

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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One of our teams at the Junior Football Tournament held last Friday



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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 our new student Levi King who is in Room 8.

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

I hope that you are all adjusting to the change in temperature – we have noticed how wind and rain has an impact on the student's behaviour and people's moods. This week I have had the privilege of visiting a number of classrooms to observe maths lessons with the facilitator who is working with our teachers. I was really impressed with the student's enthusiasm for learning maths, the great thinking that was occurring, the engagement that was happening and the articulate way in which the children talked about their maths. I would recommend that you ask your children what they are learning on a regular basis and get them to show you. Things have certainly changed since I went to primary school and possibly you will find the same.

Congratulations to the two Lit Quiz teams that competed at Southwell last week. What a great experience. Also, thank you to the parents for supporting their children and to Sarah Dyer for managing the teams. Reading certainly does open many doors. Talking

about reading – can I please remind families that they need to be encouraging all students to read on a daily basis, complete their reading logs and returning these to school. It is so great to see in some classrooms that students have reached and surpassed the goal of 100 nights of reading – tremendous work to those students.

SeeSaw is one of the platforms that we use to share student's learning. It is used across the school and fosters meaningful and positive engagement between home and school, centred on your child's learning. Here are some pointers for making the most of SeeSaw -

1. Check Seesaw regularly. You'll get notifications about new entries in your child's journal and can respond to their work. Customise your notification preferences in Account Settings.
2. Celebrate your child's classroom success. Help to encourage the skills your child is working on in class outside of school.
3. Specific comments are best. Asking questions, or complementing specific details can add to the learning conversation.
4. In a group or 'everyone' post your comment is visible to everyone tagged - the students and their parents. This is a great opportunity to lift up the whole class!

Seesaw looks different across year levels and even between classes. If you are not connected to your child's SeeSaw learning journal either by the phone app or on your computer please talk to the classroom teacher and they will assist you with getting connected.

There is a school expectation that students are sharing 2 pieces of work per term in the curriculum areas of Reading, Writing and Maths – keep an eye out for these.

ePRO8 Competition

Congratulations to our 3 teams for working so hard on the first assignment in the ePRO8 competition –

Year 7 & 8 - Lily, Lewis, Jayden, Lachlan

Year 7 & 8 – McKay, Bridgette, Aditya, Jesse

Year 5 & 6 – Caitlin, Ernie, Liam B, Reed



It was wonderful to hear that the calibre of your work was recognised and as a result two teams will now progress to the semi-final stage of the competition. Lily, Lewis, Jayden and Lachlan came first in their heat, with their representation of Big Ben.

Caitlin, Ernie, Liam and Reed came second in their heat, with their representation of the London Eye.

We are grateful to the sponsors of the ePRO8 kits as having these has certainly allowed the students to improve their skills with regular sessions using the equipment.



Wheels Day – just a reminder that these are only being held in Terms 1 & 4 due to Health & Safety on the tennis courts.

Whole school sleepover – thank you to the 47 families that have responded to the Google Form survey which was sent out earlier this term in regards to the proposed whole school sleepover. We are awaiting 103 families responses – if you have not received this survey in your email box please let me know dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz and I am happy to resend or if you would like a hard copy also let me know and I can send one home with your child/children. It is important that we receive as much feedback as possible as this will determine whether we cancel the event or we begin organising for the families that have indicated their interest in providing this opportunity for their child/children.

Enjoy your fortnight.
Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Thank you to the parents/caregivers that attended the parent meeting held on Tuesday, 18th May. Keeping Ourselves Safe lessons are now underway in all classrooms.

What can parents/caregivers do?

Parents and whānau are strongly encouraged to support Keeping Ourselves Safe.

- You can find out about abuse and what to do if you think a child you know is being abused.
- You can talk to your child about what they have learnt in Keeping Ourselves Safe.
- You can set safety guidelines with your family.
- You can help young children with the Keeping Ourselves Safe activities they bring home.
- You can give the same safety messages as the school is giving.

Notes taken from the Police website

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/info-parents-whanau>

BOT NEWS

Donations

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

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

Lunch Orders

We will be trialling 2 new items from this coming Monday for the term. These are both fruit pies and were both very well received at the student taste testing. The flavours are Peach/Passionfruit and Apricot. They will also be \$3.50.

The Butter Chicken Pie has done well so it will stay on the menu and we are still offering plain Mince, Mince & Cheese, a mini mince and sausage rolls.

Entertainment Book

If you are keen to buy an Entertainment Book and support Rotokauri School PTA click on the link below. For a limited time you can purchase a Multi City membership (21 NZ cities) for the price of a Single City one – a saving of \$50.00. 20% of the purchase price is returned to the PTA fundraising account. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.entertainmentnz.com/orderbooks/15484g0>

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Don't forget to get your order in for the new Rotokauri School beanies. These beanies can be worn outside the classrooms. The beanies are black and have the Rotokauri School logo on the front. Order forms are available from the school office if you have misplaced yours. The beanies are being sold for \$15 each, one size fits all, and are not compulsory.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Class and Portrait Photographs

The access key codes have been sent home. If you would like to order photographs please remember to do so by Sunday, 6 June to get free delivery to the school. If you order after this date you will have to pay for postage to your home. If you did not receive your access key code and you would like to place an order, please contact Photolife directly on 0800 501 040 and they will be able to supply your code.

Agricultural Day Interest

It is that time of year when the organisation of our Agricultural Day gets underway for our school and the cluster. A date for our school's annual event has not been set yet but we would like to know the amount of interest expressed by families for students participating with chickens, lambs, kids (goats) and calves. Thank you to those families that have responded to our previous correspondence with their child's interest in competing. Unfortunately at this stage we have only received 7 interested children. For this event to go ahead we would need at least 20 entries, as there is considerable organisation prior to the event. We will extend the cut-off date to Friday, 4th June at which time a final decision will be made.

Return Slip

Rotokauri School Agricultural Day 2021

My child/ren will be bringing an animal – calf / lamb / goat / chicken - to Agricultural Day.

Name: _____ Room: _____ Animal: _____

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Name: _____ Room: _____ Animal: _____

Parent signature: _____

Sports Notices

Junior Tough Guy and Girl

Junior Tough Guy and Gal is coming up soon on Thursday, 24 June at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp. Ms Carter has 5 spaces left available for Y3-8 students, so get in quick. Email jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz for the entry information.

Junior Football Tournament

The juniors who went along to the Junior Football Tournament had a great time representing the school at Bremworth Park on Friday. Thank you so much to the parents and family members who came along to support this event, it is very much appreciated as trips like this can't happen without adult supervision. A huge thank you to the seniors who supported the event also; on the food stalls, as team managers and referees. The kitchen ran like clockwork and the junior children were well supported by the seniors who took on the role to manage the teams and ref the games. We are very proud of how everyone showed the Rotokauri values on this day.



Junior PMP

We are very excited to have PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme) up and running. The children enjoy fun activities to develop their balance, co-ordination, eye tracking, fitness and more. We are very grateful to the parents who have dedicated their time to help run this programme twice a week. Check out the fun we are having in these photos.



CELEBRATIONS

At our Week 2 & 3 assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Layla Day	For showing the value of courage in your writing. You just keep trying your best, which is such a great attitude.
Room 1	Alex Oldham	For taking care with forming your letters correctly in your handwriting.
Room 2	Corban Stratford	For showing all the Rotokauri values, especially your motivation to learn. Keep up the huge effort.
Room 2	Noxx Rogers	For your effort in your learning. What a hard worker you are.
Room 3	Ellie-Rose Anderson	For being an active learner during reading time. You are showing dedication towards your learning. Keep it up
Room 3	Hugo Hodgson	For all your deliberate efforts, you have been putting into your work. You are making conscious positive choices towards your learning.
Room 4	Olivia Thorpe	For her positive attitude to all learning experiences and the kindness she shows to others.
Room 4	Leelyn Clark	For being an awesome active learner in Maths and supporting the learning of others.
Room 6	Mia Van Elzaker	For accomplishing 102 days reading in your Reading Log to date.
Room 6	Nalei Nelson	For consistently completing ALL homework tasks every week.
Room 7	Zephyr Rhind	For consistently asking questions to support her learning for deeper and critical thinking.
Room 7	Liam Walker	For being focused with your learning this term. You have started this term with a great work ethic especially with your reading and maths work. Ka pai Liam.
Room 8	Isla Kahaki	Being an active learner and making fantastic progress in your maths.
Room 8	Cole Turney	Being an active learner and working hard on your space inquiry.

Week 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Ada Westgate	For showing our school value of courage, being so brave in your first few weeks of school.
Room 1	Blake Oulton-Hewett	For always having such a positive attitude to learning.
Room 2	Evie Hodgson	For being an active learner in class and taking pride in your work.
Room 3	Cameron Emslie	For being an active learner and taking an active interest in the space unit that we are doing.
Room 3	Koby Rose	For all your hard work that you have been putting into your school life, you are doing a wonderful job!
Room 4	Isaac Steger	For his positive attitude towards his learning and his kindness towards others.
Room 4	Ava Esselbrugge	For being an active learner, a supportive class member and for her great effort in Phys Ed.
Room 6	Holly Hoebergen	For accomplishing over 100 days reading in your Reading Log book.
Room 6	Hannah Milne	For sharing and caring in the classroom with others.(EMPATHY)
Room 6	Samuel Watkins	For sharing and caring in the classroom with others.(EMPATHY)
Room 7	Timothy Sumner	For being an active learner and showing great respect at all times. Thank you
Room 7	Maya Sharma	For always showing the values. You are helpful and your focus on your learning is outstanding.
Room 8	Mia Walker	For showing courage and presenting your fantastic research about Saturn..
Room 8	Cooper McLean	For being an active learner and always showing curiosity and a positive attitude when completing your space inquiry.

Values Awards

Week 2

Ella Wen	Room 3	For showing the school value of Respect.
Evie Hodgson	Room 2	For showing the school value of Respect.
Penelope Simpson	Room 7	For showing the school value of Respect.
Vinnie Gibson	Room 8	For showing the school value of Respect.

Week 3

Corban Stratford	Room 2	For showing the school value of Active Learning.
Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Room 3	For showing the school value of Active Learning.
Riley Boswell	Room 7	For showing the school value of Respect.
Sophie Fairclough	Room 7	For showing the school value of Respect.

Class Sharing

Room 3

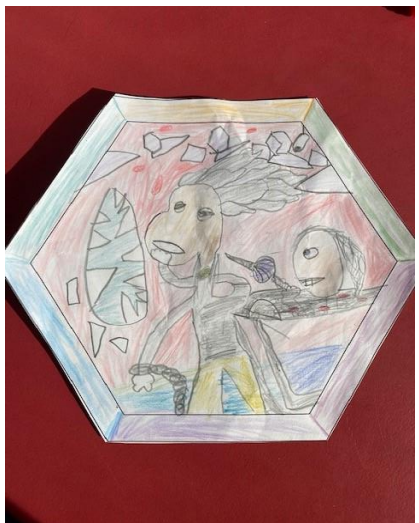
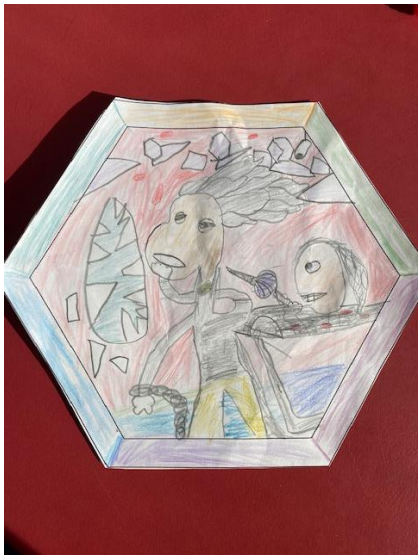
Room 3 are very excited to be starting PMP!

PMP stands for perceptual motor programme and focuses on motor coordination. There is a mixture of memory activities, eye-tracking activities, floor activities that include hand eye and hand foot coordination. The children love taking part in this twice a week and we are appreciative of the parent helpers that make it possible.





In Room 4, we have been learning about visualising in reading. We read a small chapter of *The Demon Dentist* by David Walliams and the students had to visualise Alfie in the dentist chair after the demon dentist had taken all his teeth!!!!





Your Journey Starts Here

Enrol now

2022 Enrolments are now open online

Avoid the end of year rush

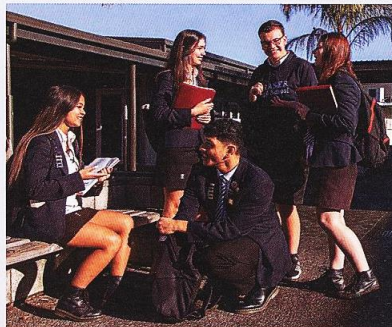


Nau Mai Haere Mai

We invite you into our whaanau

Year 8 Enrolment Conferences

Please complete the online enrolment application ASAP. The school will then contact you and book an appointment time for your conference.



Year 8 Fraser Days

Schools other than Maeroa
Thursday 18 November

Maeroa Intermediate School
Friday 19 November
9.00 am - 2.45 pm both days



Year 8 Get To Know Us & Virtual Tour

Thursday June 10
5.30 pm - 6.30 pm
Fraser School Hall



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14 years old (15 in August)	
\$10.00 an hour or can discuss	