

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Easter Raffle Prizes so far.... keep sending in your Easter raffle item donations and selling your tickets. Thank you for your support 😊



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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 the new students who started in Room 1 recently – Layla Day, Alex Oldham and Anthony Williams.

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


Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

Week 7 already!

A huge thank you to two families – Allen and Emslie – for their kind donations which has meant that the school has been able to purchase the ePRO8 kits necessary for our participation in this Science/Technology competition.



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Education Outside the Classroom is an important part of our curriculum and reinstating our leadership camp this year has proven to be a successful decision. Our Year 8 students spent a night at Finlay Park building up their teamwork skills by completing challenges. We appreciate all who offered support by providing transport and supervision at camp.

It has been a busy fortnight and I have had the pleasure of watching our students participate in a variety of exciting opportunities – junior and senior school swimming sports, water safety, knitting, hockey workshops and music lessons.



Congratulations to the swimming team that has been chosen to represent our school at the cluster swimming sports – we know that you will do your best and make us proud. Thank you Ms Carter for all your organisation.

I hope that you are all enjoying the racing – go Team New Zealand. Have a great fortnight everyone.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

DONATIONS

Thank you to those families who have already paid their school donations. We are now reminding families their contributions would be very welcome.

We could explain to you the inequities of the government funding. There is no doubt that the discrepancies between actual funding and actual spending are getting wider. The government reviews have found that high decile schools are underfunded. Rotokauri School is a decile 8 school. The reality is that we get much less funding than a decile 1 school of the same size. We have not increased the school donation for a number of years.

It is the little things that matter; matter to your child; matter to us as professionals and matter to our community. We want to provide your child/ren with maximum educational opportunities. We rely on your parent donations to support meeting our learner's needs. Many extra activities are funded by the Rotokauri School Board of Trustees – your school donation goes towards enhancing the learning at Rotokauri School. We also have an amazing PTA that provide support for many extras for the school e.g. visiting

performers, learning resources etc. The fundraising that the PTA and parents provide is separate to the parent donation.

We give in advance a heartfelt thanks to you for supporting your school.

All donations are tax deductible.

PTA NEWS

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

Thanks so much to all our families who have supported the PTA Easter Raffle by supplying Easter goodies and selling tickets over the past two weeks!

Cards and money are due back at school THIS FRIDAY, 19 March and the draw will be made the following Friday, 26 March.

School Disco

The first disco of the year is creeping up - 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 or email pta@rotokauri.school.nz

PTA Upcoming Dates

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

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

Friday, 26 March - Easter Raffle Drawn

Friday, 5 April - Easter Themed School Disco

GENERAL INFORMATION

Seesaw for Families

This year, the school has invested in the paid version of Seesaw. This has come with many features for teachers and has made the administration side of managing the students work much easier. Can you please make sure you have the Seesaw for Families app on a device, or log in on a website. Check you are connected to your child's Seesaw learning journal, you may still be connected from last year. Begin viewing your child's learning, discussing it with them, celebrating and commenting. Please contact your child's teacher if you are not connected.

During lockdown last year, we opened access to families to use the school Seesaw app for home learning. This app is only to be used at school, for school learning.

Winter Sports

Winter Sports are fast approaching and this year we are offering Hockey, Netball and Miniball to our Y1-8 players. This week, we have had Stuart Pitu from Waikato Hockey in working with our Year 3-8 students to develop their hockey skills.

If you would like to sign your child up for a winter sport please paste the following link into your browser and follow the instructions.

<https://forms.gle/hnvhyvjv6bE9n5uS7>

All information about each sport and the days which they are played can be found in the Google Form. Children are able to play more than one sport if you wish them to e.g. Year 7/8 Hockey on Friday night and Year 7/8 Netball on Saturday morning.

As always, we are unable to run these sports without our wonderful coaches, managers and umpires who volunteer their time and skills to make sport accessible for our students. If you are able to help out in any way, we would be most grateful.

Teachers In Charge Of Each Code

Hockey - Mrs Jane Rickman

Netball - Mrs Claire Walker

Miniball - Ms Jaimee Carter

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY, 1 APRIL



JUNIOR Tough Guy/Gal

ROKOKAURI HAS BOOKED 50 SPACES FOR THIS EVENT

This popular event is to be held at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp on **Thursday, 24 June 2020**. Students in Years 3-8 can be entered as part of our school team. Entries close Friday, 16 April (last day of Term 1) and are on a first in, first served basis. No unpaid entries will be accepted. Please click on the link below and follow the instructions.

<https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=RegisterAdd1&EventDesqID=36907&OrgID=20511>

You won't need to put in a code, just click next at the bottom of the page. Please tick Teacher for Bib Collection and write Rotokauri School in FULL. Remember to pay for your child's entry online.

CELEBRATIONS

Values Awards

Week 5

Rhys Jorgensen	Room 5	For showing the school value of Respect.
Isabelle Steger	Room 6	For showing the school value of Active Learning.
Asa Robinson	Room 4	For showing the school value of Active Learning.
Kade Calnan	Room 4	For showing the school value of Active Learning.

Week 6

Cory Burt	Room 7	For showing the school value of Active Learning.
Brianna Donny	Room 5	For showing the school value of Active Learning.
Ivy Lu	Room 2	For showing the school value of Respect.

Principal's Awards

Zach Williams	Room 4	For showing initiative and helping Miss Smith.
Leelyn Clark	Room 4	For showing initiative and helping Miss Smith.

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 5

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Beauden Whittle	For showing our school value of active learning at school this week
Room 1	Max Green	Using his wonderful listening skills in Room 1 this week
Room 2	Zac Hoebergen	For showing the value of active learning. You are always on task when working with others and independently. A great role model.
Room 2	Paige Robinson-Hastings	For showing the value of active learning in writing. You took on the challenge to include colour and size descriptive words and they enhanced your wonderful story.
Room 3	Ella Boswell	For showing courage during swimming this week. You are making fantastic progress and should be proud.
Room 3	Kayden John	For your determination in the pool, you are being courageous and brave! Awesome Kayden.
Room 4	Nate Turney	For showing the value of honesty
Room 4	Luca Rogers	For showing the values of courage and honesty
Room 5	Alex Dombroski	For your exciting "chase" story
Room 5	Leon Watkins	For your careful reading work this week
Room 7	Ryan Jorgensen	For showing great research skills and questioning when working on your inquiry topic. You have taken the time to research the story behind your design.
Room 7	Joseph Warbrick	For being an active learner and showing a great understanding of graphs and how to draw them and interpret them.
Room 8	Lewis Surgenor	For being an active learner in math and teaching the class how to create graphs.
Room 8	Jayden Ward	For being an active learner in math and teaching the class how to create graphs.

Week 6

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Anaru Wirihana	For showing our school value of Active learner. You do not give up!!
Room 1	Tessa Spencer	For her all round fantastic attitude to learning. I love your awesomeness
Room 2	Talia Hefferon	For good thinking in Maths about before, after and between numbers.
Room 2	Heidi Viljoen	For writing an awesome story about swimming, using excellent capital letters and full-stops.
Room 3	Esme Gyde	For always having a smile on your face. You are a bright, bubbly member of our classroom.
Room 3	Lucas Birchall	For being a kind, caring member of our classroom. You are always willing to lend a helping hand which is appreciated by all.
Room 4	Cooper-Love Buckle	For working hard in maths
Room 4	Leelyn Clark	For working hard in his maths by counting in 10's to 100
Room 4	Zach Williams	For showing respect and empathy while in Room 2 by helping the juniors
Room 5	Evie Wilson	Stepping up in your basic facts knowledge
Room 5	Rhythm Bhagat	Showing such improvement in your swimming, well done!!
Room 7	Cory Burt	For showing great work ethics when working in a small group. You showed the value of being an active learner while working on your wearable arts outfit.
Room 7	Madson Garden	For your great passion in Kapa Haka. Thank you for taking on a leadership role and the respect you consistently show.
Room 8	All Year 8's	For showing courage and excellent team work whilst on our camp at Finlay Park.
Room 8	For Room 8 Year 7's	For being active learners and showing respect when working in other classes.

Sports Results

Junior School Swimming Results

Congratulations to all our Juniors who participated and competed in the Junior Swimming Sports and Display on Friday, 12th March. The children had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and compete in races and should be very proud of their efforts and achievements.

5 Year Old Swimming Race Results

Width Race - Supported Floating on Front	
1.	Carter Cowley
2.	Tessa Spencer
3.	Conor Emerson
Width Race - Floating on Front without Supports	
1.	Kayla Van Rooij
2.	Mya Allen
3.	Ruby Wilson

6 Year Old Swimming Race Results

Width Race - Floating on Front with Flutterboard	
1.	Thomas Warner
2.	Ella Boswell
2.	Madison Beets
Width Race - Floating on Front without Supports	
1.	Corban Stratford
2.	Teagan Mancer
3.	Noxx Rogers
Width Race - Supported Floating on Back	
1.	Kayden John
2.	Thomas Warner
3.	Aston Burt

Freestyle Length	
1.	Scarlett Swain
2.	Harry Gyde
3.	Aston Burt
Backstroke Length	
1.	Scarlett Swain
2.	Hannah-Leah Warbrick
3.	Harry Gyde

7 Year Old Swimming Race Results

Length - Supported Front Float	
1.	Mahi Sharma
2.	Maddox Stratford
3.	Turner Wallace
Length- Supported Floating on Back	
1.	Maia O'Loughlin
2.	Mahi Sharma
3.	Toby Milne
Freestyle Length	
1.	Leelyn Clark
2.	Toby Milne
3.	Carter Moka
Backstroke Length	
1.	Leelyn Clark
2.	Jackson Connolly

Senior School Swimming Results

It was a wonderful day last week at the Huntly Pools for our Senior School Swimming Sports. A big thank you to our parents who timed heats and finals and to all the whanau members who came along to support our tamariki.

Well done to all our students who gave their best efforts in both the Division A (competitive) and Division B (participation) grades. Congratulations to the following students on their placings and best of luck to those students representing Rotokauri School at Cluster Swimming Sports today.

25M BREASTSTROKE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 Year Old Girls	Isla Kahaki	Hannah Hobbs	Mia Walker
12 Year Old Boys	Seth Westgate	Lewis Surgenor	Ashton Gyde
11 Year Old Girls	Carter Jessop	Ava Viljoen-Thomson	Sophie Fairclough
11 Year Old Boys	Cooper McLean	Cory Burt	Jett McFall
10 Year Old Girls	Hannah Milne	Jordyn Harihari	Caitlin Furlonger
10 Year Old Boys	Guy Johnstone	Reed Kahaki	Nate Westgate
9 Year Old Girls	Kaylee Clark	Ellie Fairclough	Evie Wilson
9 Year Old Boys	Ernie Young	Isaac Hapi	
8 Year Old Girls	Aja Jessop	Bella Gyde	Coco Doody
8 Year Old Boys	Te Manawa Harihari	Asa Robinson	Cairo Nelson

50M BREASTSTROKE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 Year Old Girls	Isla Kahaki	Lily Allen	
12 Year Old Boys	Seth Westgate	Lewis Surgenor	
11 Year Old Girls	Carter Jessop	Sophie Fairclough	Ava Viljoen-Thomson
11 Year Old Boys	Cooper McLean	Olly Kells	
10 Year Old Girls	Hannah Milne	Mia Van Elzaker	
10 Year Old Boys	Reed Kahaki	Guy Johnstone	Nate Westgate
8-9 Year Old Girls	Chloe Gyde		
8-9 Year Old Boys	Alex Dombroski		

25M BACKSTROKE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 Year Old Girls	Isla Kahaki	Hannah Hobbs	Lily Allen
12 Year Old Boys	Ashtyn Gyde	Seth Westgate	McKay Robinson
11 Year Old Girls	Carter Jessop	Bella Wilson	Tamsin Rose
11 Year Old Boys	Liam Barnes	Cole Turney	Caleb Jacobs
10 Year Old Girls	Nalei Nelson	Caitlin Furlonger	Grace Petley
10 Year Old Boys	Reed Kahaki	Joseph Warbrick	Elijah Esslebrugge
9 Year Old Girls	Evie Wilson	Ellie Fairclough	
9 Year Old Boys	Reece Calnan	Ryan Russell	Ashton Newbold
8 Year Old Girls	Aja Jessop	Rebecca Cameron	Chloe Gyde
8 Year Old Boys	Leon Watkins	Israel Warbrick	Liam Surgenor

50M BACKSTROKE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 Year Old Girls	Isla Kahaki		
12 Year Old Boys	Seth Westgate	Ashtyn Gyde	McKay Robinson
11 Year Old Girls			
11 Year Old Boys	Mason Newbold		
10 Year Old Girls	Grace Petley	Bianca Wallis	
10 Year Old Boys	Reed Kahaki	Cooper Hobbs	Joseph Warbrick
8-9 Year Old Girls			
8-9 Year Old Boys	Leon Watkins	Noah Rose	Alex Dombroski

25M FREESTYLE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 Year Old Girls	Isla Kahaki	Lily Allen	Hannah Hobbs
12 Year Old Boys	Seth Westgate	Ashtyn Gyde	Lewis Surgenor
11 Year Old Girls	Carter Jessop	Sophie Fairclough	Bella Wilson

11 Year Old Boys	Cory Burt	Cooper McLean	Jett McFall Olly Kells
10 Year Old Girls	Nalei Nelson	Caitlin Furlonger	Hannah Milne
10 Year Old Boys	Nate Westgate	Reed Kahaki	Ryan Jorgensen
9 Year Old Girls	Evie Wilson	Ellie Fairclough	Kaylee Clark
9 Year Old Boys	Ernie Young	Noah Rose	Isaac Hapi
8 Year Old Girls	Aja Jessop	Cooper-Love Buckle	Chloe Gyde
8 Year Old Boys	Leon Watkins	Te Manawa Harihari	Cairo Nelson

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Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 Year Old Girls	Isla Kahaki	Hannah Hobbs	
12 Year Old Boys	Seth Westgate	Lewis Surgenor	Ashtyn Gyde
11 Year Old Girls	Carter Jessop	Sophie Fairclough	
11 Year Old Boys	Cory Burt	Cooper McLean	Ryan Barnes
10 Year Old Girls	Jordyn Harihari	Grace Petley	Nalei Nelson
10 Year Old Boys	Reed Kahaki	Ryan Jorgensen	Nate Westgate
8-9 Year Old Girls	Bella Gyde	Cooper-Love Buckle	
8-9 Year Old Boys	Leon Watkins	Alex Dombroski	Israel Warbrick

GIRLS OPEN MEDLEY - 10-12 YEAR OLDS

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
10-12 Year Olds	Isla Kahaki	Carter Jessop	Sophie Fairclough

BOYS OPEN MEDLEY - 10-12 YEAR OLDS

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
10-12 Year Olds	Cory Burt	Seth Westgate	Cooper McLean

House Relay

1st Kikorangi	2nd Kakariki	3rd Kowhai	4th Whero
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Touch - Thursday 11 March

Rotokauri Fantails lost 4-3

Rotokauri Tuis won 4-3 - Player of the Day - Jackson Connolly

Futsal - Friday 12 March

Rotokauri Storm lost 7-3- Player of the Day - Leon Watkins

Rotokauri Thunder drew 3-3 - Player of the Day - Matthew Webber





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.



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