

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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**Please Note:**

**Teacher Only Day**

**Wednesday,  
4 September 2024**

**SCHOOL CLOSED  
FOR THE DAY**

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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 5 – Avitaj Sangha, Ameera Stevenson, Ben Fyers, Ayla Maile, Jordy McKinnon, Yuvaan Narayan, Ivey Griffin, Pippa Cloete and Madeline Littleford.

Room 6 – Alwina Ann Shijo

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

Ngaa mihi nui

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

Term 3 and we are back into another busy term. I hope that you all enjoyed time with your child/children. We were lucky with some fine days during the holidays.

To start the term I would like to congratulate the parents/caregivers for the 99% attendance at Parent Teacher Interviews – this is amazing and we should be proud of achieving this.

IT improvements are essential for our school so that students are using up-to-date equipment. I would like to thank the BOT for their ongoing commitment to the budget which this year has allowed us to purchase new iPads for the junior school and

chromebooks for the senior school. We know that the students will enjoy these more modern devices.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank two of our dedicated and talented PTA members Cary Viljoen and Brooklyn Winikerei for the beautiful paintings on the concrete outside the junior classes. It really does brighten the school and uplift our spirits.

My last thank you goes out to the school families and wider community for their support with the introduction of the fruit and vegetable stand at the front of the school. We have some community members that are adding to the stand and donating the proceeds back to the school.

It gave me great pleasure at the end of Term 2 to sign the necessary paperwork for Mr Kyle Park to become a fully registered teacher. He has completed his two years of a mentoring programme with the guidance of Mrs Andrea O'Rourke and Mrs Claire Walker. The BOT and staff would like to congratulate Kyle on this accomplishment and wish him well with his teaching career.

We start the term with two new staff members. Welcome Mrs Mary Evans and Mrs Selma Booyens. Mrs Evans has opened an extra new entrant class in Room 5 and Mrs Booyens is covering the maternity leave teacher aide position.

## **Upcoming Events**

9 August	School Cross Country
13 August	Cross Country Postponement Date
13 August	BOT meeting - 5.15 p.m
14 August	Junior Speech Competition
15 August	Senior Speech Competition
16 August	Cluster Ripa Rugby (Yrs 5 - 8)
22 August	Cluster Cross Country
27 August	PTA meeting - 6.00 p.m
29 August	Cluster speech competition - Years 5 & 6
4 September	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
4 September	Cluster speech competition - Years 7 & 8
5 September	Team Photos
11 September	Student Led Conferences
12 September	Student Led Conferences
17 September	BOT meeting - 5.15 p.m
18 September	Waikato Full Primary School Speeches (Years 7 & 8)

18 September	Waikato Full Primary School Cross Country (Years 7 & 8)
19 September	Cluster Kapa Haka
24 September	PTA meeting - 6.00 p.m
25 September	Rural Schools Hockey Tournament
26 September	Wearable Arts Showcase
27 September	End of Term 3

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

## BOT NEWS

There was a hive of activity at school during the holidays and it was wonderful to see the completion of a number of beautification projects. Thank you Bernie Ridley, Brad Kells, Laser Plumbing, Josh Michels and Vivod Developments for all your hard work. What did we get done?

- Shade cloth has been waterblasted
- Aircons, projectors and tv screens fixed, assembled and installed in some of our classrooms
- New automated bell system has been partially installed
- Paving from staffroom to tennis court has been completed
- Paving to our enviro gardens has been completed
- The Room 5 ramp and deck have been replaced
- An extension to the swing area has been developed
- Decommissioned the old sandpit beside the tennis court

At our first BOT meeting of the term the BOT authorised the school to hold a TEACHER ONLY DAY on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The school will be closed to allow all teaching staff to attend a course on NeuroDiversity.

## PTA NEWS

### Turn Receipts into Resources – Shop and Win

It was a wonderful start to the holidays being notified that Rotokauri School had won the first prize in the promotion at Westfield Chartwell Square. But even better, was being told that we won convincingly. Thank your all the families and extended whanau for supporting the school with this. Here are the final results -

- 1st - Rotokauri School - \$135.89 per student - winners of \$5,000 cash!
- 2nd - Horotiu School - \$89.22 per student - winners of \$3,000 cash!
- 3rd - St Joseph's School - \$79.18 per student - winners of \$2,000 cash!
- 4th - Woodstock School - \$20.76 per student
- 5th - Hukanui School - \$16.79 per student

6th - Te Rapa School - \$15.52 per student  
7th - Rototuna Primary School - \$11.15 per student  
8th - Whitiara School - \$10.84 per student  
9th - Pukete School - \$8.88 per student  
10th - Te Ao Marama School - \$8.09 per student  
11th equal - Forest Lake School & Bankwood School - \$4.22 per student

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Measles**

The Ministry of Education has sent us a reminder about the increased risk of measles around the Waikato and have provided the attached fact sheet as a source of information.

### **Junior Speeches**

Year 1 - 4 children are working on speech writing and delivery in class. Year 1 students are learning to recite a nursery rhyme. Years 2 - 4 students are writing a persuasive speech. During Week 3, 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> August, the children will be presenting their speeches to their classes. By Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August, finalists from each year group will be notified. The Junior Speech Competition will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 9.15 a.m. in the multipurpose room. Parents and whānau are welcome to this event.

### **Senior Speeches**

Year 5 – 8 children are working on speech writing and delivery in class. We have an open category, therefore students are able to choose from entertaining, informative or persuasive topics. Our speeches need to be between 3:00 – 3:30 minutes long and are rated on content and delivery. During Week 3, 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August, the children will be presenting their speeches to their classes. The finalists from each year group will be progressing to the Senior Speech Competition to be held in our multipurpose room on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, starting at 9.15 a.m. Parents and whānau are welcome to this event.

### **The NED Show**

On Tuesday the whole school experienced The NED Show. The NED Show is an innovative character education assembly. The show is based on the adventures of a character called NED which stands for – Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. The presenter used humour, storytelling, audience participation, yoyo and magic tricks to deliver the NED message.

The show was delivered free to Rotokauri School and now we pay-it-forward for the next school. Yesterday your child/children would have brought home a flyer regarding the purchasing of yoyos, holsters and strings. These are available by completing the order form and coming to the MPR to collect their purchase. Sales will be from 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August.

## **New PMP Equipment**

The juniors would like to thank the PTA for funding the purchase of the new shapes for PMP. The children in the photo are enjoying climbing through the large shapes. In this activity they learn the name of the shape and what they look like, while developing their locomotive skills. There are also small shapes that can be used for passing beanbags and balls through. Lots of fun and learning.



## **Medications**

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. Please do not bring 3 times a day antibiotics to be administered at school – this dosage is manageable at home. Only 4 times a day antibiotics will be given at school if needed.

If medication is held at school please take the time to check expiry dates and how much medication is available throughout 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).

## **Photocopy Paper**

Thank you to the families who gave photocopy paper to the school at the start of the year. As you can imagine, the school goes through a lot of paper and the start of year supply has almost been used up. If you would like to donate another ream of paper to the school this would be very much appreciated and would help us through the second half of the year. Please bring the named ream to the school office.

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing problems.

### **Which children are routinely checked?**

- Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require rescreens or follow up
- New Immigrants
- Year 7 student's vision only

***If there is a genuine hearing concern, parents/caregivers or teachers may request a hearing check - NB parents must consent to this. The Vision Hearing Technician will only be able to undertake a maximum of 5 screens on any visit. If there is a concern regarding vision, parents/caregivers are encouraged to seek advice from an optometrist. A subsidy is available for families/whanau that have a Community Services card or High Use Health card.***

### **What tests are carried out?**

#### Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

#### Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

*NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.*

### **The Vision Hearing Technician will:**

- Notify parents/caregivers of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents/caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

**If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for their vision or hearing, they should let the school know.**

# CELEBRATIONS

## Assembly Certificates

### Term 3, Week 1

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Harry Martin	For being an Active Learner by moving up to reading the stage +4 heart words!
Room 1	CJ McNabb	For being an Active Learner by moving up to reading the stage +4 heart words!
Room 2	Devyn Sharma	For your fluent reading. You read like a story teller.
Room 2	Carter Beer	For keeping up your daily home reading in the holidays.
Room 3	Poppy Sadler-Singh	For active learning, showing so much progress!
Room 3	Piper McNabb	For active learning, always trying her best!
Room 4	Liam Harrison	For doing great in your spelling practice. Keep it up.
Room 4	Stefan Booyens	For doing great in your spelling practice. Keep it up.
Room 6	Alwina Ann Shijo	Settling so well into your new classroom and demonstrating active learning.
Room 6	Van MacDonald-Hooper	For demonstrating active learning so well this week.
Room 7	Thomas Warner	For being accountable for his own cross country training.
Room 7	Jayden Day	For being accountable for his own cross country training.
Room 9	Jared Hippolite	For being an active learner.

### Term 2, Week 10

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Dil Judge	For showing aptitude for gymnastics. Well done!
Room 1	Caleb Hippolite	For showing aptitude for gymnastics. Well done!
Room 2	Leo Ruston	For being a great leader of the day. You lead with confidence.
Room 2	Everly Baker	For your score of 75 words written in 10 minutes. Tu meke!
Room 3	Maia Langdon	Active learning in reading.
Room 3	Oscar Hapi	Active learning in all areas.
Room 4	Shia Paterson	For showing courage in his maths.



Room 4	Kyla Martin	For showing courage in all learning areas.
Room 8	Hugo Hodgson	For being an active learner across all areas of his learning.
Room 8	Isaac Steger	For showing courage when presenting an entertaining space inquiry.
Room 9	Rhythm Bhagat	For being an active learner in your writing - fantastic progress!
Room 9	Coco Doody	For your artistic flair and creativity for your Plan B advertisement.

## Values

### Term 3

<b>Week 1</b>		
James Davison	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Mia-Rose Storer	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Zaylee van den Heever	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Louie Baker	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Ameera Stevenson	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Khloe Bennett	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty</b>
Druvi Patel	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Tarkshi Chand	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .
Liam Surgenor	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .

### Term 2

<b>Week 10</b>		
Maninder Pannu	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty</b> .
Leo Hefferon	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Aroha Bhagat	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b>
Dot Warbrick	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Ammon Hippolite	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Anna Haldane	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Pyper Gill	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .

# Reach Achievers Term 2 Week 10



Congratulations to all our students who have earned all of the REACH Values in the last week of Term 2



ABSENT  
Kit DeZoete,  
Oscar Hapi,  
Aroha Bhagat, Nirmann  
Pannu, Aedenn Tan,  
Talia Hefferon,  
Cavaller Kingi.

**R** **E** **A** **C** **H**

Respect

Empathy

Kindness

Courage

Honesty

# Top Class Values Winners Term 2



Congratulations to all these amazing students who were the top values earners for their class this term.



ABSENT  
Kit DeZoete, Shia Paterson,  
Cavalier Kingi



**R**

Respect

**E**

Empathy

**A**

Attitude

**C**

Courage

**H**

Kindness

# Reach Achievers Term 3 Week 1



Congratulations to all our students who have earned all of the REACH values in the first week of Term 3.

**R**

Respect

**E**

Equality

**A**

Active Learning

**C**

Courage

**H**

Honesty

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