

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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REMINDER:

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 – Mehreen Kaur

Room 7 – Billie-May Murphy

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

Ngaa mihi nui

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Some of you may have noticed our flag flying at half-mast. This is to honour and pay our respects at the passing of Dale Kahaki. Dale's two children – Isla and Reed – were students at Rotokauri and Dale will be remembered for his generous support, help and assistance to the staff and students over many years. Our deepest condolences go out to Sacha and the family at this time.

We have had an eventful fortnight with some exciting learning opportunities – school cross country, junior & senior speeches and the Kapa Haka sleepover. Well done to everyone that has participated in these events, thank you to parents for supporting these events and a massive thank you to staff for organizing everything.

The NED show in Week 2 was attended by the whole school and as a way of paying it forward we sold yoyos. Thank you to everyone that bought yoyos as we have raised \$1820, which will now pay for another school to experience the show just like we did.

The upcoming weeks will see Rotokauri School participating in the cluster Rippa Rugby competition, cluster cross country competition and cluster speech competition (Years 5 & 6). The best of luck to all students representing Rotokauri School at this next level of competition.

Upcoming events

Friday 16 th August	Rippa Rugby at Raglan
Thursday 22 nd August	Cluster Cross Country at Waitetuna
Tuesday 27 th August	PTA meeting
Thursday 29 th August	Cluster Speech Competition (Years 5 & 6)

Don't forget to put Wednesday 4th September in your diaries as this is our TEACHER ONLY DAY and school is closed.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

The BOT are very keen to upgrade all our sports uniforms and are looking for sponsorship from families or businesses. Sponsors would be showcased on the uniforms. If you are available to help or would like some more information can you please contact sesselbrugge.bot@rotokauri.school.nz

GENERAL INFORMATION

Trophy Return

Can all Agricultural Day trophies be returned to the school office please so that they are ready for this year's event.

Agricultural Day Helpers Needed

To make this day run smoothly we are reliant on volunteers. Below are jobs we need help with. If you can spare a few hours of your time on Wednesday, 16 October between 10.30 am and 2.00 pm it would be really appreciated. Please see Sharon in the school office if you can help.

- **Calf, Lamb and Goat Steward x 1 each section** - to assist the judge by organising the children with their animals, writing down the judges results and tying ribbons on the animals.

Agricultural Day Entry Form - Calf, Lamb and Goat

The entry form is attached to this newsletter and available on our website www.rotokauri.school.nz under newsletter and newsletter attachments and notices.

The last day for entries is Friday, 20 September. This is the date we need to get numbers to the judge co-ordinator. Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.

Team / Group Photographs

- Team Photographs will be taken on Thursday, 5 September. We will be using the on-line ordering system so payment details will come home at a later date.
- **Remember to send your child with their sports uniform on the day of the photo and if necessary, to have black leggings or shorts and white socks so that the photographs look tidy with everyone looking like a team.**
- Team coaches and managers are welcome to come along to school and be in the photo. For an idea of the timetable on the day, please contact Sharon in the school office.
- Teams / Groups to be photographed are: Room 5, Netball, Hockey, Miniball (2023), Waterpolo, Futsal (term 4 2023 and term 1 2024), Touch (term 4 2023 and term 1 2024) Ki-o-rahi, Student Council, Peer Mediators, Cultural Ambassadors, House Captains, Kapahaka Performance Group and Interschool Cross Country and Swimming teams, Enviro Group and Enviro Vision Group.

CELEBRATIONS

Junior Speech Results

On Wednesday, 14 August, we held our annual Junior speech competition. This event was judged by Sarah Dyer, Jaimee Carter and our student judge Liam Surgenor, who won the 2023 Speech Cup. All junior children presented a speech to their class and should be very proud. Year 1 students recited a nursery rhyme and the Year 2, 3 and 4 students wrote and presented persuasive speeches. Congratulations to the following placegetters:

Year 1

First Place: Devyn Sharma - Two Little Dicky Birds

Second Place: Ryan Mackrell - I'm a Little Teapot

Third Place: Penny Clarke-Gray - Jack and Jill

Highly Commended: Lexi Viljoen - There was an old lady

Year 2

First Place: Carter Beer - Soccer is the Best

Second Place: Zaylee van den Heever - Cats are Better than Dogs

Third Place: Kit DeZoete - BMX Biking is the Best

Highly Commended: Aroha Bhagat - Cats are Better than Dogs

Year 3

First Place: Archer Crellin - Reading is better than TV

Second Place: Louie Baker - Judo is the Best Martial Art

Second Place: Colette Griffin - Why we Should Stop Littering

Third Place: Te Aria - Why Children Shouldn't do Chores

Year 4

First Place: Tessa Spencer - Why Parents Should Spend Less Time on Their Phones

Second Place: Evie Hodgson - Pollution in the Ocean

Third Place: Ruby Wilson - Why Everyone Should Read

Highly Commended: Van MacDonald-Hooper - Why You Should Always Use Manners

Congratulations to Tessa Spencer for winning the Junior Speech Cup for 2024.

Senior Speech Results

On Thursday, 15 August, we held our annual senior speech competition. This event was judged by Sarah Dyer, Win Schmits and Peter Rickman. All senior children presented a speech to their class. Congratulations to the following placegetters:

Year 5

First Place: Thomas Warner – Why Kids Should Be More Active

Second Place: Harry Gyde - Pollution

Third Place: Indiana Payne – Why You Should Not Start Vaping

Highly Commended: Jayden Day – Why Football is the Best Sport

Year 6

First Place: Jasmine Lee – Mind or Machine

Second Place: Scarlett Swain – Water Pollution

Third Place: Hugo Hodgson – Crazy Inventions

Highly Commended: Maddox Stratford – Why Scientists Shouldn't Bring Back Dinosaurs

Year 7

First Place: Liam Surgenor - Rabbits

Second Place: Mya Hoebergen – Why Chocolate Is Good for You

Third Place: Bella Gyde – How to Write a Bomb Speech

Year 8

First Place: Jeremy Lee - Phobias

Second Place: Ernie Young – Disgusting Animals

Congratulations to Jeremy Lee for winning the Senior Speech Cup for 2024.

Cross Country Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
5 year old girls	Dil Judge	Isabelle Paki	Pippa Cloete
5 year old boys	Harry Martin	James Davison	Maninder Pannu
6 year old girls	Madison Pitts	Amaia Matenga	Zaylee van den Heever
6 year old boys	Kit Dezoete	Karlo Devcich	Carter Beer
7 year old girls	Te Aria Kingi	Cleo Mackrell	Georgia Esselbrugge
7 year old boys	Vincent Warner	Cohen O'Brien	Liam Harrison
8 year old girls	Tessa Spencer	Ada Westgate	Ruby Wilson

8 year old boys	Luke Vann	Zac Hoebergen	Wyatt Harker-Ferguson
9 year old girls	Heidi Viljoen	Kayla van Rooij	Paige Robinson Hastings
9 year old boys	Jayden Day	Thomas Warner	Corban Stratford
10 year old girls	Kaylee Quinlan	Jasmine Lee	Ella Wen
10 year old boys	Archer McFall	Cameron Emslie	Hugo Hodgson
11 year old girls	Elsie van Rooij	Rebecca Cameron	Mya Hoebergen Shaan Judge
11 year old boys	Liam Surgenor	Jackson Connolly	Koby Rose
12 year old girls	Aja Jessop	Cavalier Kingi	Pyper Gill
12 year old boys	Leon Watkins	Jared Hippolite	Rhys Jorgensen

The presentation of certificates will be at assembly tomorrow from 2.15 pm.

House Points

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Kikorangi = 251	Whero = 208	Kakariki = 184	Kowhai = 179

Values

Term 3 - Week 2

Week 2		
Belle Paki	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Amaia Matenga	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Piper McNabb	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Archer Crellin	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Jacques Booyens	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Ella Boswell	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Cooper Merrilees	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Aja Jessop	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of respect .

Assembly Certificates

Term 3, Week 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Saydee Winikerei	For being an Active Learner in Writing. It's great to see you writing 2 whole sentences!
Room 1	Lisa Jiang	For being an Active Learner by focusing well on the mat.
Room 2	Karlo Devcich	For showing courage and working to achieve your Matariki goal.
Room 2	Atlas Williams	For your excellent speech writing. You have put a lot of effort into your writing.
Room 3	Monik Prajapati	Active learning in reading and writing - you are working really hard to learn new words.
Room 3	Link Doody	Being more respectful at mat time.
Room 4	Paige Davison	For doing really well with her spelling words.
Room 4	Georgia Esselbrugge	For doing really well with her spelling words.
Room 5	Madeline Littleford	For being an Active Learner and always trying her very best. Keep it up!
Room 5	Yuvaan Narayan	For being an Active Learner and always trying his very best. Keep it up!
Room 7	Noxx Rogers	For your continued progress in your reading. Keep it up!
Room 7	Cohen Harris	For being a high achiever while doing your Olympic 3-D model.
Room 8	Cooper Merrilees	For being an active learner. Keep it up Coops!
Room 8	Korbyn Fergus	For being an active learner and working hard on his speech.
Room 9	Aja Jessop	For always giving 100 percent in all that you do.
Room 9	Cavalier Kingi	For being an active learner and working hard on your speech.

Class Sharing

Room 8 Space Inquiry

In term 2, Room 8 were learning about space. Some of the activities students focussed on included:

- Researching the physical features of a planet in our solar system.
- Whether humans could survive on planets in our solar system.
- Creating space art using pastels.
- Creating their own planet and creating an advertisement to attract people to visit their planet.

Room 8 were super creative, critical and innovative with their thinking. A lot of valuable learning took place. Maybe we will see some future astronauts and astrophysicists come from our class.

Ivy's Space Art



Koby's Interesting Facts about Makemake

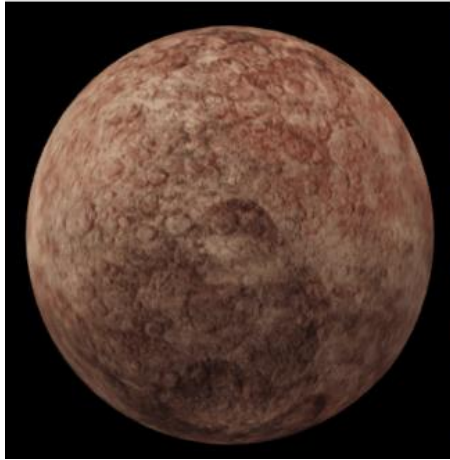
Facts about the tiny planet

- Pluto has 3 moons each named, Hydra, Charon and lastly a Kerberos
- 200 million Pluto's could fit in the Sun if it was hollow.
- Only 170 Plutos could fit in our Earth.
- Pluto is able to fit 20 Pluto's stacked side by side in neptune.

A size comparison diagram. From left to right: a small yellow outline of California, a small grey sphere labeled 'Pluto', a larger grey sphere labeled 'Earth's moon', a medium-sized grey sphere, and a small red and white sphere. The labels 'California', 'Pluto', and 'Earth's moon' are positioned below their respective objects.

Scarlett's Facts about Pluto

Interesting Facts



Makemake is in the kuiper belt and is beyond the orbit of neptune. It is slightly smaller than pluto and is the second brightest object in the kuiper belt as seen from earth Pluto is the brightest.

Makemake colour is a reddish brown hue, though it's hard to tell. This dwarf planet was discovered on the 31st of march 2005.

Makemake is made out of frozen methane and nitrogen gases.

It takes about 16 years to get to Makemake.

Jaxson's Space Art



CELEBRATING MATARIKI

In Room 9 we researched and designed traditional Māori kites as part of our Matariki celebration. We then built kites using a range of natural materials. Our fabulous kites are on display in the multi-purpose room if you would like to view them in person.

Building and designing



Our Matariki Kites





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!

7th - 11th October 2024, 9am - 4pm daily
Held at Southwell School,
200 Peachgrove Rd, Claudelands

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