

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## ROOM 1 HUNTING FOR AUTUMN LEAVES



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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.

## **ONLINE LEARNING SURVEYS**

Last year for the first time we introduced online surveys at our school. This year we are looking closely at our curriculum and how we can support learning for our students.

Feedback from parents and students is critical to gauge people's current thoughts on learning at our school. Students and parents may view learning differently.

We would like as many parents as possible to answer the online survey. Students from years 4-8 are asked to complete their survey either at home or at school.

To find the survey go to our website [www.rotokauri.school.nz](http://www.rotokauri.school.nz)

Both surveys are clearly marked. We have tried to make the surveys as simple as possible to fill out. The survey goes live from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May and will end on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the survey. The survey is anonymous and certain findings will be presented in upcoming newsletters.

## **PRIDE AT SCHOOL**

And still the learning about Anzac Day and what it means to our country goes on. This would have to be one of the most significant learning experiences I have seen students involved in during my entire teaching career. The students seem to have developed a never ending quest for more knowledge. Some people might try and tell you that this generation didn't live through the Anzac era and therefore don't really understand. But this is just not the case. Our students were staggered by the numbers who went to serve our country and the great loss of life. The amazing resources through modern technology have allowed our students to enquire about every aspect of the 1914-18 First World War. I would just like to thank all the teachers for giving the students a special experience which many I'm sure will remember for the rest of their lives.

## EARLY ARRIVALS

We have communicated to parents on a couple of occasions already regarding the new expectations which we have in relation to student drop off times in the morning. We are falling into line with the practise of other schools in that we do not want the students in the classrooms before 8.30 a.m in the morning. Teacher's time is better spent planning in the mornings for all of their students, rather than babysitting students who have been dropped off at the door. We are aware and appreciate that parents have to work and that is why we have extended the times that our before and after school care operates over the years. Thank you to the parents who have already made other arrangements through our Atmosphere before and after school care. Feel free to contact them.

[atmospherekids@gmail.com](mailto:atmospherekids@gmail.com)

Students that are delivered before 8.30 a.m. will have to sit in the covered bus stand until a bell is rung.

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

Some of you will be aware that we have been looking for a talented teacher to take over in Room 7 when Mrs Sanders goes on maternity leave. We have very strong recruitment processes and were looking for someone that was not only a talented teacher but also had the managerial skills to fill the Assistant Principal position. We have, as always, watched people teach and in some cases got them to come in and meet staff.

No stone was left unturned in getting the best teaching applicant for our students. The new AP teaching in Room 7 is Mrs Helena Kirkham. She will lead our senior school, drawing upon years of leadership experience at other schools.

*Message from Helena Kirkham:*

*I am a proud mother of three children aged 19 years, 17 years and 8 years old. My husband is Greg Kirkham, Deputy Headmaster of Hamilton Boys High School.*

*I have been teaching for over 12 years. I am currently at Te Totara Primary School where I have been a teacher and Team Leader for over 5 years. I have been involved in coordinating and leading a variety of extension programmes across the curriculum in: Science, Technology, The Arts, Physical Education, Math, and English. I am really looking forward to becoming a part of the Rotokauri School community.*

## TEACHER COLLEGE STUDENTS

We welcome Mrs Emma Sercombe (Room 1) and Miss Rachel Kirk (Room 5) to our school for the next six weeks. It's wonderful to have teachers come and spend time with us from the University of Waikato. Please make them feel welcome at our school.

## WORLD OF MATHS

Thank you to all the parents who sent their children to the World of Maths. It was fascinating to watch our student's problem solving various hands on activities. The amazing thing was how our students collaboratively came up with solutions, each one adding their own piece of knowledge or experience to solve the problem. We received extremely positive feedback from the facilitator – she was impressed with the children's questioning skills and cooperative attitude to working in groups.

## CHILD FLIGHT CHARITABLE TRUST

At the end of the last term we managed to raise over \$300 to go towards providing an exciting experience for children who are not as lucky as our own. The whole concept you will remember was based on empathy for others. As a bonus we were given 10 tickets for members from our school community to take a ride on a DC3 aircraft on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Some of these names were drawn from a hat in front of the students.

We congratulate the following people and hope that you enjoy the special experience - Sophie Kells, Tayne Matheson, Hayley Monaghan, Julie Monaghan, Tigerlily Tangiora, Helaman Tangiora, Caleb Jacobs, Jessica Munro, Petrice Vincent and Talei Phillips. Hopefully they can take some photos and share their experience with us.

## TOILET TRAINING

Recently we have had to talk to our junior boys about the state of the junior toilets (MPR and Room 3 toilet areas). We have gone through our expectations about how they need to use the toilets but this also needs to be supported at home. Some boys have simply not used a urinal and need to be taught how to use them. One of the things we talk about in our information booklet is our expectation that children will be toilet trained before entering school. Our cleaners have been very accommodating of the toilet issue and now we need to support them.

## LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE

Some of the students may have come home last week and said that they had to run inside when the bell rang in a special way. The students are in fact talking about our lockdown bell system which we rehearsed the other day. If you are ever on site and you hear ten short bells this is a sign for you to head for the closest school building. The students did very well – they promptly got inside a classroom and waited under the desks until being released by one single bell. The bell is rung once a full check of the school grounds had been carried out.

## POLICE INFORMATION



## *School Community Officer Message*

### **PLEASE BE AWARE!**

Over the last few days, four local rural schools have been burgled with their implement / sports shed being targeted. We would encourage you to take action as follows:

- Please advise all staff including the Caretaker and cleaning staff to be vigilant of suspicious behaviour.
- Ask school neighbours to keep an eye on your schools in the evening and in the weekends.
- Consider extra security in these areas, such as security lighting, activated alarms, CCTV cameras and deadbolt locks.
- **Report any suspicious or unusual behaviour immediately to Police on 111.**

## **Parking and Road Safety**

Parking enforcement will be undertaken by the Hamilton City Council wardens over the next three months to June at selected Primary Schools throughout Hamilton City. Please be aware that illegal parking (ie, stopping on yellow lines and parking across driveways) will not be tolerated during these visits! Contact us if you are unsure if and when your school is involved. You might like to highlight these traffic issues in an upcoming newsletter.

Also for inclusion in a parent newsletter is the need to be mindful as winter approaches that visibility will decrease on our roads with low light, fog and wet conditions developing. Please advise parents/caregivers to encourage their children to dress brightly and use the proper safety equipment if riding a bicycle or scooter to and from school.

Bear in mind that Road Safety Week 2015 is from 4-10 May. This year Road Safety Week NZ forms part of the UN Global Road Safety Week, 4-10 May. The theme of the week is *Look out for kids*, and schools, communities and companies across the country will be joining others around the world calling on drivers to #SaveKidsLives. Read more about the theme at <http://brake.org.nz/campaigns-events/events-training/road-safety-week>

Police will be visiting various schools to check that parents are taking responsibility to keep their children safe and will enforce the law where need be for infringing parents.

We are also currently approaching schools who wish to be a part of our "Be Smart, Be Seen" Initiative which is run in conjunction with the Hamilton City Council and is targeted at Intermediate and High School aged children. It aims to increase the visibility of these students while travelling to and from school in winter by providing education and some high visibility equipment to use. Please contact us if your school would like to be involved in this campaign or to find out more information.

### **WHEEL-A-THON – NOW MONDAY, 18 MAY**

You will all be aware that Monday is now our Wheel-a-thon day (as advertised in a previous notice). I'm sure that the device that your child is going to bring has had a complete safety check and that your child has an appropriate helmet. No helmet no ride. All bikes are to be put into the bike stand on arrival at school and/or up against the outside of the tennis court fence. All other devices are to be stored in the classrooms. Students will only be riding their devices at specific times of the day, in designated areas. Remember your child needs to have brought back a permission slip and \$2.00 to the school office to participate on this day.

#### **Times for event**

9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	Rooms 6 and 7
10.00 a.m. - 11.20 a.m.	Rooms 4 and 5
11.20 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Rooms 2 and 3
1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	Rooms 1 and 8

We have included a permission slip in case you have not sent one along to school yet.

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I / we give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (child/children's names)  
to participate in the Wheel-a-thon event. I have included \$2.00.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2015

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5 year old boys	Cory Burt	Cooper McLean	Cole Turney
5 year old girls	Sari Tangiora	Deanna Smith	Neve Townsend
6 year old boys	Marama Tangiora	Asher Hapi	Seth Westgate
6 year old girls	Ella Prangnell	Paige Moka	Bailey Brooks
7 year old boys	Oscar Stratford	Lamayne Clark	Carter Jackways
7 year old girls	Anah West	Ella Caulfield	Nevaeh Grason
8 year old boys	Isaac Collinson	Cole Viljoen-Thomson	Ethan Phillip
8 year old girls	Tyla Brooks	Jessica Cuff	G'arni-Lee Clark
9 year old boys	Daniel Cameron	Cooper White	Jakin Warnock
9 year old girls	Tegan Barham	Miya Tangiora	Ella Kells/Heidi Perring
10 year old boys	Nicholas Westgate	Liam Townsend	Dylan Westgate
10 year old girls	Renee West	Ashley Vincent	Tahlia Farrell
11 year old boys	Devon Collinson	Callum Cameron	Julius Spiers
11 year old girls	Sophie Kells	Georgia Snelgrove	Zahra Warnock
12 year old boys	Ethan King	Davin Barham	Braedyn Webber
12 year old girls	Cassie Hayde	Tigerlily Tangiora	Hayley Monaghan

### House Points

- 1<sup>st</sup> Whero
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kowhai
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kakariki
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kikorangi





## SUPPORTING THE HAMILTON ZOO

We have always had a close relationship with Hamilton Zoo. They would like to update their marketing, which includes photos. To do this they need students of all ages. They have asked if we would like to be involved. Please read the documentation and then if you want your child involved send back to the school office by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The students that are selected will be at the zoo from 9.20 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.



Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Hamilton Zoo education team are currently looking for more images of students visiting the Zoo to use in promotional material.

We have asked Rotokauri School to help by providing a number of students, of varying ages to participate in a photo shoot at Hamilton Zoo. Because they will be representing all students they would be required to not wear any Rotokauri School uniform and for clothing to be photo appropriate. Photos will be taken by zoo staff and zoo volunteers.

Selected students who have the required signed permission, will walk to the zoo on 22 May 2015 leaving school at 9.20am and entering through the back gate, returning to school by 12.30pm. There will be no cost.

While at the zoo we will be staging photo opportunities. These may be in the classroom, at Waiwhakareke (across the road), around the zoo premises or behind the scenes.

If you think that this is something you would like your child/children to be involved in please sign the 'Image consent form' and return to school. Spaces are limited.

To meet adult/student ratio for this trip we will be requiring parental help. Please fill in the form below if you are able to help on the day.

Yours sincerely

Education Team  
Hamilton Zoo

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### HAMILTON ZOO PHOTO SHOOT TRIP

I am / am not able to help accompany students on Friday 22 May to Hamilton Zoo.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_



# Image Consent Form

Hamilton City Council, Hamilton Zoo



Hamilton Zoo is owned and operated by Hamilton City Council. Hamilton Zoo offers its visitors enjoyable recreational and educational experiences. To promote its facilities, education programmes, attractions and experiences, Hamilton Zoo often uses pictures and videos.

Hamilton Zoo would like to take photographs/video of your child for promotional purposes. These images may appear in publications, brochures, on video, and on our website/s and social media pages.

I/we,.....the parent(s)/guardian(s) of:

(child's full name).....

(child's full name).....

(child's full name).....

\_\_\_\_\_ give **Hamilton Zoo staff and its authorised representative's** permission to take photographs of my children named above. I grant full copyright and all rights to Hamilton Zoo & Hamilton City Council, and consent to the use of the photograph/s (wholly or in part), reproduction, or any manipulated image/s in editorial, advertising, trade or for any other legal purpose, without reservation.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Address: .....

Phone: .....

## Using children's images

Hamilton Zoo is committed to the safety and well-being of your child and respects your child's right to privacy.

- We will not include details or full names (which means first name **and** surname) of any child or adult in an image on video, on our website, or in printed publications, without good reason. For example, we may include the full name of a competition prize winner if we have their consent. However, we will not include the full name of a model used in promotional media.
- If we use images of individuals, we will not use the name of that child in the accompanying text or photo caption without consent. And if a pupil is named in the text, we will not use a photograph of that child to accompany the article without good reason. For example, we may include a picture and full name in a press release or of a competition prize winner in another publication if we have their consent. However, we will not include a picture and full name of a model used in promotional literature.
- We may use group or class images with very general labels, such as "(students from xx school) star gazing" or "(students from xxx school) enjoying an education session at Hamilton Zoo".
- We will only use images of pupils who are suitably dressed, to reduce the risk of such images being used inappropriately.

If you have any questions please contact Hamilton Zoo education team – 07-838 6887.

## MESSAGES FROM THE PTA

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

If you have an Entertainment Book that you are not wishing to purchase could you please return it to the office so it can be marked off the list as returned.

Thank you to all those who have purchased or returned their books.

### BATTERY FUND RAISER

Thank you to Rooms 1,2,5,6 and 7 who have collected batteries and are in the running for the Class Reward.

The PTA is more than happy to pick up any batteries you may have:

Email: [pta@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:pta@rotokauri.school.nz)

Ph: 021 581 446

Drop off point: **Mega Fluid Solutions, 29 West St, Frankton, Hamilton**

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For more information please contact Georgie on 8494820, 0212657035 or email me at [totslovecountry@xtra.co.nz](mailto:totslovecountry@xtra.co.nz)

**WINTER WARMERS**

# Tuna Pasta Bake

400g penne pasta  
2x 180g cans of tuna  
2C chopped vegetables  
2x 400g cans of tomatoes

2tsp mixed herbs  
½C edam cheese, grated

Feeds a family of FIVE!

Preheat oven to 180°C. Cook pasta, drain and pour into an ovenproof dish.

In a bowl, mix tuna, vegetables, tomatoes and herbs. Combine with pasta, sprinkle with cheese and bake for 20 minutes.



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**WINTER WARMERS**

# Eggy Vegetable Rice

1½C rice  
Oil  
4 eggs, lightly beaten  
2 onions, finely diced

2C diced vegetables – celery, carrot, peas  
1C chopped broccoli  
2Tbsp soya sauce

Feeds a family of FIVE!

Cook rice and set aside. Spray a pan with oil and add eggs, cooking on both sides until set. Remove omelette, roll and thinly slice, set aside. Cook onions in a pan, add veges and cook for 3 minutes, then add cooked rice and cook for 2 minutes. Finally mix with soya sauce and egg slices.



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## Firewood For Sale

The Word of Life interns (Bible in Schools – Tuesday morning) are currently trying to sell firewood to fundraise for our mission trip to Fiji in June.

**Firewood for sale, willow, \$130 for 1.5 cubic metres.**

**Contact 07 846 2101 (8-5 Monday-Friday) or Dave on 027 208 9323 for more information.**

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