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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

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

It is always a mix of emotions for everyone as we come to the final week of another year. We say goodbye to Year 8s and other students leaving for different schools, say goodbye to staff, move classes, share reports and stationery lists with families, tidy classes, complete handover documentation and ensure that all data is entered onto our school management system. We also have lots of celebrations – Year 8 dinner, leadership celebration (pizza and pool party), prizegiving, fun day, waterslide, class shared lunches and Secret Santas.

This year, we thank Whaea Jojo for all that she has contributed to Rotokauri School over the last two years. All the creative energy that she has shared with us, organising this year's production and all the time spent working with our kapa haka performance group. We wish her all the very best in her new adventures and hope that she might be able to continue working in a different capacity at Rotokauri.

We also thank Mary Evans and Haley Keast for opening our new class, Room 1a, for terms 3 & 4. What a wonderful job you have done for our newest Rotokauri students.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees for their governance of our school. We are fortunate that they are a group of people with a broad range of valuable skills and expertise. It has been a pleasure to work with them again.

A big thank you to all the parents on our PTA. They work so hard to provide the extras for our staff and students. They fundraise continuously to ensure that our students are well catered for at Rotokauri School.

As we end our year, we have been reflecting on our successes and the many opportunities we have provided our students throughout the year. We are proud of the achievements of our Year 8 students and know that we send them on to their new high schools having had some wonderful, memorable learning experiences and with skills that will prepare them for their new stage of their educational journeys. We know that you will work towards new goals and ambitions. Be passionate about your next steps and always give your best with everything you are doing.

REMINDER

School finishes at 12.30 p.m on Thursday 14th December. Please pick students up promptly at this time.

Ngaa mihi nui o te Kirihimete me Te Tou Hou
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone.
We look forward to seeing students back on 30th January 2024.

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Swimming Pool Keys

Don't forget that the swimming pool opened on Monday 4th December and the expectation is that students will be swimming on a daily basis for the remainder of the year and term 1 in 2024. Swimming pool keys are available for sale from the school office. Keys are \$100 for the season, with a \$10 bond also payable. Please remember that the key is for one school family only and the sharing of keys is a breach of the swimming pool contract.

Stationery lists

Once again the school has organized for the purchase of stationery through OfficeMax. This is an online process and stationery is delivered to your homes. There is an expectation that students will begin the year ready with the necessary stationery requirements.

Lost Property

Despite many opportunities for clothing to be claimed, we still have a large amount of lost property. This will be on display this week and if not claimed will be given to a charity (unless named).

School Sunhats

School sunhats will be coming home with students on Thursday 14th December in order to be cleaned ready for 2024. School sunhats need to be worn daily from the first day of school next year. Please ensure that there is no writing or embellishments on the sunhats, and that they have working toggles. If the sunhat is not appropriate please purchase a new one from the school office.

Tech

Our Year 7 & 8 students will continue to be involved in Tech at Hamilton Junior High School in 2024.

The Technicraft fee for the year is \$100 and this can be paid to the Rotokauri School office.

Yearbook

Congratulations to the yearbook committee (Sarah Dyer, Caitlin Furlonger, Holly Hoebergen and Grace Petley) for the outstanding yearbook that you have published this year. A great accomplishment which showcases the 2023 year.

CELEBRATIONS

Cluster Athletics

On Thursday, 23rd November, 45 students represented our school at the Cluster Athletics Competition. Our students did us proud and were very successful at this event. 30 of our students achieved at least one top 3 placing in their respective events.

Thank you to all the parents who helped transport students on the day. Also, a big thank you to Ms Carter and Mrs Rickman for supervising the students on the day.

Below are the results for students who placed in the top 3 for their event:

8 Year Olds

Corban Stratford	1st place discus
Tessa Spencer	1st place long jump
Ruby Wilson	2nd place 200m, 3rd place 100m

9 Year Olds

Hannah-Leah Warbrick	1st place shot put
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10 Year Olds

Hugo Spencer	1st place high jump, 3rd place long jump
Kaylee Quinlan	1st place high jump, 100m, 200m & 800m sprints, 2nd place long jump
Jaide Zillwood	1st place shotput
Israel Warbrick	2nd place discus
Elsie van Rooij	3rd place 200m sprint

11 Year Olds

Leon Watkins	1st place high jump, 2nd place discus, 3rd place 100m
Nate Turney	1st place long jump, 1st place 100m & 200m sprints
Rebecca Cameron	2nd place high jump
Ava Esselbrugge	3rd place high jump
Bella Gyde	1st place shot put

12 Year Olds

Ellie Fairclough	1st place high jump
Liam Buckle	1st place shot put, 3rd place high jump
Jordyn Harihari	1st place shot put
Holly Hoebergen	3rd place shot put & discus
Lachie Anderson	3rd place shotput
Evie Wilson	2nd place discus, 100m & 200m sprints

13 Year Olds

Reed Kahaki	2nd place discus
Nate Westgate	1st place 100m & 200m sprints

4 x 100m Relay Results

Junior Girls Ruby Wilson, Heidi Viljoen, Hannah-Leah Warbrick, Kaylee Quinlan	4th place
Junior Boys Jayden Day, Carter Moka, Jackson Connolly, Hugo Spencer	2nd place

Senior Girls Rebecca Cameron, Ellie Fairclough, Caitlin Furlonger, Acacia Barham	3rd place
Senior Boys Leon Watkins, Samuel Watkins, Cooper Hobbs, Nate Westgate	1st place

House Winners

Winning house for Term 4 was Kikorangi

Overall winner for 2023 was Whero

Values

Week 9		
Bray Corlett	Room 1a	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Everly Baker	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Chloe Moka	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Dot Warbrick	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Tessa Spencer	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Archer McFall	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Aniket Raju	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Tommy Selwyn	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Nate Westgate	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Week 8		
Devyn Sharma	Room 1a	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Vivaan Bhagat	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Aroha Baghat	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Casey Mancer	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Mya Allen	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Carter Moka	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Ivy Lu	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Rhys Jorgensen	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Archie Cameron	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning .

Prizegiving Celebration 2023

Class Awards

Room 1a	Charlie Fenn	For consistently displaying excellent work habits, cooperation and a positive attitude towards learning. Charlie displays the Rotokauri REACH values and has been a delight to have in Room 1a.
Room 1a	Devyn Sharma	For displaying a positive attitude towards all school activities and a love of learning. Devyn consistently gives 100% effort in all areas of school life and has been a leader in Room 1a.
Room 1	Atlas Williams	For your fantastic attitude towards learning. You are always open to new challenges and have such a kind nurturing energy towards your fellow class members. We appreciate the contribution you have been to Room 1 this year.
Room 1	Zaylee van den Heever	For the amazing growth you have had this year. You have been a role model for Room 1 with always doing your best for all learning opportunities and for stepping up to support others when it's needed.
Room 2	Kyla Martin	For your contribution to Room 2 and positive influence on everyone around you. You show strength in character and integrity. We appreciate your warmth and inclusiveness.
Room 2	Cooper Wiseman	For extending a helping hand to your peers and contributing to making our class a nice place to be. You have taken others under your wing and you are very accepting and inclusive. We appreciate your positive energy.
Room 3	Carys Land	For your exceptional display of respect and empathy throughout the school year. A beacon of kindness, you have consistently shown a remarkable ability to understand and care for the feelings of others. Congratulations on a fantastic year and may your kindness continue to brighten the lives of those around you.
Room 3	Stefan Booyens	For your outstanding commitment and hard work throughout the academic year. You have displayed an unwavering dedication to

		your studies, making tremendous progress across all learning areas. Congratulations on a year of impressive accomplishments and we look forward to witnessing continued success in your learning journey ahead.
Room 4	Khloe Bennett	Khloe, you have worked so hard this year. You have made incredible progress in all areas. You have shown that you use all the school values all the time. You are a fantastic role model and it has been an absolute pleasure to have you in Room 4 this year. Well done Khloe.
Room 4	Conor Emerson	Conor, you have grown so much this year. You are willing to help others where you can. You have grown stronger and have more belief in yourself which is awesome to see develop. Well done on this school year and keep up the great work.
Room 5	Hugo Hodgson	Hugo, you consistently give your best in all you attempt, demonstrating great active learning and steady progress. In addition to being such an excellent role model to others in the class you are happy to lend a helping hand showing amazing empathy and respect for others. It has been noticed and appreciated.
Room 5	Heidi Viljoen	Heidi, you are an amazing role model for others, studious and careful with your approach in all you undertake. You consistently demonstrate our school values both in and out of the classroom. Well done for a successful year in Room 5.
Room 6	Nihil Maharaj	For always working hard in all areas of your learning, especially maths, and being willing to help and support others also. You consistently have a great attitude and are always inclusive and kind. Nihil, you never fail to give me a warm greeting each morning, thank you for a great year.
Room 6	Esme Gyde	For always living up to our Rotokauri School values, consistently making good choices both in class and during break times, working hard in all areas of your learning, and always being willing to help others. Esme, you are a wonderful example to everyone around you, thank you for a great year.

Room 7	Jiya Prajapati	For always working hard in class and supporting her peers with their learning. You show a lot of empathy and kindness towards your peers and have worked hard as a cultural ambassador to share the many different cultures our community has. Well done Jiya.
Room 7	Ryan Russell	For always showing kindness towards your peers and being able to support them with their learning. You are able to see what needs to be done around the classroom and do it without being asked. Thank you for being a fun member of Room 7. We value what you have done in the classroom.
Room 8	Maddix Anniss	For always working incredibly hard and being willing to help your peers too, especially in maths. You are someone that can be relied upon to volunteer and go the extra mile. Thank you so much Maddix for all you have done for Room 8 and Rotokauri School this year.
Room 8	Grace Petley	For being a reliable member of Room 8 and always helping with our school values each week. You have worked extremely hard in your learning and you have amazing organisational skills. Congratulations on a great year.

Top Scholar

Year 1	Archer Crellin
Year 2	Dot Warbrick
Year 3	Evie Hodgson
Year 4	Harry Gyde
Year 5	Kaylee Quinlan
Year 6	Bella Gyde
Year 7	Ernie Young
Year 8	Caitlin Furlonger

Art Trophy for outstanding talent and commitment – **Elijah Esselbrugge**

Dance Trophy for outstanding talent and commitment – **Ellie Fairclough**

Music Trophy for outstanding achievement, commitment and talent – **Kaylee Clark**

Environmental Trophy for contribution to the environment – **Caitlin Furlonger**

Technology Award for talent and commitment with IT – **Ryan Keightley**

Kapa Haka for leading the way in kapa haka – **Liam Buckle / Jordyn Harihari**

Kapa Haka for supporting the leaders – **Kaeleb Beets / Cooper-Love Buckle**

Athletics Trophy for achievement in athletic events – **Kaylee Quinlan**

Swimming Award for achievement in swimming – **Reed Kahaki**

Westgate Trophy for Junior Sportsperson – **Marley Toia**

Westgate Trophy for Middle School Sportsperson – **Jayden Day / Hannah-Leah Warbrick**

Rotokauri Sportsperson of the Year – **Nate Westgate**

House Trophy – **Whero**

Junior Riley for attitude, participation and cooperation – **Hannah-Leah Warbrick**

Senior Riley for attitude, participation and cooperation – **Samuel Watkins**

McFall Cup for Outstanding Values – **Noah Rose**

Tots to Teens

Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents <https://issue2312.totstoteens.co.nz/>

What's in this issue for parents?

- » How to slow brain drain over the holidays?
- » Craft: Cutest ever Santa's beard cards and posters
- » What's on these holidays near you
- » Holiday recipes by foodie Michael Van Elzen
- » Why are our literacy levels waning?
- » Use declarative language to build a stronger connection
- » Free printables for families
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