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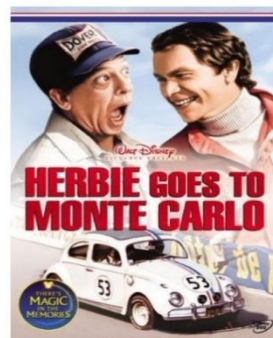


Presents the Rotokauri School Drive in Movie

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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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.

WELCOME - ROOM 9'S NEW TEACHER

Hi, my name is Janet Scantlebury and I am delighted to join the team at Rotokauri for Term 4, teaching New Entrants in Room 9.

This is my third teaching position, though I have been relieving in various Hamilton schools since gaining my teaching qualifications in 2001.

I began my teaching career after my youngest son started school. Prior to that, I spent many years in 'motherland' raising my six children who now range in age from 20 – 35 years.

In my spare time I enjoy the outdoors, reading and spending time with my family.

NEWSLETTERS

We will not be having a newsletter in the first week back of Term 4. We only produce a newsletter every 2 weeks, but often send out an email with important information on the weeks when newsletters are not scheduled.

DATES FOR TERM 4, 2015

Of course Term 4 will be another exciting and busy term for all of our students, staff and community.

Wednesday, 14 th October	Agricultural Day
Monday, 26 th October	Labour Day
Saturday, 14 th November	Drive in Movie
Sunday, 15 th November	Car Show / Gala
Monday 16 th November	Teacher Only Day – from 12.30 p.m.
Monday, 14 th December	End of year prize giving at school
Tuesday, 15 th December	Backup day for end of year prize giving
Friday, 18 th December	School closes for the year – 12.30 p.m.
Friday, 5 th February	First day of Term One, 2016

ART WEEK

What a tremendous success our recent Art Week was for our staff, students and community. Our school is brimming with artistic talent in all age groups.

A number of friends of the school have sent us artwork to be auctioned off online on Trademe.

If you go to our website www.rotokauri.school.nz you will be able to view the artwork. As from Tuesday, 6th October there will be a link on our page that will direct you to the auction site. Our auction will run from the 6th October to Friday, 16th October. Closing time will be 4.30 p.m.

All the pieces of work are currently displayed on the wall outside my office. Feel free to view them at your leisure.

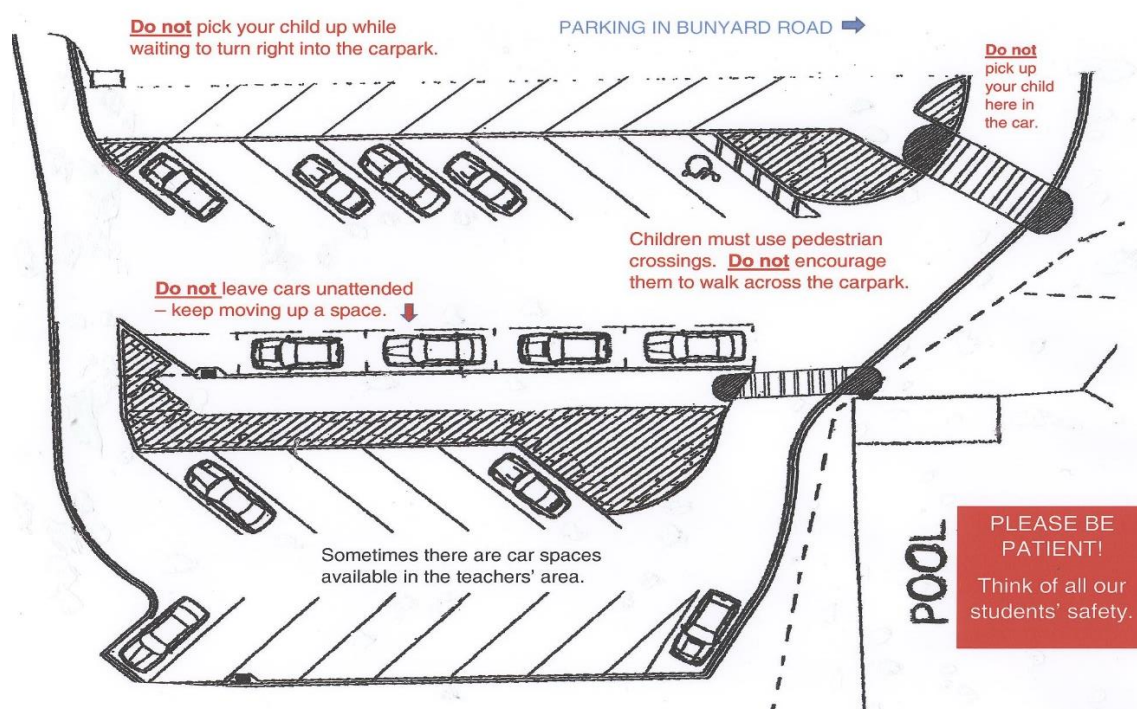


HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION

There's been a lot of talk in the media about the impact that Health and Safety may have on the running of schools. We have a number of Health and Safety procedures in place to support and enhance the safety of our children. Health and Safety policies and procedures are reviewed systematically. Our staff are always reflecting on ways to make Rotokauri School a safer environment.

CARPARK SAFETY

Continuing along the lines of health and safety how we use the drop off zone and parking within our school has a lot to do with the attitudes of our parents. I know that parents want to support the safety of their children and the only way that this can be done is following the common sense rules as shown below.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Our online Community Consultation survey managed to get feedback from 24 people from our community. We appreciate those that have taken the time to put their thoughts down.

PARENT HELPERS IN OUR SCHOOL

A big thank you to all the parents that come into our school and help our students in an extraordinary amount of ways. I don't want to mention any names in case I forget someone but our Perceptual Motor Programme parents have been amazing. They continually motivate our students with positivity to make sure our students are improving in the various tasks.

HEADLICE

Please take the time to check and recheck your children's hair and treat as necessary.

LIGHTING FOR THE DRIVE IN MOVIE

At the Drive in Movie on Saturday, 14 November there will be items sold during the course of the evening. This will require lighting. Does anyone have some lighting that we could set up to illuminate a small section of the field? We would love to hear from anyone who has access to lighting that we can use on the evening. mgoodson@rotokauri.schol.nz

READING IS SO IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

A reading survey conducted by Paper Plus shows that only 6% of Dads read to their children on a regular basis. The survey shows that less than half of the Dads read to the children at all and if they do its only once a week. Research suggests that the earlier students can be introduced to print the more beneficial it will be for them. Children love their Dads reading to them especially when dads see it as a fun experience and use different voices for characters. The key to reading to children is to read slowly and with plenty of expression as this tends to grab the students attention.

ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

Last week the Board had Gavin Sowrey from the Ministry of Education in to talk to us about demographics of the Rotokauri / Western Corridor Region and any changes that might affect our school over the years.

Firstly, our school enrolment boundaries are not going to change to cater for any property development in the near future. So anyone wanting to come to our school from outside of the zone will have to come in via a ballot (as per usual).

Secondly, as a school we will have to fund any further building of classrooms out of the school Board money. The Ministry only funds classrooms where in zone population growth has taken place.

What this means is that we need to be very careful when running a ballot. To run a ballot we need to know what the projected numbers will be for the future. If you are planning on leaving the school community at the end of 2015 please inform us so that we can act on the information accordingly.

ZOO TRAGEDY

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Samantha Kudeweh who died on Sunday after being attacked by one of the tigers. We spend a lot of time with the staff of Hamilton Zoo, as they are our neighbours and continually help us out with numerous school projects. Samantha will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

SCHOOL HATS

Please remember to bring school hats on the first day of Term 4, 12 October. If you have yet to buy one or need to replace your child's hat, they are available for sale at the school office for \$15.00 each.

AGRISEA AVAILABLE - FREE

We still have bottles of Agrisea, animal health tonic, available. If you would like some please come to the school office.

AGRICULTURAL DAY – LAST DAY FOR ENTRIES IS TODAY!

TOUGHLOVE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Thank you to the parents who attended. Please find below a summary of the information given on the night:

- **You are the parent - not your child's friend.**
- **Say "no" and mean it.**

Give considered responses. Ask to get back to your child on something after you have thought about it rather than react to a situation and then regret it.

Be consistent! Both parents need to back each other up. Be aware if you are being manipulated.

Do not enter into long running arguments. Walk away even if you feel bad. It is the parent's job to make tough decisions. Children's brains are not sufficiently wired to do this for themselves. Again be consistent and if you say "no" mean it.

Ignore tantrums, crying and whinging.

Whose "life pile" does the problem belong to?

Let children take consequences for their actions. Don't "save" them from consequences....For example: if their homework is not done....and you have reminded them to do it....don't write a note to the teacher excusing your child's lack of time management. As life goes on consequences for poor choices will become more unpalatable!

Have consequences for poor behaviour and bad choices.

Consequences should be related to the behaviour and be immediate/or expected where possible. For example if you cannot immediately think of an appropriate consequence, give yourself time to think of one by saying something like "There will be a consequence, I will tell you at dinner time what it will be."

Again, be consistent. Stick to what you have said you will do.

Phone numbers and contact details of organisations that will support behaviour issues in the home:

Toughlove: 07 8565999 waikatopsg@gmail.com www.toughlove.org.nz

Parentline: www.parentline.org.nz/programmes parentline@parentline.org.nz

Positive Parenting - Reinforcing positive parenting skills
(Parents and caregivers) (07) 839 4515

Incredible Years - Practical Skills and Parenting Advice
(3-7 years) (07) 839 4536

Transformers - Helping Aggressive Behaviour
(5-13 years) (07) 839 4536

We also have a number of useful books that we would love for parents to feel free to borrow. Please write your name in the notebook saying what book you have borrowed along with the date:

- Politically Incorrect Parenting - Nigel Latta
- Educating Boys - Michael Irwin
- The Power of Mothers. Releasing our children - Celia Lashlie
- Tricky Kids - Transforming conflict and freeing their potential - Andrew Fuller
- He'll be OK - Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men - Celia Lashlie
- Growing Great Boys - Ian Grant

These books are kept in the school foyer. Check with Sharon or Karen Hollingsworth if you have any questions.



STRUGGLING

WITH YOUR TEENS BEHAVIOUR?

TOUGHLOVE CAN HELP!

A self help programme that gives parents the tools to deal with unacceptable adolescent behaviour

Contact **TOUGH**LOVE for more information
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Yummy Sticker Promotion

Collect Yummy Stickers for our School to get a share of Sports Equipment.
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NEW WORLD



Purchase either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with yummy stickers.

Bring these to school and place on the Yummy Sticker Charts provided in each classroom or on your chart at home and drop into the office when complete.
(the underside of your child's lunchbox lid makes a great temporary place to get the stickers to school safely)

PARTY IDEAS

POPCORN SWAP

Instead of having potato chips that are high in fat, try swapping them for plain or homemade popcorn

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 5 October until Friday 9 October

9am to 3pm

\$10 per family per day

Registrations Essential

AM & PM Tea provided

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Sunday 15th November

10am - 2pm

at Rotokauri School - 462 Rotokauri Road, Hamilton.

Sponsors for Car Show & Gala 2015

The following Businesses have kindly donated vouchers please support them.



PTA NEWS



Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

Thinking of having a clear out these holidays?

The PTA would love to take your new un-used items off your hands and re-gift them in our Gala Raffles this November.

Your items can be handed into Sharon at the office or placed in the drop box which has been set up in the school foyer.



Service, Product or Voucher?

If anyone has a service, product or voucher they would like to donate to the PTA that can be used at the School Car Show and Gala this November we would love to hear from you.

Any items can be handed into Sharon labelled PTA or send us an email, we are happy to collect.

Please email to: pta@rotokauri.school.nz



ROKOKAURI SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Thank You!

We have a great range of books from Shakespeare to Shades of Grey! Thank you to those of you who have donated some. We **really** appreciate it.

Still collecting

Make use of the school holidays to empty the bookshelves. I am lacking short chapter books for the kids e.g. Zac Power, Storey Tree House, Goosebumps, Captain Underpants. We are still keen to up the numbers and don't forget to tell your friends. The show is on 15th November and there are bargains to be found.

Books may be dropped off on the **table in the MPR** or please contact me.

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

Frankton Juniors Athletic Club

2015-2016 season

Come and have a go at **ATHLETICS**

Activities for **4- 14 year age groups**

Where: Bremworth Park, Dinsdale
2015

When: Monday nights 5.35pm

Starting 12th October

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PART TIME ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We require the services of a savvy administrator with an accounts background to work for us during our School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop at Southwell School. The role includes greeting families and daily admin tasks including financial reconciliation. Approx 25 hours for the week in each set of school holidays. If this sounds like you or someone you know call Nicki on 021 727 969 or email artz@onshow.net.nz

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