

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## Zoo Trip Photos



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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

Week 4 already – our whiteboard is filling up with exciting opportunities for our students. Over the next couple of weeks we will be sharing some surveys with you and we would love to hear your opinions/ideas.

Congratulations to our senior students that have taken up leadership roles for 2024 –

### Student Council

Cooper-Love Buckle

Bella Gyde

Ernie Young

Mya Hoebergen

Pyper Merrilees

### Cultural Ambassadors

Rhythm Bhagat

Jiya Prajapati

Chloe Gyde

Brianna Donny

Rhys Jorgensen

### Peer Mediators

Cavalier Kingi

Liam Surgenor

Rebecca Cameron

Lais Harihari  
Nihil Maharaj  
Shaan Judge  
Ella Wen  
Ava Esselbrugge  
Scarlett Swain  
Jasmine Lee  
Anna Haldane

### **House Captains**

Kowhai – Cavalier Kingi, Coco Doody, Pyper Merrilees, Rebecca Cameron  
Whero – Kade Calnan, Kaylee Quinlan, Hugo Hodgson, Carter Moka  
Kakariki – Esme Gyde, Liam Surgenor, Bella Gyde, Chloe Gyde, Koby Rose  
Kikorangi – Aja Jessop, Nature Aitchison, Elsie van Rooij, Leon Watkins

We know that you will all work hard in these roles.

Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend the Meet the Teacher evening.

All children have now completed lessons in the Life Education caravan, with the Life Ed teacher, Abby Miles and ably assisted by Harold the Giraffe.

Staff work tirelessly to organize events for our students and we request that parents support us by getting permission slips, payments, orders and entry forms in **on time**.

We would also like to encourage parents/caregivers to ensure that their children arrive at school on time as this is becoming an issue for many schools. We know that some families find the morning routines a challenge, however research has shown that children who were consistently late to school did not perform as well as their counterparts. Absences and lateness are a focus for the Ministry of Education and school principals.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Lunches**

Thank you to the PTA for providing bought lunches for students on Mondays.

Orders can be placed in the white box in the student foyer in either

1. An envelope from home with name, room number and food order written on the front and money inside (change can be given if needed) OR
2. By filling in a order form found in the student foyer showing name, room number and food order, staple this order form to a brown pie bag with money inside (just fold it over twice so the money won't fall out) if you are ordering a pie or putting it all inside a ziplock bag if there is a Sushi or Subway order.

Students need to pick up their order from the MPR at 1.00 pm (school lunch eating time).

## **PIE RANGE**

\$4.00 Butter Chicken Pies

\$3.50 Mince

\$3.50 Mince and Cheese

\$2.50 Mini Mince Pie

\$2.50 Sausage Roll

(If there is another pie from Oxfords you child would order regularly please feel free to let me know as we can easily order it in)

## **SUSHI RANGE**

\$7.50 Chicken and Veg Sushi

\$4.50 Chicken 4 piece

\$4.50 Salmon 4 piece

(We can also offer other sushi from St Pierre's if your child has a favourite, just let me know in advance and I can get you a price)

## **SUBWAY RANGE**

\$6.50 6inch Sub with meat, lettuce, tomato cheese and a cookie

Ham

Beef

Vegetarian

## **BOT NEWS**

### **BOT Committee**

At the first BOT meeting held this week Mr Paul Burt was elected as Presiding Member (Chairperson) for 2024. The other members on the Rotokauri School BOT are – Brad Kells, Nathaniel Beets, Ioana Manu, Sue Esselbrugge, Andrea O'Rourke and Desiree Smith. Our minute secretary is Sarah Dyer.

### **Car Parking at Exit 2**

It has been brought to our attention that there are some negative and incorrect statements being shared amongst the parent community regarding the new carpark – Exit 2. This has resulted in verbal abuse being directed at staff members – this is not acceptable behaviour. The staff are working hard to get students safely into vehicles in a prompt manner so as not to hold up parents, some of whom are very impatient. It is not appropriate to do u-turns in the new driveway due to frustration.

The school staff and BOT were **not** responsible for designing and/or developing this project – this was a Ministry of Education decision. Also, the school budget/funds were **not** used for this project – this project was undertaken by the Ministry of Education networking due to roll growth. The Ministry of Education have been spoken to by the Principal and BOT members about the difficulties with the turning circle and the entranceway but nothing decisive has been forthcoming – we will keep pressure on the Ministry of Education to acknowledge and correct the design if possible.

The most important school value that overarches all behaviour is RESPECT and we would like to think that all school community members are upholding this value.

## **Digital Citizenship**

Attached to this newsletter is our school's junior and senior school Digital Citizenship agreements. We support safe and responsible use of the internet for teaching and learning. To be a good digital citizen we –

- Are a confident and capable user of digital technologies
- Will use digital technology for supporting learning
- Will think carefully about whether the information we see online is true
- Understand that we may experience problems when using technology and can learn to deal with these issues
- Will always show our REACH values when using digital technology

## **School Donations**

Our school donation for 2024 has been set at \$100 per child, \$250 for 3 or more children. The Board of Trustees have kept this low payment amount for a number of years. Thank you to all our parents who pay the donation every year and those that have paid so promptly this year. In 2023 the total donations that could be collected amounted to \$18,000 – unfortunately only 60% of families contributed which meant that \$11,000 was donated.

Why do we need your donation? Schools in New Zealand are funded on a per pupil basis. This is a set figure across the country and based on the equity index allocated to the school. We receive less funding than high equity index schools across the country so **we need your help!**

By having as many families as possible pay the school donation this significantly improves the resources we can provide on a day to day basis and ensures that we can provide more opportunities for our learners to flourish, achieve their full potential and enjoy their primary school years.

If you pay your donation before the end of the financial year, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, then you are eligible to claim a rebate from the IRD. As an added incentive the school will be placing the names of families that have paid their school donation in term 1 into a draw for a \$100 dinner voucher.

We encourage you to support your child's education by supporting the school by paying the donation so we can continue to provide the high quality teaching and learning programmes that you expect.

We know that for some of our families paying the school donation all at once is difficult. For this reason you can make part payments each school term.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **School Biathlon/Triathlon**

As you receive this newsletter the students will be participating in the school's annual school biathlon and triathlon. Thank you to the parents/caregivers that have come along to support the students.

## **Get, Set, Go**

Room 4 will be attending the Get Set Go day at Horotiu School tomorrow. We hope they have an enjoyable day participating in the fun activities organized by the student leaders.

## **Senior School Swimming Sports**

Yesterday students from Rooms 6 – 9 that are 8 – 12 years old will have received their permission slip and information regarding the senior school swimming sports. This year these will be held at the Ngaruawahia Pools on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February. We will be travelling by bus. Parent volunteers are required so if you can help please email [sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz)

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **Values Vouchers**

<b>Weeks 1 and 2</b>		
Belle Paki	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Malachi Buckle	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Kit De Zoete	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Everly Baker	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Oscar Hapi	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Logan Beer	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty</b> .
Casey Mancer	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .
Carys Land	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Joseph Willis	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Isla Nelson	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Enzo Maresca-Allison	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Harry Gyde	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Alex Dombroski	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Rhys Jorgensen	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .

## Assembly Certificates

### Term 1 Week 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Isabelle Paki	For showing the value of empathy when you played with our new friends who didn't know what to do.
Room 1	James Davison	For showing the value of empathy when you helped a friend in need.
Room 2	Amaia Matenga	For making such a positive start to the year and taking on challenges.
Room 2	Kit DeZoete	For being a positive role model in Room 2 and showing the Rotokauri School values at all times.
Room 3	Grayson Ireton	His great attitude towards school
Room 3	Manraj Pannu	Listening and following instructions
Room 4	Cleo Mackrell	For showing courage and being brave.
Room 4	Jeffrey Lee	For showing active learning and courage in the pool
Room 6	Marley Toia	Your amazing head hassler and mind masters
Room 6	Theo Winikerei	Your amazing head hassler and mind masters
Room 7	Mya Allen	For following the instructions well, to draw a realistic eye and mouth.
Room 7	Teagan Mancer	For following the instructions well, to draw a realistic eye and mouth.
Room 8	Mackenzie O'Rourke	Being an active learner and showing kindness to his peers.
Room 8	Esme Gyde	Being an active learner and consistently showing our Rotokauri values.
Room 9	Mya Hoebergen	For showing initiative and organising the deck outside the classroom and tidying up.
Room 9	Aja Jessop	For showing initiative and organising the deck outside the classroom and tidying up.

# TOTS TO TEENS

CHILDHOOD IN AOTEAROA

Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi

parents [issue2402.totstoteens.co.nz](http://issue2402.totstoteens.co.nz)

## What's in this issue for parents?

- » The terrible twos
- » Getting the most out of Open Days
- » Gut health for young athletes
- » Tempting chocolate treats
- » Healthy eyes for a better future
- » What is your child's learning style?
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