

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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**Reminder - school will be closed:
Good Friday 29 March
Easter Monday 1 April
Easter Tuesday 2 April (a school holiday)**

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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 1 – Lexi Viljoen

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Paid Union Meeting

Thank you to the families that were able to pick up their child/children on Wednesday so that the teachers could attend the Paid Union Meeting.

School Logo Refresh

Also, thank you to the 60 families that responded to our survey regarding the refresh of the school logo. Your comments were appreciated and some modifications will be considered. Currently the results are – Logo 1 = 55%, Logo 2 = 8%, Logo 3 = 37%.

Dress code

Some reminders regarding appropriate schoolwear –

- It is not necessary for students to wear makeup or false nails at school. Nail polish can be worn. Tinted eyelashes need to get school permission.
- Jewellery –
 - Students are allowed to wear a watch/FitBit, however, they cannot be phone/video call capable, or be able to play games. Using inappropriately is an IT violation.
 - Jewellery of cultural significance can be worn e.g. a Christian cross, Māori carving.
 - Earrings are allowed, but for safety reasons, only basic studs or sleepers are acceptable.
- Clothing needs to be appropriate for school activities – visible underwear, midriff tops, extremes of fashion and offensive images (language and/or pictures) are inappropriate.

If there is an issue with the dress code the teacher will talk to the student concerned, it will be recorded on PB4L and parents/caregivers will be emailed as a reminder.

Mobile Phones

Our school policy is inline with the Ministry of Education's new regulations which prohibit phones at school. If there is a need for a student to have a phone for walking home, taking to events outside school hours etc then the mobile phone must be handed in to the school office during the day.

Carpark Reminders

This is a polite reminder, but comes with a great deal of frustration, regarding safety and role modelling in the school carpark. It is disappointing to keep reminding adults about inappropriate, potentially unsafe behaviour, that is occurring on a daily/weekly basis.

These behaviours have been witnessed over the last two week period -

- Driving around the stop sign when it is out.
- Parking in the disabled carpark space with no visible signage in car window.
- Walking across the carpark to the busbay in the mornings and afternoons – please walk around and use the pedestrian crossings.
- Parking in the median strip, getting out of parked vehicles in the median strip and walking behind vehicles and across the driveway to pick up child/children.

The footpaths, pedestrian crossings and designated road patrol areas should be used at all times.

Attendance

Rotokauri School is working with the Ministry of Education and other agencies to improve the attendance rates of our children. It is an expectation and in our attendance policy that –

- Parents/caregivers contact the school by phone or email **each** day that their child/children are absent from school.

- Parents/caregivers provide an honest reason for their child/children's absence – it is not acceptable to just leave a message to say a child is sick, we require more details please.
- After three consecutive days absent a medical certificate is required to explain your child/children's ongoing absence.

Have a great fortnight everyone and enjoy your long weekend (starting Friday 29 March and back to school on Wednesday 3 April).

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

PTA NEWS

AGM:

Thanks to all those who attended our AGM on Tuesday night! We would like to extend a warm welcome to Cary Viljoen, our newest member of the PTA.

We farewelled a number of valued members from our committee at the end of last year and also some this year. We would like to thank the following members for their support, commitment and dedication to our PTA cause - Nicole Barham, Elyse Wallace, Raewyn O'Brien, Chris Zillwood, Rachel Turney, Hayley Lester and Tracy Wilson.

Members Needed:

Our committee is looking for two people to fulfill the roles of **Treasurer** and **Secretary**. If you, or anyone you know within our Rotokauri community would like to take on either of these roles, or would like to join the PTA, please let us know. Either contact Kim at kimberleybeets@gmail.com or drop your details into the office.

Easter Raffle:

Thank you for the wonderful Easter Raffle donations we've received so far!

We are on the hunt for some small boxes to assemble the prizes. If you have any small boxes spare, could you please bring them into the office, this would be greatly appreciated.

Easter Raffle cards are due back tomorrow! Please return ALL cards, even if you have not sold any or completed the card.

We will be drawing the Raffle with a special assembly on Wednesday 27th March at 2.15 pm.

Lunch Orders:

Thank you to all those who participated in our Lunch Order Survey last year. We had some great feedback which we have taken on board.

From this feedback, we will be trialling a new lunch order day which will be Wednesday. This will start at the beginning of Term 2.

Thanks again for all your continued support!

Ngā mihi nui

Rotokauri School PTA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Swimming Pool Closure and Pool Key Return

Our school pool will be officially closed for class swimming and extra tuition lessons on Wednesday 3 April. Thank you families for ensuring that students attended school each day ready for their swimming times.

The BOT would like to sincerely thank Mrs Sarah Selwyn for providing her expertise in swimming to provide tuition at lunch time on Mondays for some students. The improvement in the children's ability has been noted by staff and parents.

Key holders – A \$10.00 key bond refund will be given out on the return of your keys at the school office. Please do not send your keys to school with your child unless you are happy for them to be given the \$10.00 bond.

After School Care

After School Care is available at the Western Community Centre. Children are picked up from Rotokauri School and taken to the After School Care facility.

Contact: Western Stars, Western Community Centre, 46 Hyde Ave, Hamilton Phone: 8474873 extension 0. Please see brochure at the end of the newsletter for Holiday Programme details.

Junior Tough Guy and Girl

Rotokauri School has booked **50 places** for this popular event to be held at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp on **THURSDAY, 20 JUNE 2024**.

Students in Years 3-8 can be entered **online** via the Event Promotions website as part of our school team. **Entries close FRIDAY 10 MAY and are on a first in, first served basis.**

Please click on the link below for more information and to register your child <https://2024juniortggc.events.mygameday.app/> then follow the prompts.

Make sure you select Thursday 20 June and the correct year level for your child and ensure that you select "Teacher will collect race number" option.

If you have any further questions, please email Ms Jaimee Carter at jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz

Winter Sports Registrations

This year we are offering hockey and netball during Winter. Please click the link below if you would like to register your child for one of these sports.

[Winter Sports Registration Link 2024](#)

CELEBRATIONS

Junior Sports Results

Congratulations to all our Juniors who participated and competed in the Junior Swimming Sports and Display. The children had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and compete in races. They should be very proud of their efforts and achievements this swimming season.

5 Year Old Swimming Race Results

Width Race - Floating on Front with Flutterboard	
1.	Zaylee van den Heever
2.	Psalm Rhind
3.	Karlo Devcich
Width Race - Floating on Back with a Noodle	
1.	Penny Clarke-Gray
2.	Amaia Matenga
3.	Lily Finnerty Mills
Width Race - Freestyle	
1.	Teagan Russell
2.	Amaia Matenga
3.	Maia Langdon
Width Race - Backstroke	
1.	Kit Dezoete
2.	Logan Beer
3.	Teagan Russell

6 Year Old Swimming Race Results

Width Race - Flutterboard Float on Front	
1.	Grayson Ireton
2.	Link Doody
3.	Oscar Hapi

Freestyle Length	
1.	Murphy Cairns-Eade
2.	Georgia Esselbrugge
3.	Shia Paterson
Backstroke Length	
1.	Murphy Cairns-Eade
2.	Georgia Esselbrugge
Width Race – Float on Back with a Noodle	
1.	Atlas Williams
2.	Link Doody
3.	Grayson Ireton
Freestyle Width	
1.	Atlas Williams
2.	Poppy Sadler-Singh
3.	Sean Parkes

7 Year Old Swimming Race Results

Length - Front Float with a Flutterboard	
1.	Theo Cowley
2.	Ryan Bhagat
Length - Floating on Back with a Noodle	
1.	Cooper Wiseman
2.	Cleo Mackrell
3.	Carys Land
Freestyle Length	
1.	Archer Crellin
2.	Shepard Cairns-Eade
3.	Alex Oldham
Backstroke Length	
1.	Dot Warbrick
2.	Colette Griffin
3.	Shepard Cairns-Eade

Senior Swimming Sports Results

On Thursday 29th February, our Senior School Swimming Sports was held at the Ngaruawahia Pools. The students were very excited for the day and the weather was amazing. A big thank you to our parents who helped out through the day by timing the races. We really appreciate your help.

Well done to all our students who gave their best efforts in both the Division A (competitive) and Division B (participation) grades. Congratulations to the following students on their placings.

25M BREASTSTROKE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 Year Old Girls	Pyper Gill		
12 Year Old Boys			
11 Year Old Girls	Nature Aitchison	Aja Jessop	Rebecca Cameron
11 Year Old Boys	Luca Rogers	Liam Surgenor	Koby Payne
10 Year Old Girls	Kaylee Quinlan	Esme Gyde	
10 Year Old Boys	Koby Rose	Hugo Hodgson	Carter Moka
9 Year Old Girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Heidi Viljoen	Lais Harihari
9 Year Old Boys	Aston Burt	Jayden Day	Cohen Harris
8 Year Old Girls	Sophie Quinlan		
8 Year Old Boys			

50M BREASTSTROKE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 Year Old Girls	Pyper Gill		
11 Year Old Girls	Nature Aitchison	Aja Jessop	Mya Hoebergen

25M BACKSTROKE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
11 Year Old Girls	Aja Jessop	Cavalier Kingi	Mya Hoebergen
11 Year Old Boys	Leon Watkins	Rhys Jorgensen	Liam Surgenor
10 Year Old Girls	Elsie van Rooij	Kaylee Quinlan	Esme Gyde
10 Year Old Boys	Jackson Connolly	Hugo Hodgson	

9 Year Old Girls	Scarlett Swain	Keani Kingi	Ellie-Rose Anderson
9 Year Old Boys	Harry Gyde	Ammon Hippolite	Noxx Rogers
8 Year Old Girls	Tessa Spencer	Talia Hefferon	Paige Robinson-Hastings
8 Year Old Boys	Marley Toia	Joseph Willis	Zac Hoebergen

50M BACKSTROKE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
11 Year Old Girls	Chloe Gyde	Mya Hoebergen	
10 Year Old Girls	Esme Gyde		
10 Year Old Boys	Jackson Connolly	Hugo Hodgson	

25M FREESTYLE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 Year Old Girls	Pyper Gill		
12 Year Old Boys	Ernie Young	Jared Hippolite	Ryan Russell Alex Dombroski
11 Year Old Girls	Nature Aitchison	Bella Gyde	Aja Jessop
11 Year Old Boys	Leon Watkins	Luca Rogers	Kade Calnan
10 Year Old Girls	Kaylee Quinlan	Elsie van Rooij	Esme Gyde
10 Year Old Boys	Cameron Emslie	Jackson Connolly	Cody Wade
9 Year Old Girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Scarlett Swain	Indiana Payne
9 Year Old Boys	Harry Gyde	Aston Burt	Ammon Hippolite
8 Year Old Girls	Tessa Spencer	Sophie Quinlan	Talia Hefferon
8 Year Old Boys	Marley Toia	Zac Hoebergen	Joseph Willis

50M FREESTYLE

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
12 Year Old Girls			
12 Year Old Boys	Jared Hippolite	Ernie Young	Ryan Russell
11 Year Old Girls	Nature Aitchison	Bella Gyde	Chloe Gyde
11 Year Old Boys	Leon Watkins	Nihil Maharaj	Kade Calnan

10 Year Old Girls	Esme Gyde		
10 Year Old Boys	Carter Moka	Cameron Emslie	Jackson Connolly

Boys/Girls Open Medley

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
10-12 Year Olds	Aja Jessop	Nature Aitchison	Mya Hoebergen

House Relay

1st Kikorangi	2nd Whero	3rd Kakariki	4th Kowhai
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2024 Cluster Swimming Sports

On Thursday, 14th March, 11 students from Rotokauri School competed in the annual Cluster Swimming Sports Competition. This event was held at Ngaruawahia Pools for our 10 -12 year old students. Despite the fierce competition our students competed hard, were supportive of each other and constantly showed our school REACH values. At the end of the day, we achieved some amazing results.

Thank you to all the parents who helped transport students and with marshalling duties. We appreciate the time you have put in to support this event. Below is a list of our students who placed in their events.

10 Year Old Boys

- Jackson Connolly: 3rd place 25m breaststroke

11 Year Old Girls

- Aja Jessop: 2nd place 25m breaststroke
2nd place 25m backstroke
3rd place 50m breaststroke

- Nature Aitchison: 1st place 25m freestyle
1st place 50m freestyle
3rd place 25m breaststroke

11 Year Old Boys

- Leon Watkins 3rd place 25m freestyle
3rd place 50m freestyle

Assembly Certificates

Term 1 Week 7

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	CJ McNabb	For choosing to be a bucket filler by keeping your hands and feet to yourself. Keep it up!

Room 1	Bray Corlett	For showing the value of courage when you join in with the Room 1 action songs. Well done!
Room 2	Atlas Williams	For being an active learner and showing good progress in your learning this week. Great work.
Room 2	Izzy Ryan	For your great effort in literacy this week. You are an active learner and progressing well in reading.
Room 3	Harper Moka	For working hard in literacy and being an active learner
Room 3	Tyler Lester	For an awesome effort with his writing
Room 4	Ada Westgate	For being an active learner, while investigating rubbish in room 4.
Room 4	Charlotte Land	For being an active learner, while investigating rubbish in room 4.
Room 8	Lais Harihari	For being an active learner and showing respect towards her peers.
Room 9	Jared Hippollite	For being an active learner and always completing your work to a high standard.
Room 9	Elsie van Rooij	For being an active learner and doing your best always.

Term 1 Week 6

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Kash Wiseman	For doing such an awesome job of settling into school. Well done!
Room 1	Harry Martin	For always being an Active Learner. Keep it up!
Room 2	Teagan Russell	For being an active learner in the pool and having a successful swimming season.
Room 2	Carter Beer	For being an active learner in the pool and having a successful swimming season.
Room 3	Liam Lester	For his responsible behaviour in class - so grown up.
Room 3	Sean Parks	For doing some awesome reading! What an active learner :)
Room 4	Theo Cowley	For showing lots of courage in the pool. Well done.
Room 4	Ryan Bhagat	For showing lots of courage in the pool. Well done.
Room 6	Van Macdonald-Hooper	Showing such a caring attitude towards others demonstrating the Rotokauri value of "empathy".
Room 6	Conor Emerson	Being a "mind master" in class.
Room 8	Lais Harihari	For being an active learner and being a team player.
Room 8	Ella Wen	For being an active learner and showing kindness towards her peers.

Room 9	Luca Haldane	For working hard and completing EPRO8 challenges.
Room 9	Rhys Jorgensen	For working hard on your art and always willing to help out.

Values Vouchers

Week 7		
Klan Chand	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of honesty .
Carter Beer	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Monik Prajapati	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Sophie Swain	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Blake Oulton-Hewitt	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Ellie-Rose Anderson	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Cody Wade	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Ryan Russell	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of respect .

Week 6		
Kash Wiseman	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Lottie Phillips	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Poppy Sadler-Singh	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Liam Harrison	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Ruby Wilson	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Aston Burt	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Ella Wen	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Rebecca Cameron	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of honesty .



April
2024

Western Stars Holiday Programme



From 8:00am till 5:30pm

\$38 per day and \$190 per week

Western Community Centre
46 Hyde Ave, Newton, Hamilton



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Day 1: Tuesday 16th April
Day 2: Wednesday 17th April
Day 3: Thursday 18th April
9am-3pm
Fraser High School, Hamilton



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Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 - 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

15th - 19th April 2024, 9am - 4pm daily
Held at Southwell School,
200 Peachgrove Road
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