

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

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri. Welcome to the new students that have started at Rotokauri School this term –

- Room 9 – Harper Moka, Chloe Moka, Carys Land, Charlotte Land, Rayya Nadan and Arlo Clarke-Gray
- Room 3 – Keani Kingi
- Room 4 – Cavalier Kingi
- Room 7 – Jessica Briggs
- Room 8 – Paige Moka

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,

Welcome back everyone to Term 3 and another busy term ahead – Keeping Safe (St Johns workshops), Attitude Parent Evening, ICAS exams, Basic Fact-a-thon, school cross country, Daffodil Day, Junior and Senior speech competition, cluster cross country, Student Led Conferences, skipping celebration day and Kapa Haka Festival.

I would like to send a big thank you to all the staff at Rotokauri School for carrying on whilst I was away last week. It was reassuring to know that the school was in capable

hands. Also, thank you to the Board of Trustees for their support and understanding by allowing me to spend precious time with my Mum before she passed away last Friday – and for the gorgeous bouquet of flowers.

Welcome Sarah Buckle to Rotokauri School. Sarah is training to be a teacher and will be in Room 5 for the next five weeks.

At the end of last term we celebrated Matariki with workshops, a sleepover and a hangi. We had some pretty amazing parent volunteers that stepped up and helped in a variety of ways. Thank you each and every one of you for helping the staff to provide these experiences for our students.

At the end of last term each student in Rooms 2 – 8 brought home a sponsorship form and information sheet about our Basic Fact-a-thon fundraiser. They also brought home a basic fact sheet to practice. We hope that the students have been actively seeking sponsorship from family and friends.

I would like to congratulate the Room 7 & 8 students that attended Tech on Monday when there was a lockdown at Hamilton Junior High School. You acted with maturity and followed instructions sensibly. Well done, you have made us proud.

On Tuesday the students experienced 'education in the past' as we dealt with our extended power cut. The children worked without a bell, without iPads and Chromebooks and learnt the value of water as there was limited access to it for drinking and toileting. A valuable life experience!

Have a great fortnight to all our families.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

GENERAL INFORMATION

Medical Requirements

Please ensure that you come to the school office to fill out a medical form if your child requires medication during school hours. If your child needs to use an inhaler please ensure that they are brought to school, named and in a sealed plastic bag. No medications can be administered without written permission. **If medication is held at school please take the time to check expiry dates during the year so that, if needed, the medication will work correctly when administered.**

If your child has an allergy, is asthmatic or has other medical conditions that require a health plan please let the school office know so that these plans can be completed or updated (as per the Ministry of Health regulations).

Agricultural Day Entry Form - Calf, Lamb and Goat

The entry form is attached to this newsletter and is available on our website www.rotokauri.school.nz under newsletter and newsletter attachments and notices.

The last day for entries is Friday, 24 September. Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.

Speeches

Speeches are a compulsory part of our Oral Language programme throughout all year levels. Winners of the school competition in Years 5-8 will go on to represent our school at the Biannual Cluster Speech Competition held at Te Uku School on 30th September. Year 7 and 8 winners will also attend the Waikato Full Primary competition - dates to be confirmed.

Each student is currently preparing their speech in class and then will bring it home for practising.

For Years 2-8 the topic this year is Persuasive.

Year 1 will be presenting their favourite nursery rhyme

Year 1 and 2 = 1 minute

Year 3 = 1½ minutes

Year 4 = 2 minutes

Years 5 - 8 = 3 minutes to 3½ minutes (NO PROPS OR POWERPOINTS PERMITTED)

Your child's teacher will send home a copy of the judging criteria.

We look forward to seeing the students' creativity and ability to write a speech develop. We would encourage you to support your child by helping them to improve their presentation skills (by reinforcing what is being taught in the classroom).

Cross Country

Our school physical education focus for the first half of the term is Cross Country running. This has been moved to Term 3 to align with the Waikato Full Primary competition. Classes are building their skills in pace and endurance and improving personal fitness through goal setting.

Our school Cross Country will be held on Friday, 20th August with the postponement date set for Friday, 27th August. The Cluster Cross Country will be held at Waitetuna School on Thursday, 9th September followed by the Waikato Full Primary event on Wednesday, 22nd September.

Attitude Parent Evening - Tackling Technology

Thanks to the parents who have indicated their attendance at next week's presentation run by Attitude (a part of The Parenting Place). This presentation will give parents the tools and insights needed to confidently raise happy and resilient children in a rapidly changing world of technology.

WHEN: Tuesday, 10th August at 7.00 pm

WHERE: Rotokauri School Multi Purpose Room

This will be open to all school parents however we strongly encourage all parents of Rooms 5-8 students to come along.

The focus of this evening is for parents to gain and broaden an understanding of what is going on out there in the technology world, looking at a young person's relationship with technology and how to help make it a positive one with boundaries.

If you wish to attend this evening, please return the slip sent out last week or email Jaimee Carter jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz

Intermediate Team Only

Attitude will also be running a session on **Friday, 13th August for our Intermediate Team**. Young people need new skills and guidance as they navigate their digital world and the content covered includes text bullying, online safety, communication, building character, and balance.

Penny Postbox

Sad news for Penny Postbox. Unfortunately the writing instruments programme is coming to an end due to a lack of sponsorship. The last day for posting pens is Friday, 27th August. Thank you to the student envirogroup who have done a fantastic job looking after the postbox.

St Johns in Schools Programme

Last week the classes all completed workshops with a facilitator from St Johns. Thank you to the students for being engaged in her programme. She shared some interesting statistics with the children –

- 1 child hospitalised every 2 weeks from quad bikes.
- 4 children hospitalised every week from hot objects e.g. soup, bath water, coffee.
- 5 children hospitalised every week from poisons.
- 7 children hospitalised every week from sharp objects.
- 12 children hospitalised every week from non-traffic transport injuries e.g. skateboards.
- 70 children hospitalised every week from falls.

Food Frenzy Fridays

Keep an eye out for order forms for Food Frenzy Fridays. These are fundraising opportunities for the Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 camps in Term 4.

Mid-Year Attendance Report

18 students have 100% attendance for Terms 1 & 2. Congratulations.

27 students have less than 90% attendance for Terms 1 & 2. Most absence explanations were for medical reasons.

This is a fantastic result for the school overall.

CELEBRATIONS

Values Awards

Week 1

Thomas Warner	For showing the value of active learning.
Cavalier Kingi	For showing the value of active learning.
Ernie Young	For showing the value of active learning.
Kaylee Clark	For showing the value of empathy.

At our Week 1 assembly the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 1 (Term 3)

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Conor Emerson	For being resilient and carrying on, even when things get hard. Keep it up!
Room 1	Tessa Spencer	For making a great start to Term 3 and always having a smile on her face. Well done Tessa!
Room 2	Aston Burt	For making a positive start to Term 3, you have had lots of thinking to share, keep it up.
Room 2	Jayden Day	For making a positive start to Term 3, being a role model in class.
Room 3	Maddox Stratford	For trying hard with reading and taking responsibility for his own learning.
Room 3	Turner Wallace	For trying hard with his maths and having great success – you are whizzing along.
Room 4	Tommy Selwyn	For his 100% focus on his learning and the wonderfully kind way he supports his classmates.
Room 4	Cavalier Kingi	For continuing to be such a positive learner and for showing support of your classmates. Awesome skipping skills too!
Room 5	Ellie Fairclough	The super effort you have put into Maths this week.
Room 5	Reece Calnan	Taking the time and effort to learn your times tables.
Room 6	Madison Gibson	For your care and attitude towards keeping a tidy class environment
Room 6	Guy Johnstone	For your care and attitude towards keeping a tidy class environment
Room 7	Liam Barnes	For having an excellent start to term 3. Our focus is respect and you have shown this all week. Thank you.
Room 7	Ryan Jorgensen	For always putting that extra effort in to present your work to a high standard. It is always neat and tidy. Ka pai.
Room 8	Lachlan Emslie	For showing care and empathy towards another student and for always giving 100 percent in all you do.
Room 8	Olly Kells	For acting on feedback and making changes to your writing to improve it. Well done Olly!
Room 9	Arlo Clarke-Gray	For demonstrating active learning in your first week of school.
Room 9	Rayya Nadan	For demonstrating active learning in your first week of school.

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RYLEE CARLSON	
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Cellphone: 027 519 3346 txt or call, (at school between 940 and 3pm)	
Past Rotokauri school student	
14 years old (15 in August)	
\$10.00 an hour or can discuss	