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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 –

Vivaan Patel – Room 1
Jace McLean – Room 4

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

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Almost the end of Term 3 and what a busy term we have had, but also the week leading into the holidays is busy. The week ahead consists of – Waikato Full Primary Speech finals, Waikato Full Primary Cross Country, Rural Schools Hockey Tournament, Kapa Haka Festival, Student Led Conferences, Book Fair, Book Character Dress Up Day and the Skip-a-thon. We can be proud of what we have achieved this term – St John in Schools programme, ICAS exams, school and cluster cross country, calendar art and speech competitions.

Well done everyone – it is certainly feeling more normal with the COVID-19 traffic light system no longer putting regulations in place for schools. Thank you to everyone that supported the school during this period.

We would like to say congratulations to three of our staff members for their graduations last week. Mrs Claire Walker (Room 4) gained her Masters. Mr Kyle Park (Room 3) and Mr Sam Brinkworth (Room 7) graduated with teaching degrees.

Student Led Conferences

We are excited to be holding our Student-Led Conferences on Tuesday 27th September and Wednesday 28th September from 3.15pm – 6.30 p.m for all Rotokauri School students. Please note: change in day due to the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Day being held on Monday 26th September. These conferences are part of our annual process to report to parents and whanau. Students must attend to lead their conference. They will share their learning progress and reflecting on their goals. There will be up to four conferences running simultaneously in each class. To ensure the smooth running of these conferences; please stick to the 15 minute time slots, make arrangements for care of pre-schoolers (this is not an event for pre-schoolers to attend), book one conference per student if possible (if you require a second slot please contact the Principal to explain) and bring your child to lead their conference.

Use this link to book online <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code> and enter the code: **c74bg** Online bookings will be closed on Monday 26th of September at 11:00am. If you are not able to attend, please contact your child/children's teacher to make an alternative time.

Waikato Full Primary Speeches

Well done to Cooper McLean, Ava Viljoen and Elijah Esselbrugge for representing Rotokauri School so well at the Waikato Full Primary semi-finals last week. You had the added pressure of having the event at school and staff members in attendance – we were all proud of the way that you delivered your speeches with such confidence. Congratulations to Ava and Elijah for coming second in their year group. We wish you the best of luck as you go on to the finals at Ohaupo School.





Waikato Full Primary Cross Country

Well done to Deanna Smith, Timothy Sumner, Bianca Wallis, Sophie Fairclough, Acacia Barham, Archie Cameron, Reece Calnan and Flint Coyle for being chosen to represent Rotokauri School at Te Aroha for the Waikato Full Primary Cross Country.



Kapa Haka

Tomorrow, Friday 23rd September, Rotokauri School will be hosting the Kapa Haka Festival at school. The students in the performance group have been practising extremely hard and sound amazing. The students from Rooms 2 – 8 will also be participating with the mihi whakatau – our welcome to the other schools in the cluster. Thank you to the parents that have offered to assist on the day and to those that have sent along a plate of food for catering the morning tea and lunch. We really do appreciate your support.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 17th October.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith
Principal

BOT NEWS

At the first BOT meeting with our new members Mr Paul Burt was successful in being voted the Presiding Member (Chairperson) for the term of office.

Retirement – Win Schmits & Hans Verberne

It is with sadness that we announce the retirement of Mrs Win Schmits, a well-respected reliever at Rotokauri School for the last 11 years. She is retiring after 40 plus years of teaching. She has taught in both private and public schools at all levels from New Entrants to tertiary level. Professional highlights of her career have included participating in the development of a handbook to support teachers of hearing-impaired students, being a member of a team to input into the New Zealand National Technology Curriculum and as a facilitator in Gifted and Talented Education. A secondment to the Waikato University School of Education involved tutoring and providing workshops in Mathematics, Literacy and Professional Studies for teachers and teacher trainees. Part of her role was to visit teacher trainees on their practicums to observe, assess, support and advise. Another career highlight was Win's selection as one of five teachers for an international OECD research paper about teachers of highly effective teaching practice. Win has also been a team leader and an Assistant Principal.

Win has always brought her love of music (and her music qualifications) into schools. This has included being a specialist music teacher and directing school productions with singing, dancing and acting. An avid supporter of outdoor education Win has been involved in, and responsible for, school camps (at times for 120 students and parents) for over 30 years. She has also coached netball and has shared her experiences as a representative basketball player with a national referee qualification to coach students. Win has always included visual art experiences into her teaching. She was a 'bubble school' teacher during two lockdowns at Rotokauri School, and took great pleasure in noting how relaxed and absorbed the students were when working on their art creations.

Win has a thousand reasons for being involved in education and has identified a few. She loved being part of a genuine teaching team, especially at Rotokauri School, which

has a strong commitment to children's learning and the desire to make a positive difference. She believes that education is a key that unlocks endless opportunities and choices in a multitude of academic and life experiences, and has always felt the magic and fun of working alongside students of all ages.

For Win, the true magic of teaching happens when a student says 'I get it and I can do this by myself'.

We thank Win for the huge contribution that she has made to Rotokauri School over the last 11 years and for all the wisdom and expertise that she has shared with students and staff. You will be missed Win.

At the end of this term we will say goodbye to Mr Hans Verberne, our wonderful caretaker. Mr Hans will be retiring after many years working at Rotokauri School.

We thank Hans for the huge contribution that he has made to Rotokauri School and always going above and beyond to keep our school 'ticking along'. You will be missed Hans.

PTA NEWS

CAR SHOW & GALA 13th NOVEMBER 2022

The PTA 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 Child's Kayak & Life Jacket Raffle - \$300.00
- Sausage Sizzle Stall - \$350.00
- 4 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.

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.

BOOK SALE

The book sale will be back again this year at the Car Show.

But we need your help!!

Do you have any books that you no longer need?

Drop them in to the school office.

JAR TOSS GAME

For our upcoming car show/gala on the 13th November we need your help. We are asking all students to donate a jar filled with a quality, interesting and desired item for the jar toss game. Students may bring as many jars as they like and will earn house points for these.

Recycled jars are acceptable and recommended as long as they are clean and have not had pickles / garlic in them as this seems to linger in them.

Items that have been popular in the past are toys, hair clips, sweets (these should be wrapped lollies for food hygiene reasons), chocolates, stationery items etc. The list is only as limited as your imagination. Things that will appeal to the students.

Take your jars straight to your class to get your house points.

The PTA greatly appreciate your support with the Car Show

ENVIRO NEWS

For the past couple of years while we have been struggling with COVID, quietly in the background the school has been working towards being an enviro school. We have achieved many things during this time, planting many plants, beautifying the school with artwork, reflecting on how we can make the school more sustainable in terms of the environment. Across the school we worked together to create an environmental vision, and the next step was working on something to help bring this vision to life at Rotokauri. The enviro school "guiding principles" are.....

- Empowered students
- Respect for the diversity of people and cultures
- Maori Perspectives
- Learning for sustainability
- Sustainable communities

We then reflected against these "guiding principles" to see if this is something we do at our school.

On Friday we had a day, finding lots of evidence across the school to show that we have achieved the Bronze Standard for Enviro Schools with our enviro team. We will be awarded this on the last day of this term. A great achievement and celebration of teamwork across the school of all students and teachers.

CELEBRATIONS

Values Awards

Week 7		
Liam Lester	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of active learning .
Jackson Connolly	Room 4	For demonstrating the school value of respect .
Isaac Stratford	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of active learning .
Cooper McLean	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of active learning .

Week 8		
Paige Robinson-Hastings	Room 3	For demonstrating the school value of respect .
Khloe Bennett	Room 3	For demonstrating the school value of respect .
Cairo Nelson	Room 5	For demonstrating the school value of empathy .
Rhys Jorgensen	Room 6	For demonstrating the school value of active learning .

Kindness Awards

Week 7	
Krishangk Goundar	Room 2
Carys Land	Room 2

Week 8	
Chloe Moka	Room 1
Jordyn Harihari	Room 7

Assembly Certificates

Week 7

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Murphy Cairns-Eade	For working hard to learn the Room 1 routines.
Room 1	Wilson Fisher-Murray	For using great describing words and finger spaces in his writing.
Room 2	Charlotte Land	For sharing your thinking in class discussions.
Room 2	Carys Land	For working hard to create an eye-catching artwork.
Room 3	Evie Hodgson	For always displaying her work with the highest quality possible.
Room 3	Zac Hoebergen	For always showing respect to his teacher and his peers.
Room 4	Kaylee Quinlan	For always staying on task and finishing her work.
Room 4	Turner Wallace	For persevering in his math work.
Room 5	Nate Turney	For being really passionate about his maths learning this week.
Room 5	Jaide Zillwood	For being respectful and supporting others during skipping.
Room 6	Ryan Russell	Being an active learner and using creative adjectives in his writing.
Room 6	Clarke Robinson	Staying focused and working hard to show his skills and creativity in art.

Room 7	Liam Buckle	Being an active learner and showing leadership at Kapa haka.
Room 7	Liam Barnes	Showing kindness towards his peers.
Room 8	Cory Burt	Being an active learner in his math and reading - congratulations!
Room 8	Isaac Stratford	Your excellent descriptive writing - congratulations!

Week 8

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Theo Cowley	For being an active learner by showing great improvement in his reading.
Room 1	Liam Lester	For showing the value of courage by independently following the class routine each morning.
Room 2	Layla Day	For your creative thinking in maths.
Room 2	Krishangk Goundar	For being an active learner and completing all work this week.
Room 3	Teagan Mancer	For taking risks and challenging herself to improve her writing.
Room 3	Harry Gyde	For showing courage across all classroom subjects.
Room 4	Korbyn Fergus	For practising to reach his goals by improving on his handwriting.
Room 4	Carter Moka	For being an active learner by staying on task and completing his work.
Room 5	Isaac Steger	For his dedication and improvement towards his skipping.
Room 5	Elsie van Rooij	For her support towards the enviro team.
Room 6	Jiya Prajapati	For being an active learner, working hard on her writing and practising writing independently.
Room 6	Flint Coyle	For managing himself and being extra helpful with the juniors.
Room 7	James Ward	For experimenting with language features and writing in great detail.
Room 7	Nate Westgate	For showing respect, empathy, and always lending a helping hand.
Room 8	Jamie Haldane	For beautiful descriptive writing - congratulations!
Room 8	Ryan Jorgensen	For being an active learner in math and your excellent writing.

Class Sharing Room 1



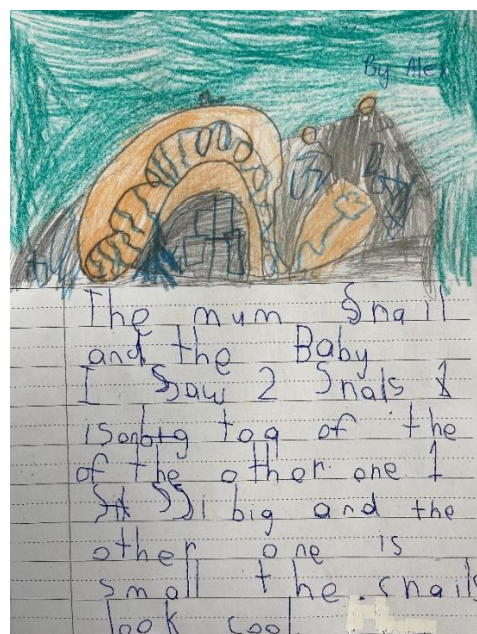
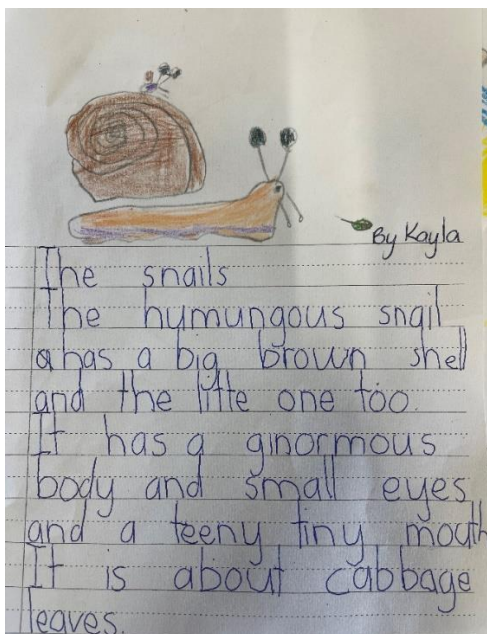
King Charles III Artwork

Vase & Flower Artwork



Room 2

Room 2 have been working hard to include 'magic adjectives' to describe. Here is some descriptive writing about snails from our Year 1 and 2 students.





The Big snail and the little snail. The snail is humungous with a teeny tiny snail. They are black and brown. The tiny snail have tentacles and they are slime yucky. By Layla



The Baby on the mum's Back. The baby is on the mum's shell. When you touch its feelers they will poke back in itself. It has a big shell and on the shell is a lot of slime. One snail is big and one is little. By Vincent



The Two Snails
This snail has a big shell that is brown and black. The big snail has a baby snail. It has lots of slime wherever it goes. They leave some slime. All snails eat lots of food.



We are enjoying growing plants sent to us for free from School Kit. We are earning Little Garden badges.

The latest Tots to Teens digi-magazine is live...

<https://issue2209.totstoteens.co.nz/>

What's in this issue for parents?

- » Literacy rates... What's happening?
- » Dealing with sibling squabbles
- » A nosey into allergy triggers
- » Nadia Lim's epic lunchbox ideas
- » Tuning into some Kiwi music
- » Wheely good Otago bike trails
- » Activities to keep little minds busy
and (as always) EPIC GIVEAWAYS



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