

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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ROKOKAURI SCHOOL PTA



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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.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Often we ask parents informally through newsletters for feedback on various issues. We did this recently regarding our school emblem. Each year we give parents a chance to fill out our online survey which covers a number of areas that will be of interest to parents. Our 2015 online survey can be found by going to our website www.rotokauri.school.nz Here you will find the 2015 Community Survey tab near the top of the page. We appreciate you filling in this survey as it can help us with future planning. This survey will be online until Monday, 14th September.

NEW TEACHER REQUIRED

In Term 4 we will need the services of a new junior room teacher to support our growing school numbers. This will be a fixed term position and will finish at the end of Term 4. We are currently advertising this position in a number of media outlets. We have mentioned in the past how careful we are in recruiting people who must be the best fit for our students, staff and community.

If you know of someone who is a registered New Zealand teacher and is passionate about making a difference ask them to email their CV to me.

mgoodson@rotokuri.school.nz

ACTS OF KINDNESS

It doesn't take long for teachers to see acts of kindness inside the class or around the school. I've picked a couple of random acts of kindness from the box that contains the entries for the ride in a hot rod.

Awarded to - Ethan Phillip (Room 5) for getting the sports balls out of the school tree for the Room 3 girls.

Awarded to - Angus Elliott (Room 2) for being kind to others in his reading group and letting others have a chair.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - TOUGHLOVE



Kids got you pulling out your hair?

Come and talk with people who have been there!

Free Parenting Seminar

Learn some simple tips to help raise your children from terrible two's through their troublesome teens and beyond...

~~SPOT PRIZES~~

~~SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS~~

Date: 17 September 2015

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Venue: Rotokauri Multi Purpose Room

RSVP with numbers attending to:

hmray13@gmail.com

We gratefully acknowledge Grassroots Trust for making this presentation possible

THE BENEFITS OF SPORT

The Australians have completed many research projects into the positives of playing sports. Here are some of the benefits of playing sports:

- friendship and camaraderie
- cooperation and teamwork skills
- an appreciation of different abilities
- respect for team mates, opponents and officials
- a sense of belonging/team membership
- self- esteem and self-concept
- leadership skills
- goal setting skills
- resilience
- social interaction skills
- patience and persistence

Further research seems to be suggesting that playing sport has the ability to increase numeracy and literacy levels.

It's great to see so many of our students playing a variety of sports. Thank you Justine Fryer for supplying the following photos.



ROOM 7

We are very proud of the learning and social opportunities that our students receive in Years 7 and 8. Some parents have already taken the opportunity to visit their children at Tech, which was fabulous. We are now inviting parents of children from Years 5-8 to come into Room 7 and spend a morning observing (Thursday, 3rd September 9.00am to 10.30am). You will be amazed how much education has changed over the years and how technology has become an integral and natural part of learning.

Helena Kirkham will need to be informed of the numbers she can expect and therefore please contact Helena if you intend to come along hkirkham@rotokauri.school.nz.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTA currently consists of 7 parents and 2 school staff members.

We meet once a month on a Wednesday evening in the school staff room.

We would love to see some new faces, if you are interested please come along to our September meeting or email us.

Our main fundraising focus at present is the Drive In Movie and Car Show / Gala coming up this November.

The next PTA meeting is Wednesday, 23 September at 7.30 pm in the staff room.



SPEECH COMPETITION

I'm writing this before actually viewing our school speech competition finals. During this term students have been crafting and rehearsing speeches. I have had the privilege of watching students in their own rooms and in the MP Room. Children in either environment have the ability to speak confidently and engage the audience. Our Vision talks about being responsible learners and communicators. Students don't seem to dread standing up in front of an audience and many students look forward to it and embrace the occasion. I marvelled at seeing Year 1's from Room 2 speaking confidently in the MPR with parents and grandparents in attendance.

All of our students should be congratulated for having the confidence and skills to get up in front of an audience.

For me, in their own special way, they are all winners. For those that have progressed to the inter-school finals we wish you all the best.

To all the students who viewed the speeches thank you for being a respectful audience. An audience that listens with respect makes it easier for the speakers to feel at ease and perform to the best of their ability.

SPEECH RESULTS

Year 1	1st	Lachlan Emslie
	2nd	Ava Viljoen-Thomson
	3rd	Matthew Webber / Anya Fuller
Year 2	1st	Hannah Hobbs / Lewis Surgenor
	2nd	Grace Cox
	3rd	Savannah Smith / Isla Kahaki
	4th	Bella'Capri Nelson
Year 3	1st	Darian Templeton
	2nd	Layton Farrell
	3rd	Corey Molloy
	4th	Karenza Curtis
Year 4	1st	Cole Viljoen-Thomson
	2nd	Cooper Miller
	3rd	Tyla Brooks
	4th	Anah West
Year 5	1st	Isaac Collinson
	2nd	Daniel Prangnell
	3rd	Georgia Westgate
	4th	Jakin Warnock
Year 6	1st	Eden Miller
	2nd	Harrison Wells
	3rd	Renee West
	4th	Olivia Robinson
Year 7	1st	Sophie Kells
	2nd	Devon Collinson
	3rd	Lee Panui
	4th	Georgia Snelgrove
Year 8	1st	Hayley Monaghan
	2nd	Rihai Kahuroa
	3rd	Tayne Matheson
	4th	Maia Campbell

Overall Junior Cup Recipient – Darian Templeton

Overall Senior Cup Recipient – Hayley Monaghan

SPECIAL MESSAGE

A message to the school community on behalf of the Rotokauri Primary School Management and Board of Trustees.

Folk will be aware of the exciting plans for improvement of the upper school area which is the space bounded by the library, rooms one and two and the multipurpose room. A new cloak bay area and awning for the library and room eight, resurfacing of the grounds with feature painting and additional seating are possible ventures. These changes will make for a more user friendly and safer environment to play and learn.

Plans are yet to be finalised but it has become apparent that several of the options open to us may impact on one familiar feature – the silk tree in front of room one. When replacing the irregular old concrete the potential for the expansion of the roots of this tree pose a risk to any new surface the school invests in. The removal of this tree would not

be a decision taken lightly and we would ask for feedback from any members of the school community who feel strongly be it for or against. So if you would like to have your opinion heard please send your thoughts to the e-mail address below.

Many thanks,

Nick Spiers (Property manager on the BOT) - nicklene@xtra.co.nz

INTERESTING

You only have so much emotional energy each day. Don't fight battles that don't matter.
(Joel Osteen)

SENIOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

On behalf of the senior students at Rotokauri School, we would like to thank everyone who bought one of our delicious burgers at the Junior Football Tournament on Friday, 21st August. We raised a total **\$580** towards our Senior Camp. Thank you again for your much appreciated support.

SPCA CUPCAKE DAY

Room 7 baked delicious cupcakes and sold them this week to raise funds for the SPCA. We are really thankful to those who purchased one or more of our cupcakes. We raised a whopping **\$468** for needy animals! Thank you so much for all of your help, your support is really valued.

PTA – CHOCOLATE VOUCHER WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who sold chocolates for our recent fundraiser. The winners of the vouchers were:

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. Caulfield Family | 3. Fuller Family |
| 2. Boswell Family | 4. Grason Family |

We still have a few boxes outstanding. Please return these to the school office ASAP.

LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS

The Board / staff require the services of either an Architect or Landscape Designer to get a concept plan in regards to improving the area around Rooms 4 and 5. If you know of anyone please get them to contact mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz

AGRICULTURAL DAY ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms were emailed at the start of August. If you did not receive this email please contact the school office. **Entries close on Thursday, 24th September** as we have to give our school's entry numbers to our co-ordinator on this day and paper work for the event is processed in the school holidays. **Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.**

AGRICULTURAL DAY – TROPHY RETURN

If you were awarded a trophy at last year's Agricultural Day, please return it to school ready for this year's prize giving.

AGRICULTURAL DAY – HELPERS NEEDED...PLEASE

To make this day run smoothly we are totally reliant on volunteers. Below is a job we need help with. If you can spare a few hours of your time it would be really appreciated. Please see Sharon in the school office if you can help.

Flower Show Scribes x 2 – to assist the judges by writing the certificates once judging is complete.

AGRICULTURAL DAY – AGRISEA AVAILABLE - FREE

If you would like a free bottle (or 2) of Agrisea animal supplement, please come to the school office.

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Team photographs will take place on Tuesday, 1st September. Envelopes were sent home on Monday, 24 August. If your child is in a team and you didn't get an envelope please contact the office. If you would like to purchase a photograph, please have your envelope and money to the school office by Tuesday, 1st September. If you managed or coached a team and would like to be in the photo, contact Sharon for the approximate time of your photograph.

PARTY IDEAS

IT ALL ADDS UP!

Lollies are packed full of sugar and no goodness. Did you know?

- 1 Jet Plane = 1 tsp sugar
- 1 Lollipop = 2 tsp sugar

Sugar adds up during a party, so look for naturally sweet goodies. Frozen blueberries and grapes taste great!

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

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DRINKS

Did you know there can be at least 10tsp of sugar in a can of fizzy drink and 4tsp in small glass of cordial?

Instead try flavouring water with fruit like oranges, lemons, limes

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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.

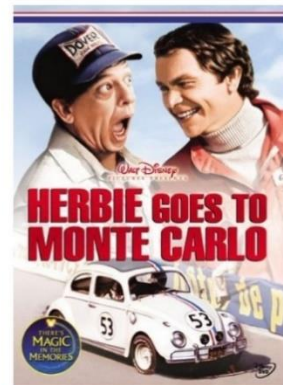
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Presents the Rotokauri School Drive in Movie

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

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Asthma Awareness Week

Did you know that 1 in 7 children in New Zealand have Asthma? That's around 22,200 in the Waikato.

Over 550,000 school days are lost each year due to the condition.

Spring is in the air – and so are lots of other things!

Triggers such as pollen may set off your sensitive airways.

- Ensure that you carry your reliever (blue) inhaler on you at all times
 - This helps relax the muscles around your airways
- If you have a preventer continue to take it morning and night, every day
 - This helps keep the inside of your airways clear
- If you have a puffer type inhaler use your spacer
 - 50% more medication will get to your lungs

Asthma Awareness week is on 31st August to 6th September.

Please support Asthma Waikato to help individuals with respiratory conditions to have full and active lives – givealittle.co.nz/org/asthmawaik

Marrzipan Drama has started up lessons again on Fridays before school. 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 \$77 for 4 x lessons + performance at the end of term.

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

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT PHOTOGRAPHS



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