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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.

PAST PUPILS

As a school community we try to produce an environment that will actively engage our students in learning. It's about producing and supporting a culture that brings the best out of students in terms of relationships, dreams and goals. We are very proud of our student's achievements while they are here at school but we love to hear how they are going when they leave us at the end of Year 8. Those final two years at our school are critical in putting the finishing touches on what we think will be a truly great person for New Zealand society, a child that everyone in our community can be proud of. I still believe in the theory of the village/community moulding a child. In Year 7 and 8 our students are given additional leadership responsibilities and skills. These skills I believe can set them up for life.

Here is what some of our past pupils have said about their time in Year 7 & 8.

*My name is **Alana Yorke** and I was a student at Rotokauri School from 2004-2012, I am now a year 11 student at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls.*

Rotokauri School definitely helped shape the person I am today! I think one of the best decisions my parents made for me was sending me there and my staying there right the way through to the end of Year 8. The leadership opportunities which I was exposed to and the friendships which I will treasure forever were made in those last few years of Rotokauri.

As I look back, Year 7 and 8 were very important years for me as they were when I grew up and became a more confident person and I can definitely thank Rotokauri School for this. The confidence came from the leadership opportunities such as the camps, student council, duties and just helping out in the school, I honestly don't think many other schools give these kinds of opportunities to children which help you grow as a person in a family like environment.

By the time you have reached your senior years at Rotokauri the teachers have a clear idea of what kind of person you are and can help you learn in the way which best suits you, these are the kind of things we take for granted.

Now as I am making my way through Waikato Dio I am so proud to tell people that I came from Rotokauri School.

My name is Gemma Yorke. I left Rotokauri School last year to go to Waikato Dio. The best thing about staying at Rotokauri until the end of Year 8 was getting the computers in our classroom because we used a lot of online websites that confused me at the time but has helped me so much at Dio, if we hadn't used all the technology that we did I might really be struggling now. Everyone in my year from Rotokauri got in to the High School of their choice which shows how good of a school Rotokauri is, a lot of the people I know that left Rotokauri didn't get into their first choice of High School. I have got into one of the "A" band classes and "A" netball teams at Dio which I put down to the skills I learned at Rotokauri School.

CHILD FLIGHT CHARITABLE TRUST

Isn't it fantastic when students do something out of the goodness of their hearts and expect nothing in return? This was the case with our school raising money for the Child Flight Charitable Trust. Unfortunately, due to the weather, our 10 lucky winners had their ride on the DC3 plane postponed. We will hopefully have photos from their special day in our next newsletter.

INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the Rotokauri students who competed last Friday at Waitetuna. We had a lot of placings which we are very excited about. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for the official results to come through and we will tell you all in the next newsletter.

Our Inter-school Cross Country Team 2015



SPECIAL ZOO VISIT

On Friday 22nd May, twenty four of our students supported a new marketing campaign for the Hamilton Zoo. Thank you to all the parents and teachers that made Friday such a special experience for our students. We look forward to viewing the final product in the future.

EARLY ARRIVALS

Thank you for your support regarding the new drop off time at our school. Parents have been very quick to adopt the 8.30 a.m. rule. This has meant that our teachers have been able to plan for all our students needs without being interrupted by early morning students.

Once again for those that may not have checked their emails and newsletters recently there is to be no students in classrooms before 8.30 a.m. Children are to wait in the bus bay until the bell rings at 8.30 a.m.

AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINE

Students need to move promptly to the front of the school (outside the school office) or to the bus bay for their parents/caregivers to pick them up after school. The two playgrounds (junior playground outside Room 2 and the senior playground behind Room 5) are out of bounds for children until 3.10 p.m. After that children may play on the playgrounds if they are **actively** supervised by their parent/caregiver. This will ensure that children are safe while still on the school grounds.

ONLINE SURVEY

Surveys are so important when developing new curriculum, policies and procedures. We thank all the students and parents who took the time to fill in these forms on our website. We hope to give feedback in our forthcoming newsletters.

Here is an example of the sort of questions we asked our Year 4 - 8 students online.

Students selected the appropriate response from a variety of answers. Response from our students has been great with over 75 students having already completed the online survey.

01. In your opinion are you currently engaged in learning?
02. What would make you more engaged?
03. Do you find various forms of technology useful to your learning?
04. When you hand work in to your teacher for marking are you aware of the marking assessment criteria?
05. Do you take risks when learning something new?
06. Do you think you are a resilient learner (don't give up easily)?
07. How often do you ask questions in class?
08. When I learn something new I learn best by?
09. How do you best solve new learning problems?
10. In your opinion who gives you the best feedback in terms of learning?
11. Do you prefer to work on your weakness or strengths/interests?
12. If the teacher used your strengths, previous knowledge and experience would it improve your learning?
13. If play and creativity were introduced more often within lessons would it help your learning?
14. Do you think you are learning skills, attitudes and values that will prepare you for your future?
15. If given the opportunity, what is the one skill that would make a real difference to your life?

NEW WORLD TE RAPA

New World Te Rapa have been absolutely brilliant with supporting our school over the years. We have just



received another \$3,000 worth of vouchers to sell to our community. These are available at the school office if you would like to purchase any (spend \$50.00 and get a \$55.00 voucher). Here is a bit of history about the scheme if you would like to know more.

Since the beginning of 2011 we have been lucky enough to have formed a wonderful relationship with New World Te Rapa who have set up a sponsorship programme which helps schools raise money when people shop at New World Te Rapa. Over the last 4 years we have raised over \$28,000 for our school by being part of this wonderful scheme. It's all done by people shopping at Te Rapa New World. It's as simple as that!

The sponsorship programme works by friends and families of Rotokauri School registering their Fly Buys card and details to the school. The school passes on the Fly Buys card number to Te Rapa New World as a way of tracking spending. At the end of each term New World Te Rapa tallies up the number of Fly Buys points earned by Rotokauri families and friends and donates a dollar to the school for every Fly Buys point earned. This is given to the school in vouchers, which the school then sells back to the community at a 10% discount. All of the money raised from these will go towards new resources for our school.



Rotokauri School values this scheme so much that we would like to see more of our friends and families signing up their Fly Buys cards and helping to raise money for our school. It is really easy! All you need to do is pick up a form from the school office and fill in your Fly Buys number. Whenever your card is used at Te Rapa New World, our school earns points which is turned into cash! If you or any friends or family shop at Te Rapa New World please get involved and help us raise even more money. We will be emailing out a copy of the form to all families tomorrow.

Money from this endeavour makes a difference to what we can do at our school.

FIFA UNDER 20 WORLD CUP TICKETS

We have managed to secure 30 free tickets to Sundays World Cup Soccer matches in Hamilton. We have spoken to our students about this and its first in first served basis.

Please make sure that you will only use these tickets for you and your family. Please also make sure that you do intend going to the matches.

Teams playing: Qatar vs Colombia 1.00 pm Portugal vs Senegal 4.00 pm

If you are interested fill in the form below and bring directly back to the school office. We intend to give the tickets out on Friday. Please print names of the people who want a ticket.

Parents signature: _____ Date: _____

MAKING GOOD FRIENDS

Much of what schools do is about socialisation. It's about getting students to feel confident and comfortable about becoming part of society.

Sometimes the ability to make friends is the most important socialisation skill we can teach. As parents we need to be aware of the following tips to making and keeping friends as sometimes students go through various friendship phases.

TIPS FOR MAKING AND KEEPING FRIENDS

1. Watch other students in class and on the playground. Find someone who has good social skills as they are likely to be a good friend.
2. Take part in games in the playground where people are taking turns.
3. Watch students to see what they like. Find out as much as you can about them. Then you might have something in common to talk about.
4. When you play with people say positive things and give praise when appropriate.
5. Don't show off or get in trouble to be noticed.
6. Always treat people the way you would want to be treated.
7. Don't forget to like yourself.

SAYINGS

- Yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not come, yet all we have is today, let us begin.
(Mother Teresa)
- When it rains look for a rainbow, when its dark look for the stars.
(Author unknown)
- A negative thinker sees a difficulty in every opportunity. A positive thinker sees an opportunity in every difficulty.
(Author unknown)
- Difficult roads lead to beautiful destinations.
(Author unknown)
- Everybody is a genius but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it lives its whole life believing it's stupid.
(Albert Einstein)

Marrzipan Drama is currently running on Mondays after School in the library. Classes have a maximum of 14 Rotokauri School students and aim to increase confidence and public speaking ability in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Each group performs *every term!*

There are still some spaces available at Rotokauri School with a cost of \$80 for 5 x lessons + performance at the end of term.

To secure your child's space or for more info, please email amelia@marrzipandrama.co.nz or call 0278183722 or visit the website marrzipandrama.co.nz

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WINTER WARMERS

Vegetable Dhal



1 tsp oil
1 diced onion
1x 400g can
tomatoes
1 tsp garlic
2 tsp ginger

1 Tbsp cumin
2 tsp coriander
1 tsp turmeric
1 C split peas
1x400g can
chickpeas, drained

3 C stock
3 C chopped
vegetables eg.
peas, carrots
½ C light coconut
milk

In a large pot cook onion, garlic and ginger with oil until soft. Add spices and cook for 2 minutes. Add split peas, tomatoes and stock, simmer for 30 minutes. Add chickpeas and chopped veges, cook until soft. Add coconut milk and simmer until mixture thickens. Serve on rice.



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WINTER WARMERS

Creamy Pumpkin Rice



1 tsp oil
1 diced onion
3 C of diced pumpkin
2 rashers of bacon (fat and
rind removed)

2 tsp garlic
1½ C short grain rice
3 C stock
1 C frozen peas
1 C chopped silverbeet

Cook onion, pumpkin and bacon in a pan with oil. When onion is soft, add garlic and rice, stir well. Slowly add 1 C of stock, stirring occasionally.

Gradually add 2 more cups of stock until rice cooked and most liquid absorbed. Add peas and silverbeet. Cook on low heat for 10 minutes.



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