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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 –

Nirmaan Pannu – Room 1

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

We are speeding quickly through the term and our whiteboard is still very full of events or activities that we need to complete before school closes on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. **Please note that school will be finishing at 12.30 p.m. on this date.**

- School sunhats – thank you to the families that have replaced sunhats ready for use this term. Any students not wearing correct sunhats will need to sit/play under the shade on the blue lines. If the chin strap or toggles are missing then they either need to be fixed or a new sunhat purchased. The sunhats are designed to stay on the student's heads as they are playing so these are a necessity.
- Bottom gate – the bottom gate to the school is open for pickups in the afternoon for parents that wish to avoid the rush that happens at the top gate.

- 2023 start date – as mentioned in the last newsletter we will be starting back at school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
- Class lists 2023 – thank you to the families that have already contacted me for a discussion about their child/children’s class placement for next year. The cut off date for contacting me about class placements is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Class placements are a long and laborious task. Many hours are spent looking over class lists and individually placing each child in the right place. Every class list has several pairs of eyes on it – the child’s current teacher, their new teacher, the syndicate leader, the SENCO, the leadership team and the Principal all have input. We ask you to trust us that we do have your child’s best interests at heart.
- Teacher Only Day – don’t forget that there is a Teacher Only Day next Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November. The school will not be open for instruction.

Have a great fortnight everyone.  
Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith  
Principal

## **BOT NEWS**

### **Caretaker Vacancy**

Are you wanting a new challenge? Rotokauri School is looking to appoint a new caretaker. We want someone that is friendly, self-motivated, practical and takes pride in their work. If this sounds like you or you know of someone that would like to work with the amazing team at Rotokauri School for 15 – 20 hours per week then send an email to [dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz)

### **Swimming Pool Keys/Committee**

Thank you to the families that sent an email to the Principal expressing their interest in purchasing a school swimming pool key for the season and/or placing their name on the list for pool volunteers. This will be discussed at the BOT meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Junior Athletics Day**

5, 6, 7 and 8 year old children will be competing in the Junior School Athletics on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Events will run from 9.30 a.m. until lunchtime. The 5, 6 and 7 year olds will be competing in vortex throw, high jump, long jump, and sprints. The 8 year olds’ throwing events include discus and shotput. The 8 year olds discus event will be run in the morning as part of the rotations. The 8 year old shotput will be held at the earlier time of 9.00 a.m.

Children will require their drink bottle and appropriate clothing for the weather and running, jumping and throwing. School sunhats will be worn and sunscreen provided. Families are welcome to this event. Please ensure pre-schoolers are kept away from event areas for health and safety reasons. If this event is postponed due to weather, a

notice will be published on the School Stream app by 8.30 a.m. on the day. The postponement date is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Senior Athletics

The Senior School Athletics will be held next Wednesday 16 November (postponement date Friday 18 November) from 9.15 a.m. running for the whole day. The high jump event will be run as part of our athletics rotation this year.

**All students aged 9 -13 years** will compete in their age group at the age they will be on the day set for Interschool Athletics (Friday 25 November).

Children are encouraged to wear their house colours and will need to wear their school sunhat, sunscreen and suitable clothes for running, jumping and throwing.

**Parent Help Needed** - We will need helpers at the track and at some of the events. If you are able to help out, please make contact with your child's teacher or email Jane Rickman at [jrickman@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:jrickman@rotokauri.school.nz) by Monday 14 November.

### Timetable for the Day

SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS 2022 - Wednesday 16th November (Postponement Day - Friday 18th November)									
Approx Times	Field			Track					
	Shot Put	Discus	Long Jump	High Jump	80m	100m	200m	800m	Relays
9:15-10:00am	9yr olds	10 yr olds	11yr olds	12yr olds	13yrs	13yrs	13yrs		
10:00-10:45am	13yr olds	9 yr olds	10 yr olds	11yr olds	12yr	12yr	12yr		
Morning Tea 10:45-11:15									
11:15-12:00am	12 yr olds	13 yr olds	9 yr olds	10 yr olds	11 yr olds				

12:00-12:45pm	11yr olds	12 yr olds	13yr olds	9yr olds	10 yr olds		
Lunch 12:45-1:15							
1:15- 2:00 pm	10 yr olds	11 year old	12 year old	13 yr olds	9 yr olds		
2:00-2:45pm							House Relay 9-13 yr old girls and boys 1 student per age group, per house.

**PLEASE NOTE: The times are just APPROXIMATE. We CANNOT guarantee that the times will keep to this timetable.**

### Te Uku Tabloids Sports

Room 1 and 2 had a great time participating in the fun games and activities organised by Te Uku School and managed by their senior children. Our children showed courage and respect and we are very proud of them. Thank you so much to the parents who helped out on the day. Have a look at the photos at the end of this newsletter.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Skipathon

Congratulations to all children who participated in the Skipathon. Children worked hard to improve their skipping skills and participated in challenges on the day, including an obstacle course. 111 children sought sponsorship money. The total funds raised to contribute to the astro-turf and shade cover was \$4,209.40.

### Gumboot Friday

What a fabulous effort by our Rotokauri School students raising funds for Gumboot Friday! \$378.70 was raised for Gumboot Friday and to support free counselling for Kiwi kids! We filled 1/2 a gumboot poster so Jack's mullet is safe for now! Or is it . . .? Thanks to all families who donated, to the Peer Mediators for their organisation and judging skills and to Elijah for our wonderful gumboot poster. Congratulations to our gumboot colouring in and gumboot decorating winners! If you didn't get the chance to donate, text "Boots" to 469 to make a \$3 donation now!

## A & P Show Results

Congratulations to Ada Westgate and Alex Oldham who took their goats to compete at the A & P Show Day. Their results were as follows:

### Ada Westgate

- 1st - Rearing (late)
- 2nd - Most Obvious Pet
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Leading
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Group of 3



### Alex Oldham

- 3rd - MOP
- 1st – Leading
- Champion - Leading
- 1st - Rearing
- 5th - Group of 3



## Diwali Celebrations

Thank you to the Student Council and Cultural Ambassadors for providing the students with the opportunity to taste some Indian snacks and produce rangoli patterns around our school. It was great to see the students showing the school value of Courage as they tasted the Indian food – some for the first time, and our school was colourful with all the students' creative efforts.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### Values Awards

<b>Week 2</b>		
Murphy Cairns-Eade	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of <b>active learning</b> .
Colette Griffin	Room 2	For demonstrating the school value of <b>active learning</b> .
Khloe Woodward	Room 6	For demonstrating the school value of <b>empathy</b> .
Leon Watkins	Room 6	For demonstrating the school value of <b>empathy</b> .

<b>Week 3</b>		
Wilson Fisher-Murray	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of <b>active learning</b> .
Archer McFall	Room 4	For demonstrating the school value of <b>respect</b> .
Regan Bennett	Room 7	For demonstrating the school value of <b>active learning</b> .
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### Kindness Awards

<b>Week 2</b>	
Liam Harrison	Room 1
Wilson Fisher-Murray	Room 1

<b>Week 3</b>	
Kyla Martin	Room 1
Kade Calnan	Room 5

## Assembly Certificates

### Week 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Archer Crellin	For being an active learner by focusing on tasks well.
Room 1	Harper Moka	For working hard to improve your sounds, letter and word knowledge.
Room 2	Taj Judge	For showing the Rotokauri values when learning.
Room 2	Ryan Bhagat	For sharing an amazing Diwali experience with Room 2.
Room 3	Luke Vann	For making excellent progress in Maths.
Room 3	All of Room 3	For all joining in with messy play in STEM learning.
Room 4	Korbyn Fergus	For showing the value of honesty when working in reading. Well done.
Room 4	Anna Haldane	For using the value of active learning in her maths. Well done.
Room 5	Nate Turney	Generously helping others and skillfully explaining instructions clearly to others.
Room 5	Israel Warbrick	Always showing the value of respect, and giving 100% in all that he does.
Room 6	Noah Rose	Showing empathy and respect by helping a classmate in need.
Room 6	Leon Watkins	Showing empathy and respect by helping a classmate in need.
Room 6	Khloe Woodward	Showing empathy and respect by helping a classmate in need.
Room 6	Ernie Young	Showing empathy and respect by helping a classmate in need.
Room 7	Grace Petley	Being an active learner and showing great progress in maths.
Room 7	James Ward	Showing our REACH values and kindness towards his peers.
Room 8	Madson Garden	Being an active learner in your reading group.
Room 8	Liam Walker	Your excellent contributions to our reading group



### Week 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 3	Druvi Patel	For working well in class.
Room 3	Kairo Sharma	For working quietly during class tasks and completing all his work to a high standard.
Room 4	Archer McFall	For working hard in all areas and showing the value of honesty.
Room 4	Cameron Emslie	For working hard in all areas and showing the value of active learning.
Room 6	Nature Aitchison	For being an active learner - putting lots of thought and effort into writing creative similes and metaphors for your poetry
Room 6	Luca Haldane	For being an active learner - having an awesome attitude towards your learning this week and creating some amazing simile poems.

## Room 1 & 2 Tabloids Day









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