

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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*Autumn, Winter, Spring
& Summer*

Come and join the Rotokauri Tui

Soloists and Choir Concert

as we explore

“The Seasons of our Lives”



*At the Te Kowhai Community Hall,
Horotiu Road*

Friday 29th August, 2014

At 6.30 pm

Entry by donation

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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.

BOARD PEN PORTRAITS

We have had lots of new families join our school over the last three months and we thought it was timely to reintroduce the Rotokauri Board of Trustees again to our community. Taking the responsibility of Governance for a school is a very important and responsible job. Although the Board only meet once a month much of their work is completed between the meetings to make sure our students have the best education possible.

Rosemary Pritchard

My role on the Board is Personnel Officer. This covers a range of areas such as working conditions, sexual harassment, personal grievances, personnel development programmes and discipline procedures. I also aim to foster good relationships between the BOT, PTA and the school community, keeping each informed through school newsletters and personal follow-ups. This my first term at being on the BOT.

I am married to Scott and have two girls, Rebekah and Hannah with the eldest at Rotokauri School. I have been a secondary school art teacher and currently am developing my painting career as a professional artist, alongside teaching piano and after-school art to primary school students. I have found working on the board a constructive experience - each member is committed to making Rotokauri School a great place for our students to be, and we are continually looking for ways to improve things and move forward.



Miranda Collinson

My role on the Board of Trustees is the secretary, which involves writing and receiving correspondence, finalising minutes and participation in the decision making for the school. I have been a member of the BOT for 3 years.

I have two boys, Devon and Isaac, at Rotokauri School and love attending school community events. The great school community spirit encouraged me to join the BOT and I have enjoyed helping the school from behind the scenes. I work part time as a project manager for a research company in Cambridge.



Nick Spiers

I'm the property manager on the Board and my main role is to ensure the school grounds and assets are kept maintained and the health and safety of our staff and students is not compromised. I have been a parent trustee for approximately 3 years.

My eldest boy attended Rotokauri Primary School and his brother is a current student. Being on the board is an opportunity to contribute to the school while learning from some very capable folk in the board and staff members. In my day job I'm a mechanical engineer. Don't trust the photo – it's an old one. I currently have less teeth and more grey hair!



Fiona Webber

Hi my name is Fiona Webber. I am currently the finance officer of the Board of Trustees and I am in my second term of office.

I am married to Andrew and we have 3 sons; Alex now at Boys High, Braedyn in Room 6 and Matthew in Room 8. I work part-time for Waikato Plunket as the Waikato Area Funding Coordinator. My background is in early childhood education and finance.



Matt Snelgrove

My role on the Board of Trustees is Chairperson. This primarily involves co-ordinating Board meetings to ensure there is efficiency and cohesion so that all matters are dealt with effectively and an appropriate decision making process is followed. This is my second year in this role.

I am married to Mai, and we have two children at Rotokauri School; Brooklyn and Georgia Snelgrove. During the day I'm a commercial property valuer, and am a director of the Valuation division of Colliers International.



KOBO

We have bought 5 Kobo for the school library (Kobo are electronic reading devices). Students love using these devices. They have proved to be successful in other educational institutions because they engage students' interest quickly with the wide variety of online stories available, they enhance student literacy skills and they help support collaborative learning.

I actually think parents would enjoy having these as a personal mobile library.

ICAS COURSES

Most people call them ICAS exams but because we sometimes spend up to 4 weeks working with these students enabling them to be the best they can be during the exam situation we would rather call it a course. This year students have been selected and paid for by the school to sit the ICAS exams in Science, English and most recently in Maths. After completing the course with the selected students in Maths Mrs Schmits put a review together for the staff and Board of Trustees. The review outlined areas of strength and interest and also parts of the Maths strands that we could focus on as classroom teachers.

Ryan Monaghan who was at our school a couple of years ago has just received top honours for his computer ICAS results (Hamilton Boys High).

END OF TERM SHOW

We have a lot of musical talent within our school and it's always nice to showcase it. In the past we have done something at the end of the year but it's usually sandwiched between speeches and awards. This year Fraser High have allowed us the use of their hall on Thursday, 25 September. On that night each class will do a musical/dance presentation. The show will last about one hour. The price of the tickets is \$5 per adult and \$2.00 for children who are not in the show (Rotokauri students are free).

Once again we urge you to buy your tickets as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Tickets on sale from Monday, 1 September.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONNAIRE

On Monday, 1 September all families will receive 2 copies of the BOT Information Technology Questionnaire. This Questionnaire is designed to get further information from parents regarding future technology use at our school. The Board would appreciate these forms to be completed by Friday, 19 September so that we can assess results and plan for the future.

TECHNOLOGY OPEN MORNING

All parents are welcome to come and watch Rooms 5, 6 and 7 on Friday, 12 September from 9.00 to 10.30 am. Parents will be able to view how technology is currently used in our school. This open morning may help parents to fill out the questionnaire.

AGRICULTURAL DAY – TROPHY RETURN

If you were awarded a trophy at last year's Agricultural Day, please return it to school as soon as possible ready for this year's prize giving.

AGRICULTURAL DAY ENTRY FORMS

If you did not receive an entry form please contact the school office. **Entries close on Thursday, 25 September** as we have to give our school's entry numbers to our co-ordinator on this day and paper work for the event is processed in the school holidays. **No late entries will be accepted.**

AGRICULTURAL DAY – HELPERS NEEDED...PLEASE

To make this day run smoothly we are totally reliant on volunteers. Below is a list of jobs we need help with. If you can spare a few hours of your time it would be really appreciated. Please see Sharon in the school office if you can help.

Steward x 1 - to assist the kid judge by organising the children with their animals, writing down the judges results and tying ribbons on the animals.

Flower Show Scribes x 2 – to assist the judges by writing the certificates once judging is complete.

DRIVE IN MOVIE

The PTA are running a fantastic drive in movie to be held on the school grounds on the 6 December 2014. We are looking for sponsors to help us with this unique event. We would like to offer Rotokauri families the first opportunity to sponsor this event. Below are some details in regards to the event and the sponsorship options we have available. For all enquiries please contact Marie Carlson at marie.carlson@outlook.co.nz or 0274 303 844

About the Event

This is a rare opportunity to bring the family along to a Drive in Movie Night here in Hamilton! This event is aimed at the Rotokauri School Community and surrounds with a night of family fun. On 6 December 2014 we will hold a Drive in Movie night which will cater for 120 cars and potentially 600 + viewers. There will be food and beverage stalls, professional 12 metre x 8 metre movie screen and cars will be able to tune into this using their car stereos.

Fundraising Purpose

Our main fundraising objective is for a canopy structure over our tennis courts. This structure will enable children to play safely under shade in the summer months and provide an area where children can still be active during winter months. Our schools PTA relies solely on community fundraising projects like the Drive in Movie to be able to make wonderful things like this happen for our children.

Sponsorship/Advertising

With a potential 600 + people in the audience in awe of a big screen during the peak retail time of the Christmas season the benefits of advertising with us and helping fund our project is huge.

We have put together some exclusive packages for our top sponsors, these include GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE packages as well as 10 spots reserved for those who want to reach just the audience on the night.

GOLD SPONSOR - \$1000 (1 x Total)

- Full Naming rights for the event. i.e. “(Company Here) Drive in Movie Night”
- Full page advert in school newsletter for the duration of term 4
- Full screen advert before movie, at intermission and at the end of the movie
- Company name on all posters and advertising leading up to the event
- 2 x Drive in tickets (value \$40.00)

SILVER SPONSOR - \$500 (2 x Total)

- Business card size ad in school newsletter for duration of term 4
- Half screen advert before movie, at intermission and at the end of the movie
- Company logo on all posters and advertising leading up to the event
- 4 x Seated tickets (value \$20.00)

BRONZE SPONSOR - \$250 (2 x Total)

- Half screen advert before movie, at intermission and at the end of the movie
- Company logo on all posters and advertising leading up to the event
- Voucher for 1 x free advert in the school Newsletter on your chosen date
- 2 x seated tickets (value \$10.00)

CLASSIC SPONSOR - \$50 (10 x Total)

- On Screen Advertising During intermission of the movie
- Voucher for 1 x free advert in the school Newsletter on your chosen date

PTA CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the families who helped sell chocolates recently. So far the chocolate sales have made over \$3,000 with a few boxes still to sell. The winners of the \$20 Te Awa vouchers were: Fryer family, Cassie Hayde and Ethan Phillip.

THE WIFE WANTED MORE GOLDEN EGGS.

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A POOR FARMER. THE WIFE WANTED A GOOSE AND THE HUSBAND SAID YES, SO THE WIFE DROVE DOWN TO THE GOOSE SHOP. THE WIFE BOUGHT TWO GOLDEN GEESE, A BOY AND GIRL.

THE NEXT DAY THEY FOUND FOUR GOLDEN EGGS AND THEY WONDERED WHERE TWO EGGS CAME FROM.

SO THEY BECAME RICHER AND RICHER. SOON THEY COULD BUY ANYTHING THEY WANTED. THE NEXT YEAR THE WIFE WANTED TO KILL THE TWO GOLDEN GEESE TO GET MORE GOLD.

SO SHE DID BUT THERE WAS NO GOLD.

Moral: Be happy with what you have got.



THE RAT AND THE MOUSE

Once upon a time there was a mouse and a rat.

The mouse and his family hated the rat and his family.

One sunny day the mouse went shopping. What a bad day it was to go shopping because that same day the rat was going shopping.

They saw each other at the shop and screamed.

Then the mouse family went to the shops the next day (after starving for a day).

The rat was starving (after their family decided never to go shopping again).

Moral- Always be nice to each other.

By Ella-Grace 13\8\14



DAFFODIL DAY – 29 AUGUST 2014

Our school has supported daffodil day over the past few years. We do a gold coin donation and then pass it onto the Cancer Society. Unfortunately cancer impacts on many New Zealanders lives and it's only right that we teach our students empathy for those that are not as fortunate as themselves. A gold coin can be brought along and handed in to classroom teachers tomorrow.

NEWSLETTERS TO BE EMAILED

Newsletters will be emailed to all parents as from Term 4. Please make sure that Sharon has the email address that you want the newsletter sent to. If you do not have access to a computer please inform Sharon and she can give your child a hardcopy of the newsletter. With parents who are separated the responsibility is on you to inform us about email addresses.

CARSHOW

The classes are now having discussions about the stall and/or activities that they would like to do for the car show to be held on our school grounds Sunday, 16th November. We need to get the word out to anyone that has an interesting car that they may like to display. Tell them to email me at mgoodson.school.nz

Our first car show organising committee meeting is being held tonight at 7.30 p.m. in the staffroom. If you are interested in being a part of this come along.

FAMILY BIKE RIDE

Don't forget the bike ride from Waihi town to Paeroa on Saturday, 13 September. We meet at the old Waihi Town train station at 11.00 a.m. and make our way to Paeroa which is 21km. This may sound a long way for some but basically its downhill. On the way we will stop off at the Gorge Railway Café. Everyone is welcome. Parents are responsible for the condition of their child's bike (e.g brakes) and the safety of their child while riding.

TOUCH RUGBY

Touch will be starting next term. It starts in Term 4 and continues in Term 1 next year. Games are on a Thursday night and generally start between 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Subs are \$20 per player. This year there is a new girl grade for Year 5/6 and Year 7/8. So if there is enough girls I would like to get a boy team and girl team running. Please read below to see how to volunteer for coaching and/or showing interest in your child's sport. If you want to be a coach please email me on mwatkins@rotokauri.school.nz

If your child wants to play touch, please write a note with the following details and get it to me by 19th September:

Student Name:

Year Level:

Parents Name:

Email address:

Phone Number:

RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

There is an interschool Rippa Rugby Tournament coming up in Week 9 (19th September) for Year 5 – 8 students. If your child/children want to be involved in a team please let me know on mwatkins@rotokauri.school.nz. In the past we have taken 2 teams of Year 5/6 and 2 teams of Year 7/8 students. This will probably be the same this year, depending on numbers of students interested and parent transport.

NETBALL – STRATEGY, SPEED, AIM

With 12 competing nations, netball is a fast and exciting display of teamwork and skill.

Recovery fuel is as important as pre-game fuel to prepare body and mind for the next game.

Try creamed rice, fruit smoothies, yoghurt and banana.



TRIATHLON – SWIM, BIKE, RUN

The Triathlon demonstrates overall fitness of some of the world's most talented athletes.

To keep our bodies fighting fit, vitamins and minerals play a vital role in our diet! Fresh fruit and vegetables are best so ensure 5+ a day and you won't need supplements!





On the 7th February 2015 Kiwi adventurer Malcolm Law will be setting out on an epic Challenge of unprecedented proportions. His twin goals: To climb 50 peaks and run the equivalent of 50 off-road marathons in the space of just 50 days and to raise at least \$250,000 for the Mental Health Foundation of NZ.

I'm Mike Keightley and I'm lucky enough to be a support runner on 2 of these "adventures" Mal is running. I will be supporting Mal on the Mt Pirongia and Mt Te Aroha challenges. The support runners have their own challenge to raise \$400 for each leg of the journey they are competing in. I will be joining Mal on Day 42 (20th of March 2015) running Mt Pirongia a total of 42km, a peak height of 959m and a total elevation of 2200m with an estimated finish time of 10-11 hours. I will also be there on Day 45 (23rd of March 2015) of his Challenge running from the Karangahake Gorge and over Mt Te Aroha a total of 38km, a peak height of 953m and a total elevation of 2150m with an estimated finish time of 8-9 hours.

Please go to my fundraising page and make a donation no matter how small to this great cause.

<http://www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/MikeKeightley/>



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