

# 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 1a: Mia-Rose Storer and Leo Hefferon

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

Thank you to all the parents that accompanied myself and Mr Brinkworth to the interschool cluster cross country last Thursday at Waitetuna. What an amazing group of students that tried their hardest, cheered on their team mates and made us proud to be part of Rotokauri School. On a sunny Friday two weeks ago the whole school did a Clean Up Our School, picking up lost property, finding PE equipment, picking up rubbish and weeding gardens – thank you everyone for a great job. We also celebrated Daffodil Day and raised \$183. As we count down the weeks and days until the holidays we still have much to accomplish –

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September Maori Language Week

12<sup>th</sup> September BOT meeting

13<sup>th</sup> September Waikato Full Primary Speech Competition – good luck Jordyn  
Lunch time disco – let's get Nate to Spain!!

14 <sup>th</sup> September	Keep Rotokauri Beautiful
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Kapa Haka Festival at Waitetuna
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Student Led Conferences
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Student Led Conferences
	Cricket workshops for Years 1 – 8
	Year 5 & 6 Rural Hockey Tournament
20 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA meeting
	Year 7 & 8 Rural Hockey Tournament
	Waikato Full Primary School Cross Country
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Bake Sale - \$2 per yummy item
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	End of Term 3
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Term 4

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

## PTA NEWS

Put the date in your diary because it will be upon us in no time!!!

TOP 4 SPONSORS CHOICE + PRINCIPALS CHOICE

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL

CLASSIC AND CUSTOM CARS IN THE COUNTRY SINCE 2011

# CAR SHOW & GALA

GAMES • BOOK FAIR & RAFFLES • FOOD & COFFEE

PUBLIC ENTRY GOLD COIN DONATION

DISPLAY CARS \$5 ENTRY

**SATURDAY**

11TH NOVEMBER 2023  
462 ROTOKAURI RD, HAMILTON

**10AM - 2PM**

X WESTGATE nk ROOFS PLUS

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Students Leaving/Students Enrolling – IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEEDED A.S.A.P**

It is the start of preparations for 2024. Our first step as we organise the ballot for next year's intake, is to determine how many students (other than Year 8s) will be leaving to attend other primary schools or intermediates. We are also hearing rumours of new students that are inzone that are hoping to enrol next year. Could you please email the Principal (dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz) with a notification of non-attendance or a new enrolment for 2024 before 1<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you.

### **Student Led Conferences**

We are excited to be holding our Student-Led Conferences on 18th & 19th September from 3.15 p.m – 6.30 p.m for all Rotokauri School students. 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 reflect 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, book 1 conference per student and bring your child to lead their conference.

Use this link to book online <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code> and enter the code: **97mtd**

Online bookings will be closed on Monday 18th of September at 11:00am. If you are not able to attend, please contact your child/children's teacher to make an alternative time.

### **Sunhats**

Term 4 is the time we need to wear our school sunhats. Please take the time before the start of Term 4 to check that there is no graffiti or embellishments on hats, that they are not damaged (e.g. rolled rim) or have missing toggles. If needed, new hats can be purchased at the school office for \$18.00.

### **HPV Immunisation**

The Public Health Nurses will be at school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November to provide dose 2 of the HPV immunisation for the Year 8 students who parents/caregivers consented earlier this year for this.

If your child is absent there will be a catch up planned within 3 weeks. If parents have any queries or wish to make changes contact: PHN Jennie Hope 0273549289  
Jennifer.hope@waikatodhb.health.nz

### **Agricultural Day Entry Form - Calf, Lamb and Goat**

The entry form is available on our website [www.rotokauri.school.nz](http://www.rotokauri.school.nz) under newsletter and newsletter attachments and notices. **The last day for entries is next Friday, 15 September. Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.**

## **Bookweek Activities**

In Week 10, Rotokauri School will have Bookweek, 18-22 September. The **Scholastic Book Fair** will arrive on Monday 18th. Children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair and bring home a wishlist of books that interest them. The book fair will be open after school Monday and Tuesday. It will also be open during Student-Led Conferences. This year, children have the opportunity to design the front cover of the yearbook. Sarah Dyer, our librarian will be running a **Design the Yearbook Cover Competition**. On Friday the 22nd, children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character for the **Book Character Dress Up Day**. We will have a book character parade with certificates for best dressed.

## **Summer Sports Registrations - Term 4**

Now that Winter sports season is coming to an end, Summer Sports are just around the corner. In Term 4 our school is offering summer sports for touch, futsal, water polo (years 6-8) and miniball/basketball. If you are wanting to sign your child up for any of these sports, or want further information regarding the fees, start and end dates, please click the link to the Google Form below:

[Summer Sports Registration](#)

Summer sport registrations close **Friday 15th September**. **All fees must be paid before the first game of your child's chosen sport.**

If you have any questions about a specific sporting code, please get in contact with one of the following teachers in charge of a summer sport:

- Touch - Mr Brinkworth [sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz)
- Futsal - Mr Park [kpark@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:kpark@rotokauri.school.nz)
- Mini ball/Basketball - Mr Brinkworth [sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz)
- Water Polo - Mr Brinkworth [sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz)

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **Congratulations Nate Westgate**

### **Raising Funds for Nate to get to SPAIN!**

Hi Rotokauri Whanau,

Nate Westgate from Room 8 has been chosen to represent New Zealand at the Futsal World Cup for his age group (Under 13's) in Blanes, Spain from 26th-31st December 2023.

Nate has been playing Futsal for about 5 years and has shown great talent for his age. He usually trains 3-4 times a week and has 2 games. Nate's passion is Futsal and he is willing to put in the hard work to achieve his goals. Nate is often found in the backyard playing football with his siblings or inside practicing his juggling and skills. Nate recently won the Boys Trophy at the Inter-School Cross Country, coming in a comfortable 1st. He is now training for the Waikato Intermediate Cross Country in a couple of week's time.

Nate's family are hoping to raise as much money as they can to help pay for his flights, accommodation, kit, coaching and court time for the tournament. To help raise this money the family is going to hold a...

# Lunchtime Disco

Theme - Sports

Next Wednesday 13th September

Junior 12.30 - 1.15pm

Senior 1.15 - 2.00pm

Gold Coin Entry

Food and Drinks available for sale:

Mini American Hot Dogs, Chicken Nuggets

Mini Hot Dogs, Hot Chips

Lolly Bags, Ice Blocks

Chocolate Bars, Drinks

There will also be a **Bake Sale** at lunchtime on Thursday 21st September

All Items \$2

The Westgate family would greatly appreciate any support  
you can provide to get Nate to Spain.

There is also a Give-a-Little page set up for the team if you would like to help out more.



Here are links to Give A Little, Facebook and instagram pages to follow the team

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-11-year-olds-get-to-the-world-futsal-cup>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550194916320&mibextid=ZbWKwL>

<https://instagram.com/aucklandwolves?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>

## Junior Speech Results

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Junior Speech Finals this year. All the junior children should be very proud of their courage and active learning.

Congratulations to **Van Macdonald-Hooper**, the overall winner and recipient of the Junior Speech Cup.

Year 1 Nursery Rhymes		
Archer Crellin	The Grand Old Duke of York	1st
Tyler Lester	1, 2, 3, 4, 5,	2nd
Ayaan Kotte Godage	Two Little Dickie Birds	3rd
Aroha Bhagat	I'm a Little Teapot	4th
Year 2 Persuasive Speeches		
Te Aria Kingi	Lego is the best toy	1st
Cohen O'Brien	Rugby is the best sport	2nd
Cleo Mackrell	Ballet dancing is the best	3rd
Louie Baker	Ping Pong is better than Basketball	4th
Year 3 Persuasive Speeches		
Van Macdonald-Hooper	Why you should never go to space	1st
Evie Hodgson	Why you should care about the environment	2nd
Paige Robinson-Hastings	Why you do cheerleading	3rd
Tessa Spencer	Why you shouldn't stay up late	4th
Year 4 Persuasive Speeches		
Heidi Viljoen	Why we should stop polluting	1st
Harry Gyde	Why we should stop global warming	2nd
Thomas Warner	Why mountain bikes are better than go karts	3rd
Jayden Day	Why Ronaldo is the best soccer player	4th

## **2023 Cluster Cross Country**

On Thursday, 31st August, Miss Smith and Mr Brinkworth took 43 runners to Waitetuna School for the Cluster Cross Country Competition.

The weather could not have been better and the students were rearing to go.

The Waitetuna cross country course is a very tough track. It is made up of extremely steep hills, a large swamp and of course, lots of mud.

Overall our students showed a lot of courage and resilience to complete their respective courses. They did us proud and achieved some amazing results. Jayden Day won the 8 year old boys race and Acacia Barham placed third in the 12/13 year old girls race. A special congratulations must go to Nate Westgate who won the 12/13 year old boys race and was crowned the boys King of The Hill Champion for 2023.







## Assembly Certificates

### Term 3 Week 6

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1A	Isabelle Ryan	For always trying her best when learning new tasks. Keep up the great work!
Room 1	Zaylee van den Heever	For moving up to stage 6 for your heart words. Well done!
Room 1	Kit DeZoete	For creating amazing repeating patterns in algebra. Great work!
Room 3	Carys Land	For always trying your best. You are an independent learner who co-operates with others.
Room 3	Casey Mancer	For his kind, polite and friendly nature. It is a pleasure to have you in Room 3.
Room 5	Anna Haldane	Being such a great example for others.
Room 5	Mackenzie O'Rourke	Building up your understanding of what you are reading.
Room 6	Aniket Raju	For showing empathy by being SUPER helpful to your classmates and teacher all week.
Room 6	Isaac Steger	For showing courage and maturity during Keeping Ourselves Safe lessons.
Room 7	Coco Doody	For consistently displaying our school REACH values.
Room 7	Cairo Nelson	For displaying great effort during cross country and working hard in class.
Room 8	Reece Calnan	For being an active learner and working hard on your reading fluency and writing.
Room 8	Caitlin Furlonger	For being an active learner and including powerful language in your writing.

### Term 3 Week 7

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1A	Karlo Devcich	For making good choices in class and being an active learner.
Room 1	Manraj Pannu	For starting to follow the Room 1 routines. Well done!
Room 1	Ayaan Kotte Godage	For doing Room 1 proud at the Junior speech finals. You were amazing!
Room 2	Liam Harrison	For always being a super helper in the class.
Room 2	Shia Paterson	For working so hard to learn your heart words. Great effort.
Room 3	Ada Westgate	For the progress she is making in her weekly spelling activities.
Room 3	Paige Davison	For the continued effort in focussing on her own learning. Keep it up!
Room 4	Teagan Mancer	For using the value of active learner during her maths time. Way to go!!
Room 4	Van MacDonald-Hooper	For keeping his cool at the beginning of his speech final. What a star!!
Room 5	Enzo Maresca-Allison	For the effort you have put into achieving your goals this term.
Room 5	Indiana Payne	For showing active learning at reading time when faced with a tricky problem.
Room 6	Koby Rose	For being a good friend and always being helpful.
Room 6	Shaan Judge	For doing well at cluster cross country and in kapa haka and for always showing the REACH values.
Room 6	Nihil Maharaj	For helping others in maths and always being a focussed learner.
Room 8	James Ward	Being an active learner and doing your best at all times.
Room 8	Liam Buckle	Outstanding artwork and focus on your writing - congratulations!

## Values

### Term 3 Week 6

<b>Week 6 - Double Draw in Week 6 due to no Assembly in Week 5</b>		
Kit De Zoete Cole Dutton	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> . For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Aroha Bhagat Isla Cowley	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> . For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Violet Short Colette Griffin	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> . For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .
Teagan Mancer Luke Vann	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> . For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Ellie-Rose Anderson Archer McFall	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> . For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty</b> .
Brayden Ridley Aniket Raju	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> . For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Cairo Nelson Rhys Jorgensen	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> . For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Nirav Maharaj Maddix Anniss	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> . For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .

### Term 3 Week 7

<b>Week 7</b>		
Devyn Sharma	Room 1A	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Maia Langdon	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Cohen O'Brien	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Joseph Willis	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .
Teagan Mancer	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Scarlett Swain	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Zohayr Shahzad	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Aja Jessop	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .
Cooper Hobbs	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .

# SOLAR PARTNERS



## FUNDRAISING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

### SOLAR KITS SEPTEMBER 1ST 2023 - OCTOBER 31ST 2023

Solar PV kits available to Parents, Teachers along with Friends and Family of Rotokauri School.

All kits will be installed by the team at Ace Electrical who installed earlier in the year on Rotokauri school as pictured below.

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\$500 donated to Rotokauri School from each system sold



Solar system installed by Ace Electrical on Rotokauri school | Installed Canadian Solar 550W Solar Panels with FIMER PVS 15kW Inverter

#### Terms and Conditions

- All jobs subject to electrical and mechanical scoping prior to installation.
- Systems installed by Ace Electrical.
- Payment terms: 30% Payment up front, 70% balance on completion of electrical mechanical install
- Donation to the school will be made when the account is paid in full.



Email: [info@solarpartnersnz.co.nz](mailto:info@solarpartnersnz.co.nz) for further details.

## **Saturday Morning Music Classes**

Enrolments are now open for Term Four 2023 at the Waikato Community School of Music (WCSM). Classes begin on Saturday 14 October and run for 8 sessions, ending on Saturday 9 December. Note there are no classes on the Saturday of Labour Weekend.

Class times are between 8:00am and 2:00pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. WCSM is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest.

The school caters for all ages - 3 years old to retired, as well as all ability levels, offering group-format and one-to-one music tuition in a range of instruments. Group-format class fees range from \$45 to \$110 per term (8 lessons in Term Four) depending on student age and the instrument chosen.

The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our music ensembles as the student wishes. Enrolment in ensembles only is also an option. One-to-one classes can aid in preparing for exams and earning NCEA credits.

For further information or to enrol in music classes, please visit our website <https://wscsm.ac.nz/> or phone 07 838 4611.

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## September/October School Holiday Skill Camps!

The time has come for the September/October School Holiday skill camps!

Everyone is welcome, regardless of your Centre affiliation or skill level.

Year 3-4 (1 day camps \$50 per day) - Tuesday 26th September and/or Tuesday 3rd October

Year 5-6 (1 day camps \$50 per day) - Tuesday 26th September and/or Tuesday 3rd October

Year 7-8 (2 day camp \$100) - Wednesday 27th September and Thursday 28th September

Under 14 & 16 (2 day camp \$100) - Wednesday 4th October and Thursday 5th October

The camps run from 9:00am until 3:00pm each day and will be held at the Hamilton City Netball Centre.

For further information and to register, [click here](#) or email me 😊

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**Junior Co-ordinator**  
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Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Indian,  
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