

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,

We have done it – two terms down for this year. We have certainly had a busy term and as I write this newsletter we haven't finished yet, as we have the disco today, hot chip lunch for Whero on Wednesday, ePRO8 final at St Paul's on Wednesday, whole school sleepover on Thursday (along with all our Matariki workshops) and our hangi on Friday.

Thank you to everyone that continues to support the school, whether it is transporting students, cooking at events, helping in the classrooms, being on committees, supervising at PMP and the list goes on – you are very much appreciated by the staff and students.

Disco

Thank you to Rooms 7 & 8 for organising the junior and senior lunch time discos this week. The children certainly enjoyed their time. Thank you to the families for supporting this fundraising event - \$600.00 was raised for the camp in Term 4.

Matariki Workshops

On Thursday and Friday this week the children will be involved in a variety of Matariki workshops – poi, Ki-o-rahi, drama, kowhaiwhai, kite making, rakau, harakeke weaving and art.

Sleepover

Tonight over 100 students, staff and some parent volunteers will be enjoying sleeping over at school. We would like the children to understand some of the protocols when on a marae –

In the wharekai (in the MPR where we will be eating)

- Wait until a karakia (grace) has been said before eating
- Do not pass food over a person's head in the wharekai
- Do not sit on the tables

In the wharenuī (in the classes where we will be sleeping)

- Remove your shoes before going into the wharenuī
- Do not eat or drink in the wharenuī
- Do not step over people in the wharenuī
- Do not sit on pillows

Thank you to the parents for all their help.

Hangi

On Friday for lunch there will be our pre-ordered hangi. Thank you to the families that assisted with preparing the meal, and thank you to the families that donated food for the hangi.

Basic Fact-a-thon

This week the students brought home their sponsorship form, information sheet and basic fact sheet for our Basic Fact-a-thon. In the past the school students fundraised with an 'a-thon' annually. We would like to bring this tradition back so this is our first for the year. The BOT are looking at installing an outdoor education hub (astro turf and shade cover) on the school grounds. An exciting venture but as you can imagine also quite expensive.

We would like all students to participate as this is also an opportunity for them to improve their basic fact knowledge. Please read the information sheet carefully.

We hope that you all have a great holiday and we will see you back at school on Monday 26 July.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chicken Pox

It has been reported that there are cases of chicken pox within our school community. Here is the information issued by the Ministry of Health –

Chickenpox is very itchy. Sometimes children scratch the blisters and they can become infected. If this happens, you'll need to take them to the doctor.

Very occasionally chickenpox can lead to serious complications, such as pneumonia, problems with the kidneys, heart, joints or nervous system. Chickenpox is also serious for pregnant women.

If there are no complications, chickenpox usually clears up within 3–7 days for adults, and 5–10 days for children.

Once you've had chickenpox, you're probably immune – this means your body can fight it off and you won't get sick again. If you've had a very mild case of chickenpox with just a few blisters, it's possible to get it again, but this is very rare.

How is it spread?

The virus is spread through the air by infected people when they sneeze or cough, and by touching the chickenpox blisters then touching objects or other people.

The illness starts 10–21 days after being exposed.

Stop chickenpox spreading

Chickenpox is contagious from 1–2 days before the blisters appear. Avoid close contact with other people, stay home from work and keep children home from school and early childhood education centres for 1 week from the appearance of the rash until all blisters have dried.

Remember: chickenpox is serious for pregnant women and people who have a reduced immune response (eg, children with cancer).

The chickenpox virus is spread through the air by infected people when they sneeze or cough.

- Always turn away from others and use tissues when you cough or sneeze.
- Always wash your hands after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.

Chickenpox can also spread through touching the blisters and then touching objects or other people.

- Wash your hands often, especially if you're the caregiver of a child with chickenpox – and make sure they do the same.
- Discourage children from scratching the blisters.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

We have also been notified about RSV.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common, highly infectious virus that can cause serious illness in children under the age of 12 months.

RSV is the most common cause of respiratory and breathing infections in children and can lead to [bronchiolitis](#) and [pneumonia](#), and may trigger symptoms in children with asthma.

Easy to transmit, it often occurs in childcare settings. Most children will catch RSV at least once before they turn two.

In older children, it generally causes minor cold-like illness which is can be treated with plenty of rest and fluids, but it can cause serious illness in infants and younger children.

Like many other respiratory virus infections such as colds and flu, RSV most often occurs when the weather turns cooler, however it can occur all year round.

What are the symptoms?

If a child has RSV they can have one or more of the following symptoms:

- a runny nose
- cough
- wheezing
- fever
- sore throat
- headache.

Symptoms may last for up to 10 days.

A person with RSV is normally infectious from when they start to show symptoms to 7-10 days after symptoms develop.

It's very important to make sure you stay home if you're experiencing these symptoms to limit the spread of these viruses and protect the vulnerable such as newborn babies, and people with weakened immune systems.

It's important not to send your child to day care or school if they are unwell, to protect the other children.

If you or your child are feeling very unwell or experiencing breathing difficulties, you should seek immediate medical attention.

Team / Group Photographs

Team Photographs will be taken on Thursday, 5 August. Like last year we will be using the on-line ordering system so payment details will come home at a later date.

Remember to send your child with their sports uniform on the day of the photo and if necessary, to have black leggings or shorts and white socks so that the photographs look tidy with everyone looking like a team. Team coaches and managers are welcome to come along to school and be in the photo. For an idea of the timetable on the day, please contact Sharon. Teams / Groups to be photographed are: Netball - 2021, Touch – Term 4, 2020 and Term 1, 2021, Waterpolo – 2020 and 2021, Flippaball – 2020 and 2021, Student Council 2021, Peer Mediators 2021, Hockey 2021, and Kapahaka Performance Group 2021, Futsal – 2020 and 2021, Swimming – Waikato Full Primary 2021, Inter-School Swimming Team 2021 and our new Room 9 class.

Hamilton City Gym Festival Event

This year, we are unable to hold trainings here at school for the Hamilton City Gymnastics Festival which is open to Year 2-8 students. We are able to book the Hamilton City Gymnastics venue on Wednesdays or Thursdays and hire a coach to train our students in their basic routines. Before we commit to this, we are looking for parents to oversee the organisation of trainings and the event on Thursday, 2 September at Hamilton City Gymnastics. If you are able to help, please email Ms Carter at jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz. If we are unable to have offers to oversee this event, we will be unable to enter this year.

Ki-o-rahi Tournament

On Friday, 2nd July Whaea Ariana took a Year 7 and 8 Ki-o-rahi team to Horotiu School to play in a tournament. What an awesome day it was. Ki-o-rahi is a traditional Māori game played using a ball. There are many skills involved in the game and our team took this head on. We trained in our lunch times and came up with different strategies to help us along the way. The day was perfect. We learnt a lot about the game and how we can improve for next year. We cannot wait to play it again! Year 7 and 8 team included: Sophie Fairclough, Isla Kahaki, Jay Williams, McKay Robinson, Ashtyn Gyde, Aidah Ali, Isaac Stratford, Archie Cameron, Ava Viljoen-Thomson, Deanna Smith, Cole Turney, Cory Burt, Seth Westgate and Lily Allen.



CELEBRATIONS

Values Awards

Week 8

Israel Warbrick	For showing the value of empathy.
Harry Gyde	For showing the value of active learning.
Lewis Surgenor	For showing the value of active learning.
Ciaran Williams-Thomas	For showing the value of active learning.

Week 9

Mya Hoebergen	For showing the value of active learning.
Kade Calnan	For showing the value of active learning.
Van MacDonald-Hooper	For showing the value of respect.
Luca Rogers	For showing the value of active learning.
Bella Gyde	For showing the value of courage.
Jack Jones	For showing the value of courage.
Jiya Prajapati	For showing the value of active learning.
Jamie Haldane	For showing the value of active learning.

Hot chip winning house - **Whero**

At our Week 8 & 9 assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 8

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Anthony Williams	For your ever developing confidence with learning and school routines. Ka pai!
Room 1	Isla Nelson	For showing such determination and energy every day you come to school. You are amazing!
Room 2	Van Macdonald-Hooper	For your creative thinking when designing a new classroom from materials around our school.
Room 2	Khloe Bennett	For contributing your thinking in class discussions, we enjoy hearing your ideas.
Room 3	Heidi Viljoen	For making such amazing progress with your reading, you are a real superstar! Keep it up!
Room 3	Scarlett Swain	For making such amazing progress with your reading, you are a real superstar! Keep it up!
Room 4	Nate Turney	For meeting all learning challenges head-on with confidence. Keep this up Nate!

Room 4	Mya Hoebergen	For her awesome, positive approach to her learning. You are a great thinker Mya!
Room 5	Jay East	Showing lots of improvement in your reading
Room 5	Callista John	The awesome attitude you have when learning demonstrating Rotokauri Value of "active learning"
Room 6	Nalei Nelson	For achieving 100 days consecutive reading. Well done!
Room 6	Hannah Milne	For achieving 100 days consecutive reading. Well done!
Room 6	Mercedes Barber	For achieving 100 days consecutive reading. Well done!
Room 7	Liam Barnes	You have shown great empathy and courage. You should be proud of yourself. You are a great friend Liam.
Room 7	Eli Bell	You have shown great empathy and courage. You should be proud of yourself. You are a great friend Eli.
Room 8	Seth Westgate	Showing commitment and dedication to your hockey training - you are working so hard to develop your skills!
Room 8	Levi King	Your beautiful pastel artwork - fantastic bold colours and blending!

Week 9

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Max Green	For showing our school value of respect consistently. You have lovely manners.
Room 1	Marley Toia	For showing our school value of respect consistently with your beautiful manners towards your teacher and your classmates
Room 2	Harry Gyde	For taking pride in your writing and writing a fantastic persuasive letter.
Room 2	Sophie Quinlan	For all your hard work and effort in your learning this term. Keep up the great work.
Room 3	Maddox Stratford	For demonstrating the values of empathy and honesty always!
Room 3	Heidi Viljoen	For being an amazing active learner giving 150% in all activities.
Room 4	Ava Esselbrugge	For your awesome active learning and for showing great respect this week.
Room 4	Jaxson Williams	For your awesome active learning and for showing great respect this week. For your awesome active learning and for showing great respect this week
Room 5	Grayson Wallace	For being a great worm feeder and work caretaker
Room 5	Coco Doody	Stepping up in your writing achievement, great active learning

Room 6	Caitlin Furlonger	For achieving 100 days consecutive reading. Well done!
Room 6	James Ward	For achieving 100 days consecutive reading. Well done!
Room 6	Samuel Watkins	For achieving 100 days consecutive reading. Well done!
Room 7	Jamie Haldane	For being focused and taking on board feedback. You have been working hard in all learning areas and you are benefiting from this. You should be proud of your progress, especially in Maths.
Room 7	Mason Newbold	For your exciting and well detailed story of Matariki. The detail you have used in your writing and retelling the story from a character's perspective is outstanding.

Rotokauri School Celebrates Matariki

Room 1



Room 7

Tane Mahuta and the Eyes of God

Ever since I was born, I've dealt with centuries of darkness. That's it just me, my family of gods and darkness. You see my mum is the earth and my mum is the sky and they can't stand being apart so I just lived stuck in between my mum and dad in the shadows slowly going crazy after countless years of darkness with nothing but the voices of my relatives. Tawhirimatea was the only one that seemed happy with this, always thinking of the bright side and being happy to see his parents together, but the rest of us were dreadful. We had to put a stop to this. I'm the god of nature and even I was sick of being rooted to the ground.

Tawhirimatea the Red wood tree

The voices of my brothers planning an escape got louder. The voices only slowly grew but it was still very noticeable, like plants. Tawhirimatea's voice however was like a red wood tree. His voice towered over others as he shrieked with disagreement. "Wait, that's it" I thought. I had a plan.

I Wait In Line

It was a dark night like any other. Tawhirimatea was snoring, and everyone else was crawling in line taking turns trying to separate the Earth and sky on a tall hill. Well it wasn't exactly a line, just a group of gods shoving their way up and tumbling their way down the hill. I did what any patient person would do. Wait... for an opening to push in line of course. When I finally got to the top, I threw a red wood tree seed across the ground and waited. Then finally... nothing. I counted to ten. Still nothing. "Is this *really* gone-" the tree bursted to life lifting the sky well sky high. Almost everybody cheered. Almost.

Gods Get Scared Of Lightning

For about two and a half seconds the world lit up with brilliant greens and blues. Then the sky was coated with dark grey. "That must be what a thunderstorm looks like" "oh no" Tawirimatea was awake. Thunder crackled, lightning flashed, and rain poured. He must not be a morning person. The weather was continuing to rage on. Tawirimatea was not going to give but neither were my brothers and I. He was outnumbered. Plus we had the god of war on our side anyway. We won the war.

We Name Eyeballs

Tawhirimatea wasn't exactly happy about this. He was in such a ragged state that he somehow managed to rip his eyes out of his eye sockets, ripped them up, and somehow threw them into the sky. This formed a cluster called Matariki. Little did we know that cluster would guide Māori for generations to come.

By Mason Newbold (Room 7)



Work Available

Calf Rearer / Milker

270 cows – Whatawhata area
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Must have some experience
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Past Rotokauri school student

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