Y1/2 Fantails - Player of the Day -

#### **Futsal**

U9 Storm - Player of the Day - Samuel Watkins

#### **Flippaball**

Orcas - no game

#### **Waterpolo**

Tiger Sharks - no game



## **Biathlon / Triathlon Results**

On Friday, 19 February, we had the great pleasure of running our annual Biathlon/Triathlon whole school event. We are so very proud of all of our students who took part in this event – it wasn't easy! We are also very proud of our House Leaders and Senior students who helped on the day; running with their buddies, supporting other competitors and collecting bikes and helmets at the end of the bike leg. We always encourage our older students to help as much as possible, as a result, they are able to use their leadership skills.

Thank you to our wonderful parents who ran the BBQ to raise funds for the Year 8 Leadership camp and to our parents who turned up to show their support – we really appreciate this.

### 5 year old boys

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Zac Hoebergen	Blae Oulton-Hewitt	Anaru Wirihana
Triathlon	Luke Vann	Carter Cowley	Max Green

### 5 year old girls

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Heidi Viljoen	Tessa Spencer	Ruby Wilson
Triathlon	Kayla Van Rooij		

### 6 year old boys

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Kayden John	Corban Stratford	Rydge Shortland
Triathlon	Harry Gyde	Jayden Day	Aston Burt

### 6 year old girls

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Ella Boswell	Lais Harihari
Triathlon	Ellie-Rose Anderson		

### 7 year old boys

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Toby Milne	Zach Williams	Leelyn Clark
Triathlon	Hugo Spencer	Jackson Connolly	Carter Moka

### 7 year old girls

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Kaylee Quinlan	Shaan Judge	Anna Haldane
Triathlon	Elsie Van Rooij	Esme Gyde	Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson

### 8 year old boys

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Cairo Nelson	Brayden Ridley	Ashton Newbold
Triathlon	Leon Watkins	Liam Surgenor	Israel Warbrick

### 8 year old girls

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Ava Esselbrugge	Coco Doody	Nature Aitchison
Triathlon	Rebecca Cameron	Aja Jessop	Mya Hoebergen

### 9 year old boys

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Reece Calnan	Isaac Hapi	Luca Haldane
Triathlon	Regan Bennett	Alex Dombroski	Grayson Wallace

### 9 year old girls

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Jiya Prajapati	Callista John	Kaylee Clark
Triathlon	Evie Wilson	Khloe Woodward	Ellie Fairclough

### 10 year old boys

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Jay Williams	Cooper Hobbs	Flint Coyle
Triathlon	Archie Cameron	Nate Westgate	Samuel Watkins

### 10 year old girls

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Acacia Barham	Nalei Nelson	Madison Gibson
Triathlon	Bianca Wallis	Caitlin Furlonger	Holly Hoebergen

### 11 year old boys

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Cole Turney	Jamie Haldane	Lachlan Emslie
Triathlon	Cory Burt	Isaac Stratford	Timothy Sumner

### 11 year old girls

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Bella Wilson	Mya Aitchison	Zephyr Rhind
Triathlon	Deanna Smith	Sophie Fairclough	Ava Viljoen-Thomson

### 12 year old boys

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Lewis Surgenor	Jayden Ward	Aditya Raju
Triathlon	Seth Westgate	Vinnie Gibson	

### 12 year old girls

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Biathlon	Hannah Hobbs	Bridgette Donny	Mia Walker
Triathlon	Isla Kahaki	Lily Allen	Daisy Sercombe

## Student Successes

### Hamilton Girls High School Swimming Competition

These 4 girls took the first win for swimming for their house - Wilson House. Congratulations to ex-student Baylee Garden.



## Sharing

Bridgette Donny – Writing

Beautiful and bright banners, fascinating floats, marvellous mechanics and colourful crowds; this was a sight not to be missed. With crowds that swept like waves, it was easy to get lost in this ocean of people. The colours of the floats danced together to create a vivid and show stopping performance. Elements of gold and silver are balanced to establish a wealthy feel. With every float that passes, the crowd roars. Everything was truly breath taking.

WESTERN UNITED AFC PRESENTS:

# INFORMATION & GRADING DAYS

Kids keen to try soccer?

The info days are a chance to have a kick around where children, aged four years and above, have the opportunity to experience football first hand. Parents/ caregivers can ask committee members & other parents questions about the First Kicks, Football Fun, & Mini Football programmes. Grading for 9th grade and above are on the same days, times will be available on the facebook page & website.

**BREMWORTH PARK, MARCH 13TH & 21ST, 9AM**

## HERE'S WHATS AVAILABLE AT WESTERN UNITED AFC:

**First Kicks 4 -6 year olds:** Games are 1 hour skills sessions, every game is held at Bremworth Park on Saturday mornings from 8.30 till 10am. One practice during the week (Wed or Thurs evening). The focus is individual ball skills, having fun & making new friends.

**Fun Football 7 - 8 year olds:** Played in Hamilton and surrounding Waikato towns. Games last 1 hour, played each Saturday. Practice is held at Bremworth Park (Wed or Thurs evening). The focus is individual ball skills, having fun with your friends and making new ones.

**Mini Football 9 - 10 year olds:** Played in Hamilton and surrounding towns. These games last 50 mins for 9th & 10th Grade, 60 mins for 11th and up. Practice held at Bremworth park (Wed or Thurs evening).

Games starts the first weekend of Term 2. With no games held during school or on Stat Holidays.




Made with PosterMyWalls.com

For more info on  
grading times &  
general info  
[WWW.WUAFC.CO.NZ](http://WWW.WUAFC.CO.NZ)  
Follow us on  
Facebook  
@westernunitedafc



Ph: 07 595 0514

info@gumbootsandgrasshoppers.co.nz   
www.gumbootsandgrasshoppers.co.nz

**NO LIMITS**  
P O O L S

FREE QUOTES

**Alex Short**  
**022 313 9282**  
**admin@nolimitspools.co.nz**

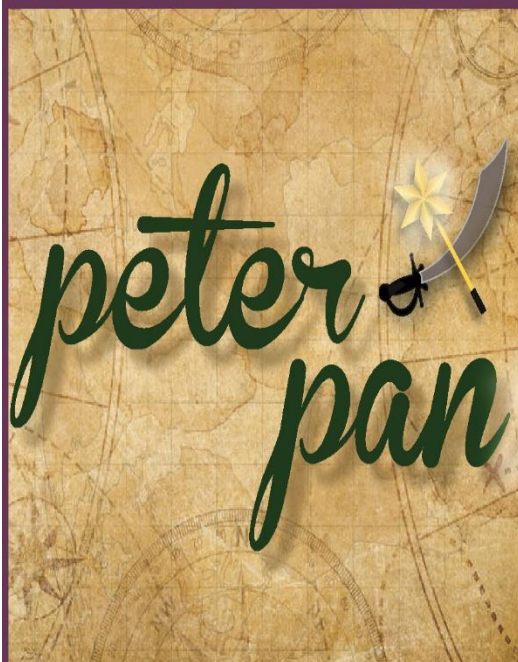
We build quality custom fiberglass pools, water features and spas on site to any size and shape. We also refurbish pools. Other services we offer include concrete, retaining walls, pipe testing, block walls, fencing, decks and tiles.

# Te Kowhai Kindergarten

- Huge outdoor play area • bike track
- Cool 4 School • Under-5 Energize
- EnviroSchools • and much more



Find us online at [www.kindergarten.org.nz](http://www.kindergarten.org.nz),  
phone us on 07 829-7686, or drop in for a visit to 473 Bedford Road.



## Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students  
aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes,  
concluding the week with a performance!

27 - 30 April 2021, 9 am – 4 pm daily  
Held at Southwell School

*View our website; [www.artzonshow.co.nz](http://www.artzonshow.co.nz)  
or contact Hayley on either  
[artz@artzonshow.co.nz](mailto:artz@artzonshow.co.nz) or 09 294 7129*

**ARTZONSHOW.**