

Rotokauri School Newsletter

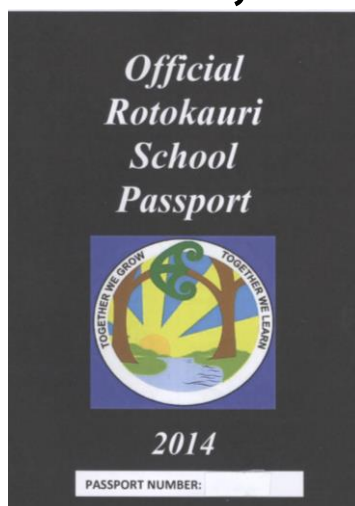


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END OF TERM SHOW

Thursday, 25 September at 7.00 p.m.
Fraser High School Hall
Ellicott Road, Hamilton



By the time you receive this we will have sold nearly all of the available tickets for the end of term show. As mentioned in 2 previous newsletters it's imperative that you buy your tickets as early as possible to avoid disappointment. Due to health and safety reasons the venue can only hold a certain capacity.

The show will start at 7.00 p.m. and will run for approximately an hour. The staff and students will be practising at Fraser High School on the morning of the show. **Buses will provide transport for the practice so students need to pay \$2.50 to the office by Wednesday, 24th September.**

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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.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MORNING

On Friday 12th September Rooms 5, 6 and 7 will be open to ALL parents so that you can view the changing face of education in New Zealand schools. You will be able to observe how IT is currently used in our school to support teaching and learning. Visiting those classrooms between 9.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. may help you to fill out answers in relation to the current information technology survey. The visit may also give you a chance to ask staff questions in relation to information technology.

Thank you to all the parents who have already handed in their completed questionnaires. Completion date for this is Friday 19th September.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REVIEW 2014

What is the school-wide curriculum target for this year?

Answered: 52

Skipped: 6

Answer Choices	Responses
Fitness	9.62% 5
Writing	9.62% 5
Reading	5.77% 3
Maths	75.00% 39
Total	52

Reading, writing and maths are the core curriculum areas. What other curriculum would you rate as next most important?

Answered: 56

Skipped: 2

Answer Choices	Responses
Science	44.64% 25
Social Studies	10.71% 6
Language	8.93% 5
Drama	3.57% 2
Dance	0.00% 0
Music	3.57% 2
Art & Craft	0.00% 0
Physical Education	28.57% 16
Total	56

Please indicate which communication methods are most useful for you?

Answered: 54

Skipped: 4

Answer Choices	Responses
Fortnightly Newsletter	70.37% 38
Notes from Teacher	48.15% 26
Website	31.48% 17
Facebook	20.37% 11
Meet the teacher	46.30% 25
Assembly	20.37% 11
Text Messages	14.81% 8
Phone Calls	14.81% 8
Parent Information Evenings	31.48% 17
Emails	81.48% 44

Total Respondents: 54

Has Mathletics been useful for your child's learning this year?

Answered: 52		Skipped: 6			
Yes	Average	No	Total	Average Rating	
73.08% 38	23.08% 12	3.85% 2	52	1.31	

IF WE went ahead with BYOD within the school, how would you prefer to fund your child's device?

Answered: 47		Skipped: 11	
Answer Choices	Responses		
Lease	23.40%	11	
Lease to Buy	27.66%	13	
Buy	57.45%	27	

Total Respondents: 47

Do you have any ideas for appropriate learning devices or software (apps / websites) that we can consider for our classrooms?

- Answered: 12 Skipped: 46
- Whatever they are you would have to convince me that each child needed one and was going to use it for a large range of activities most days before I would want to buy something for use at school.
 - edmondo
 - I think parents will require more information on this issue during this year so families can prepare/save to purchase the devices. There needs to be a clear outline as to what the devices will be used for and to show it will be worthwhile in parents investing the money into the devices at this age level. Also has the school talked with other schools that already do this to see if this is working in schools at a year 7 & 8 level?
 - Please don't assume that APPLE is best. In the real world that is not the case. APPLE is a brand product, high price and limited functionality. BYOD should be Android, Windows or APPLE. If it has to be one it should be Android as this is the dominant player in the world market.
 - BYOD for students has big questions on it for me. I encourage the use of technology but BYOD has a lot of risks.
 - Maths playground
 - iPad. Khan Academy. iCloud. Dropbox.
 - Yes, pencil and paper!
 - I do not agree with BYOD. The children currently have great access to computers and also need to maintain other skills without them.
 - no
 - 2048
 - www.coolmathgames.com www.carnacademy.com

In September the Board of Trustees need to make a decision as to whether the pool will be opened for the 2014/15 season (including the holiday period). Do you believe that the school should continue to operate a swimming pool?

Answered: 54		Skipped: 4	
Answer Choices	Responses		
Yes	98.15%	53	
No	0.00%	0	
Unsure	1.85%	1	

Would you be in favour of introducing a school uniform for Rotokauri School?

Answered: 54

Skipped: 4

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	57.41% 31
No	33.33% 18
Unsure	9.26% 5

Religious Instruction The Education Act of 1964 states a school may be closed for up to 30 minutes per week for religious instruction. This is carried out by volunteers from the Churches Education Commission and is known as the Bible in Schools Program. Parents not wishing children to attend may make their wishes known in the form of a letter to the Principal. Would you like the current Bible in Schools program to continue?

Answered: 51

Skipped: 7

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	78.43% 40
No	21.57% 11
Total	51

BOARD REPORT TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

After a great start to the year in Term 1, plenty has happened during Term 2, including the Skip-a-thon and Cross Country. The Board decided that it would open the Room 8 class at the beginning of Term 3 staffed by Mrs Hill, for the new entrants. We also discussed the importance of school donations and the cost of running a school, including ways to improve the percentage of donations paid. The money from donations allows the school to offer more extras to enhance the students' education. There was a new heat pump installed in the staffroom and the renovations of Rooms 3, 5 and the library have been completed. We are still waiting to hear back if the speed limit outside the school will be reduced to 50 km/hr.

Rosemary Pritchard

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

We are still using money from the Skip-a-thon to upgrade our musical instruments. Last week sets of bongo drums and African drums arrived. I'm sure the students will enjoy using these instruments. The staff definitely did.

ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS

Congratulations to:

Andrew Teale – Distinction

Noah Owsley – Credit

Devon Collinson – Merit

Sarah Miller – Merit

Cole Warren – Merit

Te Waiti Rawiri – Participation

Tommi Rae - Participation

Sarah Teale - Participation

Braedyn Webber - Participation

SPEECH CONTEST

Thank you to all children from Room 3-7 who presented speeches in a class competition. The winners from each year level competition presented their speeches in the Senior School Speech Competition on Thursday, 4 September.

The speech topics were:

- If only...
- My role model is...
- Imagine living in/on...

The speeches were informative and entertaining. The audience appreciated the confidence and effort it takes to present a speech effectively. It is a skill that even many adults struggle to achieve!

The speeches are judged using a marking sheet that is used for the Interschool Speech Competition. Speech preparation is worth 30 marks, speech delivery is worth 40 marks and overall effectiveness is worth 20 marks. There is no Interschool Speech Competition this year as it is a biannual event.

The top scoring speeches of the Year 3 children from Room 3 and 4 presented speeches while the judges were busy marking. They did a wonderful job and this will help them later on when it is their turn to present speeches.

These are the results at each year level.

Congratulations!

	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
1st	Cole Thomson	Georgia Westgate	Eden Miller
2nd	Jessica Munro	Ella Kells	Renee West
3rd	Cooper Miller	Jakin Warnock	Noah Owsley
4th	Kian McNamara	Isaac Collinson	
	<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>
1st	Kieran Bradbury	Hayley Monaghan	Jemma Bradbury
2nd	Devon Collinson	Ethan King	Te Waiti Rawiri
3rd	Sophie Kells	Daniela Henderson	Crystal Withey
4th	Natalia Coppins	Rihai Kahuroa	Gemma Yorke

Overall Best Speech – Kieran Bradbury

The winner of the Overall Best Speech Cup was Kieran Bradbury who is a very confident, capable speaker. Well done Kieran.

I would like to thank Clara Lange and Mr Goodson who were the judges for this event.

Janice Skiffington

NEW ZEALAND EDUCATION SYSTEM

As an educationalist and a parent I have always had grave misgivings about National Standards and how the information sent to the Ministry is going to be used. If you ever want a laugh and at the same time learn something about education and the problems New Zealand and other countries are now facing, go to You Tube and watch Sir Ken Robinson at the 2006 TED conference.

For those of you who don't have the time to view the clip this quote from him encapsulates our current New Zealand problem.

"We have a big problem at the moment, education is becoming so dominated by this culture of testing, by a particular view of intelligence and a narrow curriculum and education system, that we are stifling some of the basic skills and processes that creative achievement depends on". (Sir Kenneth Robinson)

Does this ring any bells for you?

What we should be doing in schools is giving our students a wide range of activities, skills and experiences and uncover passions and skills that they might not normally come to light during reading, writing and maths lessons.

In life you will only ever find what you are looking for and a very high percentage of schools are narrowing the curriculum by just teaching reading, writing and maths so that they send information off to the Ministry and get some form of official tick.

THANK YOU PARENTS

We have had a very busy term with sport and class trips. We have had amazing parents volunteering to provide transport to these events. On one occasion we had a large sporting event involving 3 venues, 9 teams and approximately 120 students. The staff and students at Rotokauri School are very lucky to have such supportive parents and we are very appreciative.

DAFFODIL DAY

Empathy for others is a philosophy that we always try and teach our students. On the 29th August our students gave generously to the Cancer Foundation to mark Daffodil Day. Thanks to all those students / families that supported this day.

BIKE RIDE

Want to have a bit of quality bonding time with your children, then this is for you - the Waihi to Paeroa bike ride. No don't worry it's not on the road. It's all part of the new rail trail which will eventually link vast parts of New Zealand together.

The trip follows the river and is very scenic and safe. Basically it's 21 km, but the terrain is mainly downhill. As a group we will start at Waihi train station on Saturday 13th September at 11am. The trip will take approximately 2 – 2 ½ hours, maybe longer if you stop at the Winery. You need to accompany your child/ren and have someone at Paeroa to pick you up - unless you want to ride back.

KIND DONATION

Last week our cleaning company Wiser Owl came in and donated \$500 to help support the PTA in their purchasing of new blinds for the Multi-Purpose Room. This was much appreciated. Thanks Howard.

SENIOR OPTIONS FOR TERM 4 2014

We asked our students to review the options programme after its completion in Term 2. They would like another series of options to be run in term 4. But rather than have 5 or 6 90 minute sessions they would prefer 2 full days. Taking this into account and the busy term ahead, we have selected the 7th and 21st November as the days that senior options will be offered.

If you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share on those two days drop us a line and let us know. If there is a cost to the related hobby inform us of that also. We hope to have a selection of hobbies that we can put to the student by Week 9 of this term.

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CAR SHOW

The Car Show has been a unique school event for the last three years. It's one of the few events that manages to bring fundraising money in from outside of our own community. As part of this project we like to supply prizes for some of the entries which have come as far afield as Rotorua, Tauranga and Auckland. If you have any prizes that you would like to donate we would really appreciate it.

The main way to make this a success is to get the word out about the event. The Car Show takes place on Sunday, 16th November.

WEBSITE

Our website has undergone major changes over the last 6 months. The website contains many things that would be of interest to our community. During the next couple of months you will see more video clips of students and teachers. Have a look at our links to a number of video clips e.g. Nigel Latta on education. Also have a look at the power point our students produced for their talk to Paddington's Early Childhood Centre.

SAYINGS

As you walk around the classes you may see some of these sayings on the walls or on the computer screens. These make the students think and in some cases change their beliefs, confidence and actions. Feel free to email us with some of your sayings that we can share with our students and staff.

- If it is important to you, you will find a way. If not, you will find an excuse.
- It seems impossible until it's done.
- People will forget what you say and do BUT they will never forget how you make them feel.
- Success all depends on the second letter.
- A bad attitude is like a flat tyre - you can't get very far until you change.
- Mistakes are proof that you are trying.
- The only person you should try to be better than, is the person you were yesterday.
- Don't let the world change your smile, let your smile change the world.
- Always taste your words before you spit them out.
- Success comes in cans not CAN'TS.
- Success is a journey not a destination.

DRIVE IN MOVIE

Thank you to MK Builders who have become our first major sponsor of this project. It's great to have a company on board with us so early in the planning stage. Have a look below and see if you know a company/organisation that would like to be a part of this unique evening on the 6th December.

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

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.**

CHICKEN ENTRY FORMS

Chicken entry forms will come home tomorrow and need to be returned by Thursday, 25 September as well.

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.

AGRISEA AVAILABLE - FREE

If you would like some **free animal supplement**, please see Sharon at the school office.

AGRICULTURAL DAY INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Children that have not entered a lamb, calf or goat for Agricultural Day are expected to attend school and participate in the indoor activities. A list of Junior and Senior activities will come home tomorrow. This will give families time to collect necessary equipment and practice during the holidays. Any questions please talk to your child's classroom teacher.

SCHOOL VISITOR

For the last week Rotokauri School has had a special visitor making their presence known in the school. The very friendly duck has been watching over us from the roof of the classrooms, overseen show practices and has even been popping in to check what is happening in the senior classes.



HYDRATION

Water is needed to: replace fluid loss, cool the body down and transport nutrients around the body.

Replacing fluid is especially important for children as they are unable to regulate their body temperature as well as adults. Sports drinks are not necessary for children and contain high quantities of sugar.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES FUN FACTS

- **The Games are made up of 10 core sports and another 7 can be selected by the host. Do you know what sports there are in 2014?**
- **Over the duration of the Games, around 390,000 meals will be served at the Athlete's Village. Do you know how many athletes are competing in 2014?**



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 6 October until Friday 10 October

9am to 3pm

\$5 per family per day

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

29 SEPT-10 OCT 2014 – (8am – 5.30pm)

Waikato Diocesan School, River Road, Hamilton

Day: Theme:	Mon 29 th Sharing & Caring	Tue 30 th Environment	Wed 1 st Nutrition	Thur 2 nd Health & Wellbeing	Fri 3 rd Leadership
29th Sept – 3rd Oct	<i>Prepare for fun and craziness - Top-Town games for everyone!</i>	<i>Upcycling, compasses and orientation! Bring recycled items and comfy shoes!</i>	<i>Ohlala - yummy soup day! Bring 1 small item for our shared soup</i>	<i>Learn some self-help tips so you can help yourself and others</i>	<i>"When I grow up, I want to be a..." What do you want to be?</i>
Morning	Young Engineers Clay Art	Young Engineers Upcycle Art	Young Engineers Food Pyramid Soup Making	Young Engineers First Aid Tips	Guest Speakers Depart for Hamilton Gardens
Afternoon	Top-Town Games Financial Literacy with Westpac	Orientation (locate points with a compass)	Team Games Financial Literacy with Westpac	Self-Protection Tips	In-house Movie and Popcorn
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6th Oct – 10th Oct	<i>It was so much fun, we're doing it again! Top-Town!</i>	<i>Explore Maungatautari Sanctuary and our native wildlife</i>	<i>Mmmmm - yummy wrap day! Bring 1 small item for our shared wraps</i>	<i>Learn some self-help tips so you can help yourself and others</i>	<i>Sharpen your skills for "The Base Great Race" & Movies</i>
Morning	Young Engineers Clay Art	Depart for Maungatautari Sanctuary	Young Engineers Mission Nutrition Wrap Making	Young Engineers First Aid Tips	Team Games Depart for The Base & Movies
Afternoon	Top-Town Games Financial Literacy with Westpac	Team Games	Team Games Financial Literacy with Westpac	Self-Protection Tips	Team Games

COSTS (incl GST) - \$230 / week or \$46 / day (WINZ subsidies available for eligible families)

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1 September 2014

Mark Goodson
Principal
Rotokauri School
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Dear Mark

Earn \$\$\$ for Rotokauri School with PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities

Over the past four years the farming community has raised more than **\$320,000** for schools and community organisations around New Zealand with PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities. Over 850 farmers signed up to our recent autumn programme, supporting local communities nationwide.

This year for the first time we're running a Cash for Communities programme during spring, giving farmers another opportunity to earn \$\$\$ for Rotokauri School!

Any farmer who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser on their PGG Wrightson account, between 1 September and 30 November 2014, can earn cash for their local community, school, St John or Rescue Helicopter.*

It's easy for local farming families to nominate Rotokauri School

At PGG Wrightson, we're already talking to farmers about the Cash for Communities spring programme and we suggest you do too. When your rural contacts purchase qualifying Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser, they can nominate Rotokauri School at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz and then start earning \$\$\$ for you. It's that easy!

We've developed some simple tools to help you get the farming community behind your cause. Simply go to www.cashforcommunities.co.nz and click on Resources to download posters, advertisements for your newsletter and a range of fun children's activities.

For more information, or if you have any questions, feel free to drop us a line at cashforcommunities@pggwrightson.co.nz or call 03 372 0818.

Yours sincerely

Shannon Galloway
General Manager Marketing
PGG Wrightson Limited

“Waioneke School are very grateful to have received a cheque for \$700 from PGG Wrightson in connection with the Cash for Communities promotion. This donation will go towards the purchase of new resources for our school library. **”**

Terriane Brady
Principal
Waioneke School

*\$1 for every tonne of Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser purchased (excluding Lime, Gypsum and Hatuma) will be donated. Once a \$25 donation total is reached for Rotokauri School, you'll be guaranteed to receive a cheque for the funds nominated at the conclusion of the campaign. For eligible products and full terms and conditions see www.cashforcommunities.co.nz. The 2014 Spring Cash for Communities programme runs in place of a 2015 Autumn Cash for Communities programme.

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