

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Fishing Tournament



14 March 2015 at Coromandel

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER

Entry Fee: Adult \$40.00 Child \$10.00

**Information and registration
at Rotokauri School Office**

Prizes:

Adults' Section:

Snapper 1st prize \$300.00
Snapper 2nd prize \$150.00
Snapper 3rd prize \$100.00
Largest other species \$150.00

(excluding sharks, rays and eels)

Children's Section:

Snapper 1st prize \$100.00
Snapper 2nd prize \$ 60.00
Snapper 3rd prize \$ 40.00
Average snapper \$ 50.00
Largest other species \$ 50.00

(excluding sharks, rays and eels)

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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.

RAGLAN BEACH TRIP

The students are very excited about the prospect of going to Raglan to build sandcastles and sand sculptures tomorrow. Our senior leaders have had two sessions with each of the house groups developing a construction plan. We will be leaving school at 8.45am tomorrow morning as we need to catch the right tides for this event to be a success. This will mean that students will need to be dropped off by 8.30am at the latest. Please make sure that the bus fare of \$10.50 is paid to the office before departure. Students will need sandcastle building equipment (all of which needs to be named). Students will also need their Rotokauri hat, Rotokauri shirt (if they have one), togs, towel, sunblock, morning tea, lunch, drink and shoes suitable for walking around on sand.

Parents are welcome to join us on this trip but will need to travel by private car. Once again we ask that our children go by bus, as travelling by private car makes it harder to monitor the whereabouts of our students.

The day will be a mixture of sandcastle/sculpture production and beach games.

We intend to be back at school at 2.30 pm and once again we would ask that the car park loading zone not be used until all buses have disembarked the students.

In keeping with this theme of student safety, tomorrow morning we need all cars out of the car park. This is so that our students have safe access to the buses and don't have to wander out into the middle of the road to board the buses for departure.

Should this event have to be cancelled a decision will be made at 7.00am tomorrow morning. An email will be sent out if we have to cancel.

Looking forward to a fun educational day.

ROKOKAURI STRATEGIC PLAN 2015

Some of you may have already looked at our website to view some of our strategic plans. We have to be careful of student's privacy when displaying this information and for that reason not all sections of the strategic plan are shown.

The strategic aims are sometimes influenced by Ministry requirements, while other aims relate to National Standard information which we gather at the end of the year. Each one of the 9 Strategic Aims comes with its own plan.

If you would like to view more of the Rotokauri Charter and Strategic Plan please view our documentation outside Sharon's office. Once again feel free to make suggestions and comments as you see fit.

ROKOKAURI BUDGET

At the February meeting our Board signed off the budget. The 2015 budget is also on display at the front of the school. I think some people may be surprised at the cost of running a school. The only way a school can actually increase its income is to increase the roll or have a very hard working PTA.

CHANGES TO EMAIL OR TELEPHONE ADDRESSES

Parents told us last year that they preferred to have communication by email. We have noted that, as with telephone numbers, people also change their email addresses. Please advise the office and homeroom teacher if you have done this recently.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2015

It is a real privilege to be able to serve the needs of your fellow peers. Approximately 12 students applied for the four positions on the council. The senior students in Rooms 6 and 7 elected Hayley Monaghan, Tayne Matheson, Sophie Kells and Tigerlily Tangiora. This was based on a speech they had completed about why they should be a councillor.

Congratulations to our new Student Council. I'm sure you will do an excellent job.

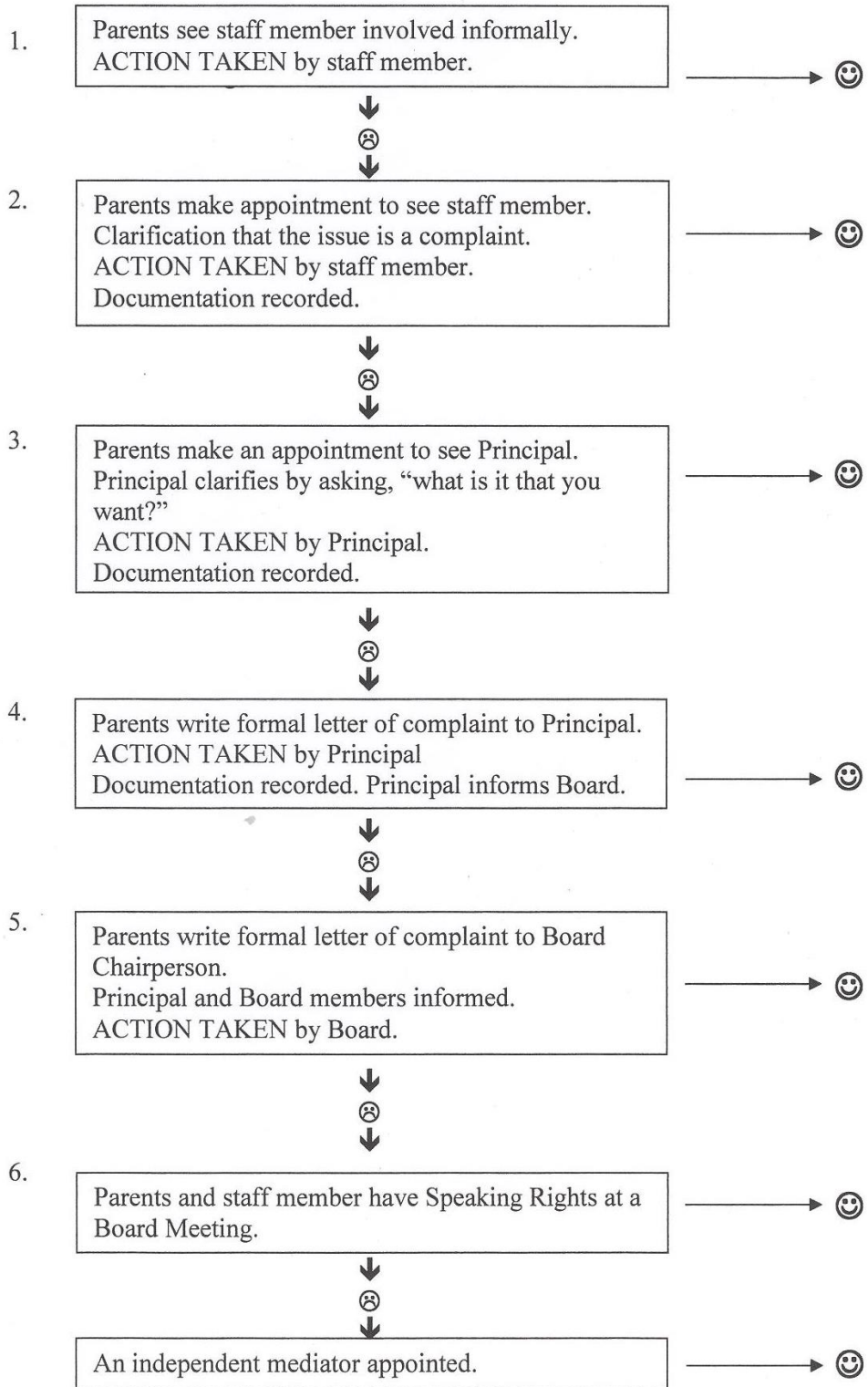


COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

As with many large organisations there needs to be a complaints procedure that all parties understand. We have tried to make our school one as simple as possible for everyone to follow. Often we find that a parent is not actually complaining, rather they are just asking a question because they have a specific interest in some part of the school organisation or event.

If something has happened inside a classroom or relates to your child's learning needs the best person to see in the first instance is your child's homeroom teacher. Our teachers have a proud history of being very accommodating through our open door policy. What we do ask of parents as a courtesy to the teacher and the students, is please don't try and see the teacher while they are teaching. Before or after school is more appropriate as this does not impact on the students learning.

COMPLAINTS POLICY FLOW CHART



Complaints Policy

Ratified by the Rotokauri School Board of Trustees: April 2014

Chairperson signed:

Next Review date: April 2015

SCHOOL DONATIONS

It's a tough time of the year when all the credit card bills start rolling in after a big summer holiday and that's why we allow our parents to pay school donations in instalments.

The Board, for the last 8 years, have kept the school donation at \$100 per pupil with no parent ever having to pay over \$250 for 3 or more children. When you consider all the things that the Board and PTA financially support this is a very reasonable amount to ask for.

Thank you to all the parents who have already donated to the school.

SCHOOL MISSION

Our school mission is – “Our positive environment will actively engage our students in learning”. All of our teachers understand the importance of engaging students. We surveyed our students a couple of years ago and found that we had over 90% engagement from our students. The same sort of surveys are used in Australian schools. Last year 7,000 students were surveyed between Year 5 and Year 12. The findings were interesting because a pattern became evident very early on. At Year 5, 72% of the Australian students surveyed said they were engaged in school. By the time they had reached Year 12 that engagement level had dropped to 49 percent.

MATHS WHIZZ

Well done to all the parents who have signed their children up to Maths Whizz. From our Room 5 trial group last year we found that these types of learning approaches (using IT) do engage students in learning. Many of our students have now completed their pre-test for Maths Whizz and are starting their tutoring, both at school and home.

SWIMMING POOL

The Board have always supported the opening of the pool from November to the end of March. This obviously comes with financial considerations because to run a school pool for any length of time is not cheap.

It is hard to think of how many children would have learned to swim in our pool over the years but I think the number would run into literally thousands. I sometimes wonder how many children's lives may have been saved by a teacher giving them learn to swim lessons on a daily basis over the summer months. I suppose we will never know that either.

What I do know is that we have one of the highest drowning rates in the western world and that students at our school should be taking full advantage of the free lessons we provide. There are far too many children turning up without swimwear. Our heated pool has been over 23 degrees Celsius for the last couple of weeks and will still be over 20 degrees when we close it at the end of March.

Please insure your child has swimwear and that they bring these to school on a daily basis. If they are sick please provide a note to the home room teacher.

Learning to swim can save a child's life.

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS 2015

This year the Junior School and Senior School did their own swimming sports events and they both went very successfully. In the junior school they performed demonstration swimming where participation got their house points and in the senior school they raced for points. A big thank you to all the parent helpers who came down and helped out. We needed a lot of help with extra little jobs, and the parents who helped out did a fantastic job. Below are the results for the senior swimming and combined points from junior and senior for the house competition. Well done to all students who participated.

	25m Breast Stroke	25m Back Stroke	25m Freestyle
7 Year old Girls	Anaiya Nelson Kayla Westgate Leaf Clifton	Anah West Jessica Cuff	Anah West Jessica Cuff Anaiya Nelson
7 Year Old Boys	Carter Jackways Thomas Keightley		Carter Jackways Thomas Keightley
8 Year old Girls	Jaime Porter Georgia Westgate Tyla Brooks	Georgia Westgate Tyla Brooks Jessica Munro	Georgia Westgate Jaime Porter Tyla Brooks
8 year old Boys	Isaac Collinson Kian McNamara Jaxon Tate-Ward	James Ladbrook Isaac Collinson Jaxon Tate-Ward	Isaac Collinson Kian McNamara Brooklyn Snelgrove
9 Year old Girls	Miya Tangiora Tahlia Farrell Ella Kells	Heidi Perring Ella Kells Lily Daniels	Maddison Balck Tahlia Farrell Heidi Perring
9 Year Old Boys	Jakin Warnock Adam Fryer Ryleigh Beyer	Daniel Cameron Cooper White Ryleigh Beyer	Ryleigh Beyer Daniel Cameron Jakin Warnock
10 Year old Girls	Sophie Kells Rebecca Perham Renee West	Rebecca Perham Amarah Duncan Olivia Robinson	Rebecca Perham Renee West Sophie Kells
10 year old Boys	Reiley Samuels-Porter Nick Westgate Liam Townsend	Liam Townsend Nick Westgate Dylan Westgate	Nick Westgate Dylan Westgate Liam Townsend
11 Year old Girls	Zahra Warnock Georgia Snelgrove Summa Dixon	Georgia Snelgrove Summa Dixon Lavinia Rouru	Zahra Warnock Georgia Snelgrove Summa Dixon
11 Year old Boys	Tayne Matheson Devon Collinson Ethan King	Tayne Matheson Kieran Bradbury Alex Balck	Devon Collinson Julius Spiers Ethan King
12 Year old Girls	Hayley Monaghan Tigerlily Tangiora Jaimee Carlson	Hayley Monaghan Tigerlily Tangiora Daniela Henderson	Hayley Monaghan Daniela Henderson Cassie Hayde
12 year old Boys	Thomas Perham Braedyn Webber Davin Barham	Thomas Perham Davin Barham Rihai Kahuroa	Thomas Perham Davin Barham Braedyn Webber
	50m Breast Stroke	50m Back Stroke	50m Freestyle
10 Year old Girls	Sophie Kells Ashley Vincent Eden Miller	Renee West Olivia Robinson Vanessa Campbell	Renee West Rebecca Perham Amarah Duncan
10 year old Boys	Reiley Samuels-Porter Liam McLaughlin	Liam Townsend Harry Wells	Nick Westgate Dylan Westgate Harry Wells

	50m Breast Stroke	50m Back Stroke	50m Freestyle
11 Year old Girls	Zahra Warnock Georgia Snelgrove Emma Fryer		Emma Fryer Aaliyah Ali
11 Year old Boys	Devon Collinson Julius Spiers Joshua McLaughlin	Tayne Matheson Kieran Bradbury Joshua McLaughlin	Tayne Matheson Devon Collinson Kieran Bradbury
12 Year old Girls	Emma Clifton Maia Campbell	Maia Campbell Emma Clifton	Hayley Monaghan Cassie Hayde Tigerlily Tangiora
12 year old Boys	Braedyn Webber Davin Barham Joshua Prangnell	Thomas Perham Joshua Prangnell	Braedyn Webber Joshua Prangnell

Relay Races

Year 4 Relay

- 1st Kākāriki
- 2nd Kowhai
- 3rd Kikorangi
- 4th Whero

Year 5/6 Relay

- 1st Kowhai
- 2nd Whero
- 3rd Kākāriki
- 4th Kikorangi

Year 7/8 Relay

- 1st Kikorangi
- 2nd Kākāriki
- 3rd Whero
- 4th Kowhai

Points Table (Junior and Senior combined)

1st Kowhai 740 points

2nd Kikorangi 619 points

3rd Whero 594 points

4th Kākāriki 529 points

CONGRATULATIONS KOWHAI

PHOTOS FROM ROOM 1 SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION





TEAM ETHOS

We really try and push the concept of TEAM at our school = Together Everybody Achieves More.

Some companies have 7 steps to developing a remarkable team. Some of these ideas can work with any team, whether it is a sports team or a group of work colleagues.

1. Assemble a team of doers.
2. Set priorities and make sure all team members have a common understanding of them.
3. Let the team do their job, avoid micromanaging.
4. Knock down barriers that will stop your team performing.
5. Express gratitude frequently for work well done.
6. Take the heat for any team member that makes a mistake.
7. Celebrate success together.

WELL DONE SENIORS

Good on you for supporting the junior students during the biathlon / triathlon that was held recently. We have a very happy parent (see letter below) and I am sure many other parents appreciate the time you give to help your fellow students through the courses.



LETTER FROM A PARENT

Hi Mark

I attended the school triathlon last Friday to watch my six year old daughter Hannah compete. We had a great time thank you 😊

I was particularly impressed when I saw a young lady lining up next to Hannah in her race, running alongside Hannah during the race and encouraging Hannah the whole way. I knew Hannah didn't have a big buddy this year.

I went up to the young lady after the race and thanked her. She told me her name was Hayley and that the race with Hannah was the second she had done that day, with her own race still to be completed later. Since reading your newsletter and seeing her photo I now know it is Hayley Monaghan.

I am so impressed by Hayley's positive attitude and school spirit in helping those younger than her. I suspect a lot of adults could learn from Hayley! It is one thing to compete to win in a race, but helping your fellow students is a whole new level of awesome-ness in my book. She could have easily saved her energy for her own race, but instead Hayley chose to help my daughter.

Hayley is setting a great example for other kids and it is good for the whole school to see that. And I agree there are really great kids at the school. From what I have seen so far the buddy system and the peer mediation programme are making a real impact across the school.

Kind regards Rebecca Jackson

NUTRITION CLAIMS

BAKED NOT FRIED

Baked foods can have just as much fat as fried foods.

Check the label and pick products with less than 10g total fat per 100g.



NUTRITION CLAIMS

NO ADDED SUGAR

- The product might still contain natural sugars
- Sugar is sugar whether it's added or natural
- Pick products with **less than 15g sugar per 100g**

Check the label and pick products with less than 15g sugar per 100g.



AVERAGE QUANTITY	PER SERVING	PER 100 ML
SERVING SIZE 200ML		
ENERGY	364KJ	162KJ
PROTEIN	0.0G	0.0G
FAT - TOTAL	0.0G	0.0G
FAT - SATURATED	0.0G	0.0G
CARBOHYDRATES - TOTAL	20G	10G
CARBOHYDRATES - SUGAR	18.8G	9.4G
SODIUM	14MG	7MG
VITAMIN C (200% RDI*)	80MG	40MG

ROOM 5 ART WORK

We have been reading journal articles and making posters using i-pads with key information from our journal articles.



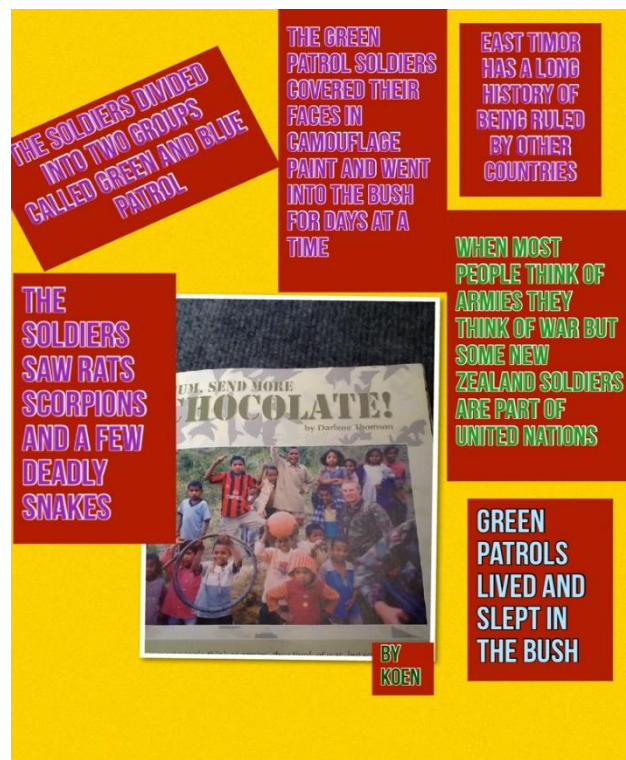
By Danny



By Bailey



By Jaxon



By Koen

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 13 April until Friday 17 April

9am to 3pm

\$5 per family per day

Registrations Essential

AM & PM Tea provided

Please bring a packed lunch

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