

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## “X Man” from Xtreme Zero Waste visited last week



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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.

## FRONT OF SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

Even though we put many of our school events online and in our newsletters we still have people wandering up to our school and viewing the school sign. One of the things that catches people's attention is the saying we have about Respect.

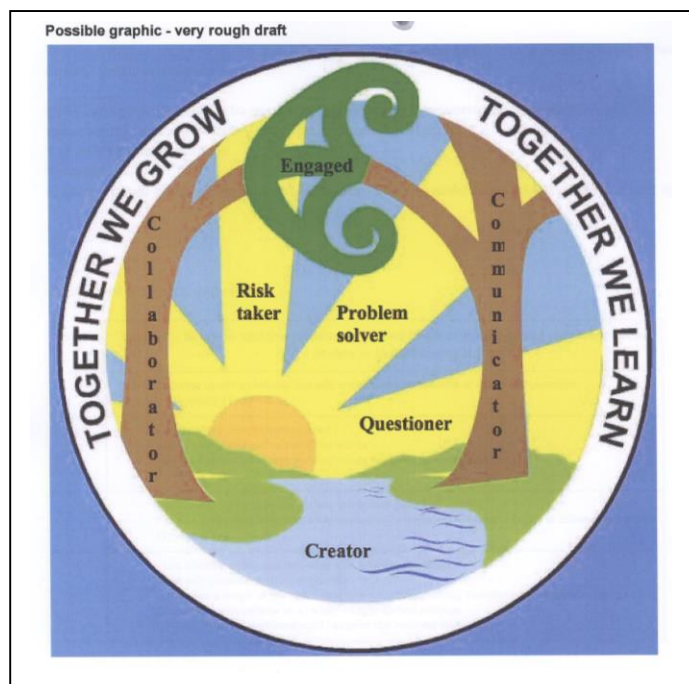
*When you show respect to others in all that you say and do,  
the respect that you have been offered will be given back to you.*

## OUR SCHOOL EMBLEM

Our school emblem which is on the sign at the front of the school took months to design because we felt it important to consult with students, staff and community. Over the last couple of months we have shared pieces of our new curriculum in newsletters. We don't want to make huge changes to our current emblem but there are some words that may be added to reflect our school's learning philosophies.

If you have any thoughts please let us know. We will also be seeking feedback from our students over the coming weeks.

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## WELCOME MRS KIRKHAM

Welcome to Mrs Kirkham, our new Assistant Principal, who is teaching in Room 7. Mrs Kirkham is very passionate about learning and has already been in a management role leading the senior school at Te Totara. Mrs Kirkham's skill set will be instrumental in making sure our students, when they leave in Year 8, will make an easy transition into high school.

## TRIP TO TECH

We are giving the parents of our Year 5, 6, 7 and 8 students an opportunity to watch the Rotokauri Year 7 and 8's at Tech. Part of our senior educational programme for Year 7 and 8's involves the use of the Hamilton Junior High School Tech Department. These are some of the most modern facilities in New Zealand after receiving a major upgrade. We would love it if as many parents from Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 could make the trip with Mrs Kirkham and myself. We have hired a bus to take all the interested parents to Hamilton Junior High on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. The bus will pick parents up at our school at 11.20 am and then return from Tech at 1.00 pm. There is no cost for parents to use the bus but we would appreciate you contacting the office to reserve a seat. Please inform us as soon as possible - don't miss out on this great opportunity of seeing your children in action. Please RSVP by Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August at the latest - [office@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:office@rotokauri.school.nz)

## PERFORMING ARTS ASSEMBLY

At the end of last term we had a special performing arts assembly. Students were asked earlier in the term if they wanted to perform in front of the school. We had students perform songs, dances and even a comedy act. The skills and confidence that our students displayed was incredible. One parent emailed the following comment about the assembly performance.

*I really enjoyed the show and was so impressed, not only with the confidence of every single child that performed, but also the remainder of the school that watched. Loved the teacher video at the end. Such a neat warm community vibe being there. Good job guys.*

The show can be viewed on our school website.

## PICK UP TIMES FROM SCHOOL

Our morning system is working really well with only a few children turning up before 8.30 am. These students are seated in the bus bay until a bell rings at 8.30 am to allow them to move off to class. It's amazing how quickly they have adjusted to this system. With so many new people at our school we need to remind parents that students need to be picked up before 3.30 pm and that all students are to wait at the front of the school, not on the adventure playgrounds or around the classrooms. If your child needs to remain at school after 3.30 p.m. then an arrangement will need to be made with the After School providers.

Please **DO NOT** ask your child to wait on the playground until you arrive as nobody is there supervising them.

## LATENESS AND ABSENTEES

Thank you to all the parents who ring up nice and early in the morning to inform us of their child's absence. Please make sure that you give us the reason for your child's absence so that we can enter this information correctly into our computer system. It is a legal requirement for students to be at school in New Zealand. There is often a correlation between attendance and achievement. Children who have continual time off school fall behind socially and academically. We are very proud of our attendance rate at our school. We have an extremely high rate of attendance on any given day, with a number of our students having full attendance over the first six months of schooling in 2015. If your child has not had a strong attendance rate and reasons are not given as to their absence you will be getting a phone call over the coming weeks. We try and make our school a very positive place where students are actively engaged and actually want to attend. Children need to be on the school grounds prior to the bell that rings at 8.55 a.m. This allows them to get prepared for the day, have social time with their friends, have discussions with the teacher or practice their skills (e.g Maths Whizz). If children arrive late to school they need to report to the office before going to their classrooms. We ask that they enter the classroom with as little disruption as possible, as it can be embarrassing for the child involved and distracting for the other class members.

## PERSISTENCE AND EXCELLENCE

Persistence and excellence are two of our five values at Rotokauri School. We talk to the students about these values and last week at assembly we were lucky to have Sarah Fuller at our school. Sarah is a New Zealand archery representative and was very open in communicating what persistence and excellence meant in terms of her life and sport. Our students learned that to succeed you need to be very driven and show persistence, often in adverse conditions. Our students were amazed to find that Sarah holds down a fulltime job and still manages to train 30 hours a week. We were also surprised to find that Sarah has to fund much of her expenses, including bows worth \$3,500 each. Sarah gave us a real insight into what athletes have to do in their chosen sport if they want to qualify for the Rio Olympics.

Thank you Sarah for coming in and explaining in detail what persistence and excellence is all about. We wish Sarah all the best in the Archery World Champs in Copenhagen, which she is currently competing in and we will track her progress with great interest over the coming year. If any student is interested in taking up Archery after listening to Sarah feel free to call The Riverglade Archery Club on 027 711 92 96.



## WEBSITE

If you look at our website you will see that some of the students learning is now online within their classroom blogs. Parents are starting to comment positively on the work that they are viewing and this is then relayed back to our students. Our students love that they have a viewing audience and some classes are now looking at other classrooms work and making comments.

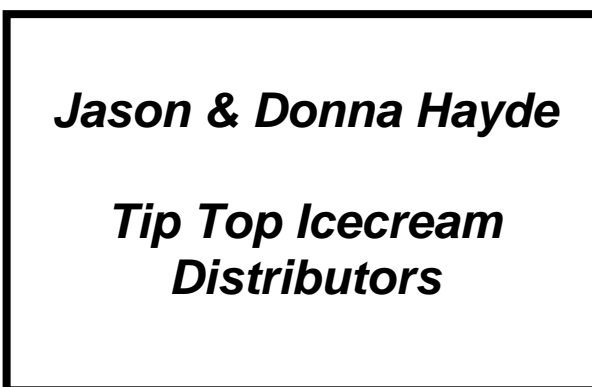
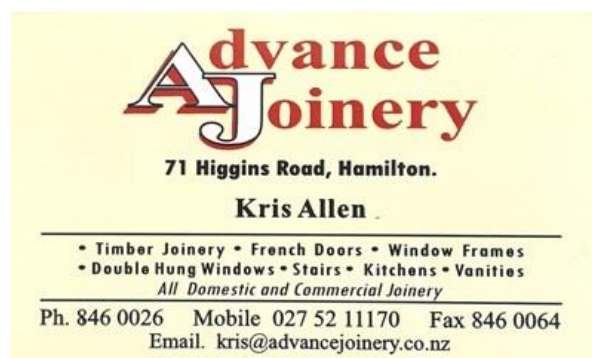
As a safety precaution all comments are viewed by teachers before going live. One class has had over 4,000 views of their work.

## FRIENDS OF ROTOKAURI SCHOOL

With so many people viewing our website we thought it would be good idea to have a Friends of Rotokauri School Page. This allows people in business to send in their cards and we will display them until the end of the year for \$50. Some of you may have already received calls from our Senior Council but have not sent your money or business card in. Once we have received both we can put them online.

Thank you to the businesses who have become friends of Rotokauri School so far. These business cards are now on the Rotokauri School website – you click on their business cards and are taken to their websites. To view these our school website is [www.rotokauri.school.nz](http://www.rotokauri.school.nz)

If you would like to add your business card please contact the school office.



## ART WEEK IN WEEK 9

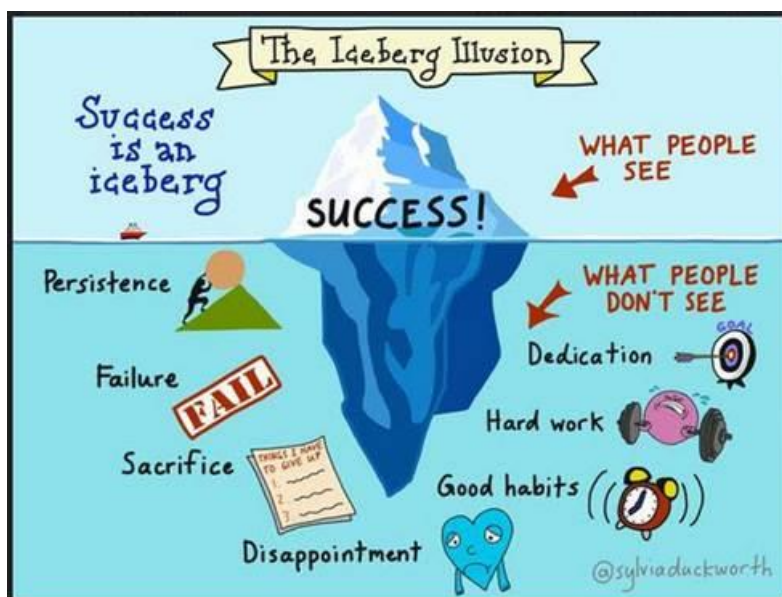
As part of our Art Week we would like to do an auction involving any form of artwork by local artists. So far we have 3 people who would like to produce art work for sale. The idea is that art work is auctioned off on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, with the school receiving 50% of what the art work sells for. If you know of someone who would like to sell some artwork please get them to contact us. As work will be exhibited in a school environment please think about our audience and what would be considered appropriate. Contact [mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz)

## THANK YOU TO OUR MAIN DRIVE IN MOVIE SPONSOR



## BEAUTIFICATION CONTINUES

The upper part of the school around Rooms 8 and 1 is the last segment of a sequential beautification plan. We are now asking for quotes for the re-concreting of this area. You may know someone or a company that would be interested in putting in a quote for this job. Please feel free to email me for further information. [mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz)



## FINLAND'S EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

No matter what research you read, Finland's students are always near the top. It is possible to make academic improvements in all students. Good teachers can always overcome external factors.

Children do not have to do it alone. Collaboration of ideas means students learn quicker and retain information longer.

One of the things that we actively promote with our teachers is the relationships we have with our students. The students know that we really care about them and that we are there to support them. At Rotokauri School every student is special and we try to treat them accordingly.

## TIPS ON ENJOYING LIFE

- Say something positive as early in the day as possible.
- Seek respect rather than popularity; quality rather than luxury.
- Celebrate even small victories.
- Be happy with what you have while working on what you want.
- It's not your job to get people to like you; it's your job to like people.

## SAYINGS

- Every child can learn just not on the same day and in the same way.  
George Evans
- Timing, perseverance, and ten years of trying will eventually make you look like an overnight success.  
Biz Stone (Founder of Twitter)

# PARTY IDEAS

## FUN GAMES

**Try relays like an obstacle course, jumping sacks, wheelbarrow races or an egg & spoon race.**

**Active kids will also love a sports themed party where they can dress as their favourite sports star!**



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**PARTY IDEAS**

# GLOW STICKS!

Fruit and veg help your body to GLOW! Try these kebab sticks for quick, colourful, delicious party food.

## Fruit Kebabs

Seasonal fruit  
Oranges  
Kiwifruit  
Pineapple  
Banana



## Vege Kebabs

Seasonal veg  
Avocado  
Courgette  
Mushrooms  
Carrot



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## ROKOKAURI SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

### COLLECTING NOW

A school book fair will be held at the school gala/car show on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We are looking for good quality books (children and adults), sorry, but no magazines, encyclopaedia, compendiums or readers digests. We would also like clean plastic bags.

Books may be dropped off on the **table in the MPR** and plastic bags placed in the box provided or please contact me.

Book Fair co-ordinator: Miranda Collinson ph 849-7623



**Drive in Movie** If you purchased tickets for last year's drive in movie please bring the ticket into the school office to get it exchanged for a current ticket.

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## Presents the Rotokauri School Drive in Movie

Date: 14th November 2015

Location: Rotokauri School field, Rotokauri Road  
(only 2 minutes from Hamilton Zoo)

Movie: Herbie goes to Monte Carlo  
Rating: G running time 100 minutes



**CAR TICKETS - \$40.00** (as many people as you can fit in your car)

**WALK IN TICKETS - \$5.00** (bring a blanket or chair)

**GATES OPEN 6.30pm Gates Close 8.00pm Movie starts at 8.30pm**

**Tickets available from:** Rotokauri School office, Rotokauri Road,  
Florist ilene, 129 Commerce Street, Frankton or  
email [marie.carlson@outlook.co.nz](mailto:marie.carlson@outlook.co.nz)

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# PTA NEWS



Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

## BATTERY FUNDRAISER RESULTS



**Batteries Recycled = \$1,303.00**

**The Class Reward goes to Room 6 who collected 60 Batteries with one family dropping off 46 batteries. Great effort and thank you to everyone who helped us reach this result.**

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES

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## Young Engineers Clubs – Starting Term 3

Young Engineers is all about learning and having fun! Your child will learn about basic engineering, physics and science while building motorised Lego models. Young Engineers is for Years 2-7 children and is held once per week at different locations. The 75 minute lessons will go so quickly because of the fun everyone has! Young Engineers Clubs are in Ngaruawahia, Nawton, Claudelands, Fairfield, Silverdale and Hautapu. For more information or to enrol, visit [www.youngengineers.nz](http://www.youngengineers.nz) or contact Ariana on 021-2424567 / [ariana@youngengineers.nz](mailto:ariana@youngengineers.nz).



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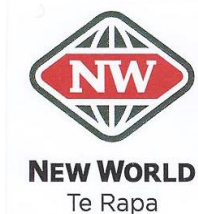
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