

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 recently –

- Room 9 – Vincent Warner

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,

We have done it – we have made it to the end of a challenging term. Thank you to everyone for all the support you have given the school during this term and for adapting to the many changes that have been put in place due to Level 2 restrictions.

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Sarah Buckle, she has been completing her teaching practicum in Room 5. We wish her all the best in her further educational journey. We also welcome Mr Sam Brinkworth who will be completing his teaching practicum in Room 8. We hope that you enjoy your time at Rotokauri.

I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and we will see you all back at school for Term 4 on Monday, 18th October.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

PTA NEWS

CAR SHOW & GALA 7th NOVEMBER 2021

We are seeking sponsorship for this year's Car Show & Gala. We have a few options available and are seeking assistance from businesses in the way of a monetary donation. Your donation will be used to purchase items for the Car Show & Gala. Here are some options we are looking for sponsorship for:

Scratch Kiwi Raffle - \$100.00

Wheelbarrow + Grocery Raffle - \$200.00

Child's Kayak & Life Jacket Raffle - \$300.00

Sausage Sizzle Stall - \$350.00

2 other Raffles to be confirmed needing sponsorship.

Donations of \$50 & \$100 are most welcome or you can sponsor one of the above.

PTA Account # 030314 0189862 00 (ref: Car Show)

If you are interested and can help please email us at pta@rotokauri.school.nz and we can give you some more details.



PLANT STALL

Feel like growing some cuttings for us to sell at the Gala.

Plant in any type of container.

House Plants, Succulents, Cactus, Vege Plants, Grape Vine etc etc.

Drop off to school, closer to Car Show & Gala in November

Wanted: New unwanted gifts for us to use as prizes at the Gala. A box is set up in the school office for your donations.

Thank you.

Books Wanted

For Book Fair, drop off box in the MPR. Thank You

GENERAL INFORMATION

Basic Fact-a-thon

Facts about our basic fact-a-thon –

- 193 students participated in the basic fact-a-thon
- 130 students sought sponsorship for the basic fact-a-thon
- \$7,021.90 was raised by the students.

Thank you to these students and their families for valuing fundraising for our Turf and Shade project.

Class Winners

The following students won a prize for fundraising the most for their class –

Room 2 – Jayden Day = \$149

Room 3 – Jackson Connolly = \$341

Room 4 – Cooper Love Buckle = \$158

Room 5 – Jay East = \$230

Room 6 – Flint Coyle = \$300 and Grace Petley = \$290

Room 7 – Eli Bell = \$130

Room 8 – Cole Turney = \$66

Planning for 2022

Planning is underway for next year. This involves running a ballot for Year 1 students in 2022 and organising classes.

Please let me know by emailing dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz if your child/children will NOT be attending Rotokauri School next year as this will assist with managing class numbers.

Sunhats

Our school policy is that students and staff wear the Rotokauri School sunhats during Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure that these sunhats do not have embellishments and/or graffiti – if they do, they will need to be replaced. New sunhats are available from the school office for \$18.00

CELEBRATIONS

Junior Speech Finals 2021 Results

On Thursday, 23 September we held our annual Junior speech competition. All junior children presented a speech to their class and should be very proud. Year 1 students recited a nursery rhyme and the Year 2, 3 and 4 students wrote and presented persuasive speeches. Congratulations to the following place getters:

Year 1

First Place: Sophie Quinlan - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive

Second Place: Theo Winikerei - Hey Diddle Diddle

Third Place: Shepard Cairns-Eade - Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat

Fourth Place: Ruby Wilson - Jack and Jill

Year 2

First Place: Harry Gyde - School is Better than Home

Second Place: Heidi Viljoen - Gymnastics is better than Netball

Third Place: Talia Hefferon - The Best Playground

Fourth Place: Ella Boswell - Toast is better than Porridge

Year 3

First Place: Scarlett Swain - Beaches are better Than Pools

Second Place: Hugo Hodgson - Rainbow's End is better than Waterworld

Third Place: Esme Gyde - Why Summer is better than Winter

Fourth Place: Ella Wen - Spring is better than Summer

Year 4

First Place: Liam Surgenor - Children should go to Work

Second Place: Elsie van Røij - Don't be a Litterbug

Third Place: Hugo Spencer - Everyone should do Martial Arts

Fourth Place: Nihil Maharaj - Everyone should Learn How to Swim

Congratulations to **Liam Surgenor** for winning the Junior Speech Cup for 2021.





Senior School Speech Competition Results

What an outstanding effort by all students at our senior school speech competition held on Tuesday, 28th September. We really do have some amazing speech makers.

Thank you to the judges Mrs Win Schmits, Mr Sam Brinkworth and Mr Daniel Rickman for their difficult job.

A huge congratulations to Ava Viljoen for being the overall winner of the Senior Speech Competition Cup for 2021.

Below are the placegetters for each year level –

Year 5		
1 st	Ernie Young	Why De-extinction Is Not Okay
2 nd	Bella Gyde	We Need To Look After Our Environment
3 rd	Ryan Russell	Why You Should Have A Tesla
4 th	Evie Wilson	Why People Should Not Cut Down Trees

Year 6		
1 st	Nirav Maharaj	Why You Shouldn't Use Technology Too Long
2 nd	Mia van Elzaker	Animal Product Testing
3 rd	Ryan Keightley	Why We Need To Save The Ocean
4 th	Reed Kahaki	Why We Shouldn't Have To Do Speeches
Year 7		
1 st	Ava Viljoen	Why Girls Are Better Than Boys
2 nd	Cooper McLean	Why We Should Support The Electric Revolution
3 rd	Lachlan Emslie	Climate Change
4 th	Lily Young	Why We Should Stop Animal Testing
Year 8		
1 st	Lewis Surgenor	The Dangers of Clickbait And Why It Should Be Avoided
2 nd	Jesse Zillwood	Why Adults Should Reduce Their Screen Time
3 rd	Hannah Hobbs	Why Reading Is Good For You





2021 Cross Country Results

Well done to all our students who completed the school cross country last Friday in all sorts of weather conditions. Thanks to all parents who attended and followed the COVID Level 2 procedures. Congratulations to the students below who placed first, second or third in their age group.

	1st	2nd	3rd
5 Year Old Boys	Marley Toia	Blake Oulton-Hewitt	Luke Vann
5 Year Old Girls	Sophie Quinlan	Ruby Wilson	Tessa Spencer
6 Year Olds Boys	Corban Stratford	Thomas Warner	Harry Gyde
6 Year Olds Girls	Heidi Viljoen	Kayla van Rooij	Paige Robinson-Hastings
7 Year Olds Boys	Carter Moka	Noxx Rogers	Lucas Birchall
7 Year Olds Girls	Kaylee Quinlan	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Ella Boswell
8 Year Olds Boys	Toby Milne	Cairo Nelson	Brayden Ridley
8 Year Olds Girls	Rebecca Cameron	Elsie van Rooij	Mya Hoebergen
9 Year Olds Boys	Liam Surgenor	Leon Watkins	Te Manawa Harihari

9 Year Olds Girls	Cavalier Kingi	Khloe Woodward	Aja Jessop
10 Year Olds Boys	Samuel Watkins	Reece Calnan	Flint Coyle
10 Year Olds Girls	Acacia Barham	Evie Wilson	Caitlin Furlonger
11 Year Olds Boys	Cory Burt	Timothy Sumner	Archie Cameron
11 Year Olds Girls	Hannah Milne	Deanna Smith	Nalei Nelson
12 Year Olds Boys	Lewis Surgenor	Isaac Stratford	Seth Westgate
12 Year Olds Girls	Bella Wilson	Sophie Fairclough	Ava Viljoen-Thomson
13 Year Olds Boys	Jayden Ward		
13 Year Olds Girls	Mia Walker	Paige Moka	Isla Kahaki

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st Place - Kakariki 534**
- 2nd Place - Kikorangi 517**
- 3rd Place - Kowhai 469**
- 4th Place - Whero 428**





At our improvised assemblies in class the following children received certificates.

Please note: no assemblies in Week 9 due to school cross country.

Assembly Awards

Week 8

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Theo Winikerei	For your enthusiastic attitude towards all school activities. You are a pleasure to have in Room One.
Room 1	Shagunpreet Kaur	For making fantastic progress learning your sight words. Well done!
Room 2	Rydge Shortland	For your lovely big smiles and greetings as you start each day.
Room 2	Ruby Wilson	For continuing to make fantastic progress in reading, even through lockdown.
Room 3	Thomas Warner	For working really hard over lockdown and especially with his reading - ka pai Thomas!
Room 3	Archer McFall	For trying really hard to be an awesome self-manager, and a great listener. Well done Archer!
Room 4	Jaide Zillwood	For taking on board challenging poetry and art ideas.
Room 4	Cairo Nelson	For showing such kindness and helpfulness. You are a wonderful class member Cairo.
Room 5	Jiya Prajapati	For your excellent attitude to learning this week
Room 5	Rhythm Bhagat	Demonstrating the Rotokauri value of Active Learning
Room 6	Caitlin Furlonger	For being an all-round amazing Rotokauri Learner, who uses all our values everyday!
Room 6	Acacia Barham	For showing courage to present your speech to the class, as a public speaker.
Room 7	Lily Young	For having the courage to get up and say your speech, you overcame your fear and you presented your speech beautifully. I am very proud of you.
Room 7	Ryan Barnes	For writing a great description piece of writing. The adjectives, the similes and metaphors you have used were powerful. Great work!
Room 8	Paige Moka	For showing incredible courage as you delivered your speech to the class. Well done!
Room 8	Ciaran Williams-Thomas	For showing courage and empathy during our class speeches. Congratulations!
Room 9	Casey Mancer	For your confidence sharing your thinking in Maths.
Room 9	Paige Davison	For the care you take in your writing and drawing

Values Awards

Week 8

Keani Kingi	Room 3	For demonstrating the school value of Active Learning.
Carter Moka	Room 2	For demonstrating the school value of Active Learning.
Eli Bell	Room 7	For demonstrating the school value of Active Learning.
Lily Young	Room 7	For demonstrating the school value of Courage.

Week 9

Zephyr Rhind	Room 7	For demonstrating the school value of Courage.
Jayden Ward	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of Empathy.
Mya Hoebergen	Room 4	For demonstrating the school value of Empathy.
Elsie van Rooij	Room 4	For demonstrating the school value of Empathy.

Class Sharing

Room 3 students have been working on descriptive writing. We have been trying to create a picture for others, with our language.

Here is some of our independent work:

The Beach, by Maddox Stratford

We can relax in the sun with sunglasses and screeching seagulls. We can play in the water. We can splash and swim. We can dive in the water. When we dive we can see stingrays. We can smell the sea, we can build sandcastles. We can dig a hole. We sit quietly in the hole. Mum and Dad put the sand over us. You can get out of the hole, you can go diving and you can go and find crabs.

The Beach, by Cameron Emslie

When I go to the hot sunny beach I can see the seagulls swooping down in to the water. I can hear the black and white seagulls chirping as loud as a baby lamb screaming for its mother. When I dive into the salty water all I can taste is salt. When I swim back to shore I can smell delicious vanilla ice-cream. My feet are touching the soft sand when I'm running to the smell of ice-cream. I start to munch up my delicious vanilla ice-cream in the beautiful sunshine. I feel like a king sitting on my throne eating my ice-cream.

The Beach, by Jackson Connolly

At the beach I walk on soothing warm sand. I hear the waves crashing and the seagulls squawking. Then I smell the salty water and some greasy yellow hot chips. On the sea bank I see crabs scattering across the rocks, then I see the white slimy foam. I feel the burning sun shining on me. Suddenly the sand is steaming hot! I feel some seaweed and it's thick and slimy. Then I walk back as sunset falls, as it gets darker and cooler.

The Beach, by Ella Wen

I absolutely love the terrific beach and I'll tell you why. Why, you may ask? Now you know I love the mellifluous sound of the magnificent seagulls squawking, it's just super-musical. The wind has like a shimmer or sparkle, the whisking sound of blowing wind across my face. The seagulls flutter in the wind super-intelligently. The sand makes sand craters sometimes, the soft sand makes sand or hard rock pools. The waves crash down with super-soft bubbles as it splashes and crashes down. The red crusty crab's hard soft bumpy shell is cool.

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Past Rotokauri school student	
14 years old (15 in August)	
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