

Rotokauri School

Newsletter



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PARENT NIGHT

Cool Schools / Maths Evening
Wednesday, 18th June 7.00 - 8.30 pm
Supper and refreshments provided

- This will be the last opportunity for our parents to be involved in our Cool School Peer Mediation Programme run by an internationally recognised facilitator from Auckland. Cool Schools is a peer to peer mediation programme which is very proactive in giving students a process to resolve minor issues in the playground.
- As part of this evening our teachers will talk in junior and senior syndicate groups about Maths programmes at our school. They will demonstrate ways that you can help support your child's learning. This should be a very informative session.

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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.

SCHOOL DONATION

You will all be aware of the special newsletter that went out in relation to school donations two weeks ago. The importance of school donations cannot be emphasized enough. The Government provides us with a basic sponge (and when we say sponge we mean very basic) and the community provides the icing in the form of a simple donation. Higher decile schools rely heavily on school donations because we are funded less than lower decile schools.

Currently 58% of our school community have not paid their donation in full. This makes the decision making process for school governance and management difficult in terms of our budget. As mentioned in a special newsletter if we get 80% of the community donating in full by the end of the term all the people who have donated in full will go into a draw for \$500 cash.

SKIP-A-THON

Thanks to everybody for getting fully involved in the skip-a-thon fundraising. As you will be aware all of the proceeds will be going towards new science and music equipment. The Skip-a-thon will take place tomorrow at 9.30am on the tennis courts. Each class will be performing a skipping routine and then we will break off into class areas to continue skipping.

We ask that **EVERY** child brings back their sponsorship form so that homeroom teachers can check off the number of sponsors gained (even if there are **no** sponsors). As you are aware there are some good prizes available and we need to make sure the prizes go to the right people.

To be eligible to win the bike all sponsorship money and cards need to be handed into the school office by 9.00 am on Friday, 27th June. The announcement of the winner of the bike will be made at the assembly on Tuesday, 1st July. No sponsors are to be collected after the date of the Skip-a-thon.

SKILLS FOR STUDENT'S FUTURES

Some of our students are only a few years away from seeking full time employment in society. They will enter an employment field that is vastly different from the one we went into at the start of our working lives. Some of the jobs they will apply for have not even been fully developed yet.

A school curriculum should reflect the needs of the students and/or the needs of the employment market place. The New Zealand Curriculum as I expressed to our Board of Trustees is rather outdated in many ways. What are the likely skills that employers will value and want in the future? How about some of these:

- Communication skills – listening, verbal and written.
- Analytical research skills - a talent for identifying and scrutinizing problems, the ability to streamline and solve problems.
- Flexibility and Adaptability - able to manage multiple tasks and to prioritize, the ability to deal with changing conditions and factors.
- Interpersonal skills - the ability to work and communicate with others in a harmonious way, the ability to mitigate conflict.
- Leadership/Management - the ability to set and maintain a culture, inspire others, strategically plan and don't forget to celebrate.
- Multicultural Sensitivity - we live in a world of globalisation and constant population movement so we need to understand how other cultures think if we as a nation are to be successful traders.
- Planning and organizing - the ability to plan and implement within allotted timeframes will be vitally important in the future.
- Creativity - creative problem solving strategies will be worth billions to a country.

The above are skills but we should never forget that employers also look for humanistic values in people. What about these:

- Dedication
- Good work ethic
- Reliability/Responsibility
- Independence
- Loyalty
- Personal motivation
- Self confidence
- Willingness to learn
- Honesty
- Resilience

The question has to be asked - how much of what has been mentioned is currently being taught and assessed in New Zealand schools?

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Some schools don't have a PTA which is a little sad. Not only do we have one but we have a very good one. We have parents that are extremely proactive in our school. In the last couple of weeks our PTA has been involved in pie sales and Arbor Day sausage sizzle. They not only fundraise but they provide an invaluable service for our students and community.

On behalf of all the students, staff and community we'd like to thank you for all the wonderful work you do around our school.

STUDENT SAFETY

Student safety is paramount for any school. The first thing we try and do is provide a safe environment and negate as many risk factors as possible. For that reason you will have noticed some changes to our car park recently. At the start of Term 2 we had a new car parking sign erected.

Last week we repainted a number of our car park road markings. To support safety in the car park for our students we have been talking to the students about pedestrian safety and car stopping distances at assemblies. Parents that attend our Tuesday assemblies will know these figures but we thought we'd share them with everyone. On average 295 people are killed on New Zealand roads per year. Thirty five of those will be pedestrians. Of those thirty five, seventeen will be children. Of those seventeen, five will be killed in their own driveway by family members or friends of the family.

The students were also made aware of the risk factors of texting while walking around busy roads. I-pods also increase the chance of injury or death. We also viewed a video which showed stopping distances based on speed. A car travelling slowly in our car park would take two to four metres to stop depending on the weight of a vehicle.

Young children's brains and eyesight are not fully developed and as adults we need to understand that they do not have the capability to understand speed, distance and time. Always make sure that you travel below 5 km in our car park.

Interesting note - In 2013 over 13,500 people were ticketed for driving while using their cell phones. Using a cell phone in our car park while driving is dangerous and unacceptable.

CARSHOW

In a few months the PTA, staff and students will be supporting the car show committee with holding our annual car show. This has proved to be very successful in the past. If you are new to our school and want to get yourself socially involved then volunteering for the car show committee is a great way of doing this.

If you want to be involved in the November 2014 Rotokauri Car Show please drop me a line mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz We will start the car show committee meetings midway through Term 3.

COMMUNITY AND STUDENT CONSULTATION

At the time of writing this we have 34 parents and 33 children that have completed our consultation online. To get real validity we need to have more students and parents accessing and filling out this very short survey. The process is very simple - go to our school webpage and then just click onto the tab for either of the surveys.

SENIOR INTERVIEWS – ROOMS 4 TO 7

This year the senior mid-year interviews will take place early in the third term. These will take place on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th July.

Interviews will go from 3pm to 6 pm on both evenings. Each interview is set for 10 minutes. We will work on a first in first served for the booking of times.

Please ensure that you attend the appointment on time so we have all of the ten minutes to discuss the needs of your child.

WEB PAGE

Those of you who have filled out our community consultation form will have seen how much our website has grown. There are places available for you to give us feedback, there is a link to our Facebook page and we have even got links to some very informative videos. There are two videos for you to watch by the very famous Australian psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg (bullying and online safety). His ideas can be helpful for parents, teachers and students. Read about his ideas on sleep and resilience.

Sleep

Sleep is vital for our children and it's interesting to discuss with our children what their sleep habits are. Did you know that children between the age of 5-12 need between 9-11 hours of sleep per night? Even adults will not function to their full potential without a minimum of 7 hours a night. Even when we think our children are getting enough sleep once we delve a little deeper we realise that the quantity and quality of sleep is impacted by lighting, diet and electronics. This then results in irritability, low moods and poor attention.

Resilience

Resilience is the ability to get through adversity and bounce back. Each generation throughout history has had their own strengths and weaknesses. While our current generation are more worldly, due to being immersed in information through the web they would have to be the least resilient generation that New Zealand has ever produced. The slightest hardship or what they deem as an injustice seems to trip them up. How would they have got through the great depression, World War 2 or even carless days? It's up to parents and teachers to make our children more resilient. Otherwise we are just producing a very dependant needy generation. In a world of globalisation our children will be competing with children from countries that thrive on adversity.

What have you done lately to make your child more resilient?

INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Congratulations to all the Rotokauri students who represented our school last Friday at Waitetuna. The following children placed in the top three in their age groups on the day:

Girls

Anah West	2nd	6 years
Renee West	3rd	9 years
Sarah Miller	1st	12/13 years

Boys

Mārama Tangiora	2nd	5 years
Ethan Phillip	1st	7 years
Daniel Cameron	1st	8 years

AGRICULTURAL DAY INFORMATION

For those of you considering entering a calf for this year's Agricultural Day the following information may be of interest to you. At a recent meeting held by the A & P Show Committee, it was decided that they would trial for one year having a cross breed ring for type only at the show. To align with this, Group Day will do the same as long as there are 6 or more entries in this category. Our Agricultural Day at Rotokauri School will run as normal as we don't have the numbers to warrant a change.

BALLOT

Do you have friends who have children of these age groups who would like to attend Rotokauri School? If you know of someone please tell them about this notice that appeared in the Public Notices of the Waikato Times on Saturday, 31st May 2014. Application forms for the places are available from the school office.

ROTOKAURI 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, 3rd June or phone (07) 8495 068.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 3.15 pm, Friday, 13th 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, 16th June. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot by 18th June 2014.

Matt Snelgrove
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

MATHLETICS

Week 4

Class	Participation Points	Top Student	Points
Room 1	5,993	Bella Wilson	1,910
Room 2	7,239	Jayden Ward	1,890
Room 3	18,162	Hayley Jorgensen	2,520
Room 4	15,787	Isaac Collinson	2,262
Room 5	90,763	Parsa Soltanizand	16,205
Room 6	13,410	Thomas Perham	5,045
Room 7	15,736	Sarah Miller	5,040

Week 4 Trophy Winner – Isaac Collinson

Week 5

Class	Participation Points	Top Student	Points
Room 1	8,493	Melisa Soltanizand	1,670
Room 2	13,069	Jayden Ward	4,156
Room 3	23,268	Hayley Jorgensen	8,330
Room 4	17,157	Heidi Perring	4,884
Room 5	41,933	Parsa Soltanizand	12,316
Room 6	16,728	Alan Pruden	2,052
Room 7	33,444	Sarah Miller	3,432

Week 5 Trophy Winner – Amarah Duncan

COOL SCHOOL MEDIATION

Peer mediation has proved very successful at our school during the past 2 terms. Below is the form that our mediators fill out. These are then discussed with designated teachers. We are continually refining this system and our hats go off to our senior mediators who do an amazing job.



MEDIATION AGREEMENT FORM



Date _____

Mediator's names: _____

Disputant's full names and room numbers:

Identify what caused the conflict: (please tick)

- | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Accident | <input type="checkbox"/> | Misunderstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> | Game rules | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Teasing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Taking turns | <input type="checkbox"/> | Exclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Name Calling | <input type="checkbox"/> | Possessions/Ownership | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rumours/Gossip | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other _____

How did you come to mediate the conflict? (please tick)

- | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| You offered to mediate | <input type="checkbox"/> | A teacher suggested it | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Another student suggested it | <input type="checkbox"/> | Disputants asked you to | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other _____

Was the mediation referred to a teacher? Yes/No

Was a good resolution found? Yes/No

RESOLUTION/AGREEMENT

Name _____

Agrees to:

Signed:

Check back time: _____

ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2014

READ EVERY DAY. LEAD A BETTER LIFE.

HELPERS NEEDED! HELPERS NEEDED!
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WHERE: The Multipurpose Room

WHEN: 30 June - 3 July

Monday 30 June 2.30 - 5 p.m.

Tuesday 1 July 8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. & 2.30 - 5 p.m.

Wednesday 2 July 8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. & 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Thursday 3 July 8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. & 2.30 - 4 p.m.

The children will view the Book Fair on Monday and bring home a wish list. The wish list will tell you the names of the books that they are interested in and the prices.

When you come to the Book Fair you may want to buy some books for your children or maybe even gifts for later in the year.

Thirty percent of the price of every book you buy is donated to our school to spend on new library books.

We need volunteers to sell books at the Ashton Scholastic Book Fair.

If you are able to help, please select a time and date from the above advertised schedule and call the office on 849-5068 or email Janice at jskiffington@rotokauri.school.nz If you are able to help for an hour or two selling books it would be a huge help.

Thank you

Janice Skiffington & Toni Rae

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LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH



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Measles at schools in your area

Since December 2013 there have been more than 140 confirmed cases of measles in New Zealand. In the past few weeks the majority of these cases have been in school aged children in the Waikato.

Measles is a highly infectious disease that affects both adults and children. Measles is more serious than many people realise; of the recent cases in New Zealand over 30 have required hospital treatment. Measles starts with a fever, cough, runny nose and/or sore eyes followed a few days later by a rash. People are infectious from 5 days before to 5 days after the rash appears.

Most of the recent cases have occurred in unimmunised people and immunisation, with two doses of the measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, remains the best way to prevent infection and spread of measles within the community. Immunisation is free for New Zealand residents born after 1 January 1969 who have not previously received two doses of a measles containing vaccine. Unimmunised people exposed to measles will need to stay away from school for at least 14 days. So please encourage students, parents and staff to get immunised as soon as possible.

What schools can do:

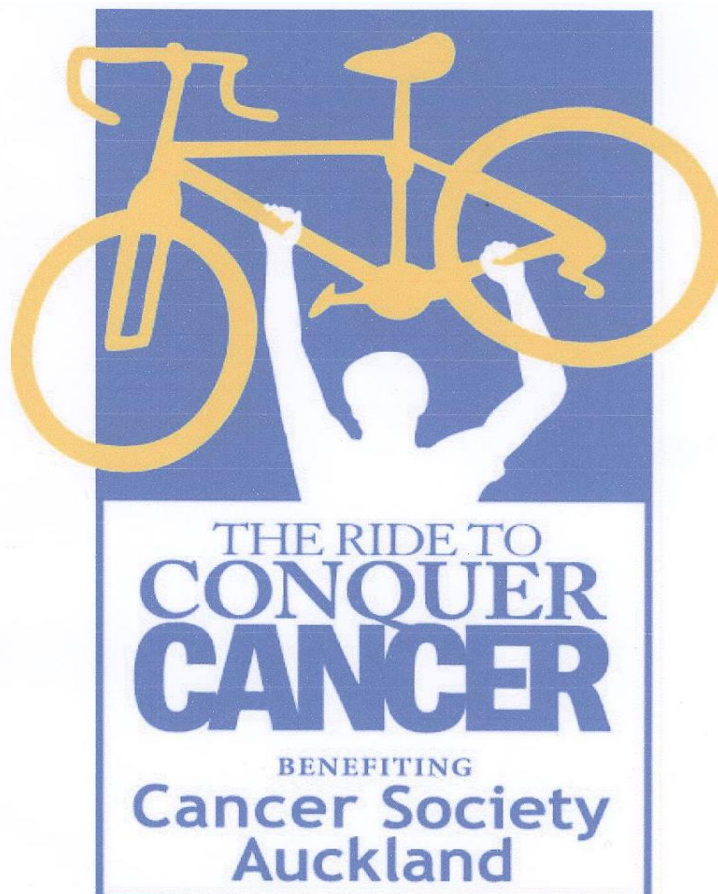
- 1) Inform staff, students, parents and caregivers about the current measles cases in your area.
- 2) Ask staff, students, parents and caregivers to make sure that their immunisations and their children's immunisations are up to date. If they are unsure, encourage them to check with their family doctor.
- 3) If someone develops symptoms of measles, separate them from others while they are waiting to be taken home and call Healthline on **0800 611 116** for advice as soon as possible.
- 4) Record the names of students who are not immunised. This will enable public health officials to quickly identify those at risk should the need arise.
- 5) Ensure that people with measles, and unimmunised people who have been exposed to measles, do not attend school while they are infectious.



For further information on measles and measles immunisation please visit the Ministry of Health website <http://www.health.govt.nz/measles> or the Immunisation Advisory Centre website <http://www.immune.org.nz>. You can also call the Immunisation Advisory Centre toll-free on 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) for advice.



Marleina Ruka



We all have family, relations or friends, who have been affected by cancer. All have fought bravely but sadly not all win their battle against this disease. We want to help more people conquer cancer and survive.

My small part is to ride 200kms over two days to help raise funds. **ALL** money received will support cancer research at the Auckland Cancer Society Research Centre (ACSRC). The Cancer Society helps make a difference to thousands of people through out NZ.

My aim is to raise \$2500 through donations and sponsorship. All contributions to support this cause will be greatly appreciated.

Help us to tip the odds in favor of the cancer patient and help to *Conquer Cancer*.

Please DONATE NOW!

Thank you in advance for your help.

If you want to donate online –Type or click on the link below then type in Marleina Ruka, under participant

Ride to Conquer Cancer Link: http://ak14.conquercancer.org&fr_id=1050



MARKET DAY



COME JOIN US!

Saturday 28th June

Cake stall: 10am - 1:30pm
(outside spotlight)

Market Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm

Location: 369 Te Rapa Road, Dance Effects/Spotlight

To book a stall (\$12)
Contact: Louise 0275326939
louise@danceeffects.co.nz



Like us on Facebook
Dance Effects (DFX)

A group of 16 dancers from Dance Effects (DFX) are fundraising to go down to Wellington in the July holidays to a dance convention, to do this we need to fundraise, please come along and support our dancers.

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