

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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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

Kia Ora Parents and Whānau

Three short weeks ahead as we quickly move towards our first set of holidays. This year our Easter break is not in the school holidays and therefore we have a five day break (Good Friday 2nd April – Tuesday 6th April) which means that staff and students come back to school on **Wednesday, 7th April.** The last day of term for students is Thursday, 15th April, as Friday is a Teacher Only Day. Class and individual/family photos are also on Thursday, 15th April.

Attendance

For the Ministry of Education the key measure of attendance is the proportion of students who attend school regularly, that is, the percentage of students who have attended more than 90% of half-days (this is an increase from past years).

At Rotokauri School we have 199 students enrolled currently. Overall, we have a 94% attendance rate for Term 1 at the present time. This is tremendous and we thank you for ensuring students are at school daily. However, of concern, are the 30 students that are under the 90% attendance expectation of the Ministry of Education. If you are worried that your child might be one of these statistics please let me know and we can discuss ways of assisting families to maintain a high attendance rate. We know that some children have experienced a great deal of sickness but we also have children that have unexplained or unjustified absences.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and safe Easter break, a time to relax, refresh and spend time with family and friends.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

An email was sent home earlier this week about information discussed at our recent BOT meeting – this is just an extra reminder.

Court Orders

Parents are responsible for providing the school with any court orders affecting a parent's right of access to records or contact with their children. Parents are encouraged to notify the school of any change in circumstances at home and of any court orders, so that the school is aware of who has the right to have the child in their care at any particular time.

Please ensure that the school is fully aware of any arrangements if they exist for any child enrolled at Rotokauri School.

Car Parking

Every family is aware of the many issues that the school experiences with the picking up of students in the afternoon. The Ministry of Education is also well aware of our concerns. However, the responsibility is on parents, caregivers and whanau to follow the road wardens, staff and New Zealand road rules to ensure that our carpark works safely, efficiently and effectively, whilst always having our children's needs at the forefront.

It is not appropriate (or legal) to stop on the median strip outside the school, leave your car and go to find your child.

Last month the BOT asked the staff to start trialling some solutions to easing congestion at the school gate. The school bell has been ringing at 2.55 p.m. for staff to move their students to the bus bay ready for a 3.00 p.m. pickup. **There is no change to the 3.00 p.m. school finish time so parents do not need to arrive at 2.55 p.m.**

The BOT would like to encourage parents to -

- Park in both the front and rear carpark at the top of the school, the staff will direct you to an available parking space.
- If families have only senior students please pickup from the bottom gate which comes off Rotokauri Road as this will help with the traffic congestion which we are experiencing between 3.00 - 3.15 p.m.
- If you are parking in the bus bay, drivers are to remain in their vehicles and children are to only enter the vehicle from the footpath side of the vehicle.

Treasurer Position on BOT

If you have the necessary skills to take on the role of Treasurer and you would like to be part of a committee that governs Rotokauri School then the Board of Trustees would like to hear from you. If you would like to experience what it would be like please come along to a BOT meeting or talk to one of the current BOT members.

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PTA NEWS

Easter Fundraiser

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

Congratulations to the winners.

Raffle 1 - number 122 - Emma Vile
Raffle 2 - number 154 - Dean Russell
Raffle 3 - number 173 - Ricky Ngaruhe
Raffle 4 - number 131 - Ness Railey
Raffle 5 - number 144 - Jenny Caulfield
Raffle 6 - number 87 - Audrey Stevens
Raffle 7 - number 176 - Ariana Matenga
Raffle 8 - number 151 - Linda Green
Raffle 9 - number 69 - Lewis Surgenor
Raffle 10 - number 114 - Trudy Smith
Raffle 11 - number 23 - Bagdish Patel
Raffle 12 - number 72 - Kerry Moore
Raffle 13 - number 97 - Rexana Marie
Raffle 14 - number 17 - Esme Gyde
Raffle 15 - number 135 - Carol Folkuld
Raffle 16 - number 107 - Elliot McNutt
Raffle 17 - number 39 - Shaye Paki
Raffle 18 - number 81 - Anna Hapi
Raffle 19 - number 150 - Acacia Barham
Raffle 20 - number 152 - Audrey Stevens
Raffle 21 - number 108 - Madson Garden
Raffle 22 - number 25 - Ethan King
Raffle 23 - number 106 - Rachael Downs
Raffle 24 - number 162 - Tam Wereta-TeKauri
Raffle 25 - number 107 - Wendy Dooley
Raffle 26 - number 78 - Robyn Tuki
Raffle 27 - number 168 - Graeme Cooper
Raffle 28 - number 52 - Mai-linka Bowlin

Well done to the families that received a special treat for selling 2 or more full raffle cards - Lucas Birchall (8 cards), Hannah & Cooper Hobbs (2 cards), Jackson Connolly (11 cards), Ryan Russell (5 cards), Jay East (2 cards), Bella, Evie & Ruby Wilson (2 cards), Nate Westgate (5 cards), Ryan & Liam Barnes (2 cards), Mya, Holly & Zac Hoebergen (3 cards), Jaxson Williams (2 cards), Max Green (2 cards), Madison & Vinnie Gibson (4 cards), Blake & Paige Robinson-Hastings (4 cards), Cooper-Love & Liam Buckle (3 cards), Rebecca & Archie Cameron (4 cards), Conor Emerson (4 cards) and Nicky-Rose Hoebe (3 cards).

School Disco

The first disco of the year is being held on Friday, 9th April. It is 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

Without helpers these events cannot be put on for our children so please consider volunteering your time. Permission slips will come home on Wednesday, 7th April and must be brought to the disco on the night.

Annual General Meeting

Chairperson: Nicole Barham

Secretary: Tracey Wilson

Treasurer: appointment pending

Committee: Jill Cameron, Chris Zillwood, Meg Westgate, Brian Pearson

Staff Reps: Raewyn O'Brien, Jaimee Carter

GENERAL INFORMATION

Pool Key and Tennis Court Key Return

The swimming pool will be closing on 16 April 2021. If you hired keys for the summer can you please return them to the school office by this date. Tennis court keys need to be returned too.

Class and Portrait Photos

Photographs will be taken on Thursday, 15 April. If you would like your children photographed together, please ask at the office for a sibling form which needs to be filled in, signed and returned to the school office before photo day.

After the school holidays your son or daughter will bring home an online slip with their unique access key detailed on it. This access key will display all the photographs of your child. It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs you want.

If you place your order within three weeks of receiving your access key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home.

Any orders placed after this three week period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a postage and packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.

Sports

Winter Sports are fast approaching and this year we are offering Hockey, Netball and Miniball to our Y1-8 players.

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/hnvhyjv6bE9n5uS7>

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 TODAY – THURSDAY, 1 APRIL



JUNIOR Tough Guy/Gal

ROTOKAURI 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>

The Thursday Junior Tough Guy/Gay has now sold out. Rotokauri has secured 50 spots - on a first in first served basis. You will now need a pin to register your child and the pin is HAM21. Please tick Teacher for Bib Collection and write Rotokauri School in FULL. Remember to pay for your child's entry online.

Summer Sports

Our summer sports are winding down with **Touch Rugby** finishing last week. A big thank you to our coaches and managers for volunteering your expertise and time; Rachel Warbrick, Rose Gyde, Ashtyn Gyde, Lily Allen, Veronica Anniss, Sarah Jones, David Gyde, Rhianna Moka.

Could gear bags please be returned to Whaea Ariana in Room 7 so that we can get gear bags ready for the upcoming winter sports season.

Futsal

The Futsal season ends next Friday, 9 April. Thank you to our coaches for The Storm (Melissa Ridley, Neil Surgenor) and The Thunder (Neil Surgenor), and managers Jaimee Carter and Fiona Webber.

Flippaball is just waiting for confirmation of games for the next few weeks. A big thank you to coach Becky Perham and managers Rose Gyde and Sacha Kahaki for a wonderful season.

Waterpolo

Congratulations to the Rotokauri Orcas who have made the finals for Waterpolo. Due to a number of factors the final has been delayed until Sunday, 9 May. Thank you to Thomas Perham (coach) and Meg Westgate (manager).

Congratulations also to Ashytn Gyde who has been selected for the Waikato Under 12 Waterpolo team.

CELEBRATIONS

Interschool Swimming

The North Waikato Swimming Sports were held at Ngaruawahia Pools on Thursday 18 March. 35 students from Years 4-8 represented Rotokauri School with many of our students reaching finals. Congratulations to the following students who received placings in their age group.

8 Year Old Girls	
Aja Jessop	1st 25m Breaststroke, 2nd 25m Freestyle
Cooper-Love Buckle	1st 25m Freestyle
8 Year Old Boys	
Leon Watkins	1st 25m Backstroke
9 Year Old Girls	
Evie Wilson	1st 25m Freestyle, 2nd 25m Backstroke
9 Year Old Boys	
Ernie Young	3rd 25m Freestyle
10 Year Old Girls	
	No placings
10 Year Old Boys	
Nate Westgate	2nd 25m Breaststroke, 3rd 50m Breaststroke
11 Year Old Girls	
Carter Jessop	2nd 25m Freestyle

11 Year Old Boys	
Cory Burt	1st 25m Freestyle, 1st 25m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Freestyle
Cooper McLean	3rd 25m Freestyle, 2nd 25m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle
Cole Turney	3rd 25m Backstroke
12 Year Old Girls	
Isla Kahaki	2nd 25m Freestyle, 3rd 25m Backstroke, 2nd 25m Breaststroke 1st 50m Freestyle, 2nd 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Breaststroke
12 Year Old Boys	
Seth Westgate	2nd 25m Freestyle, 1st 25m Breaststroke, 2nd 50m Freestyle
Ashtyn Gyde	2nd 25m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Backstroke
Lewis Surgenor	2nd 50 Breaststroke
Relay Teams	
Year 4-6 -	Jordyn Harihari, Nalei Nelson, Nate Westgate, Evie Wilson,
Year 7-8 2nd place	Cory Bury, Isla Kahaki, Carter Jessop and Cooper McLean

Waikato Full Primary Swimming Sports

Last Friday, 26 March, Cory Burt, Ashtyn Gyde, Carter Jessop, Isla Kahaki, Cooper McLean, Cole Turney, Lewis Surgenor and Seth Westgate represented Rotokauri School at St Peters in Cambridge at the Waikato Full Primary Swimming Sports. This intermediate competition saw our students swim against the best students in the Waikato area. Whilst we didn't place in any events, our swimmers were competitive across all strokes and can be very proud of their efforts. A big thank you to our parents and grandparents who provided transport, cheered from the poolside and took photos of the action for our school Facebook page.



At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 7

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Luke Vann	For showing our school value of active learning during writing in Room 1 this week.
Room 1	Carter Cowley	For working hard with his alphabet sound and sight words to put him up 2 levels in reading.
Room 2	Madison Beets	For your hard work in reading, you are making very pleasing progress.
Room 2	Van Macdonald-Hooper	For your outstanding week this week. You have worked hard, helped out friends and showed all the school values.
Room 3	Lais Harihari	For your kind, caring, positive outlook. You always have a beautiful smile on your face and a friendly nature.
Room 3	Anna Haldane	For all your hard work, you have been putting into your work this term. You have shown dedication and commitment to all your learning.
Room 4	Israel Warbrick	For his outstanding effort during cluster swimming.
Room 4	Cooper-Love Buckle	For her outstanding effort during cluster swimming.
Room 5	Rhys Jorgensen	Showing Rotokauri value of Active Learning stepping up a level in knowledge of basic facts in maths.
Room 5	Ernie Young	Showing Rotokauri value of Active Learning stepping up a level in knowledge of basic facts in maths.
Room 6	Nalei Nelson	For always being an Active Learner in the classroom and being on task.
Room 6	Reed Kahaki	For being an awesome self manager, and always having all your work completed.
Room 7	Jamie Haldane	For always showing great respect. Thank you for doing your best, you have been involved and sharing your ideas. You have been an amazing active learner. Ka pai.
Room 7	Sophie Fairclough	For your instant effort and hard work you put into your work. You complete it every time to a high standard. You are confident and not afraid to share your ideas. You are awesome.
Room 8	Tamsin Rose	For showing courage and taking risks in your learning.
Room 8	Matthew Webber	For being an active learning and always doing your best - well done!

Week 8

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Archie Hibbert	For being an active learner this week at school. You are showing great listening skills.
Room 1	Anaru Wirihana	For showing our school value of empathy by being a happy friend
Room 2	Talia Hefferon	For the lovely happy, positive way you are in our classroom, you make everyone around you happy.
Room 2	Evie Hodgson	For the lovely happy, positive way you are in our classroom, you make everyone around you happy.
Room 3	Turner Wallace	For your perseverance and positive attitude in ensuring your letters and numbers are formed correctly and neatly. Well done Turner.
Room 3	Archer McFall	For your awesome reading this week! You have made fantastic progress and should be proud of your achievements.
Room 4	Elsie van Rooij	For showing great confidence improving her aquatic skills.
Room 4	Asa Robinson	For applying himself with great concentration on his awesome art.
Room 6	Holly Hoebergen	For your positive attitude in the classroom for learning.
Room 6	Samuel Watkins	For your determined approach to learning in the classroom.
Room 7	Eli Bell	For being an active learner in Maths. You are working hard to use other strategies to help you work out word problems and asking questions to assist your learning.
Room 7	Liam Barnes	For being an active learner in Maths. You are working hard to use other strategies to help you work out word problems and asking questions to assist your learning.
Room 8	Lachlan Emslie	For being an active learner and always doing your best.
Room 8	Hannah Hobbs	For being an active learner and always doing your best.

Values Awards

Week 7

Corbyn Stratford	Room 2	Showing the school value of Empathy
Heidi Viljoen	Room 2	Showing the school value of Active Learning
Addison Jennings	Room 6	Showing the school value of Courage
Seth Westgate	Room 8	Showing the school value of Active Learning

Week 8

Ava Esselbrugge	Room 4	Showing the school value of Active Learning
Brayden Ridley	Room 4	Showing the school value of Active Learning
Mia Van Elzaker	Room 6	Showing the school value of Active Learning
Hannah Milne	Room 6	Showing the school value of Active Learning

Last game for the Rotokauri Fantails Touch Team



Writing from Room 6

THE HAPPY DOGS

I could smell the salt of the sea as two dogs splashed around in the smooth sea settling on the soft sand. I could see my own reflection on the shining water. As the waves broke onto the squishy sand another dog came along. It was a wonderful sight. I started to think. I thought about what it would be like to be one of those dogs. It was a wonderful thought to think about.

I pictured me as a dog splashing in the open sea. I stopped picturing for a minute because the sound of the splashing stopped.

The three dogs were now asleep at my feet. They needed to have a rest anyway.

By Samuel Watkins





MINIS 2 MOOLOOS

TWO HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE
GET IN QUICK LIMITED NUMBERS.....

Option 1: Te Awamutu: Albert Park

Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th April 8.30am to 3.30pm

Option 2: Hamilton: Willoughby Park & FMG Stadium Waikato

Thursday 29th and Friday 30th April 8.30am to 3.30pm

Age groups 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 (Girls & Boys)

Prices \$75 per day p/p, \$60 for additional siblings

Fun rugby games and skills.

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Each participant receives a Waikato goodie pack.

Note: Participating players need to bring their own lunch/drink, MOUTH GUARDS and any protective gear.

Link to Register: [Click Here To Register](#)



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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
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