

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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ANZAC Day Remembrance 2015



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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 CURRICULUM

School curriculums need to continually change to reflect the changing world our students will inhabit. People rightly or wrongly say that you can't predict the future. The question then arises what should be taught for the future of our students. What we do know is that change will occur more often and the real key to success for our students is not how much knowledge they know but how do they use the knowledge they have learned. Our staff came back together during the holidays to investigate a series of skills and attitudes that would empower our students to be effective learners in a changing world. Please feel free to give any feedback in relation to the following skills and attitudes we intend to focus on:

1. Collaboration
2. Problem Solving
3. Creativity
4. Engagement in learning
5. Question asking
6. Risk taking
7. Celebrating failure
8. Learning through play and exploration.
9. Self-assessing, reviewing and determining next steps.

There will be many more discussions about the 9 areas mentioned. What would all of these skills and attitudes look like in a classroom? How do we show a progression of these skills across the school?

It's a very exciting time to be in teaching.

COURSE FEEDBACK

During the holidays I was fortunate to attend a conference that had some of the world's most prominent speakers in education. Rather than give you pages of notes I would just like to pass on a couple of statements they made at the conference.

1. Each year a child spends at school they will ask fewer questions. Students need to be encouraged to ask questions that they value as important. Often these will relate to problems or experiences based on the students' lives. With real questioning comes real engagement in learning.
2. Risk avoidance vs trial and error. Most educational systems are set up for risk avoidance. Its only when a system celebrates trial and error that real learning takes place. This is when innovation is displayed. Finland, which supposedly has the best education system, actually celebrates a National Failure Day.
3. Real learning only occurs when collaboration between students occur. Studies have proved that when students collaborate they learn quicker and retain more information.
4. Microsoft workers are encouraged to put aside 20% of their day for play. People learn through play and having fun. Play encourages curiosity and curiosity stimulates learning.

FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

Many of you will have seen our field of remembrance which is situated below the teacher's car park. It's important that our students respect and learn from our past. Only then will they make good decisions for the future. Thirty crosses of those that have lost their lives in battle from our region have been placed for all to see. These people made the ultimate sacrifice for their country so that we may live a better life. Please feel free to come down and look at our field. Thank you to the people who attended our Anzac Day commemorations.

Sometimes students have a better understanding of history when we talk in numbers. So here are some statistics from World War One:

- 103,000 New Zealanders served overseas
- 59,500 were casualties
- 18,200 died



Our presenters on the day Liam, Miya, Eden and Harrison

SCHOOL DONATIONS

We are very transparent about our school finances at this school. Anyone who is interested can have a look at our school budget which is situated just outside Sharon's office. It has become more difficult to fund schools over the last two years, especially as some of the staffing rules have changed. We are almost classified as a company but do not make any items or provide a service whereby we can increase our cash flows. More and more schools, especially higher decile schools, rely on school donations from parents. We would just like to thank all the parents who have paid their donation in full as this makes a huge difference to what we can do with our students. The Board have been very proactive in keeping our school donation consistent at \$100 per child, with no family paying over \$250.

DETENTION SYSTEM

Our detention system is not based around retribution. It's about trying to get our students to make consistent, responsible decisions. Decision making skills will have a big bearing on how happy and successful students are in their later life. Our detention system could even be called "thinking time", as students have a chance to sit down and think what they have done and what they could have done better. If your child has been put on a detention please sit down and have a discussion on why this occurred. This system works very well when everyone applies the TEAM ethos = TOGETHER EVERYBODY ACHIEVES MORE. Please make sure that if you receive a detention form that you sign it, make a comment if you wish and return it to school the following day.

ABSENTEES AND LATECOMERS

Each term we check on patterns of lateness and absenteeism. There is obviously a close correlation to how much time a child has off and their personal achievement. We need our students at school as much as possible to make real progress. If your child is going to be away can you please ring the office and state why your child will be away.

Lateness also has an impact on learning. The child coming in late has often missed the morning messages or the teaching part of the lesson. This means they are almost playing catch up for the rest of the day. If your child is late, let them get into the classroom as quickly as possible. Often parents coming into the room cause a distraction to the other students and so therefore it is better to leave quickly.

INCREDIBLE YEARS

Our junior teachers have been attending The Incredible Years Course and have shared some of their resources. Did you know there's at least 100 ways to say "good". Here's a few to start things off and then see how many you can add?

Super, nice going, keep it up, you've got it, congratulations, that's better, excellent - I'm proud of you.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Well done to all the parents and community members who have looked on our website recently. For the last few months we have experienced high interest in our school and what is going on in our community.

CHILD FLIGHT CHARITABLE TRUST

You may remember that at the end of term 1 our students dressed up as a movie character. Our senior councillors had the idea after reading about The Child Flight Charitable Trust. This Trust helps special needs students enjoy a flight in a DC 3 aircraft. Each child who dressed up donated money to this cause. At the end of the day the student councillors managed to collect \$305.10 which will go towards special needs students receiving a free flight on Sunday 24th May. Chris Jordan, the CEO of Child Flight Charitable Trust made a special appearance to speak to our students and talk to them about the cause that is so close to his heart.

The reason we did this dress up day was to have empathy for those that are not as lucky as ourselves. We never intended or expected to get anything out of this, other than a feeling of satisfaction that we had done a good deed for others.



THE BIG DAY OUT-MYBUDDY PROJECT



The WW2 era DC3 which Child Flight will charter



Child Flight Charitable Trust, a registered charity (CC48267) plans to charter the DC3 from Ardmore.

We are aiming to offer up to 120 seats to special needs students and their buddies in Waikato mainstream schools.

Even if you can't support a seat, come out for the free show which will be in the International Lounge at Hamilton Airport. Parking is free and there will be liquid refreshments.

The show includes Magic, Music and a Clown as well as flying. The show will happen rain, hail or shine!!!

If you would like to pledge go to:

<http://givealittle.co.nz/project/childflightbigdayout>

May 24, 2015

from 12 to 4:30pm

Hamilton Airport,

International Lounge

CHILD FLIGHT
CHARITABLE TRUST
ANZ Bank A/c
060317 0973062 00
Ph. 021 506292
www.childflight.org



Hot off the press

I have just been informed by the Child Flight Charity Trust that we will be given a number of tickets to draw out of a hat, which will allow the lucky winners to take a flight on the DC3.

If you want your child to be involved in this draw you need to fill in the form below. This needs to be taken to the classroom teacher. Chris Jordan will make the draw at our assembly on Tuesday 5th May.

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Return to Rotokauri School Office

PERMISSION SLIP FOR CHILD FLIGHT CHARITABLE TRUST DRAW

I / we (please print) _____ give my child / ren (please name)

permission to be involved in The Child Flight Charitable Trust Draw on 5th May.
The Flight takes place on Sunday, 24th May.

Parent Signature: _____

MATH-WHIZZ PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Tonight, 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 tonight. If you do, please email them as soon as possible to cdonoghue@rotokauri.school.nz so that Casey can be prepared to answer your questions tonight.

ITM PRIORITY CARD

We regularly get cheques from Thomsons ITM. This is a result of parents nominating our school when they purchase items from them. I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have helped towards this donation and to ITM for donating 2.5% back to the school. We look forward to further donations from ITM.

ITM Priority Card loyalty programme has some great benefits for both you and Rotokauri School. If you apply for an ITM Priority Card (free of charge) then make a purchase (cash sales only) you receive an exclusive discount and Rotokauri School receives a rebate of the sale, making this a great way to fundraise. You can apply for an ITM Priority Card from Thomsons ITM either online at www.itm.co.nz or by filling out an application form available from Rotokauri School office foyer or in store at Thomsons ITM.

NIGHT AT THE OBSERVATORY

Rotokauri School has booked the observatory by the zoo for 3 nights in late June to celebrate Matariki. It is booked for 22nd – 24th June and will be at night. Because it is a night event, it will be optional. We may not use all 3 nights, depending on how many families want to go. Tuesday the 23rd will be the first day we fill and then Monday the 22nd. Wednesday will be cut off if we don't get enough numbers to fill all 3 days. Children that come will need parent supervision. The cost is \$5.00 per child and \$10 per adult. We need to know who will be interested in attending this event, so we can confirm with the observatory how many of those 3 nights we need. This is a great opportunity for children and adults alike. To book your spot put your names down and pay at the office.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday 30 th April	Maths Whiz Parent Meeting
Friday 1 st May	Project Energize (fitness testing our students)
Friday 8 th May	School Cross Country
Monday 11 th May	Senior Interviews
Tuesday 12 th May	Senior Interviews
Friday 15 th May	Wheel-a-thon
Friday 22 nd May	Interschool Cross Country
Friday 29 th May	Arbor Day
Monday 1 st June	Queens Birthday (school closed)
Friday 19 th June	Hardcourt Day
Friday 26 th June	School Disco
Last week of term	Ashton Scholastic Bookfair
Friday 3 rd July	Last Day of Term 2

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

The senior school from Years 4 – 8 will be holding parent interviews during week 4 this term. They will be held on the 11th and 12th May starting from 3:00 pm. A form to fill out will be coming home so you can book your time slots. It is a case of first in first served when it comes to what time you will receive, so be quick. Reports will be given out on this night also.

HEARING AND VISION TESTING

The Hearing and Vision Technician will be at Rotokauri School on 8th June 2015. Not all children will be tested. New Entrants, Year 7 and any other child that needs follow up checks could be seen on the day. If you do not want your child tested, please contact the school office. Please read the following information sheet.

Information sheet on hearing and vision checks in school

Vision Hearing Technicians from Rural and Community Services will be visiting our school.

The objective of the vision is to identify previously undetected hearing and vision defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

catch up screening for children who have not completed hearing and vision checks as part of their B4 school check
children absent from previous visit, require re-tests or follow up
in special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a hearing or vision check
new immigrants

What tests are carried out?

Ears

audiometry – hearing test
tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test
colour vision tests (Year 7 boys only)

NB All these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

notify parents of all test results
enter results on ministry of education data base (ENROL)

The vision hearing technician will obtain personal details from the school i.e names, dates of birth, ethnicity.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Community services may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parent or caregiver does not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a hearing or vision defect, they should let the technician know by leaving a message with the school.



TRANSPORT HELP REQUIRED

Please, if anyone could help me out short term for getting my son to and from school. We live on 83 Rotokauri Road. If anyone could help I am willing to pay gas and it would be much appreciated. My number is 0224282523. Thank you. Megan.

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL SHIRTS

We know kids grow, so the PTA has set up a register to put those who may have second hand school shirts in good, clean condition that they are wanting to sell in touch with those who are interested in buying them.

There is a folder with Sharon in the school office which holds the register to be completed by the seller – name / contact details / size / condition / price etc. Potential buyers are able to get in touch with whoever has the shirt they are wanting and organise to view / purchase if it is suitable. Please DO NOT take your shirts to Sharon as there is insufficient storage space for her to hold them.

We hope this service will be utilised by school families as a recycling initiative as well as an opportunity to save a little money!

WORLD OF MATHS

Numeracy is a compulsory component of our curriculum and to make numeracy fun and relevant to our students we have arranged for the World of Maths Roadshow to visit our school. The World of Maths Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations.

More importantly, students will be engaged in hands-on activities that will cater for all ability levels and probe their problem solving skills. It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun!!!



DATE: Monday 4th May

COST: \$5.50 per child

Each session will be 60 - 70 minutes.

Please send payment to the office in a named envelope, by tomorrow Friday, 1st May.

STUDENTS AT SCHOOL TOO EARLY

We have communicated to our students and community recently that a number of our students are on school premises before 8.30 am. Many other schools have a system whereby students have to wait at the gates or in an assigned area until an 8.30 am bell goes. We do understand that many parents have to go to work and that is the reason we set up the before school programme (Atmosphere Club) which should be used if you want your children to come to school before 8.30 am. To contact the Before School supervisors please email atmospherekids@gmail.com Atmosphere Club have also left a number of brochures that can be found just outside Sharon's office.

As from Monday 18th May we intend to have all students who arrive before 8.30 am wait outside in the bus stand until the bell goes. This will allow teachers to have professional meetings with colleagues and plan without having to watch students in their classrooms. This segment of the newsletter will be posted again to you closer to the time of the change so that you can plan accordingly.

SPECIAL HAMILTON ZOO VISIT

We have always had a very good relationship over the years with the Hamilton Zoo. They have asked if they could use 25-30 students on Friday, 22nd May to help them produce new marketing material. This will involve students from 5-13 years being photographed, while experiencing different educational components of the zoo. More information will be passed onto the school shortly. Once we have received permission forms we will send them on to you.

WHEEL-A-THON

On Friday 15th May we intend to have a Wheel-a-thon Day with our students. This will be an all-day event with all students having the opportunity to bring along either a bike, scooter, skateboard, skates or rollerblades. During the day (starting at 9.00 am) classes will have the opportunity to spend an hour riding in one of three zones allocated on what wheels they bring e.g. children with scooters, rollerblades and skateboards would be on the courts, while children with bikes would be following a course laid out by senior councillors on the field. Normally our various fundraising tend to be sponsored events. This year we would just like \$2 from every student who participates. If you would like your child to participate in this event please sign the following form and pass it back to your child's homeroom teacher. The \$2 can be paid directly to the office. If your child is taking part in this event (no matter what they intend bringing) they need to have a helmet. **Children without helmets cannot participate.**

I/we give permission for (child/ren's name/s) _____

to participate in the Wheel-a-thon event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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WINTER WARMERS

ProJoe's Healthy Nachos

Feeds a family of FIVE!

<p>1 diced onion 1tsp oil 400g beef mince 2tsp paprika 1tsp cumin 1can tomatoes</p>	<p>1 can kidney beans 1C stock 2C veges (frozen or grated) 6 wholemeal wraps</p>
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Cook onion in a pan with oil, add mince, paprika and cumin. Pour in tomatoes, beans, stock and vegetables. Simmer for 20-30 mins.

Cut each wrap into 8 wedges, place on tray and bake until crisp.



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

Looking For A Job In ECE?

Tots Love Country has a position available for a part-time teacher to join our awesome team. Our centre is small and privately owned with a family philosophy for both children and their parents, and teachers and their families.

If you're EE or primary registered and are looking for 2 or 3 days a week work, we can offer you fun, friendly working conditions in our unique country centre. For more information please contact Georgie on 8494820, 0212657035 or email me at totslovecountry@xtra.co.nz

Young Engineers Clubs are taking enrolments for Term 2. It's not too late to enrol – please go to www.youngengineers.nz to enrol online and find out more info about the programme.

The *Young Engineers Clubs* are located in Ngaruawahia, Newton, Claudelands and Hautapu. Classes run once a week for 75mins/class.

Young Engineers is a great programme that helps children learn about engineering, physics and science principles and builds their confidence and knowledge while they have fun building motorised Lego models!!

Costs for Term 2

\$100 for 10 weeks. Discounts for siblings.

What do we need to bring/buy?

We will provide all of the toolkits and lessons. Your child may need a drink bottle and/or small snack and they will need to be dropped off and picked up.

If you have any queries, please let me know - Ariana Paul M: 021-2424567 W: www.youngengineers.nz
E: ariana@youngengineers.nz

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