

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 the new students that have started at Rotokauri School recently –

Room 1: Ayaan Kotte Godage, Oscar Hapi, Amar Mann, Leo Ruston, Atlas Williams, Poppy Sadler-Singh and Seān Parkes

Room 2: Piper McNabb, Aroha Bhagat and Shia Paterson

Room 3: Florence Smith

Room 5: Indi Payne

Room 6: Darcy Smith and Koby Payne

Room 7: Pyper Gill

Room 8: Leela Harris

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

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Happy new year to staff, students, parents/caregivers and our school community. A very warm welcome back and a special welcome to all the new students mentioned above, and their families.

There is a lot of important information in this newsletter so please take the time to read it through carefully.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

PTA NEWS

Looking to meet new people? Wanting to help out the school and community? Then why not join the Rotokauri School PTA. Take up the opportunity to be involved and support the school, share your knowledge and skills. The PTA meet once a month in the school staffroom.

Lunches (Mondays only)

Lunch ordering will recommence on Monday 13 February. Please have lunch orders in the collection box in the student foyer by 9.00 a.m.

Food Available

Pies (Large) \$3.50 – mince or mince and cheese
\$4.00 – butter chicken

Small Items

Mince pie \$2.50
Sausage Roll \$2.50

Sushi (4 piece) \$4.00 – chicken or salmon
Sushi (8 piece) \$7.50 – chicken and vegetables

Subway \$6.50 – ham, beef or vegetarian

BOT NEWS

Swimming Pool

Thank you to the swimming pool committee for a wonderful job over the holidays maintaining the school pool. Many families have used and appreciated this facility being open over the holiday period. Thanks goes to – Sarah-Lee Crellin, Cassandra Dunick, Debbie Harrison, Micharn Gatland and Rhianna Moka.

Swimming Tutor

Thank you to the BOT for employing Mrs Sarah Selwyn as a swimming tutor for some of our students again this year. If you are concerned about your child's ability and would like them included in the extra swimming sessions on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes please email dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz

Painting

Doesn't Room 1 and the busbay look fantastic. Thank you to Brad Kells for organizing the painting of the school. This will be a slow process over the year as we are addressing maintenance issues as well, prior to painting.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Staff

Room 1	Year 1	Mrs Suz Brosnan
Room 2	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Andrea O'Rourke
Room 3	Year 2 & 3	Mr Kyle Park
Room 4	Year 3 & 4	Mrs Claire Walker
Room 5	Year 4 & 5	Mrs Diana Donovan
Room 6	Year 5 & 6	Whaea Jojo
Room 7	Year 6 & 7	Mr Sam Brinkworth
Room 8	Year 8	Mrs Jane Rickman

Jaimee Carter	Deputy Principal and SENCO (Special Needs Coordinator)
Andrea O'Rourke	Assistant Principal and Junior Syndicate Leader
Jane Rickman	Senior Syndicate Leader
Sharon Verstraten	Office Administrator
Bernie Ridley	Caretaker
Raewyn O'Brien	Teacher Aide
Sarah Dyer	Teacher Aide
Rhianna Moka	Teacher Aide
Cherie Moroney	Teacher Aide

Term Dates

- Term 1: 31st January – 6th April
Term 2: 24th April – 30th June
Term 3: 17th July – 22nd September
Term 4: 9th October – 14th December

Key Times To Remember

- 8.30 a.m. Classrooms open – children arriving earlier must be seated in the busbay
8.55 a.m. School starts
11.00 a.m. Morning tea
12.30 p.m. Lunch
3.00 p.m. School finishes

Attendance and Absence Notification

There are many justified reasons why a student may be kept at home for the day and we ask that parents contact us by telephone, email, in person or via the school app; ideally before 9.00 a.m. so that the absence can be appropriately recorded. When notifying the school please let us know your child's name, the class they are in and the reason for their absence.

Any unexplained absences on the teachers' roll after 9.10 a.m. will be followed up by a telephone call to the parents/caregivers. If the school is not notified of the absence and a reason, the child will be marked as Truant.

Absences are monitored by staff, as this is a requirement of the Ministry of Education.

Student Leave

If a student needs to take leave for any purpose and for any length of time please contact the Principal. A Student Leave form will need to be completed and signed prior to the student taking leave.

Staff Hours of Contact

Please note that our staff are available in their class from 8.30 a.m. Due to privacy this may not be the best time to raise a concern in front of other families (or your child) so it may be appropriate to email your concerns to the teacher and/or make an appointment to meet at a mutually agreed time. Because of their teaching load and duties during the day, staff will endeavour to give an email response within 24 hours, between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. E-mails sent to staff during the weekend will not be responded to until Monday.

Staff have professional meetings on Tuesday afternoons (3.15 – 5.00 p.m.) and Thursday afternoons (3.15 – 5.00 p.m.) so may not be available to address any concerns face-to-face on these days.

As a staff we are committed to open and positive communication with our families.

Communication with Families

Schools are busy places with lots going on. We don't want any of our school community to miss out on the things that are happening. As much as we try and share information, we ask that you actively seek out and use the following sources to keep up-to-date with key events and information.

School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is published once a fortnight, on a Thursday. This is usually emailed to families but a hard copy can be requested.

Rotokauri Website

Our [school website](#) features general information about the school and school event calendar.

School App

The School Stream app can be downloaded onto your smartphone to receive instant notifications of events, reminders and cancellations. This app is available on iPhone, Android and Internet explorer pages.

Facebook

The [school Facebook](#) page is a great way to see photos from events and read good news stories.

Please keep checking the noticeboard at the front of the school, the school calendar available on the webpage and your emails to ensure that you keep updated with events happening at school throughout the year.

Assemblies

Assemblies are held on Fridays at 2.25 – 2.45 p.m. and we are pleased to invite parents/caregivers back to these. They will be held outside the Principal's office in fine weather and inside the MPR when weather is not so good. This is a time to celebrate the successes of our students with class certificates being presented, school notices shared and classes showcasing their amazing work.

School Donations

This year the Board of Trustees has once again made the decision to leave the school donations at \$100 per child, maximum of \$250 per family. This is used to support the school budget. All donations are gratefully received and can be paid to the school office. You are able to claim a tax credit from all donations.

Tech

Our Year 7 & 8 students continue to be involved in Tech at Hamilton Junior High School.

The Technicraft fee for the year is \$100 and this can be paid to the school office. Students attending Tech on Mondays need to be at school by 8.25 a.m. They need to wear closed in shoes to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: First day of Tech is tomorrow, Friday 10 February and then Monday 13 February. Following that it will be every Monday.

Contact Details

Can you please make sure you let the office know if there are any changes to your family's circumstances, such as changes of address, phone number, email address or family arrangements. We want to ensure that everyone can be contacted if necessary.

Parking at Rotokauri School

Thank you to everyone that is complying with the carpark guidelines. Our road patrol student volunteers are new to their positions and are still training, so please be kind and patient to them.

Please remember to remain in your parked vehicles if you are in the busbay or in the bottom section of the carpark – these are two areas where vehicles are meant to move smoothly through – the bottom section is not for angle parking please.

After School Care

Unfortunately, we cannot provide After School Care at Rotokauri School. However, we are working in partnership with the Western Community Centre to make this available off-site. Students are picked up from the school at 3.00 p.m. and are taken to the Western Community Centre where they are provided care and activities, until parents/caregivers can pick them up.

For further details or bookings please check out the Western Community Centre webpage (look up Western Stars After School Care) or phone Melissa on 02041311382

COVID Update and Requirements

COVID is still present in our communities and the school will be doing our best to minimise the risk to students whilst at school. As guided by the Ministry of Education we will –

- Have hand sanitiser available in each classroom for students to use.
- Ensure that indoor spaces are well ventilated and have lots of fresh air.

It is still a requirement for schools to be notified of positive cases in families. Students can continue to attend school if they are a close contact, but need to have a negative RAT for 5 days.

Sunhats/Sunscreen

It is a school requirement that students and staff wear school sunhats in Terms 1 & 4. Sunhats must have no graffiti or embellishments on their sunhats and a toggle that ensures the sunhat stays on whilst playing. New sunhats are available from the school office.

Sunscreen is provided in each classroom. Teachers will remind students to apply sunscreen at each break but it is the responsibility of students to apply this. It is recommended that students come to school with a layer of sunscreen that has been applied at home.

Stationery

Thank you to the families that have purchased their stationery packs through Office Max. We ask that all stationery is purchased before Monday 13th February so that students can start using them.

Medical Requirements

Please ensure that you come to the school office to fill out a medical form if your child requires medication during school hours. If your child needs to use an inhaler please ensure that they are brought to school, named and in a sealed plastic bag. No medications can be administered without written permission. **If medication is held at school please take the time to check expiry dates and how much medication is there during the year** so that, if needed, the medication will work correctly when administered.

If your child has an allergy, is asthmatic or has other medical conditions that require a health plan please let the school office know so that these plans can be completed or updated (as per the Ministry of Health regulations).

EVENTS

School Picnic

What a wonderful day the whole school had on Tuesday 7th February at our school picnic at Hamilton Zoo. Thank you to the parents/caregivers that came along to support the students and staff. We had beautiful weather and well behaved students and animals!! Our big buddies met their little buddies and spent the day bonding with each other. This has certainly got the year off to a great start.



Meet The Teacher

Monday 13th February, 2023

Teachers will be in their classrooms during the following times to outline their programmes of work, explain their expectations and answer any questions.

If there are particular questions you wish to ask, please email to the staff prior to the meeting time so that they can address these for you.

These are 30 minute time slots per class teacher.

5.00 – 5.30 p.m	Mrs Suz Brosnan	Room 1
5.00 – 5.30 p.m	Mrs Andrea O'Rourke	Room 2
5.30 – 6.00 p.m	Mr Kyle Park	Room 3
6.00 – 6.30 p.m	Mrs Claire Walker	Room 4
6.30 – 7.00 p.m	Mrs Diana Donovan	Room 5
7.00 – 7.30 p.m	Whaea Jojo	Room 6
7.30 – 8.00 p.m	Mr Sam Brinkworth	Room 7
7.30 – 8.00 p.m	Mrs Jane Rickman	Room 8

Please note: Room 7 & 8 will be meeting in the MPR.

The swimming pool will be supervised by staff from
4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

Ms Jaimee Carter (SENCO) will be available to meet with parents if required.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday evening.

Hearing and Vision Testing



Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

Which children are routinely checked?

Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check. Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up. In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check.

What tests are carried out?

Ears

Audiometry (hearing test).

Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range).

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test.

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

Notify parents of all test results.

Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol).

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.



School Based Immunisations 2023

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Public health nurses will be delivering two school-based immunisation programmes in your child's school during 2023.

Year Seven Students

These students will be offered the Boostrix vaccine which is a booster for their early childhood immunisations of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). This is the same vaccination that would have been given to your child at 4 years age if you consented. Information about the year seven programme will be given to students at school and this session may include watching the Ministry of Health Presentation on Year Seven Immunisations and is designed specifically for this age group.

At this information session, your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to read and choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school. Whether you choose to immunise or not, the form needs to be returned to school.

Year Eight Students

From 1 January 2017, Males and Females aged 9 to 26 inclusive (ie under 27 years) have been eligible for HPV (Human Papilloma virus) immunisation. The focus has historically been on cervical cancer prevention for women but increasing evidence has emerged of the impact of other HPV related cancers on men so both groups are now offered this vaccine free of charge. This vaccine will be given in two doses 6 months apart.

Information will be given to the students about the HPV vaccination programme at school. This may include viewing the Ministry of Health presentation about the HPV vaccine Information and is for the year 8 age group.

Your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school.

- Information on the immunisations is included on the consent form which will be given to your son / daughter at the information session.
- Please complete the consent form and answer all the questions and return the form to school.
- If your child is not being vaccinated at school you still need to fill in the section with your child's name and details on it.
- Please check with your doctor or practice nurse if you are unsure if your child has had a tetanus injection in the last two years.

For further information on these vaccines phone **0800 IMMUNE (466 863)**



CELEBRATIONS

Assembly Certificates

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Poppy Sadler-Singh	For working hard and doing great thinking when we do the red folder (phonological awareness).
Room 1	Vivaan Patel	For being a great role model for our new friends in R1.
Room 2	Harper Moka	For showing the values of Rotokauri School, especially empathy.
Room 2	Georgia Esselbrugge	For making a great start with your writing in the first week.
Room 3	Wilson Fisher-Murray	For having a great first week at school.
Room 3	Taj Judge	For always finishing her set tasks on time.
Room 4	Kayla van Rooij	For showing the value of courage when you got stung by a bee. Well done
Room 4	Conor Emerson	For showing the value of courage by sounding out the words in his spelling. Well done
Room 5	Indiana Payne	For a great week settling into your new class and making new friends.
Room 5	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	For demonstrating active learning through the week, being a great example to others.
Room 6	Darcy-Sky Smith	For showing courage when starting a new school and leadership during our team challenges.
Room 6	Ella Wen	For being an active learner by using critical thinking skills and asking thoughtful questions.
Room 7	Coco Doody	For showing exceptional acting skills when performing a skit about respect.
Room 7	Israel Warbrick	For being an effective communicator and showing perseverance during team building activities.
Room 8	Noah Rose	For being proactive and helping to set up our classroom for learning each day.
Room 8	Flint Coyle	For being an excellent Elsa in our school values skits – very entertaining.

Sporting Achievement

Over the summer break, two of our Rotokauri students represented the U13 girls division for the Hamilton club Four Zero futsal at the Gold Coast International Futsal Tournament. Despite injuries in the final game, the girls had a blast. Although their team didn't make the playoffs, they played super hard and picked up valuable experience competing in an international tournament. Well done Acacia Barham and Evie Wilson.





School Picnic Photos







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JUNIOR RUGBY 2023



BOYS AND GIRLS! KEEN TO PLAY RUGBY THIS SEASON?

**AGES
TURNING 5 IN 2023 UP TO YEAR 8**

**RIPPA RUGBY
6TH & 7TH GRADE**

**TACKLE
8TH - 13TH GRADE**

**NEW PLAYERS PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR
PASSPORT OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

WEIGH IN DATES

**FRIDAY 17TH FEB, 5-7PM
SUNDAY 19TH FEB 9-11AM**

PLAYER SUBS

**\$70 FOR THE FIRST CHILD
\$30 FOR EACH CHILD THEREAFTER**

WHAT YOUR SUBS COVER

**YOUR SUBS COVER THE COST OF,
WRU & TRSC FEES
PRIZEGIVING TROPHIES, ENGRAVING, RIBBONS
END OF YEAR GIFT**

KEEN TO COACH RIPPA?

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH ONE OF OUR
CLUB VOLUNTEERS AND ATTEND OUR WORKSHOP
ON SUNDAY THE 26TH FEBRUARY**

ON GOING SUPPORT PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

**MUSTER DATE: TBC
MEET YOUR TEAM, COACH AND MANAGER**

**WEATHER DEPENDANT - BRING A PICNIC
YOUR TEAM WILL HAVE A FUN GAME OF TOUCH
PLAYERS, SIBLINGS, PARENTS AND WHANAU MEMBERS
ALL WELCOME TO JOIN IN!**

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TAG US IN YOUR PHOTOS OR STORIES SO WE CAN RESHARE

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GIVE IT A GO!

SUPER SMASH HUB

YR 1-4 & 5-8
60 MINUTES
\$30 FOR 6 WEEKS

CATCH! STRIKE! THROW!

LOCATION	AGE	DAY	START & END	TIME
Discovery Park	YR 1-4	Mon	20 Feb - 27 Mar	4pm
Hakanoa Park, Huntly	YR 1-4	Thu	23 Feb - 30 Mar	4pm
Raglan Area School	YR 1-4	Wed	22 Feb - 29 Mar	4pm
Raglan Area School	YR 5-8	Wed	22 Feb - 29 Mar	5:15pm
Southwell School	YR 1-4	Mon	20 Feb - 27 Mar	3:30pm
Steele Park	YR 5-8	Thu	23 Feb - 30 Mar	4pm
Waikato University	YR 1-4	Tue	21 Feb - 28 Mar	4pm

GIRLS HUB

REGISTER VIA NDCRICKET.CO.NZ/PLAY - TURN OVER FOR MORE INFORMATION

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