

# 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 our new student Marcus Clark who started in Room 8 recently. 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 almost done it – completed a difficult year like no other. We are on the countdown to the end of the year. Please remember that we finish on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30 p.m.

Considering the new challenges and interruptions that we have all faced in 2021, I am incredibly proud of all the amazing things the school has managed to achieve this year. It has been a huge team effort once again and I want to sincerely thank the community for their continued support.

A huge thanks to our dedicated and committed Board of Trustees who have continued to provide critical support to our team and the students.

Thank you to the PTA for once again striving to fundraise to make opportunities available for our school.

Our skilled and dedicated teachers, office administrator, teacher aides, relievers and caretaker have once again gone beyond the call of duty to support our learning community, through their skills, effort and positive contributions during the year to ensure every child has a chance to enjoy their experiences at school or when they were learning from home.

For me at this time of year, happiness and sadness tend to go hand in hand as we farewell staff, our Year 8 graduates, students' not returning to Rotokauri next year and families that have their last child leaving us. Thank you all for your contribution to Rotokauri School over the many years you have been associated with us.

Looking back at last December's end of year newsletter we said 'what a year it has been! Unfortunately for us all 2021 has been another tough year. But one thing has not changed . . . we deserve a great summer and hopefully you will all have a holiday whereby you can rest, recuperate and face 2022 with fresh resilience and gratitude.

On behalf of Rotokauri School, I would like to wish you all the very best for a safe festive season. Continue to care for one another, stay safe and healthy, enjoy quality family time. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

Meri Kirihimete me te tau hou - Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ngaa mihi  
Desiree Smith

## **Celebrations**

Despite the ever changing restrictions and rules around gatherings the plan is to keep giving students and families the opportunity to participate in events that are a tradition of our school. This week Room 7 & 8 students will be camping on the school grounds as an alternative to their camp and Room 5 & 6 students will be visiting the Hamilton Zoo also as an alternative to their camp which had to be postponed due to Covid. We hope that they all enjoy this special time together. Thank you to the parents that have volunteered to accompany these classes and for providing your vaccine passport evidence.

Our Kapa Haka performance group have been working hard all year practising for a festival which had to be cancelled for the second year. We would like to celebrate their efforts by holding a concert for the students and the parents of the Kapa Haka students. This will be held at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.

This year we will hold our end of year prize giving assembly on the school grounds under the trees during the day. Our prize giving will be held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 p.m. The format will be modified so there will not be class items, singing etc.

Unfortunately due to the Covid restrictions we can only invite parents of award recipients (class certificates, top scholar certificates, trophy winners) that are double vaccinated.

We will endeavour to video the event and share this on social media for our school community to view.

Parents/caregivers that have been invited will need to use the QR code, hand sanitise upon entry to the school, wear a mask and be social distanced (we will have the seating arranged appropriately).

It is always a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of our students at our final prize giving assembly and in the past we have always had a great crowd of whanau and friends attending. In order to meet the guidelines around gatherings it has been necessary to adapt our event so that as many people as possible can be on the school grounds. We know that many people will be disappointed but for the safety of everyone these hard decisions needed to be made.

### **Year Book Orders**

Yearbook orders came home yesterday. Please have the orders to the school office by the morning of Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December so that these can be made over the weekend.

### **Stationery Lists and End of Year School Reports**

Reports and stationery lists will be coming home on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Visiting New Classes**

The students will be visiting their new classes and teachers on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12 o'clock.

## **BOT NEWS**

To all students, staff, and families of the Rotokauri School.

I would like to begin by firstly thanking both the students and their families for starting 2021 off with such positive optimism that the lockdown and disruption of 2020 were behind us. Unfortunately this was not to be, however the way that everybody has dealt with this can only be classed as positive. I know that this has not been easy on families and so we thank you for your cooperation whilst we dealt with the situation we were placed in. Our main goal in this was to ensure our students did not miss out with their education and we sincerely hope that this was achieved as best as we could under the circumstances.

Desiree and her team have gone above and beyond yet again to ensure that this was as seamless as it could possibly be. The Board must acknowledge the work and effort that has gone on behind the scenes during these tough times by Desiree and staff. We are extremely lucky at Rotokauri School to have a very hard-working team of Staff, Board Members and of course the PTA and volunteers. A big thank you to you all for your hard work and support this year.

Unfortunately, the plans set for the school this year have been delayed, albeit only for a short time whilst things settle back into routine and we are provided with the support required by the Ministry of Education. Brad Kells has put an exceptional amount of time into working with the Ministry to achieve project goals to which have now been pushed out until 2022. In short this will contain two new classrooms and further additional improvements to the school. It certainly is an exciting time for the future of the school.

To our group of Year 8's leaving us. We wish you all the absolute best for next year and hope that the foundation that Rotokauri School has instilled in you will hold you in great stead for your future endeavours. Be proud of Rotokauri School being the building blocks for your future and we wish you all the best.

Lastly, we wish you all a very happy and relaxing holiday break. We hope you manage to enjoy some special time with family and friends. Stay safe and we look forward to catching up with everyone in 2022.

On behalf of the Rotokauri Board of Trustees  
Paul Burt - Chairman

## 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 having your goods delivered swiftly to your door and 10% of your total purchase will be given back to Rotokauri School.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Athletics Results

#### Juniors

<u>Long Jump</u>			
	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
5 year old Boys	Casey Mancer	Conor Emerson	Marley Toia
5 year old Girls	Ada Westgate	Isla Nelson	Shepard Cairns-Eade

6 year old Boys	Corban Stratford	Zac Hoebergen	Luke Vann
6 year old Girls	Heidi Viljoen	Tessa Spencer	Ruby Wilson
7 year old Boys	Archer McFall	Kayden John	Thomas Warner
7 year old Girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Maia O'Loughlin	Ella Boswell
8 year old Boys	Hugo Spencer	Koby Rose	Jackson Connolly
8 year old Girls	Jaide Zillwood	Kaylee Quinlan	Anna Haldane

### High Jump

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
5 year old Boys	Marley Toia	Conor Emerson	Anthony Williams
5 year old Girls	Taj Judge	Ada Westgate	Shagunpreet Kaur
6 year old Boys	Corban Stratford	Carter Cowley	Kairo Sharma
6 year old Girls	Mya Allen	Heidi Viljoen	Paige Robinson-Hastings
7 year old Boys	Archer McFall	Carter Moka	Thomas Warner
7 year old Girls	Ella Boswell	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Ellie-Rose Anderson
8 year old Boys	Koby Rose	Toby Milne	Jackson Connolly
8 year old Girls	Kaylee Quinlan	Olivia Thorpe	Shaan Judge

### Vortex Throw

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
5 year old Boys	Alex Oldham	Eason Lu	Anthony Williams
5 year old Girls	Rachel Warbrick	Layla Day	Ada Westgate
6 year old Boys	Corban Stratford	Zac Hoebergen	Blake Oulton-Hewitt
6 year old Girls	Sophie Quinlan	Heidi Viljoen	Mya Allen
7 year old Boys	Carter Moka	Aston Burt	Archer McFall
7 year old Girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Scarlett Swain	Lais Harihari

<b>Junior Discus</b>			
	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
8 year old Boys	Isaac Steger	Zach Williams	Nihil Maharaj
8 year old Girls	Jaide Zillwood	Kaylee Quinlan	Shaan Judge

<b>Junior Shotput</b>			
	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
8 year old Boys	Israel Warbrick	Isaac Steger	Zach Williams
8 year old Girls	Jaide Zillwood	Nicky-Rose Hoebe	Elsie Van Rooij

### **Junior Sprints**

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
5 year old Boys	Marley Toia	Casey Mancer	Conor Emerson
5 year old Girls	Ada Westgate	Layla Day	Chloe Moka
6 year old Boys	Corban Stratford	Luke Vann	Carter Cowley
6 year old Girls	Ruby Wilson	Paige Robinson-Hastings	Heidi Viljoen
7 year old Boys	Carter Moka	Jayden Day	Harry Gyde
7 year old Girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Ellie-Rose Anderson	Maia O'Loughlin
8 year old Boys	Jackson Connolly	Brayden Ridley	Zach Williams
8 year old Girls	Kaylee Quinlan	Elsie Van Rooij	Jaide Zillwood

### **Seniors**

<b>Long Jump Results 2021</b>			
	<b>1st place</b>	<b>2nd place</b>	<b>3rd place</b>
9 year old girls	Khloe Woodward	Kaylee Clarke	Rebecca Cameron
9 year old boys	Leon Watkins	Isaac Hapi	Nate Turney
10 year old girls	Evie Wilson	Caitlin Furlonger	Ellie Fairclough
10 year old boys	Samuel Watkins	Reece Calnan	Lachie Anderson
11 year old girls	Hannah Milne	Nalei Nelson	Acacia Barham
11 year old boys	Cory Burt	Archie Cameron	Elijah Esselbrugge

			Nate Westgate
12 year old girls	Sophie Fairclough	Deanna Smith	Bridgette Donny
12 year old boys	Isaac Stratford	Cole Turney	Jett McFall
13 year old girls	Lily Allen	Mia Walker	Aidah Ali
13 year old boys	Jayden Ward	McKay Robinson	

### High Jump Results 2021

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
9 year old girls	Ava Esselbrugge	Cavalier Kingi	Khloe Woodward
9 year old boys	Cairo Nelson	Leon Watkins	Isaac Hapi Nate Turney
10 year old girls	Caitlin Furlonger	Ellie Fairclough	Grace Petley
10 year old boys	Samuel Watkins	Reece Calnan	Flint Coyle
11 year old girls	Nalei Nelson	Hannah Milne	Acacia Barham
11 year old boys	Cory Burt	Liam Walker	Archie Cameron
12 year old girls	Sophie Fairclough	Deanna Smith	Lily Young
12 year old boys	Isaac Stratford	Cole Turney	Olly Kells
13 year old girls	Mia Walker	Paige Moka	Aidah Ali
13 year old boys	Aditya Raju	Jayden Ward	McKay Robinson

### 100m Sprints Results 2021

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
9 year old girls	Rebecca Cameron	Khloe Woodward	Cavalier Kingi
9 year old boys	Leon Watkins	Nate Turney	Liam Surgenor
10 year old girls	Evie Wilson	Ellie Fairclough	Jiya Prajapati
10 year old boys	Samuel Watkins	Reece Calnan	Flint Coyle
11 year old girls	Nalei Nelson	Hannah Milne	Acacia Barham
11 year old boys	Cory Burt	Nate Westgate	Ryan Jorgensen
12 year old girls	Deanna Smith	Sophie Fairclough	Lily Young
12 year old boys	Cole Turney	Isaac Stratford	Olly Kells



13 year old girls	Aidah Ali	Mia Walker	Lily Allen
13 year old boys	Jayden Ward	McKay Robinson	

### 200m Sprints Results 2021

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
9 year old girls	Rebecca Cameron	Khloe Woodward	Cavalier Kingi
9 year old boys	Leon Watkins	Cairo Nelson	Te Manawa Harihari
10 year old girls	Evie Wilson	Caitlin Furlonger	Ellie Fairclough
10 year old boys	Samuel Watkins	Reece Calnan	Flint Coyle
11 year old girls	Nalei Nelson	Acacia Barham	Hannah Milne
11 year old boys	Cory Burt	Nate Westgate	Cooper Hobbs
12 year old girls	Deanna Smith	Sophie Fairclough	Lily Young
12 year old boys	Cole Turney	Isaac Stratford	Ashtyn Gyde
13 year old girls	Aidah Ali Mia Walker		Lily Allen
13 year old boys	Jayden Ward	McKay Robinson	

### Discus Results 2021

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
9 year old girls	Chloe Gyde	Khloe Woodward	Aja Jessop
9 year old boys	Cairo Nelson	Isaac Hapi	Te Manawa Harihari
10 year old girls	Evie Wilson	Grace Petley	Holly Hoebergen
10 year old boys	Samuel Watkins	Lachie Anderson	Reece Calnan
11 year old girls	Hannah Milne	Nalei Nelson	Jordyn Harihari
11 year old boys	Cory Burt	Liam Buckle	Nate Westgate
12 year old girls	Deanna Smith	Melisa Soltanizand	Lily Young
12 year old boys	Ashtyn Gyde	Cooper McLean	Timothy Sumner
13 year old girls	Aidah Ali	Mia Walker	Isla Kahaki
13 year old boys	Aditya Raju	Jayden Ward	McKay Robinson

<b>Shot Put Results 2021</b>			
	<b>1st place</b>	<b>2nd place</b>	<b>3rd place</b>
9 year old girls	Cooper Buckle	Khloe Woodward	Chloe Gyde
9 year old boys	Isaac Hapi	Leon Watkins	Ryan Russell
10 year old girls	Caitlin Furlonger	Holly Hoebergen	Grace Petley
10 year old boys	Lachie Anderson	Clarke Robinson	Samuel Watkins
11 year old girls	Nalei Nelson	Bianca Wallis	Hannah Jones
11 year old boys	Jay Williams	Cory Burt	Liam Barnes
12 year old girls	Bridgette Donny	Deanna Smith	Sophie Fairclough
12 year old boys	Cooper McLean	Jett McFall	Lachlan Emslie
13 year old girls	Lily Allen	Isla Kahaki	Aidah Ali
13 year old boys	McKay Robinson	Jayden Ward	

## **2022 School Term Dates – put these in your diary**

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

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **Principal's Awards**

Madson Garden	Room 7	Showing empathy and taking care of a distressed younger student.
Isaac Stratford	Room 7	Showing empathy and taking care of a distressed younger student.
Cooper-Love Buckle	Room 4	Your focus and determination when competing in high jump.
Cavalier Kingi	Room 4	Listening carefully and following feedback to achieve in high jump.
Leon Watkins	Room 5	All the positive words you say when encouraging others at high jump.
Evie Wilson	Room 5	The courage that you displayed at high jump.
Caitlin Furlonger	Room 6	The perseverance you demonstrated at high jump and listening to feedback.

Ellie Fairclough	Room 5	The wonderful spirit of sportsmanship that you displayed at high jump.
James Ward	Room 6	The great perseverance you displayed at high jump.
Charlie Jones	Room 7	Great effort helping at high jump.
Jiya Prajapati	Room 5	Great effort helping at high jump.
Marcus Clark	Room 8	Outstanding effort helping at high jump.
Te Manawa Harihari	Room 5	Great effort helping at high jump.



Congratulations to Cavalier who won these prizes for drawing a dragon.

## Reading Log

Congratulations to the following students who have consistently completed their daily reading throughout this year and earned the 200 Nights Reading Award.

**Room 1:** Alex Oldham

**Room 2:** Evie Hodgson, Talia Hefferon and Kairo Sharma

**Room 3:** Ella Wen, Jackson Connolly, Esme Gyde, Hugo Hodgson, Cameron Emslie, Kaylee Quinlan, Ivy Lu, Heidi Viljoen, Scarlett Swain, Hannah-Leah Warbrick

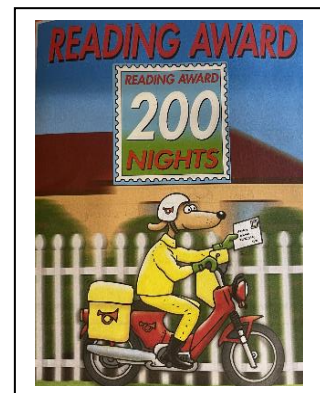
**Room 4:** Hugo Spencer, Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson, Mackenzie O'Rourke, Shaan Judge, Elsie Van Rooj, Liam Surgenor

**Room 5:** Khloe Woodward, Callista John, Grayson Wallace.

Congratulations to Nature Aitchison and Evie Wilson and Ellie Fairclough who have reached 300 nights!

**Room 6:** Holly Hoebergen, Mia Van Elzaker, Caitlin Furlonger, Samuel Watkins, Mercedes Barber, Nalei Nelson, Maddix Annis and Jordyn Harihari.

**Room 7:** Sophie Fairclough



**Room 8:** Aidah Ali, Paige Moka, Jesse Zillwood, Tamsin Rose, Bella Wilson, Matthew Webber, Hannah Hobbs, Cooper Mclean, Olly Kells, Ava Viljoen-Thomson, Carter Jessop, Mia Walker

**Room 9** students who are new to the school and have earned the 100 Nights Reading Award: Arlo Clarke-Gray, Carys Land, Charlotte Land, Paige Davison, Rayya Nadan and Colette Griffin. Congratulations to Sophie Swain for earning the 50 Nights Reading Award after only 8 weeks at school.

## **Certificates**

### **Week 7**

Room 1	Isla Kahaki	Great learning with your sight words.
Room 1	Marley Toia	Always doing the right thing. Being kind and a great friend.
Room 2	Kayla van Rooij	For your developing drawing skills when sketching in your nature journal.
Room 2	Paige Robinson-Hastings	For your effort in all your athletics practises this week.
Room 3	Maddox Stratford	For putting alot of effort in to his reading work. Well done Maddox!
Room 3	Lais Harihari	Great attitude towards her learning, and especially her spelling! Ka pai Lais!
Room 4	Leelyn Clark	For working hard on word sorts
Room 4	Kade Calnan	For working hard on word sorts
Room 5	Bella Gyde	For being such a great helper for potato in a bucket today. Thank you.
Room 5	Khloe Woodward	For being such a great helper for potato in a bucket today. Thank you
Room 7	Jack Jones	For your outstanding presentation on Donald Trump. Your research was excellent and you did an amazing job putting it in your own words.
Room 7	Deanna Smith	For having the courage to get up and present your leadership Presentation on Sebastian Kurz in front of the class. You were amazing and I am proud of you.
Room 8	Aditya Raju	For being an active learner and working hard on math revision - congratulations!
Room 8	Bridgette Donny	For an outstanding inquiry and presentation about Cleopatra.
Room 9	Kyla Martin	For demonstrating active learning by trying your best in Reading
Room 9	Ryan Bhagat	For working really hard to learn all the alphabet letter names.

## Week 6

Room 1	Tessa Spencer	For her positive approach to all her learning and for being a kind friend.
Room 1	Alex Oldham	For always putting in such a great effort in everything he does, as well as being a wonderful friend.
Room 2	Teagan Mancer	For your hard work this week- what an active learner you are.
Room 2	Carter Cowley	For all your hard work this week. What an active learner you are.
Room 3	Anna Haldane	Working hard on her rewriting of the Maui myth.
Room 3	Ella Boswell	Working hard on her reading work.
Room 4	Mackenzie O'Rourke	For working hard on your spelling words. Well done
Room 4	Jaxson Williams	For working hard on your spelling words. Well done
Room 5	Ellie Fairclough	Reaching 300 nights reading this year, a great achievement
Room 5	Alex Dombroski	Stepping up in your learning, such a great attitude this last term.
Room 6	Clarke Robinson	For your commitment to on-line learning during lockdown. Great work Clarke.
Room 6	Flint Coyle	For completing all curriculum areas of learning during lockdown, every day.
Room 6	Caitlin Furlonger	For your commitment to providing quality workmanship to a high standard throughout lockdown.
Room 6	Mia Van Elzakker	For your commitment to the highest standard of work during lockdown.
Room 7	Joseph Warbrick	For the extra detail you are putting into your work. Your focus has been outstanding.
Room 7	Cory Burt	For the dedication you put into your mosaic art. You took your time and the result of your final picture was amazing.
Room 8	Alex Porter	For outstanding batting skills when playing cricket.
Room 8	Aidah Ali	For your positive attitude and commitment to you class work since returning from lockdown - congratulations.
Room 9	Sophie Swain	For the wonderful pride you take in presenting your work. It is always your best effort.
Room 9	Wilson Fisher-Murray	For showing great courage during his first week at school.



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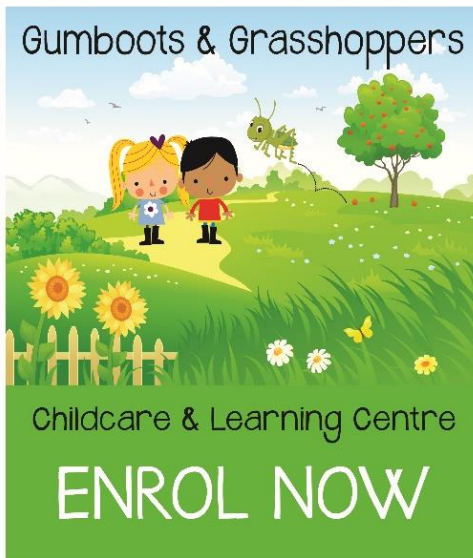
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