

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## ROKOKAURI SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2014



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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 our students in learning.

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VISION**

We are responsible, confident learners and communicators.

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES**

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Persistence and Excellence.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESSES**

Rotokauri School communicates regularly with students and the community. This is seen by many as a strength of our school. Consultation is vital because it gives parents the chance to give their views on educational topics. We find the information we receive from students and parents invaluable in relation to future planning and reporting. From now on the way we communicate for consultation purposes will change.

Rather than deal with paper and work out results manually we have hired the services of monkey.com to host 2 surveys (community and student consultation). If you go to [www.rotokauri.school.nz](http://www.rotokauri.school.nz) you will see the two surveys we have commissioned. We would appreciate it if you and your child / children can fill these out. As this is a fairly new process we are going to increase the timeframe for completion of these surveys. The cut-off date for completing these will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

We will be advertising this new system of consultation over the coming weeks in the hope that even more students and parents will take up the opportunity to have their say. Looking forward to sharing some of the results with you early in Term 3.

## **SHARING EVENING**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June we would like as many parents as possible to come and join us for a sharing of information evening. We will discuss and present information on Cool Schools which we began in March this year. We would also like to share information about Mathletics and maths in general. This is a great opportunity for you to hear and see what is happening at our school and the ways you can assist your child with their learning.

## SISTER SCHOOL

We are now on the hunt for a sister school in China. We have sent our details to the Chinese Embassy in the hope that a Chinese school will start up a friendship with us. It's important our students understand about other cultures, especially regarding how and why they think the way they do. Those parents that followed the link we gave you in the last newsletter will know why it's so vital.

## BIG IMPROVEMENT

The correct use of the car park has greatly improved since the introduction of the sign in the bus stop. However, the only real issue now is parents continually **NOT** using the pedestrian crossings.

## LATE ARRIVALS

If your child has arrived late at school please pop in to the office and notify Sharon so that they are recorded properly on the attendance roll. When going to class after the 9.00 a.m bell please ensure that their entry is as unobtrusive as possible and does not disrupt the classroom proceedings. This is not the appropriate time to have discussions with the teachers as they are focussed on starting the day's learning for the class. Teachers can be contacted via email or phone. Alternatively you may book an appointment to see them at a later time/date or leave them a note.

## SKIP-A-THON

This has come around very quickly as it only seems like yesterday that I bought the \$750 bike as a prize for the Evolution sponsored event.

The bike is a prize for the person who gains the **MOST** sponsors. Instructions on how this prize can be won can be found on the sponsorship form that will be handed out to your child today, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May (because of Arbor Day tomorrow). Other spot prizes will be available on the day, including prizes for the best skipping trick and best dressed / costume.

The reason we have selected the skip-a-thon is that it is a skill that is not easily mastered and requires a lot of persistence and fitness for the child participating. Persistence is one of our school's main values and this can be viewed daily as various classes rehearse their part in the skip-a-thon. All money fundraised goes towards our music and science programmes. On a cautionary note students should not go door to door seeking sponsorship unless they are in the company of a fellow student and/or parent.

SKIP-A-THON TIMELINE	
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Sponsorship forms go home.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June @ 1.30 pm	Full school skip-a-thon practise session with music.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June @ 1.30 pm	Full school skip-a-thon practise session with music.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June @ 9.30 am	Skip-a-thon takes place. All sponsorship forms have to be returned on this day so that teachers can check the number of legitimate sponsors and sign.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June by 9.00 am	Last day to return sponsorship form and money to be eligible to win the bike. More details on form.

## GREAT INTEREST IN NEWLY DEVELOPED LEADERSHIP CAMP FOR 2015

The response has been pretty overwhelming for a newly developed (optional) Year 8 leadership camp in early 2015. The camp is designed to bind our Year 8's as a collective, galvanised group for the year. The activities will be based around leadership and team work and should bring the best out of our students, while at times asking them to dig that little bit deeper.

The camp is designed as a two night intensive leadership course. If you have forgotten to hand in the response form please do so as soon as possible as bookings are required for various activities.

## SCHOOL TIMES

Legally we are responsible for students while on site from 8.30 am to 3.30 pm. Being a semi-rural caring school we have been more lenient on this legislation and have had students turn up earlier because parents have work commitments. Before dropping your child off please look at your watch and think - is this fair on my child? Who is responsible for my child as I drive out the gate and leave them in the cold? In the last newsletter the after school providers offered a 'before school' option. If you are interested in finding out more information please contact Anna on 021 825 621.

## BALLOT

Do you have friends who have children of these age groups who would like to attend Rotokauri School? We only ever have very infrequent and limited ballot spaces available at Rotokauri so if you know of someone please tell them about this notice that will be in the Public Notices of the Waikato Times this Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014. Application forms for the places will be available from the school office next Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## ROKOKAURI SCHOOL

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their child, who will be turning **5** between **25 June 2014** and **7 October 2014**, at Rotokauri School. They have decided that there are **5 spaces** available for out of zone students turning five between those dates. The Board have also decided there is space available for **2 - Year 1's** (born August 2008 to October 2008), **2 - Year 2's** and **3 - Year 6's** for the remainder of the 2014 school year.

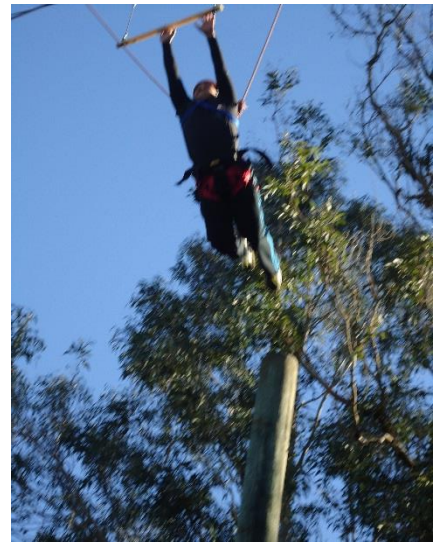
Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office. Application forms are available at the school office from Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June or phone (07) 8495 068.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 3.15 pm, Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June. If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot by 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Matt Snelgrove  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

## SENIOR COUNCIL

The Senior Council were selected by their peers after completing a speech earlier this year. They had to use all their skills recently while on a Waikato Outdoor Education Course. The course included lashing canoes together and then paddling from The Narrows to Bridge Street. Then there was the high ropes work. As they say 'a picture says a thousand words'. Well done Taine, Te Waiti, Gemma and Crystal.



## NEW ROOM TO OPEN IN TERM 3

The Board has made the decision to hire a teacher in Term 3 to support the new five year olds that will be attending our school later this year. This will reduce our student teacher ratio and therefore we believe will have positive learning outcomes for those new entrants starting their educational careers in Room 8. We will be paying for this out of our own funds. We will welcome Mrs Jacqueline Hill back to Rotokauri to fill this position.

## ILLNESS

Winter months bring with them additional health issues. Many parents make enquiries regarding the time off a child needs to recover from illness. The best thing to do as a parent for peace of mind is ask your doctor. However the following recovery times are used by some institutions:

ILLNESS	RECOMMENDED RECOVERY TIME
Vomiting	Until 24 hours after <b>LAST</b> vomit.
Diarrhoea	Until 24 hours after <b>LAST</b> runny bowel motion.
Conjunctivitis	Until eye discharge has <b>CEASED</b> .
Measles	For at least <b>FOUR</b> days <b>AFTER</b> onset of rash.
Whooping Cough	For <b>FIVE</b> days <b>AFTER</b> antibiotic treatment commenced.
Mumps	For <b>NINE</b> days or until swelling has gone.
Chicken Pox	For <b>SEVEN</b> days from the <b>ONSET</b> of the rash and scabs dry.
School Sores	Until 24 hours <b>AFTER</b> antibiotics started.
Streptococcal Throat	For 24 hours <b>FROM</b> commencement of treatment.
Influenza	Infectious for up to <b>SEVEN</b> days. Restrict contact until well.

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2014

### GIRLS

Age race	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5 year old	Paige Moka	Bailey Brooks	Lily Allen
6 year old	Anah West	Ella Caulfield	Ella Burt
7 year old	Tyla Brooks	Jessica Cuff	G'arni-Lee Clark
8 year old	Tegan Barham	Georgia Westgate	Brooklyn Kahuroa
9 year old	Renee West	Tahlia Farrell	Olivia Robinson
10 year old	Sophie Kells	Georgia Snelgrove	Maggie Patterson
11 year old	Tigerlily Tangiora	Daniela Henderson	Emma Clifton
12 year old	Sarah Miller	Alex Dashfield	Caylee Farrell

### BOYS

Age race	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5 year old	Marama Tangiora	Seth Westgate	Jayden Ward
6 year old	Lamayne Clark	Euan Aitchison	Carter Jackways
7 year old	Ethan Phillip	Cole Thomson	Kian McNamara
8 year old	Daniel Cameron	Cooper White	Isaac Collinson
9 year old	Nicholas Westgate	Dylan Westgate	Liam McLaughlin
10 year old	Devon Collinson	Callum Cameron	Julius Spiers
11 year old	Tommi Rae	Ethan King	Davin Barham
12+ year old	Barrie Patterson	Izayah Duncan	Cole Warren

### HOUSE POINTS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kowhai	287 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Whero	284 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kikorangi	225 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kakariki	197 points

## ROOM 2 STORIES

This term we are studying about FAIRYTALES. We learn a different fairytale each week. Here are some of our Gingerbread Man stories -

*My gingerbread girl has a crown and has black button eyes. She has a diamond nose and green lines on her arms and on her legs.* Aidah Ali

*I have a gingerbread girl. She has raisin eyes and a bow and buttons. She has a smily face. She has sparkly ears.* Savannah Smith

*My gingerbread man is so so fast because he has long legs. He has got green buttons, an orange nose and yellow lips.* Caine Vanderwiel

## WANTED – PLEASE 😊

Room 8 would like a screen / monitor that could be connected to a laptop as an extension screen. The screen needs to be large enough to view clearly from halfway across the room, as you would a TV. Do you know of anyone who has one and would be willing to donate one? Please contact Jacqueline via the school office.

## WOODEN BLOCK REPAIRS

We have a set of wooden construction blocks that have seen better days. Would anyone have the time and energy to repair them with an all over sanding and coating of linseed oil (supplied). We would like to return them to classroom use. Please contact Mary Evans in Room 1.

## WHAT DO OUR YOUTH REALLY THINK?

Maybe we are a little hard on our youth. A recent poll of 1,100 youth came up with the following findings:

1. Young people believe that their parents have the most influence over their lives.
2. The most protective factors for youth are related to positive relationships, feeling cared about by their family, having caring adults to turn to, having positive friends with positive social values.
3. Young people identify with and respect people who are unaffected by the opinions of others.
4. Young people believe strongly in the concept of equality and acceptance of one another.
5. One quarter of young New Zealanders currently volunteer or do some kind of community work.
6. Young people would like more opportunities to contribute to society.

## BRILLIANT COURSE

Janice, Desiree and myself had the privilege of attending a course run by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. He is an Australian authority on student health/wellbeing and the internet. Michael had the audience mesmerised by statistics and stories from his extensive experiences. If you want to know how your child is going to turn out in life in terms of success just look at the way they relate to others. Can they make and maintain a wide variety of friendship groups. As Michael puts it 'obtain, retain and maintain friends'. Michael also talked a lot about internet safety and the ability to be resilient. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing some of his thoughts and resources with you. One thing that successful people do apparently is write down 3 things that make them happy each day. Try it!!

## INTERESTING

A man can fail many times but it is not a failure until he blames someone else. If you can't be a shining example, then just serve as a horrible warning.

## TEAMWORK

Teamwork is everything in any organisation that wants to enjoy success. We make no bones about the fact we push teamwork at this school through our philosophy of TEAM (Together Everybody Achieves More). Here are some interesting comments about the concept of team:

- It's amazing what can be accomplished when nobody cares about who gets the credit. Robert Yates
- Teamwork is a make or break situation. Either you help make it or the lack of it will break you. Kris A Hiatt
- In order to have a winner, the team must have a feeling of unity: every player puts the team ahead of personal glory. Paul Bear Bryant
- Individual commitment to a group effort - that's what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work. Vince Lombardi
- No problem is insurmountable. With a little courage, teamwork and determination a person can overcome anything. B Dodge
- Coming together is a beginning, staying together is a progress, and working together is success. Henry Ford
- People have been known to achieve more as a result of working with others than against them. Dr Allan From

## SCHOOL TABLES AND CHAIRS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

We have furniture at the school that is surplus to our requirements. If you are interested in purchasing tables and chairs from the school for a monetary donation, please see Mark ASAP to view the items.

## LUCKY BOOK ORDERS

The last day to have your orders and money to the school office is tomorrow, 30 May. ☺



## HEAD LICE

We have been notified of cases of head lice in several classes. Please regularly check and recheck your children's hair and treat and retreat if necessary. Head lice needs to be treated before children return to school.

## MATHLETICS RESULTS – WEEKS 2 & 3

### Week 2

Class	Participation Points	Top Student	Points
Room 1	11,312	Lewis Surgenor	4,418
Room 2	6,477	Ella Sumner	1,270
Room 3	7,289	Thomas Keightley	1,250
Room 4	20,922	Connor Williams-Thomas	4,030
Room 5	48,652	Parsa Soltanizand	5,617
Room 6	31,918	Natalia Coppins	3,290
Room 7	10,858	Hayley Monaghan	2,602

### Week 3

Class	Participation Points	Top Student	Points
Room 1	9,193	Quinlen Dixon	1,668
Room 2	11,087	Elias Barber	1,950
Room 3	19,873	Hayley Jorgensen	8,363
Room 4	14,439	Kian McNamara	2,270
Room 5	67,570	Liam McLaughlin	8,497
Room 6	14,581	Alan Pruden	3,784
Room 7	34,149	Sarah Miller	7,108

Mathletics Trophy winner - Week 2 Ella Sumner

Mathletics Trophy winner - Week 3 Oliver Campbell

## MORE CROSS COUNTRY PHOTOGRAPHS



## SOW SPRING VEGGIES

Traditionally Matariki is about harvesting then preparing the land for next spring. Try sowing veggies like peas, broad beans, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage and spinach.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Matariki is marked by the 7 star constellation Pleiades. If the stars were clear and bright, it was a sign that a productive planting season lay ahead.





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## DRUM TUITION AVAILABLE

### at Rotokauri School

Experienced drummer / tutor –

30 years experience as a professional drummer and

20 years experience as a drum tutor.

\$20 per ½ hour lesson (one on one).

Lessons will be either at lunch time (12.30 – 1.30 pm) or after school.

A drum kit will be provided. Pupils will need a pair of drum sticks and a clearfile book. Payment will be cash on the day of the lesson.

Any enquiries phone / text Malcolm Boyd 021 152 3747

### Every week you save, you could win your share of \$10,000.

We want to help teach kids the value of saving each week. Every week that they deposit from as little as \$1 into their ASB Headstart account they'll go in the draw to win a \$20, \$50 or \$100 cash prize. This is sure to fast track their savings and get them closer to their goals. Whatever they may be.

The competition runs from 27 January to 14 April, then again from 5 May to 25 June. Deposits can be made through ASB's school savings programme, internet banking (or other electronic method) or at your local ASB branch.

To find out more, contact your school office.

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