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Raglan Beach Trip Photos

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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.

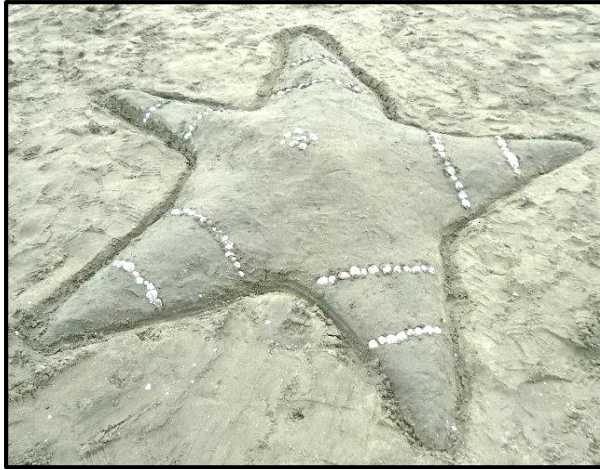
NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Desiree Smith has been appointed Rotokauri School's new Deputy Principal. Desiree has been a major factor in the success of our school during the last five years. Desiree is multi-talented and will make huge contributions in her new role. We are lucky to have Desiree as she is so passionate about making a difference to our student's education. I'm sure when you see her around our school you will congratulate her on her new position. Well done Desiree.

RAGLAN BEACH TRIP

What a fantastic day for everyone involved. I think this is where our school really shows the ethos of TEAM = Together Everybody Achieves More. Scanning up and down the beach I could see the senior buddies looking after the juniors. I could see co-operation and communication across the house groups and I felt the students were totally absorbed in what they were doing. All hands were on deck to complete their house group sand sculpture and sandcastle. What a wonderful day was had by all. When a day runs so smoothly (such as the Raglan trip) and students are engaged it's because so many have contributed with their skills and positive attitudes. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who made this such an enjoyable day.





STUDENTS CROSSING ROTOKAURI ROAD

We have run a road safety lesson for the 9 students who frequently cross the road outside our school. We thought it timely that we revisit this because of the increasing number of cars that use Rotokauri Road as a way of getting to The Base and the Te Rapa industrial area.

CAR PARK SAFETY

Car park safety is always of utmost concern for schools who have parents and students entering and departing by car on school property.

We have outlined our expectations when using the car park and these can be seen on the sign above the loading zone. The major problem we have is people leaving their cars in the loading zone and then walking off and leaving their car unattended. This obviously clogs up the whole entry into the school and this then causes a backlog which stretches out along the road, causing further hazards. **Do not** at any stage leave your car unattended in the loading zone. Talk to your child and make sure they are waiting for you, seated in the covered bus stop. This will help to elevate the congestion problem. If they do not come to the bus stop promptly please move along to an available car park so that this area is freed up quickly.

The other issue we have is parents/grandparents walking across the car park without using the designated pedestrian crossings. At best this is poor role modelling and at worst you are basically encouraging your child to take risks that could endanger their lives. Please use the pedestrian crossings at all times.

RIDING TO SCHOOL

Years ago a high percentage of New Zealand's school population would ride to school on a daily basis. If you look around schools now you will see the rows of bike racks that have almost been consigned to history.

We have a bike policy at our school and this stipulates students need to be 10 years of age to ride their bike to school.

Any child who is under ten but still wants to ride to school requires a letter written by a parent or caregiver to be given to the Principal. Any child riding to school must have a fully approved helmet.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Our school has had Religious Instruction for many years and this is well supported by our community, as shown by the feedback from our Community Consultation process.

Religious Instruction is far different now from when my generation went to school. Each lesson is broken into sections. Here is an example directly from the Religious Instruction Curriculum.

Purpose - For students to understand the importance of people in a community working together.

Values Taught - Community and Participation.

Main Point - People in a community need to work together.

Student Experience - Considering situations where working together is important.

Application to school - Working together improves students and teachers confidence and contributes to their sense of purpose and belonging.

Although this is a quick snap shot of the curriculum I do like the way they promote the values, which is very much in keeping with what we promote as part of our school values (honesty, excellence, persistence, respect and responsibility).

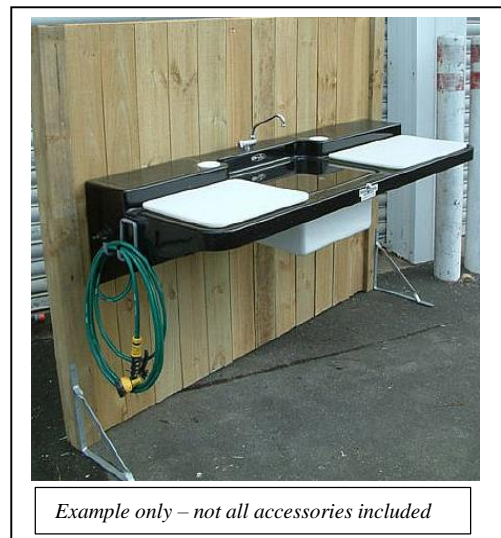
FISHING TOURNAMENT

We have been doing this for so long that it has become part of our culture. There's a couple of families who have turned this into an annual weekend away. On behalf of the school community a big thank you to Mike Watkins for organising such a great event.

On Saturday the 14th March Rotokauri held its annual Fishing Tournament in Coromandel. We had a good number of entries and we raised \$1,650 for the school. The money will go towards new sports gear. Thank you to everyone that participated. It was a fun day with Cyclone Pam staying away long enough so we could all get out on the water.

A huge thank you to our regular sponsor the Campbell family - **West Hamilton Auto Refinishers** and our new sponsor the Scott Family - **The Meat Warehouse**. Without their support this day would not go ahead and be such a success.

We also have a new prize kindly donated by Robert McLean from **Blackpearl Fibreglass**. We have a large fibreglass filleting table (white) that attaches to a fence. This will be auctioned off in a silent auction. It will be on display in the Multipurpose Room until the end of the term, Thursday 2 April. To be the lucky new owner, all you need to do is write your name and number on a piece of paper and a bid of how much you want to pay for it. Place this in a box at the office. At the end of the term, the person with highest bid gets the table. There is no reserve.



Example only – not all accessories included

Details on the 2016 tournament will be announced shortly. Booking charters early is vital.

Fishing Tournament 2015 Results

Adults' Section	Children's Section
1st Snapper - Wayne Rae \$300 2.44kg	1st Snapper - Tommi Rae \$100 3.65kg
2nd Snapper - Gene Duncan \$150 2.21kg	2nd Snapper - Angus Elliott \$60 2.70kg
3rd Snapper - James Elliott \$100 2.08kg	3rd Snapper - Mason Newbold \$40 2.05kg
Other Species - Wayne Rae \$150 Kahawai 2.69kg	Average size Snapper - Jorja Scott \$50 1.26kg
	Other Species - Tommi Rae \$50 Kahawai



ART WEEK

In Week 9 of Term 3 we have decided to have a whole school art focus. As with many organisations we wanted to give it a theme. What has been proposed is Our Place. We know there are many of you out there who are very artistic. We have seen your skills on display when you have helped with our Options programmes over the years. If you would like to take a selected group of children for a specific skill please inform us so that we can include you during the week. It is not envisaged that you would have to take the students for the whole week. We thought that taking students during the middle block would work well (11.00 – 12.30).

As part of this week we were also looking at sponsorship. If there is a company out there that would like to sponsor this week we would be very appreciative.

Please inform me if you can help mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz

REVIEWS

Schools are always undertaking internal and external reviews. Last year we had The Education Review Team in. They made a number of positive comments about our school which we shared with our community. At the end of the year as part of my Performance Review we had another review. Here are some of the comments that were made about our school.

- Classroom environments were vibrant, calm and learning focused.
- Students knew what the purpose of learning was when asked.
- Contagious learning situations are encouraged with responsive teaching and learning programmes, as seen within classrooms.
- Students are engaged in a variety of learning contexts, using a wide range of materials and media.

All of our community should be very proud of these statements.

INTERESTING QUOTE

I missed more than 900 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty six times I was trusted to take the winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over in my life. And that's why I succeed.

Michael Jordan

POOL CLOSING – KEY RETURN

The school swimming pool is closing tomorrow, Friday 27 March. If you have had a pool key over the summer please return this to the school office. A refund of \$10.00 for the return of the key is given so please do not send the keys back with your children unless you are happy for us to get them to sign for and be given this money.

MATH-WHIZZ PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, 30th April at 7.00 pm. Come along and learn more about this useful maths program that your child is a member of.

You may have questions you would like answered on the night. If you do, please email them to cdonoghue@rotokauri.school.nz so that Casey can be prepared to answer your questions on the night.

Rotokauri school Dress-up day!

FUNDRAISER

Date: Thursday 2nd April

Theme: Movie characters!

What to bring: Two dollar coin* and an awesome costume!

*The money goes towards "The Child Flight Charity Trust".

Our goal is to raise \$100 for the Charity!

Prizes will be given to the top 3 boys and the top 3 girls.



The Squiggle Holiday Programme has a wide

variety of activities that your child/ren will love being a part of this coming holiday. Activities include upcycled art, sports and games, baking, river walks and scavenger hunts, wheelies day and our new and exciting COLOUR RUN! We'll also be studying bees and finding out why they're so important in the environment and not to forget, the activity that everyone loves – Young Engineers, where we learn about basic engineering and physics while building motorised Lego models.

Dates: 7-17 April 2015

Venues: Waikato Diocesan (off Martin Street, Fairfield)
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area**

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We are seeking players in the following Football/Soccer grades, Open Grade (DOB 2002 – 2003), 11th Grade (DOB 2004) 10th Grade (DOB 2005) 9th Grade (DOB 2006) and 8th Grade (DOB 2007) if you are interested in playing football this year please contact Nicole secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz or 0800 4 SOCCER. Places are limited.

Hamilton North Football Club – We have our Grassroots (4-6 years) intro to football day on Thursday 26th of March at Ashurst Park 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Come along to our free session and see if football is the winter sport for your little person. Please email grassroots@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz for more info and to register interest.



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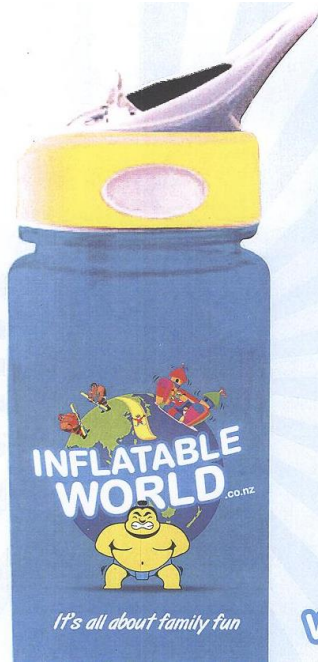
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