

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Bubble School Planting



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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 who started in Room 9 recently – Sophie Swain, Ryan Bhagat, Kyla Martin and Wilson Fisher-Murray. 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,

How wonderful it is to be back together with students and staff. There is a happy feeling across the school, full of smiley faces and lots of positivity and noise. School routines and face to face learning is well underway again. Thank you to everyone for making the transition back to school so smooth. The guidelines that continue to be in place are to protect the good health of our 230 learners and 15 staff.

We finish the year at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th December and there is still so much to accomplish. Some changes have been necessary to make and we know that some people will be disappointed but these are unique times that the school is operating in.

ICAS exams are being completed this week and I wish all the students participating the best of luck.

The Rotokauri School Before and After School Care programme is up and running again. Thank you to the parents/caregivers for your patience as this was re-established in such a short period of time. Please contact me if you would like more information or would like to enrol your child/ren.

Unfortunately the school pool is closed for this term. Some essential maintenance work needs to be undertaken to make it operational for next year.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

The BOT would like to thank Mrs Mary Evans and Ms Jude MacDonald for their great work as classroom teachers in Rooms 1 & 3 this year. Sadly, both these ladies will be leaving the school at the end of the year to pursue other interests, but both have offered to do relieving so we will still see them around. They have been true assets to the teaching team.

The good news is that we have made some new appointments for next year. Ms Suz Woodward is coming to us from Hukanui School and Mr Sam Brinkworth comes from the University of Waikato. We are looking forward to these welcome additions to our team.

School Donation

At the BOT meeting held last week it was decided that school fees would remain the same as they have been for a number of previous years.

School Donation \$25.00 per child per term (maximum \$250.00 / year for 3 or more children)

PTA NEWS



GOOD GEORGE AND ROTOKAURI SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Good George has offered to support Rotokauri School PTA by offering a discount code for online purchases made DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. IF you love Good George visit <https://www.goodgeorge.kiwi.nz/> and enter the code ROTOKAURIPTA. You will receive a 10% discount as well as having your goods delivered swiftly to your door and 10% of your total purchase will be given back to Rotokauri School.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Athletics

Covid restrictions have meant that we have changed the way school athletics will run this year. We will not be running an Athletics Day, instead, the children will compete in their own classes' bubbles against the school standards for their age group. Certificates will be awarded to each age group after results have been collated.

Planning for 2022

Lots of planning has already been completed for 2022 but we also have a great deal still to do.

Class Lists

Thank you to the parents/caregivers that sent emails with their feedback about their child's placement for next year and to the parents/caregivers that let the school know that their child will not be returning in 2022. The class lists have now been confirmed and your child's new class will be announced when they receive their report during our final days at school this year.

Class Structure for 2022

Room 1 – Year 1 – Ms Suz Woodward

Room 2 – Year 1 & 2 – Mrs Andrea O'Rourke

Room 3 – Year 2 & 3 – Whaea Ariana Matenga

Room 4 – Year 3 & 4 – Mrs Claire Walker

Room 5 – Year 5 – Mrs Diana Donovan

Room 6 – Year 6 & 7 – Mr Scott Robertson

Room 7 – Year 7 & 8 – Mr Sam Brinkworth

Room 8 – Year 8 – Mrs Jane Rickman

2022 School Term Dates – put these in your diary

- Term 1** Starts on Tuesday, 1st February
Public Holidays – Monday, 31st January - Anniversary Day
Monday, 7th February - Waitangi Day
Finishes on Thursday, 14th April
- Term 2** Starts on Monday, 2nd May
Public Holidays – Monday, 6th June - Queen's Birthday
Friday, 24th June - Matariki Celebration
Finishes on Friday 8th July
- Term 3** Starts on Monday, 25th July
Finishes on Friday, 30th September
- Term 4** Starts on Monday, 17th October
Public Holiday – Monday, 24th October - Labour Day
Finishes on Wednesday, 14th December

Message from our Public Health Nurse



Waikato District Health Board

Community & Southern Rural Health Service
51 Gallagher Drive
Melville,
3206 Hamilton

18 November 2021

Dear Principals,

The Public Health Nurse workforce is supporting the Ministry of Health covid screening, contact tracing and vaccination programme.

Further to my letter of 2 November 2021 we can confirm the service is unable to complete the second HPV vaccinations (year 8) and Boostrix vaccinations (year 7) in schools this year.

Please can you inform parents of this situation and to take their child to their GP practice for their free vaccinations?

We will be in touch about the school vaccination dates for 2022 before schools shut down for the year.

We appreciate and thank you for your understanding at this time.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Kettle".

Jan Kettle

Charge Nurse Manager Public Health Nurses
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CELEBRATIONS

The following children received certificates for their efforts during lockdown.

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 2	Van MacDonald-Hopper Jayden Day Harry Gyde Aston Burt Khloe Bennett Ruby Wilson Druvi Patel Kairo Sharma Carter Cowley	Going over and above with their distance learning.
Room 3	Hugo Hodgson Scarlett Swain Thomas Warner Koby Rose Heidi Viljoen	Room 3 stand-outs during lockdown.
Room 4	Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson Jaide Zillwood Mya Hoebergen Israel Warbrick Shaan Judge Cavalier Kingi	Room 4 stand-outs
Room 5	Evie Wilson Alex Dombroski Grayson Wallace Bella Gyde Chloe Gyde Leon Watkins Ellie Fairclough	Best workers during lockdown in Room 5.
Room 6	Clarke Robinson	For handing in work in three curriculum areas, every day and to a good standard.
Room 6	Flint Coyle	For handing in work in three curriculum areas, every day and to a good standard.
Room 6	Caitlin Furlonger	Completed every piece of work to a very high standard, especially her Reading and Writing. Within her writing she achieved all learning goals and met the success criteria for each task.
Room 6	Mia van Elzakker	Worked to exceptional standards and the quality of her work across all curriculum standards was beyond expectations for digital home learning. Mia impressed with the quality and effort put into her work for editing and recrafting.

Room 8	Carter Jessop Ava Viljoen-Thomson McKay Robinson Blake Robinson-Hastings Matthew Webber Bella Wilson Lachlan Emslie Isla Kahaki Cooper Mclean Hannah Hobbs Tamsin Rose Paige Moka Jayden Ward Lily Allen Lewis Surgenor	Room 8 stand-outs in distance learning.
Room 9	Colette Griffin	Fabulous work sent every day during lockdown.
Room 9	Sophie Swain	Turned 5 during lockdown and sent in fabulous work every day.
Room 9	Vincent Warner	Completing his hard pack and returning it every week.
Room 9	Kyla Martin	Joining distance learning and settling superbly into school on the first day back as a new 5 year old.

The following students were recognized for their efforts in Bubble School -

Luke Vann	Completing a huge amount of work in Bubble School.
Teagan Mancer	Working well in Mrs Schmits' bubble class, producing beautiful display work.
Vedhikah Goundar Archie Cameron Reece Calnan Jiya Prajapati Lachie Anderson Rhythm Bhagat Isabelle Steger Isaac Stratford Khloe Woodward Lily Allen Regan Bennett Carter Jessop Jett McFall Jay Williams Jamie Haldane Kees Rogers Tommy Selwyn	
Krishangk Goundar	Becoming an independent writer during bubble school.
Ryan Bhagat	Starting school during bubble school.
Casey Mancer	Coming confidently to bubble school.

Room 3 Sharing

How Maui Slowed the Sun

By Jackson Connolly

Once upon a time Maui and his whanau complained and complained about the sun moving too fast.

"We don't have time to do our fishing, hunting, weaving, or anything!!!!"

"Let's capture the sun", said Maui.

"We can't capture the sun!" laughed the brothers.

"I HAVE A PLAN" said Maui. "We can gather the flax to create strong ropes to capture it".

His brothers weren't very happy about it, but they helped.

As soon as they finished at noon making the ropes, they set off in the long nights so the sun didn't know they were coming. They travelled and travelled until...
...they reached the sun's resting place. Bom bom BOM!

It was early dawn so Maui and his brothers had to think fast! They used the dried up clay so the sun (Ra) couldn't see them.

"I shall stand up on this clay and beat the sun up!"

Bom bom BOM!!! "and when we catch it, DO NOT LET GO!!!"

The sun shook the ground as it rose up. The fiery eyes came in to view. Maui had to stay as still as a hawk. Then the jaw-biting teeth came in to view, then...

"NOW my brothers!" yelled Maui.

"What in the fires is this?" cried the sun. "Let me be! Let me be!"

"NO!" yelled Maui.

"You will kill me if you keep beating me!" groaned the sun.

"No, I will not kill you", said Maui, "but I will make you go slower!" said Maui. "You better go slow, otherwise I'll be back!". Bom bom BOM!

"I promise, I promise!" groaned the sun.

"Good", said Maui.

So the sun was so tired, he was as slow as twelve hours.

How Maui Slowed the Sun

By Thomas Warner

People were mad because they did not have enough time to get everything done. Maui was sick of the sun going too fast. He told his toughest men to help.

"OK", said the brothers. They made flax ropes.

At last they had finished, and they set off to where the sun rose. It was a long way to where the sun rose but soon they were nearly there. They could tell when the ground was all shriveled up, that they were around the hole that the sun comes from.

Maui said "Quickly, brothers, build a wall!". So they built a wall. They put a net over where Ra rose.

Ra was rising. Ra's eyes came out first, then Ra's big bright nose. The net was too small for Ra's mouth to come out. Then Maui leapt up on to the wall and grabbed his magic jawbone from his grandfather, and with all of his might, he thrashed his jawbone in the middle of Ra's eyes.

When Ra was tired, Maui told one side to pull as hard as they could pull. He told the other side to let go. Ra drifted off into the sky really slowly.

Bubble School Sharing

A birthday in Bubble School



Diwali Celebrations



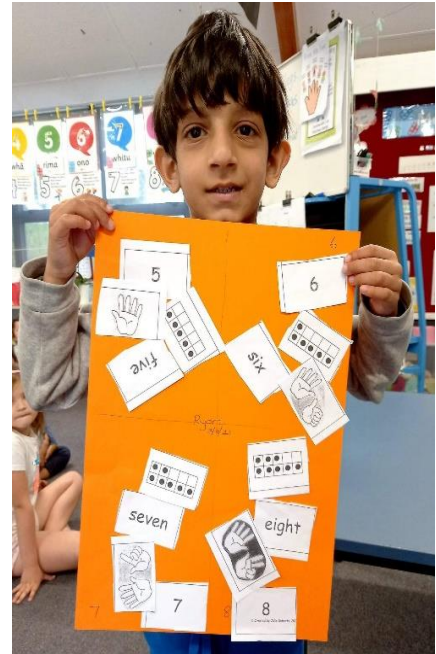
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