

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## **Our 2024 Car Show and Gala is fast approaching and planning is well underway**

**Date:** Saturday 9th November

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

**Put it in your calendars.**

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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

Kia ora e te whānau,

Last week was tinged with sadness as we respectfully acknowledged the passing of te Kīngi Tuuheitia Potatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuahitu. A number of our families were privileged to attend the tangi and be immersed in the traditions. We also celebrated the announcement of the new Māori Queen Ngāa Ngāa Wai hono i te pō to continue the Kīngitanga legacy.



Just a reminder to check what is contained in some of the packets of food in lunchboxes. Sometimes there are silica gel packets inside and children are curious about these, so please talk to them and reinforce that these are not for eating.



Thank you to the parents that have attended the Student Led Conferences this week – the students have enjoyed sharing their learning journey this year with you.

#### **Upcoming dates –**

17 <sup>th</sup> September	BOT meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Waikato Full Primary School Speeches Waikato Full Primary School Cross Country
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Cluster Kapa Haka Festival
24 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Wearable Arts Showcase

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

## **PTA NEWS**

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#### **The PTA needs your help in a variety of ways -**

1. Jar Toss - could each child please bring along a jar full of goodies for the Jar Toss. Jars with desirable items in them are needed e.g wrapped sweets, erasers, money. These need to be handed in to the children's classroom teacher. House points will be awarded for each jar handed in.
2. Baking - could each family please provide a plate of baking for the bake sale table. This can be brought to school on Friday 8th November or on Saturday 9th November (before 10 am). Plates and labels will be provided by the PTA.

3. Books - our book stall needs your old books - novels, children's books etc. Also puzzles and board games will be accepted. These can be dropped off in the Multipurpose Room.
4. Raffles - one of the raffles is a wheelbarrow / baskets full of groceries. Could each family please provide a grocery item for the raffle.
5. Plant stall - if you have any cuttings or plants that can be sold on the plant stall, please send them along to the office.
6. Soft toys/teddies - if you have any unwanted soft toys or teddies that are in good condition please bring them along to the Multipurpose Room.
7. New unwanted gifts - there is a collection point in the school foyer for any unwanted gifts that can be used as prizes.

We are also looking for sponsorship in the form of money, vouchers and merchandise.

If you know of any companies/businesses that may be interested could you please email [dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Class Placements for 2025 – Let Us Know**

As we approach Term 4, it is once again time for us to start planning our classroom environments for next year.

When we organize classes in our school we look at each of our students individually – their academic and social needs and abilities. We strive to achieve the best possible learning environments for all of our students and teachers.

While providing support, we also work to build resilience and independence in our students, so that they will be able to cope with change and the next steps in their educational journeys.

If you believe you have any special information that you feel we need to be aware of please send an email to [dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz) or make an appointment and pop in for a visit.

If your child will not be returning to Rotokauri School in 2025 (other than the Year 8 students) could you please leave a message with the office.

### **Sunhats**

The school policy is that during Terms 1 & 4 all Rotokauri School students and staff must be wearing a Rotokauri sunhat whilst outside. These are for sale from the school office for \$19.00. These hats need to have no graffiti or embellishments, and must have a working toggle. Please ensure that students have these or they will have to play under the shade area at the top of the school.

## **Agricultural Day Entry Form - Calf, Lamb and Goat**

The entry form is available on our website [www.rotokauri.school.nz](http://www.rotokauri.school.nz) under newsletter and newsletter attachments and notices. **The last day for entries is next Friday, 20 September. This is the date we need to get numbers to the judge co-ordinator. Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.**

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### **Waikato Full Primary Speeches**

Last week, Rotokauri School hosted the Waikato Full Primary Schools Speech Finals for Region 1. This competition is open to Year 7 and 8 students and included competitors from 11 schools from the wider Waikato region.

Well done to our Rotokauri students Jeremy Lee (Year 8 Boys), Liam Surgenor (Year 7 Boys) and Mya Hoebergen (Year 7 Girls) who presented their speeches. Congratulations to Jeremy who placed 3rd in his year group and Liam who placed 1st in his year group. Liam moves forward to the overall Waikato Full Primary Speech finals to be held at Ohaupo School next week. Best of luck Liam

### **Assembly Certificates**

#### **Term 3, Week 7**

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Lukas Sims	For being an Active Learner by showing great progress with your letter names and sounds. Well done!
Room 1	Isabelle Paki	For being an Active Learner by showing great progress with your letter names and sounds. Super effort!
Room 1	Addison Harris	For being an Active Learner by knowing your stage 1-2 heart words. Awesome work!
Room 2	Penny Clarke-Gray	For your hard work this week in your learning and showing the Rotokauri School values.
Room 2	Calista Baker-Smith	For your effort in writing. You are starting to use adjectives.
Room 3	Tyler Lester	For being so creative in his ideas and working really hard.
Room 3	Vivaan Patel	For showing how independent he is in his writing.
Room 4	Charlotte Land	For using the school values especially respect for others.
Room 4	Te Aria Kingi	For using the school values especially respect and empathy.
Room 5	Mehreen Kaur	For following the morning routine all by herself. Well done Mehreen!

Room 5	Sienna Bain	For being a lovely friend and demonstrating the value of empathy. Keep it up Sienna!
Room 7	Corban Stratford	For being an Active Learner and confidently sharing knowledge with others.
Room 7	Tyler Akania	For being an Active Learner and confidently sharing knowledge with others.
Room 8	Whole Class	Showing creativity and innovation when creating their wearable arts project.
Room 9	Leon Watkins	For being an active learner and staying focused in all areas of your learning.
Room 9	Shaan Judge	For being an active learner and working hard on your writing.

### **Term 3 Week 6**

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Ryan Mackrell	For doing a great job with drawing your ant and butterfly for our insect art.
Room 1	Caleb Hippolite	For making such a huge leap in your reading - up to stage 7.1!
Room 2	Izzy Ryan	For always showing the Rotokauri School values.
Room 2	Maddy Pitts	For your effort in writing about insects.
Room 3	Ayaan Kotte Godage	For showing courage when things are unexpected.
Room 3	Logan Beer	For being an active learner when working with Mrs O'Brien
Room 4	Casey Mancer	For working hard in his writing. Well done.
Room 4	Cohen O'Brien	For working hard in his writing. Well done.
Room 5	Ayla Maile	For always having a great attitude and a smile on her face. Keep it up Ayla!
Room 5	Ben Fryers	For being an Active Learner and making good progress learning letters and sight words.
Room 6	Sophie Quinlan	Your incredible artwork in Topic
Room 6	Max Green	The effort you are putting into reading. You are an active learner.
Room 8	Kade Calnan	For being an active learner and demonstrating leadership skills in the school.
Room 8	Esme Gyde	For being consistently showing our school REACH values and showing kindness towards her peers.

## Values

<b>Week 7</b>		
Caleb Hippolite	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .
Atlas Williams	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Vivaan Patel	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Ryan Bhagat	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Yuvaan Narayan	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty</b> .
Alex Oldham	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Thomas Warner	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Mahi Sharma	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Mya Hoebergen	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .

<b>Week 6</b>		
Kaylee Wen	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Maddison Pitts	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Dānilo Standring	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Theo Cowley	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty</b> .
Theo Tipene	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty</b> .
Layla Day	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Bivansh Chand	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Koby Rose	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Chloe Gyde	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .

### **Class Sharing – Room 3**

The Maori king died. Now we have a new Queen. We saw the waka going up the river.

*Murphy*

Last week the king died. He was a Maori King. The new queen is his daughter. The king is in a coffin on a waka. It was sad when the Maori king died.

*Zaylee*

The Maori king has a daughter that became the new queen, she sat upon the throne. He died last week. He was put in a coffin. The Maori King travelled all around to the river. He was put in a waka. The Queen came with him. They paddled away from the shore. She waved at us.

*Seán*

The Maori King died and the new Maori Queen was sad. She was so, so, so sad. The Maori Queen went on the boat with her dad and she had no life jacket and they buried him on the top of the mountain.

*Harper*

### **Class Sharing – Room 4**

#### **The Shipwreck by Kyla Martin**

It was a stormy night because the weather was raining and the wind howled over the ocean. The waves crashed against the rusty old boat that was caught in the middle of the storm. The captain was getting rocked around and around. He shouted, to the crewman, over the sound, "DROP THE ANCHOR". The anchor was dropped but the ship tipped to one side and a barrel rolled over the edge catching the captain and he fell off too! There was no-one steering the ship!

The captain was saved by grabbing the anchor chain and hauling himself up but it was too late. The ship hit some rocks near an island and started to sink. The captain shouted "ABANDON SHIP, ABANDON SHIP". The crew jumped off into the dark rough water and made their way to the island. They got to the beach and when they looked back at the sea, the ship was nowhere to be seen.



### **The Island by Colette Griffin**

Once when me, Ivy and Sophie went sailing we saw an island. The island had tall palm trees swaying in the wind. We were starving so we went to the island to see if there was any food. It had pineapples, coconuts and bananas, yummy.

I rushed to get on the island but Ivy was first. Sophie jumped back on the boat and sailed off without us. 'SOPHIE WAIT!!' I shouted, but Sophie didn't hear me. Ivy said 'At least we have lots of yummy food'

### **The Fishing Trip by Arlo Clarke-Gray**

One day a little boy went fishing. He walked to the dock. He put a wiggly worm on the end of his rod and he casted it out. He sat quietly while he waited for a fish to bite the worm. Suddenly he felt a tug, he pulled his rod and reeled the line in. The orange fish wiggled as it came out of the water. The little boy took the hook out of the fish and put the fish in a bucket. He was happy that he caught a fish on his own. The boy took the fish home and they had it for dinner. It was yummy.

### **The Fishing Trip by Shia Patterson**

Joe wanted to go fishing. He started to walk but it was too dark and decided to go the next day. Joe wanted to catch fish at the lake for his mum. He got his fishing rod and cast it into the lake. He felt the fish pull the line and he pulled the fish up. It was so big!! It was the size of his hand. He went back to his house with his catch and give it to his mum to cook for dinner.



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# LEGACY SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

**BOYS & GIRLS Year 5 & 6**

**Day Camp 9-3pm**

**Location:** Hamilton Old Boys Rugby Club  
**Date:** Wednesday 9th October 2024  
**Cost:** \$60 pp

**Register Now!** [nzsportinvitation@gmail.com](mailto:nzsportinvitation@gmail.com)

Kia ora all, hope you are well!

I am just emailing on behalf of the Women's Legacy 7s team who are heading off to South America for a Rugby 7s tour in October this year!

This will be the team's last fundraising event, and they are excited for a fun day of sports with the kids.

**Below are the details:**

-Flyer opposite

**Time:** 9am-3pm

**Week 2:** Wednesday 9th October

**Location:** Hamilton Old Boys Rugby Club

**Who:** Boys and Girls Year 5&6

**Cost:** \$60 per child

**Registration link:**

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