

# 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: Charlie Fenn, Leighton Gibbison and CJ McNabb

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

**WELCOME BACK!**

We hope that you all had a relaxing holiday with your children. Term 4 already.

Congratulations to the students that participated in the school Ag Day activities, both in the classrooms and with the animals on the field. I had the privilege of attending Group Day at Gordonton last Monday, along with 5 students from Rotokauri School – well done to Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson, Cody, Kade & Reece Calnan and Alex Oldham for your efforts with your lambs and goats. Best of luck to Alex who will now represent Rotokauri at the A & P show.

As this newsletter comes out to you all, at school we will be practicing our earthquake drill. Shake Out is a nationwide drill that focuses on DROP, COVER, HOLD. We would encourage families to discuss household evacuation plans with their children.

The term ahead –

Friday 20 October	Grandparents Day
Monday 23 October	Labour Day – no school
Wednesday 25 October	PTA meeting Year 5 & 6 camp parent helpers meeting
Friday 27 October	A & P Show Te Uku Tabloids Day (Rooms 1 & 2)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 7 & 8 camp parent helpers meeting
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Senior Athletics
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Gumboot Friday Senior Athletics postponement day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 & 6 camp at Raglan
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Car Show/Gala Year 7 & 8 Tech catch-up day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 & 8 camp at Raglan
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior Athletics BOT meeting
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior Athletics postponement day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 8 vaccinations
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Cluster Athletics
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Prizegiving
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	BOT meeting
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

We look forward to seeing all our grandparents at our Grandparents Day tomorrow – the classrooms will be open from 9.15 a.m. for the students to share their learning and to take grandparents for a tour of the school. At 10.15 a.m. we will come together as a school for some morning tea. Just a reminder that we would love a plate of baking, biscuits, slice etc from each family – please drop this off in the MPR on Friday morning. After morning tea the Kapa Haka group will perform for our visitors. We know this will be an awesome day.

Ngaa mihi  
Desiree Smith

## PTA NEWS

- Thank you to everyone that supported the PTA Quiz Night last Friday.
- The Car Show/Gala is fast approaching. Pencil in Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November into your diary for a great family day out.

- The PTA need your help in a variety of ways please –
  - Jar Toss – could each child please bring along a jar full of goodies for the Jar Toss. Jars with desirable items in them are needed e.g wrapped sweets, erasers, money. These need to be handed in to the children’s classroom teachers.
  - Baking – could each family please provide a plate of baking for the bake sale table. This can be brought to school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November or on the Saturday.
  - Books – our book stall needs your old books – novels, children’s books etc. Also, puzzles and board games will be accepted. These can be dropped off in the MPR.
  - Raffles – one of the raffles is a wheelbarrow full of groceries. Could each family please provide an item for the raffle.
  - Plant stall – if you have any cuttings or plants that can be on the plant stall please send them along to the office closer to the car show day.
  - Soft toys/teddies – if you have any unwanted soft toys or teddies that are in good condition please bring them along to school.
  - New unwanted gifts – there is a collection point in the school foyer for any unwanted gifts that can be used as prizes.

## **BOT NEWS**

- There has been some great progress with our bottom driveway over the holiday period and the contractors assure us that the driveway and turning bay will be completed before the Car Show.
- There has been a second disability carpark installed outside the school grounds. Please do not park in this carpark unless you can show a disability sticker. The carpark beside is also yellow lined which indicates that this is a ‘no park’ zone.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Sunhats**

The school policy is that during Terms 1 & 4 all Rotokauri School students and staff must be wearing a Rotokauri sunhat whilst outside. These hats need to have no graffiti or embellishments, and must have a working toggle. Please ensure that students have these or they will have to play under the shade area at the top of the school.

### **COVID Reporting**

If your child/children have tested positive for COVID could you please inform the school. Children need to stay home whilst unwell but there is no 5 or 7 day isolation period now. Keep up the testing when children are unwell as there is a variety of symptoms. We have RAT tests at school if anyone needs some.

## **Classes for 2024**

Thank you to the parents/caregivers that have confirmed that their child/children will not be returning to Rotokauri next year. This helps greatly with collating information to establish class lists.

At the moment, but subject to change, the class structure for 2024 looks like this -

Room 1 – Year 1

Room 2 – Year 1 & 2

Room 3 – Year 2 & 3

Room 4 – Year 3

Room 5 – Year 4

Room 6 – Year 5

Room 7 – Year 6 & 7

Room 8 – Year 7 & 8

If you would like to discuss your child's placement for next year, before class lists are set on 1<sup>st</sup> November, could you please email [dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz) with your reasons and we can set a time to meet.

## **Term Dates for 2024**

Term 1 = 30 January - 12 April

Term 2 = 29 April - 5 July

Term 3 = 22 July - 27 September

Term 4 = 14 October - 13 December

## **Grandparents Day**

**When:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

**Where:** Rotokauri School

**Time:** 9.15 – 11.00 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).

## **Trophy Return**

It is the time of year that we need to gather in all Rotokauri School cups and shields so they can be engraved. If you have any trophies at home i.e. speech, Agricultural Day and end of year awards from 2022 please return them to the school office a.s.a.p.

Thank you to the students who have brought their trophies back already.

## **AIMS Games Update**

Thank you to all the families who provided us with feedback with our AIMS Games survey. Out of the 38 year 5-7 families who responded, 85% are interested in having their child/children participate in AIMS games.

After looking at the feedback, specifically the sports that gathered the most interest, we are intending on entering the following teams in the 2024 competition:

- Boys futsal team
- Mixed hockey team

We are also looking at sending a 3x3 basketball team, if it meets our qualifying criteria. We also are open to registering students for individual events if they meet our qualifying criteria.

## **AIMS Games Parent Committee**

As AIMS Games comes at a huge cost, we would like to create an AIMS games parent committee to help/support us with fundraising for this event. This will help bring down the cost for individual competitors for the week. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, could you please email [sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz)

## **Summer Sports Update**

Thank you to all of the parents and students who have volunteered to coach or manage one of our Summer sports teams. We really value your support. Please keep checking your emails over the coming weeks to see when your teams training times are and game times. Please note that fees are due before your child's first game of the season.

Good luck to our mini-ball and basketball teams that have their first games this week. Touch rugby and futsal starts next week.



## CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to everyone who took part on the day.

### Agricultural Day Results 2023

#### **Lamb**

Lamb Points Trophy – **Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson – 42 points**

Most Obvious Pet Trophy – **Evie Wilson**

Lamb Leading Trophy – **Liam Surgenor**

Lamb Rearing Shield – **Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson**

#### **Goat**

Doug McFarlane Shield – Point Trophy – **Alex Oldham – 42 points**

Goat Most Obvious Pet Trophy – **Alex Oldham**

Goat Leading Trophy – **Alex Oldham**

Goat Rearing Trophy – **Alex Oldham**

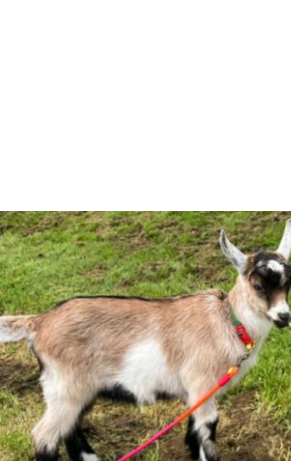
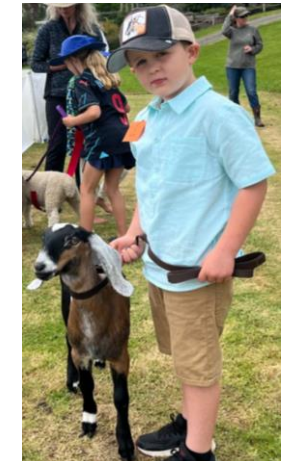
#### **Calf**

Calf Points Trophy – **Archie Cameron – 38 points**

Calf Leading Trophy – **Archie Cameron**

Calf Rearing Shield – **Rebecca Cameron**

Dairy Type Trophy – **Archie Cameron**





Special mention to the Hippolite family who couldn't participate on the day... Sadly 2 of our lambs were showing small blisters on their lips. Jared's lamb "Pretty Face" is healthy but has still been in contact with the other two so we won't be bringing them in today, but they are doing pretty well and the kids have been responsible and attentive. They are disappointed they can't show off their lambs though. Ammon has been particularly responsible and caring for his lamb named Beavis. Evie had a tiny runt lamb that died initially so she adopted her brother Caleb's lamb named Buddy who is super friendly too. Evie has been a great playmate to all the lambs.





## Agricultural Art

	<b>Category</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
Room 1a	Animal Collage	Leo Hefferon	Mia-Rose Storer	Arlo Hewitt	Karish Bhagat
	Spring Flowers	Devyn Sharma	Isabelle Ryan	Karlo Devcich	Lotti Phillips
Room 1	Animal Collage	Zaylee Van Den Heever	Everly Baker	Sean Nadan	Vivaan Patel
	Spring Flowers	Nirmaan Pannu	Manraj Pannu	Oscar Hapi	Poppy Sadler-Singh
Room 2	Spring Birds	Cooper Wiseman	Cleo Mackrell	Tyler Lester	Kyla Martin
	Tractors	Isla Cowley	Te Aria Kingi	Aedenn Tan	Liam Harrison
Room 3	Turkeys	Stefan Booyens	Sophie Swain	Charlotte Land	Violet Short
	Roosters	Sophie Swain	Layla Day	Rayya Nadan	Isla Nelson
Room 4	Cows	Mya Allen	Rydge Shortland	Anthony Williams	Druvi Patel
	Field - Bird's Eye View	Kairo Sharma	Luke Vann	Paige Robinson Hastings	Khloe Bennett
Room 5	Calendar Art	Korbyn Fergus	Turner Wallace	Ellie-Rose Anderson	Mackenzie O'Rourke
	Pigs	Hugo Hodgson	Scarlett Swain	Anna Haldane	Hannah-Leah Warbrick
Room 6	Abstract Flowers	Esme Gyde	Cooper-Love Buckle	Ella Wen	Shaan Judge
	Leaf	Elsie van Rooij	Ivy Lu	Cooper-Love Buckle Ella Wen	Asa Robinson
Room 7	Faces	Leon Watkins	Cavalier Kingi	Chloe Gyde	Rhythm Bhagat
	Cows	Aja Jessop	Evie Wilson	Israel Warbrick	Nature Aitchison
	Sunflowers	Mya Hoebergen	Rhythm Bhagat Cavalier Kingi	Ava Esselbrugge	Chloe Gyde
Room 8	Collage Animals	James Ward	Elijah Esselbrugge	Ryan Keightley	Reece Calnan
	Faces	Holly Hoebergen	Guy Johnstone	Grace Petley	Ellie Fairclough

## Indoor Exhibits

<b>ROOM 1a</b>				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Saucer	Teagan Russell	Mia-Rose Storer	Devyn Sharma	Shay Gill Emilynn Viji George Leighton Gibbison
Upcycled Container	Penny Clarke-Gray	Lotti Phillips	Teagan Russell	Arlo Hewitt
Pet Rock	Leo Hefferon	Mia-Rose Storer	Arlo Hewitt	
Play Dough	Devyn Sharma	Isabelle Ryan	Karish Bhagat	Charlie Fenn
Decorated Biscuit	Teagan Russell	Mia-Rose Storer	Lotti Phillips	Karlo Devcich CJ McNabb

<b>ROOM 1</b>				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Saucer	Sean Parkes	Carter Beer	Leo Ruston	Maia Langdon Logan Beer
Upcycled Container	Oscar Hapi	Link Doody	Amaia Matenga	Sean Nadan Zaylee Van Den Heever
Pet Rock	Kit Dezoete	Vivaan Bhagat	Maddy Pitts	Vivaan Patel Ayaan Kotte Godage
Play Dough	Atlas Williams	Nirmaan Pannua	Poppy Sadler- Singh	Cole Dutton
Decorated Biscuit	Manraj Pannu	Carter Beer	Everly Baker	Amar Mann Liam Short

<b>ROOM 2</b>				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sand Saucer	Cleo Mackrell		Isla Cowley	Liam Harrison
Upcycled Container	Cleo Mackrell	Cody Calnan	Evie Hippolite	Cooper Wiseman
Pet Rock	Piper McNabb	Cohen O'Brien	Archer Crellin	Murphy Cairns- Eade
Play Dough	Piper McNabb	Theo Cowley	Liam Lester	Aroha Bhagat
Decorated Biscuit	Monik Prajapati	Isla Cowley	Te Aria Kingi	Evie Hippolite Aedenn Tan

<b>ROOM 3</b>				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Terrarium	Ada Westgate	Vincent Warner	Charlotte Land	Colette Griffin
Nature Display	Charlotte Land	Dot Warbrick	Carys Land	Isla Nelson
Decorated Biscuit	Carys Land	Max Green	Stefan Booyens	Taj Judge

<b>ROOM 4</b>				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Terrarium	Carter Cowley	Tessa Spencer	Kayla van Rooij	Paige Robinson Hastings
Nature Display	Ammon Hippolite	Paige Robinson Hastings	Blake Oulton- Hewitt	Mya Allen
Decorated Biscuit	Tessa Spencer	Kairo Sharma	Jacques Booyens	Druvi Patel

ROOM 5				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Origami	Maddox Stratford	Hugo Hodgson	Heidi Viljoen	Anna Haldane
Rock Creation	Anna Haldane	Thomas Warner	Archer McFall	Keani Kingi

ROOM 6				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Origami	Elsie van Rooij	Ivy Lu	Luca Rogers	Ella Wen
Rock Creation	Shaan Judge	Cooper-Love Buckle	Ivy Lu	Esme Gyde Kaylee Quinlan

ROOM 7				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Scarecrows	Nature Aitchison Leon Watkins Evie Wilson Ernie Young	Cairo Nelson Hugo Spencer Liam Surgenor Nate Turney Israel Warbrick	Chloe Gyde Bella Gyde Mya Hoebergen Aja Jessop Olivia Thorpe	Ava Esselbrugge Cavalier Kingi

ROOM 8				
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Scarecrows	Flint Coyle Nirav Maharaj Noah Rose Samuel Watkins	Elijah Esselbrugge Kees Rogers James Ward Nate Westgate	Lachie Anderson Maddix Anniss Thinus Booyens Samuel Watkins	Leela Harris Holly Hoebergen Callista John Grace Petley

## **Group Day Results 2023**

Congratulations to:

**Alex Oldham** and his goat Jordyn:

Most Obvious Pet – 1<sup>st</sup>

Champion Most Obvious Pet

Leading – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Reserve Champion Leading

Rearing – 1<sup>st</sup>

Champion Rearing



**Reece Calnan** and his goat Jonesy

Most Obvious Pet – 6<sup>th</sup>

Leading - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rearing - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Group of 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup>



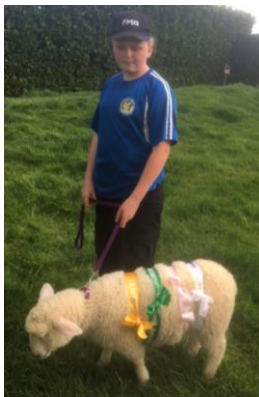
**Kade Calnan** and his goat Hurricane  
Most Obvious Pet – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Leading - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Rearing - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Group of 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Cody Calnan** and his goat Rainbow  
Most Obvious P – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Leading - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Rearing – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Group of 3 – 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson** and lamb Dawn  
Leading – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Rearing – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Group of 3 – 5<sup>th</sup>



## **Rotokauri Hammerheads Water Polo Team**

Over the last two weeks, our years 6-8 water polo team has had a great to their season. They won their first game 11-1 against Fairfield Intermediate. They had a narrow loss in the weekend where they went down 7-6 to Berkley.

A huge thank you to ex-pupil Ella Burt for coaching this team. Also, a huge thank you to Cherie Moroney-Pearson for managing the team. We look forward to seeing your progress throughout the season.



## **Assembly Certificates**

### **Term 4 Week 1**

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1A	Shay Gill	For showing courage when coming to school and making good choices in class. Keep it up Shay!
Room 1A	Leo Hefferon	For making a great start to term four and being an active learner. Keep it up Leo!
Room 1	Amar Mann	For making great choices with your learning and behaviour. Keep it up!
Room 1	Leo Ruston	For showing great focus on the mat during discussions. Well done!
Room 2	Tyler Lester	For your fantastic learning in patterning for maths this term.
Room 2	Georgia Esselbrugge	For your effort and progress in literacy this term. You have worked so hard.
Room 3	Dot Warbrick	For writing an interesting poem about the Northern Light.
Room 3	Stefan Booyens	For his continued progression with his literacy - especially his spelling.
Room 4	Blake Oulton-Hewitt	For showing the values of empathy and respect with the class. Well done.
Room 4	Carter Cowley	For working hard on his acrostic poem. Well done.
Room 5	Harry Gyde	Excellent use of figurative language in your writing.
Room 5	Ellie-Rose Anderson	Quick thinking in our maths place value work.
Room 6	Jaide Zillwood	Working hard on her Ag day rock creations by using cool details.
Room 6	Kade Calnan	Working hard on his abstract watercolour flower art for Ag day.
Room 7	Jared Hippolite	For making great progress with fractions and consistently showing our school REACH values.
Room 7	Aja Jessop	For being an active learner and showing a lot of creativity when she was building her scarecrow.
Room 8	Grace Petley	For your creativity and perseverance when making the hair for your group scarecrow.
Room 8	Isabelle Steger	For being an active learner and making good progress in your math.

# Values

## Term 3

<b>Week 10</b>		
Logan Beer	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Isla Cowley	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Alex Oldham	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty</b> .
Anthony Williams	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .
Scarlett Swain	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Rebecca Cameron	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty</b> .

<b>Week 9 - No assembly due to weather and Kapa Haka Festival</b>		
Isabelle Ryan	Room 1A	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Cole Dutton	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Piper McNabb	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Louie Baker	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty</b> .
Cohen Harris	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Keani Kingi	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Israel Warbrick	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Kaeleb Beets	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .



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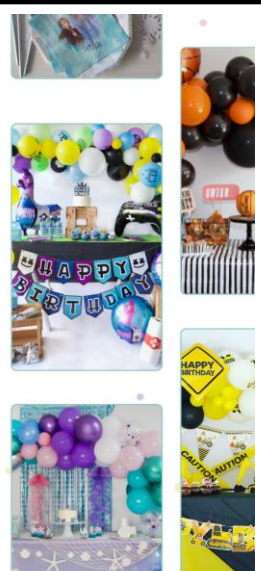
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