

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## Cricket at Rotokauri

Rotokauri School students were lucky enough to experience Super Smash Cricket sessions last week with Mikayla Gillespie from Northern Districts Cricket. Students in Years 1-4 were given a brochure with information about the cricket hubs being run around Hamilton starting this week. It is also at the end of the newsletter today.



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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 5 – Annalise Briggs

Room 4 – Korbyn Fergus

Room 1 – Harper-Rose Beets

We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

It has been a very positive start to the 2022 school year in spite of Omicron lurking in the background. It is wonderful that we are in Week 4 of the term and we are operating in a fully open mode. Long may this last. Thank you to the Room 8 students, teacher and families for the positive and proactive manner in which they dealt with our first positive case at school. Also, thank you to the family of our positive case for acting so promptly to your child's illness and for the open communication with the school. Due to these factors I believe we have been able to return to school and get back to the 'norm'. For now, mask wearing, good hygiene practices, sanitising and good ventilation are our best protections. If your child is unwell we ask that they stay at home and if necessary get tested. Please make sure that you notify the school if someone in your household has Covid or if you are isolating due to being deemed a Close Contact.

Our aim is to remain open and provide meaningful learning programmes for our tamariki. If covid cases impact on this in any way we will make sure that you are kept informed of what is in front of us.

IF A POSITIVE CASE IS CONFIRMED AT SCHOOL			
STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
<p>A positive case is confirmed and has been at school.</p> <p>Please contact the Principal dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz</p>	<p>Principal notifies Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.</p> <p>Specific information is gathered regarding the case/s activity at school.</p>	<p>Close contacts are identified and families are informed by phone.</p> <p>Information about isolation and testing is shared with close contact families.</p>	<p>School community is informed that there is a positive case at school.</p> <p>Decision is made by Principal about keeping class open.</p> <p>Community are kept updated.</p>

Have a great fortnight everyone and keep following the Covid guidelines.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

## BOT NEWS

### Resignation

Unfortunately, the board has accepted a resignation from Craig Zillwood as a BOT committee member. The Board wishes to extend our appreciation to Craig for his time and service towards the Board over a number of years and wish him all the best in the future.

The Board of Trustees have also accepted a resignation from Miss Jaimee Swindells. Miss Swindells will not be returning to Rotokauri School at the conclusion of her maternity leave.

### BOT Support

The Board of Trustees would like to take this opportunity to express our full support behind the decisions set out by the school management team regarding the upcoming sporting events. Due to the current Covid restrictions, the school must follow directives set out by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. We ask for parents and whanau patience and understanding at this time. Your support is appreciated.

Kind regards  
Paul Burt



Presiding Chairperson  
On behalf of  
Rotokauri School Board of Trustees

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Student Concerns**

From time to time your child may come home upset about something that has happened at school. Sometimes these things may seem minor, however, we encourage you to share even the smallest of concerns with us so that we are aware and can take action to smooth out whatever is impacting your child's happiness at school or to reassure your child. A quick email, call to the office or a message at the gate and we will make sure that the message is passed on. Sometimes it may seem small to you but it may feel huge to a child and sometimes will need an adult to help resolve the upset.

### **Reading Log Celebration Wall**

We would like to acknowledge our active learners who complete the milestones in their reading logs. As children reach 25 nights etc, their photo will be put on display in the student foyer. We appreciate children's efforts in keeping up with their daily reading and also appreciate support from whanau.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Biathlon / Triathlon**

We are looking forward to holding our school biathlon/triathlon TOMORROW weather permitting. We have modified this event to run it in smaller bubbles. If your child is participating in the TRIATHLON, please make sure their bike is roadworthy and that

they have their helmet. Bikes are to be walked by the children to the tennis courts before school.

As part of our Health & Safety Policy during this Red Phase of COVID, the Board of Trustees and Management have decided that for this year's bi/triathlon we will not have spectators on the grounds at Rotokauri School.

### **Junior Swimming Sports/Display**

5, 6 and 7 year olds will participate in a Junior Swimming Display in their classes.

Throughout Week 6 teachers will video children on Seesaw for families to watch.

8 year olds will compete in their swimming events on the 11th March. Children will need to bring togs, goggles, 2 towels and warm jersey. Children who require ear plugs should bring them on the day.

### **Senior Swimming Sports**

Senior Swimming Sports for 9- 12 year olds will be held on Thursday, 10th March at Ngaruawahia Swimming Pools. Children will be travelling by bus and all students will be required to wear their mask. We are organising the finer details of this event in order to meet the Covid-19 Red Level requirements. More information to follow next week.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **Week 2**

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Wilson Fisher-Murray	For often sharing his amazing thinking with the class.
Room 1	Liam Harrison	For using his initiative to help others.
Room 2	Ryan Bhagat	For putting a lot of effort into being an active learner in Room 2
Room 2	Paige Davison	For working hard to learn the routines in Room 2 and for your lovely big smile to start each day.
Room 3	Rydge Shortland	For acing your spelling test. Amazing work Rydge.
Room 3	Evie Hodgson	For being an active learner. You are always ready and organised for the day. You have some wonderful ideas.
Room 4	Madison Beets	For showing courage in the pool when learning to float
Room 4	Mackenzie O'Rourke	For showing improvement when floating in the pool
Room 5	Cavalier Kingi	Top listening skills
Room 5	Chloe Gyde	Top listening skills
Room 6	Clarke Robinson	For amazing improvement in your spelling this week!
Room 6	Ellie Fairlcough	For the huge positive change in your spelling this week!

Room 7	Acacia Barham	For contributing to group discussions and showing empathy towards others.
Room 7	James Ward	For critically thinking and bringing a positive attitude to his skit performance.
Room 8	Archie Cameron	For fantastic writing and thinking in maths.
Room 8	Maya Sharma	For being an active learner and showing courage in our swimming lessons.

### **Week 3**

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Cohen O'Brien	For showing courage in the pool
Room 1	Theo Cowley	For showing courage in the pool
Room 2	Arlo Clarke-Gray	For all your hard work learning your sounds and words.
Room 2	Max Green	For showing the school values always. You have worked super well today.
Room 3	Druvi Patel	For showing more confidence in the pool. Keep it up Druvi.
Room 3	Harry Gyde	For sharing your great ideas in class. You also have thoughtful questions.
Room 4	Room 4	For working super hard all week to finish the testing. All done now!!!
Room 5	Ava Esselbrugge	Excellent results in reading testing
Room 5	Elsie Van Rooij	Excellent results in reading testing
Room 6	Flint Coyle	For being focussed and engaged in his learning.
Room 6	Callista John	For her focus in her learning, engagement in her learning and listening skills.
Room 7	Reed Kahaki	For showing empathy towards others and showing perseverance.
Room 7	Nate Westgate	For being a team player and showing deep critical thinking skills.
Room 8	Joseph Warbrick	For being an active learner and working so hard on your 'I Am From' poem.
Room 8	Jessica Briggs	For being an active learner and always doing your best - a great start to Year 8!

## Values Vouchers

### **Week 1**

Cody Calnan	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of respect
Te Aria Kingi	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of empathy
Joseph Warbrick	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of respect
Brayden Ridley	Room 5	For demonstrating the school value of respect

### **Week 2**

Cooper Wiseman	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of courage
Shagunpreet Kaur	Room 2	For demonstrating the school value of active learning
Coco Doody	Room 6	For demonstrating the school value of empathy
Carter Jessop	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of active learning

### **Week 3**

Krishangk Goundar	Room 2	For demonstrating the school value of empathy
Cooper Wiseman	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of courage
Timothy Sumner	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of empathy
Blake Robinson-Hastings	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of courage

## ICAS Results

Thank you for your patience in awaiting the ICAS Results that were delayed last year. Congratulations to the following students on their efforts in the 2021 ICAS Exams. The children have been given their Digital Technology and English Certificates and we are still waiting for certificates for Spelling, Science and Mathematics.

### Digital Technologies

**Nihil Maharaj** - Year 4 - Participation

**Ernie Young** - Year 5 - Credit

**Nirav Maharaj** - Year 6 - Participation

**Lewis Surgenor** - Year 8 - High Distinction

**Jesse Zillwood** - Year 8 - Credit

### Science

**Samuel Watkins** - Year 6 - Participation

**Lewis Surgenor** - Year 8 - Distinction

**Jesse Zillwood** - Year 8 - Credit

**Jayden Ward** - Year 8 - Credit

### Spelling

**Nihil Maharaj** - Year 4 - Participation

**Nirav Maharaj** - Year 6 - Participation

**Mia Van Elzaker** - Year 6 - Participation

**Jesse Zillwood** - Year 8 - Credit

## English

Nihil Maharaj - Year 4 - Participation  
Olivia Thorpe - Year 4 - Participation  
Nirav Maharaj - Year 6 - Credit  
Mia Van Elzaker - Year 6 - Participation  
Lewis Surgenor - Year 8 - Credit

## Mathematics

Nihil Maharaj - Year 4 - Participation  
Israel Warbrick - Year 4 - Participation  
Ernie Young - Year 5 - Participation  
Nirav Maharaj - Year 6 - Merit  
Samuel Watkins - Year 6 - Participation  
Carter Jessop - Year 7 - Merit  
Lily Allen - Year 8 - Merit  
Lewis Surgenor - Year 8 - Distinction  
Jayden Ward - Year 8 - Credit

**High Distinction** - Awarded to **top 1%** of participants  
**Distinction** - Awarded to **next 10%** of participants  
**Credit** - Awarded to **next 25%** of participants  
**Merit** - Awarded to **next 10%** of participants  
**Participation** - Received by all **remaining** participants

## Photo Sharing

### Harold







**Cricket Workshops**  
More photos from the day.

**Room 2**

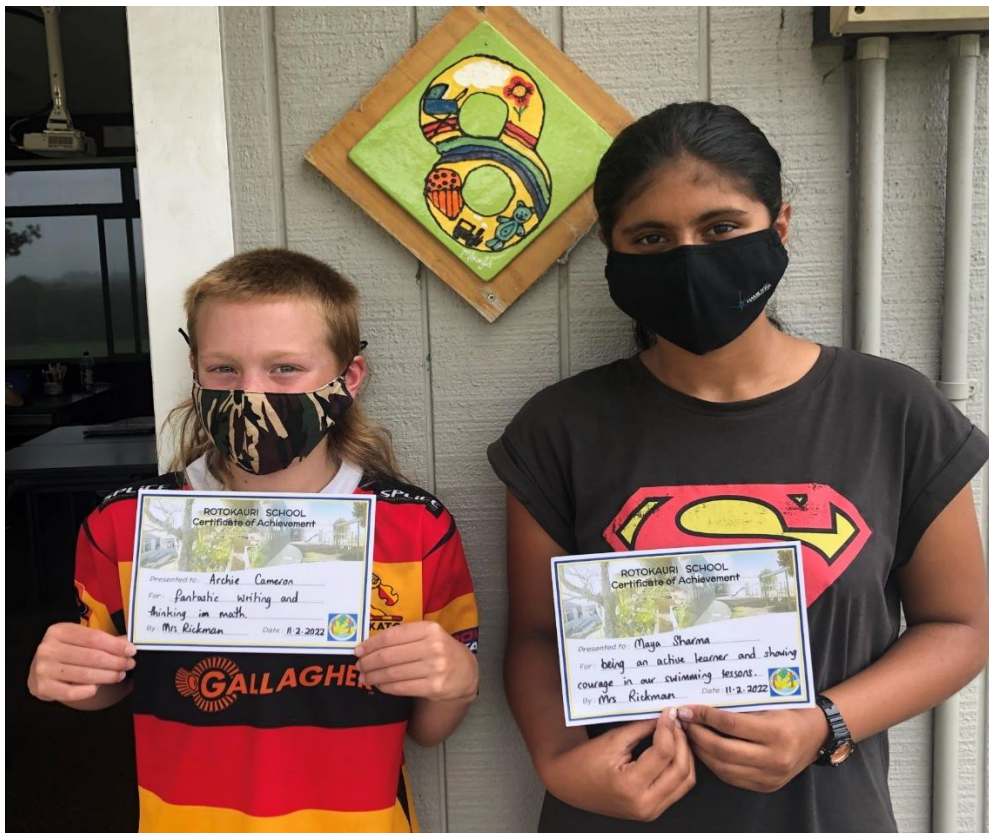


## Assembly Certificates

### Room 2



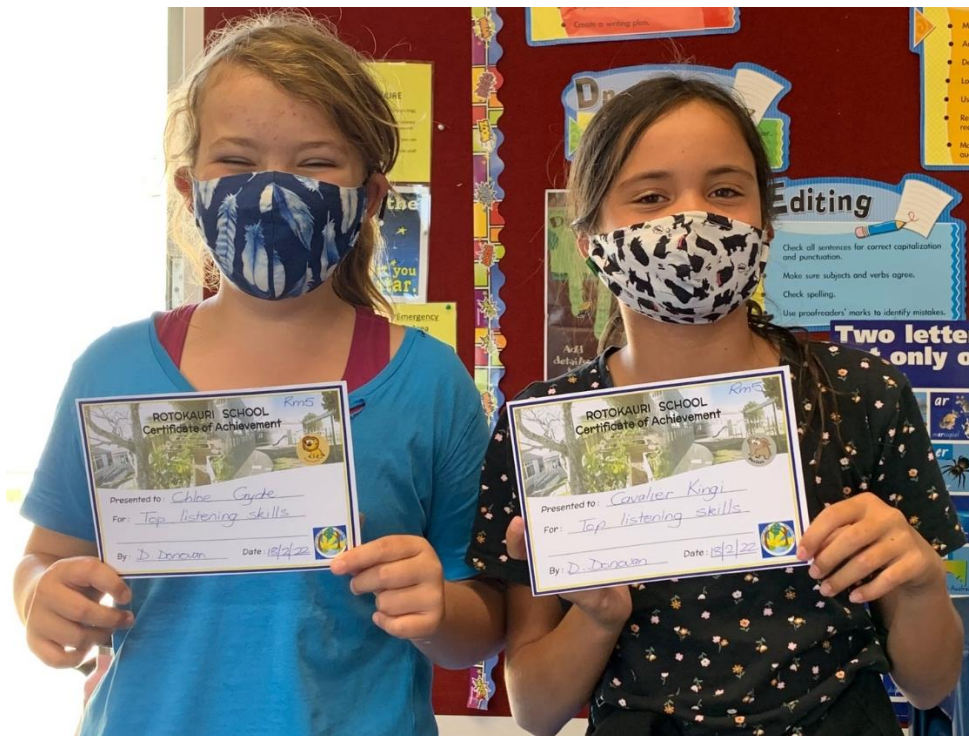
### Room 8



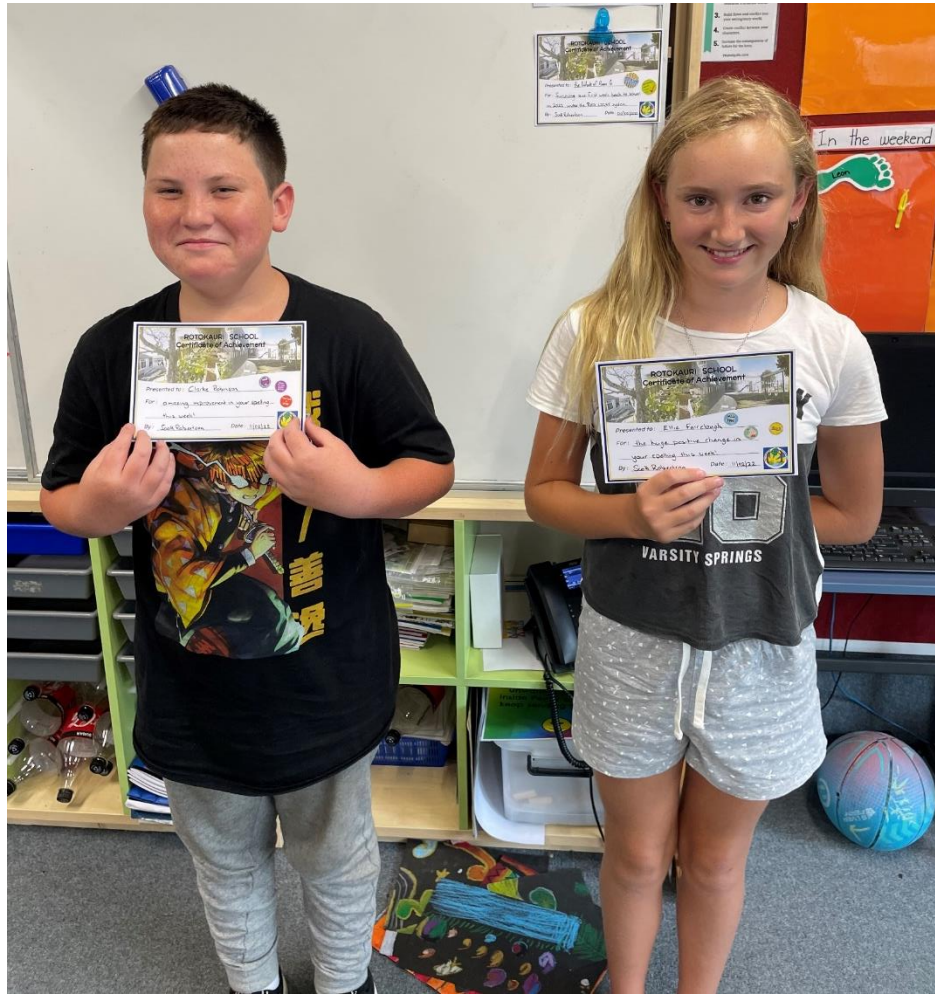
## Room 7



**Room 5**



**Room 6**



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<b>Cellphone: 027 519 3346</b> txt or call, (at school between 940 and 3pm)	
Past Rotokauri school student	
14 years old (15 in August)	
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# GIVE IT A GO PROGRAMME

**6 WEEKS**

**YEAR 1-4**



## CATCH! THROW! STRIKE!

LOCATION	DAY	START DATE	TIME
Discovery Park	Monday	21-Feb-22	4pm
Southwell School	Monday	21-Feb-22	3.30pm
Waikato University	Tuesday	22-Feb-22	4pm
Raglan Area School	Wednesday	23-Feb-22	4pm
Steele Park	Thursday	24-Feb-22	3.45pm

REGISTER VIA [NDCRICKET.CO.NZ/PLAY](https://www.ndcricket.co.nz/play) - TURN OVER FOR MORE INFORMATION