

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Whole School Production

Please join us
for Rotokauri School's
2023 Production:
'The Amazing Race'

Departing from:
Waikato Indian Association Hall,
82 Duke Street, Frankton

Flight Time:
Thursday 3rd August
at 6:30pm

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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 1a: Devyn Sharma, Teagan Russell, Isabelle Ryan, Lotti Phillips and Karlo Devcich

Room 1: Kit DeZoete

Room 2: Evie Hippolite

Room 4: Cohen Harris and Ammon Hippolite

Room 7: Jared Hippolite

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Term 3 already – the year is ticking by! We have a busy term ahead of us.

Important Dates for Term 3

18 July	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting
26 July	Rooms 1, 2 & 3 Firewise Visit
3 August	School Production
8 August	ICAS Digital Technologies
10 August	ICAS Writing

15 August ICAS English
18 August School Cross Country
21 August Class Speeches
22 August ICAS Science
23 August ICAS Spelling Bee
24 August Team Photos
25 August Daffodil Day
29 August ICAS Mathematics
31 August Cluster Cross Country
15 September Kapa Haka Festival (Te Mata)
18 September Student Led Conferences
19 September Student Led Conferences

Exciting times for the junior area of the school as we opened Room 1a with Mrs Mary Evans (teaching Monday – Thursday) and Ms Haley Keast (teaching on Fridays). Both these lovely ladies have had experience teaching at Rotokauri School over the past years and it is great to have them back. We have also had a shift around – Room 2 teacher and students moved to Room 1 and Room 1 teacher and students moved into one half of the Room 2 building, sharing with Room 1a. It is a bit confusing at times but the children have coped well with the change.

Below are a number of important reminders for parents/families regarding school policies for:

- Allergies
- Carparking
- Vaping/smoking
- Phones/smart watches
- Water Policy

I look forward to sharing and celebrating with you all at the school production next week.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

Children with Allergies

No Nuts or Sharing Food

We have a number of students with nut allergies, which means that should they touch or eat nuts (even the tiniest amount) they could potentially have an allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. This can be life threatening as anaphylaxis affects breathing, blood pressure and can cause unconsciousness or death. Medication is held at school for these students and safety plans are in place.

Nuts can hide in all sorts of places - muesli bars, biscuits and spreads. Packets of snack foods show on the labels whether they contain nuts and **we ask parents/caregivers to be mindful of what is placed in their children's lunchboxes.**

Rooms 2, 3 and 6 are also WHOLE EGG FREE - no whole eggs or egg sandwiches due to children with severe egg allergies.

In order to provide a safe environment for these children, we actively discourage children from sharing food at Rotokauri School. We would be grateful if you could discuss the potential dangers around sharing food at school.

Carparking

Car parks are shared spaces and we all have a responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe. The Board of Trustees has the legal authority to manage the school carpark in accordance with the law. People using the car park are required to follow the rules set out by the school.

Unfortunately, we are receiving complaints from parents/families about inappropriate behaviour by some of our school families.

Aggressive and rude behaviour towards staff and other parents will not be tolerated. Please ensure that all members of the family or friends picking up your children understand the rules regarding the car park.

Car parks within the school grounds are primarily for staff carparking – however, sometimes spare parks are available for parking - this is the only time parents can get out of their car to pick up children or if parked outside the school grounds.

The disabled carpark is not for parking convenience but for designated drivers that have their identification displayed.

The bus bay and drive through lane are quick pick up and drop off zone – drivers must remain in their vehicles!!



Parking on yellow lines, inside and outside, the school grounds is not acceptable.



Double parking behind parked vehicles and blocking Rotokauri Road is also not acceptable.

During the holiday period, a yellow box with lines, has been painted within the white median strip. This is for vehicles turning right and should be kept clear at all times by vehicles turning into the school. This will ensure that traffic runs smoothly and there is no congestion at the exit gate.



Please show respect and kindness at all times.

Attached to this newsletter is a map of the school carparking for your reference.

Smoking / Vaping

Smoking and vaping is not permitted at or on the grounds of Rotokauri School, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The school must comply with the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 and the Amendment Act 2020, which makes all schools smokefree and vape free. A breach of this will result in disciplinary procedures for students and staff and will result in a formal complaint against the person who is smoking or vaping if it is a visitor to the school.

Valuables at School (including cellphones and smartwatches)

Rotokauri School cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of valuables brought to school. We understand that some families feel the need for their children to have cellphones and/or smart watches as a safety measure on their way to and from school. However, during school times these devices are not necessary and these are some of the potential pitfalls –

- The misuse of cameras and internet connection
- The sharing of inappropriate material
- Outside contact during learning time

Therefore, we require children to hand their cellphones (this includes any device with recording or connection capability e.g. iPods, iPads, cameras and tablets) into the office for safe keeping during the day.

If a smart watch is worn, we ask that it not be used in the same way as a phone and call-making/messaging is disabled whilst at school.

Devices should not be used on the school grounds (this includes the bus bay before and after school).

For whatever reason a student needs to make contact during the day, it should be through the office after a conversation with the child's teacher.

We encourage any other valuables, including items of sentimental value, to be kept at home.

Water Policy

We are a water only school. Please do not place anything else in your children's drink bottles.

BOT NEWS

Property Update

A busy hive of activity happened during the holidays with some patches of sunshine -

- New furniture for Rooms 4, 9 & 10 has arrived.
- The temporary fencing around our building project has been removed.
- We are awaiting a start date for the driveway project, very much weather dependent.
- Painting of the MPR has started and will be completed soon.
- Garden sheds have been placed in the Enviro area behind Room 5.
- Some remedial building work was completed outside Rooms 3 & 5.
- New whiteboard units have been placed in the SENCO's office and the new Rm1.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Curriculum – Keeping Ourselves Safe

Thank you to the parents/caregivers that attended the meeting with the Police regarding the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme that will be taught throughout the school during this term. Classroom teachers will keep you informed about what they are teaching. If you have any questions please feel free to contact them.

Cross Country

We are holding our school cross country **on Friday 18th August** (week 5) with a postponement date of Wednesday 23rd August. We look forward to welcoming parents to school to support their children competing.

The first race is scheduled to start at around 10.30 a.m. and we hope to finish around 12.30 p.m. The children will race in age groups **based on their age as of Friday 18th August**. To avoid disappointment, please ensure that you arrive at 10.30 a.m. to ensure that you don't miss your child's race.

Boys and girls will run together in their age group and placings are awarded for 1st-3rd for boys and girls in each age group, with a prizegiving held at the conclusion of ALL races.

Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8
5 Year Old Boys and Girls	6 Year Old Boys and Girls	7 Year Old Boys and Girls	8 Year Old Boys and Girls	9 Year Old Boys and Girls	10 Year Old Boys and Girls	11 Year Old Boys and Girls	12 Year Old Boys and Girls

Students are to be dressed appropriately for running and we encourage them to wear their house colours. **All students MUST wear shoes as they run over the farm course.** All students will also need suitable footwear for the cross country walk through on **Wednesday 16th August**.

Please make sure that your child packs a spare change of clothes for school daily as classrooms will be practicing regularly leading up to the event.

Students who are not competing on the day must have a note from a parent with an acceptable reason for not taking part.

We look forward to seeing you all, supporting our students as they do their best next week to achieve their personal goals for Cross Country.

Production

Well done to those families that have purchased their tickets for the school production 'The Amazing Race' scheduled for next week on Thursday 3rd August.

There seems to be some confusion about what the production is – it is a whole school show that involves all classes performing an item. Classroom teachers will have sent home a note about costumes etc.

As outlined in the email sent home at the beginning of the week –

Where: Waikato Indian Association Hall
82 Duke Street
Frankton

Time: 6.30 p.m.

It is an expectation that all children participate in the school production, as many hours of practising have taken place. If your child will not be attending please contact the classroom teacher.

On the night (Thursday 3rd August) all students need to be dropped off at the venue by 6.00 p.m. Doors will open for ticket holders at 6.15 p.m.

Parking will be available on the streets around the venue (e.g Duke Street, Higgins Road, Charlie's Way) - there is **no** parking at the venue. We would appreciate families following the directions of the staff and volunteers directing people on the night so that everyone is safe and traffic flows smoothly.

Tickets are on sale at the school office – only 40 tickets remain for the evening production. We **may be** able to provide a matinee if all tickets are sold out.

Tickets are **\$10 per seat**. Students that are performing in the production do not need to purchase tickets.

If you are bringing preschoolers to the performance and have not purchased a ticket for them, then they will need to sit on an adult's knee and we request that they are actively supervised before and during the production.

School Stream

A reminder that Rotokauri School no longer has access to the School Stream app. Please phone the school and leave a message using 1 - the absentee option, on 07 8495 068 or email the school office office@rotokauri.school.nz for any absences before 9.00 a.m.

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).

Team / Group Photographs

Team Photographs will be taken on Thursday, 24 August. We will be using the on-line ordering system so payment details will come home at a later date. **Remember to send your child with their sports uniform on the day of the photo and if necessary, to have black leggings or shorts and white socks so that the photographs look tidy with everyone looking like a team.** Team coaches and managers are welcome to come along to school and be in the photo. More details in the next newsletter.

Agricultural Day Entry Form - Calf, Lamb and Goat

The entry form is attached to this newsletter and is available on our website www.rotokauri.school.nz under newsletter and newsletter attachments and notices. **The last day for entries is Friday, 15 September. Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.**

Lambs Available

Tom McIvor, a past parent of Rotokauri School, has a lamb available (and maybe more in the near future) if you are wanting to raise one for Ag Day. He can be contacted on 0272748324. Also, see below for another option for lambs.



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CELEBRATIONS

Assembly Certificates

Term 3 Week 1

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Cole Dutton	For awesome work including creating great patterns in maths.
Room 1	Atlas Williams	For making good choices and working well in class.
Room 2	Cody Calnan	For your huge effort in writing about the three little pigs.
Room 2	Kyla Martin	For your great start to the term, especially in writing.
Room 3	Layla Day	For adding descriptive language to her animal writing.
Room 3	Sophie Swain	For always showing respect to her teacher and fellow class members.
Room 4	Anthony Williams	For using the value of active learning during maths time.
Room 4	Zac Hoebergen	For using the value of active learning during maths time.
Room 5	Archer McFall	Your awesomeness in writing this week
Room 5	Talia Hefferon	Your great attitude towards learning
Room 6	Kaylee Quinlan	For working hard and following instructions carefully to create an amazing 3D mask.
Room 6	Kade Calnan	For being a leader in his production practice group.
Room 7	Rhys Jorgensen	For being a positive member of Room 7 and for working hard on his writing.
Room 7	Ava Esselbrugge	For showing kaitiakitanga and kindness towards her peers.
Room 8	Jordyn Harihari	For taking a leadership role and supporting us to choreograph our dance for production.
Room 8	Nate Westgate	For taking a leadership role and supporting the boys to learn our dance.

Values

Term 3 Week 1

Week 1		
Devyn Sharma	Room 1a	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Zaylee Van Den Heever	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Te Aria Kingi	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of honesty ,
Sophie Swain	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Heidi Viljoen	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Cody Wade	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Jiya Prajapati	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Nate Westgate	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning .

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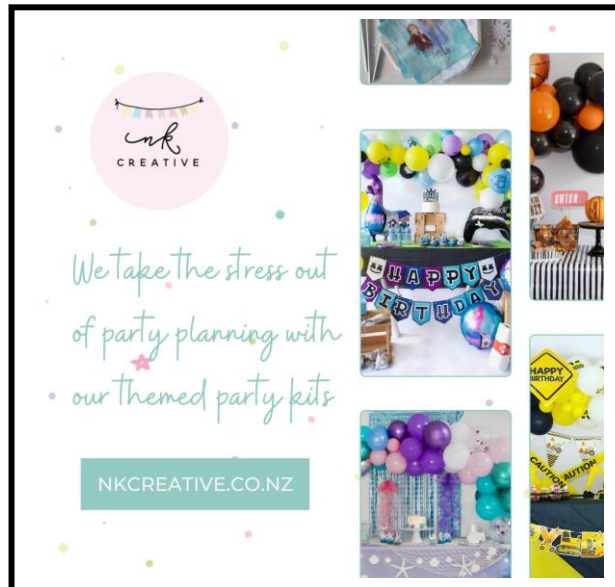
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