

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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THANK YOU...

Drive in Movie and Car Show / Gala Sponsors
without your support these events would not have been so successful

PTA for organising two great events

School Families for attending and helping out

School Staff and BOT

Car Show participants – what great cars!

Rotokauri Community for supporting the events

What a great weekend!

**The two events raised
over \$8,000.00!!**

Awesome Effort Everyone

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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.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As you probably will have noticed, Mark Goodson has been absent from school over the last few weeks. The purpose of this notice is to confirm that Mark is on sick leave and is recovering from extended periods of migraine headaches. As a recommendation from his medical doctors, he has and will continue to take a break from work.

We as a school are incredibly fortunate to have such a high calibre of staff to ensure that in the absence of a leader that the school continues to operate as usual.

In his absence Desiree Smith will be Acting Principal, supported by Helena Kirkham.

We hope to see Mark return to school in full fitness as soon as possible, but in the interim we ask that you join us in supporting Desiree and Helena in Mark's absence.

Matt Snelgrove
Chairman Rotokauri School Board of Trustees

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

What a wonderful weekend we have had at Rotokauri School. It is great to see the community spirit alive and well in Rotokauri. Thank you to everybody who attended the Drive in Movie on Saturday night and/or the Car Show/Gala on Sunday. A big thank you to the parents, teachers and students for running the stalls at the Car Show. However, the biggest thank you must go to the PTA and their Car Show/Gala sub-committee for the tireless work they have done behind the scenes to make this event so successful. I would like to mention three people in particular – Donna Hayde, Marie Carlson and Nicole Barham – you have all been amazing and the school truly appreciates all you have done.

UNWELL CHILDREN

Just a friendly reminder for parents to notify the school when your child is unwell. We would appreciate if you kept them home while recovering from illness. This ensures that germs are not spread unnecessarily. It is important that we have your current contact details so that if your child is unwell at school, we can contact you to collect them.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE – Another reminder

Two important points for those families that use the Before and After School service.

1. At the end of this term **all** children currently attending will need to re-enrol for 2016. The enrolment forms will be available in the foyer or from one of the After School carers. It will be based on a first in first served basis for fulltime hours, with preference being given to fulltime over casual care.
2. There will be **no** After School Care available on Teacher Only Day on Monday 16th November and there will be **no** After School Care available on the last day of term Friday 18th December. On both these days students will need to be picked up at 12.30 p.m.

ARRIVAL TIMES

A reminder that students must wait until the bell rings at 8.30 a.m. before entering the school and moving to their classrooms. If children are dropped off prior to this time they must remain in the bus bay. Whilst in the bus bay they are expected to demonstrate sensible and safe behaviour. Thank you to the parents that have reported unsafe behaviour as this has given us an opportunity to speak to the children involved about car park safety.

ROOM 7 CLIMB

On Monday, 9th November Room 7 climbed the Hakarimata stairs - **every student made it to the summit**. Our fastest ascent was 16 minutes. We eventually **all** made it to the top, some of us climbed a part of the stairs twice - to encourage those who were still making the climb. It was a great example of **team effort** and **real courage**. Thank you to our **amazing parents** who helped us out, you were so supportive and such a huge help - we think you're great! Well done team - **we are proud of you**.

Beginning photo



Top photo



CLASS PLACEMENT 2016

Last week you would have received a letter outlining the classes/year levels for next year. We feel it is important that parents and caregivers are given the opportunity to provide any relevant information they feel should be considered during this placement process. This information would need to be written, addressed to the Principal and handed in to the school office by Monday, 30th November.

While all information will be carefully considered and we value your input into this decision for your child, it is important to note that the final decision on placement rests with the professional judgment of staff. This is not a task they take lightly and much discussion and re-thinking goes on before the classes are finalised.

CAR SHOW / GALA PRIZE WINNERS

Lucky Date Winners

- 1st Rylee Carlson - \$100 Helm Voucher
- 2nd Matthew Hancock - \$50 Frankton Meat Voucher
- 3rd Blair Cowley - \$30 Foundation Voucher

Raffle Winners

- BBQ Table** – Victoria Cooper
- Bike and Pack** – Denise
- Grocery Hamper** – Emma Fryer
- Summer Pack** – Jan
- Family Pack** – Ceri Wackrow
- \$100 Scratchie** – S R Spiers

Guess the Lollies

Sarah Jones

Silent Auction Winners

- Photography by Sacha** - Porter
- Snow Planet** – Cox
- Spec Savers** - Hobbs
- Artz on Show** – Justine Fryer
- Avalon Tyres** - Shelley C
- Car Picture 1** – John Moore
- Car Picture 2** – Cilla Wilson

Guess the Name

Davin Barham

Drive in Movie

On the 14th of November the Rotokauri PTA organized a Drive in Movie. The movie was Herbie Goes To Monte Carlo and it was great fun. You got to experience an outdoor movie in the comfort of your own car. We would like to thank the PTA for putting on such an amazing and successful event. Everyone enjoyed the experience and it was suitable for all ages. The PTA did an awesome job providing food and entertainment throughout the evening. Overall it was a great night and everyone enjoyed it!



Rotokauri Students

Car show and Gala day

On the 15th of November Rotokauri PTA organised a Car Show and Gala Day for the public. There were many activities to do, some amazing classic cars to look at and also a fantastic book fair. On behalf of Rotokauri School we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to our amazing PTA for helping out and organising amazing events for our school! Even though it was a wet day heaps of people attended and they all had a blast. In the end over \$8,000 was raised. We would like to thank the parents, students and staff that helped and participated in the different games and stalls on the day. Overall everyone had so much fun and enjoyed their day.



Rotokauri Students

ATHLETICS

Senior Athletics will be held on Friday, 20th November and the Junior School will hold their Athletics day the following Friday, 27th November. Both days will start at 9:30 a.m. There will be a morning tea break at 10:30 a.m. and lunch break at 12:30 p.m. Prizegiving will be at the following Tuesday assembly. Senior school students may have the opportunity to represent Rotokauri School at Interschool Athletics. The students will be competing in long jump, high jump, sprints, shotput and discus (quoits for juniors). Students will need to wear appropriate clothing and bring along a drink. Please ensure that your child has applied sunscreen before coming to school. We do have some available at school and the staff will endeavour to keep applying this throughout the day. Parents are most welcome to come along to cheer on the students. We may need some helpers to assist staff on the day. Please be aware that times may change, dependent on number of students competing at each age level. All students will be competing based on their age on 27th November. Students aged 8 and above will compete as Seniors, whilst students 5 - 7 years will compete as Juniors.

CELEBRATION TIME

Some free advertising in the local community newspaper summed up what a great school we are part of –



Rotokauri School is holding a car show, gala and drive-in movie with classic cars for a fundraiser. Front left Tegan Barham, 10, and Lauren King, 10. Back: Isaac Collinson, 9, and Acacia Barham, 5.

School fundraiser

Rotokauri School will host classic cars this weekend

A car show and gala at Rotokauri School will take place this Sunday at 10am and will follow a drive-in movie on Saturday night.

Deputy principal Desiree Smith said that although this was the school's fifth car show, it was their first time putting on a drive-in movie.

"It's a chance to view a movie on

a huge screen from your car or sitting outdoors, and lots of people would not have had this experience before," she said.

Smith said that the fundraising from both events will be used for a beautification project at the top of the school and also for a new outdoor adventure trail for students.

"We are hoping to raise between \$5000 to \$10,000 from these two events," she said.

"It is a time to showcase our school and the family atmosphere that is part of our culture," she said.

"It is also an opportunity for like-minded people to come together to showcase their pride and joy - their cars."

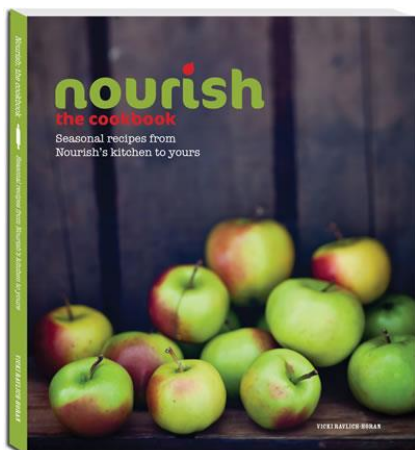
On Saturday, there will be 120 car spaces available for the drive-in movie as well as 200 walk in tickets.

On Sunday unique vehicles, some dating back to 1912, and a variety of cars from vintage to performance will be on display.

The top of the school will be host to gala games and activities, a book fair, raffles, silent auctions and food and coffee.

Nourish Cook Books

Prices now reduced!



RRP was \$35 now \$25



RRP is \$12. now \$10

or purchase both for \$30

“Ideal Christmas gifts for the family or yourself”



Nourish has kindly done a special deal in which Rotokauri school receives nearly 50% of the Nourish cookbook purchase price.

Nourish is a local gourmet magazine and the author of the book. This cookbook, compiles some of the best recipes from the past three years into one great book. The chapters are divided into the four seasons.

A few of these recipes were baked by some Rotokauri School parents and the taste test proved them to be easy to make and delicious! You may have seen them on display at the school gala book fair.

A display book is at the office and orders can be made there or email pta@rotokauri.school.nz by 1st December.

Thanks for supporting Rotokauri School PTA

PITA BREADS

Try these
with
wholemeal
flour

2 tsp yeast
1 Tbsp sugar

3 C flour
½ tsp salt

Dissolve sugar in ½ C warm water, sprinkle yeast on top; leave for 10 mins. Add flour, salt and more water to form a dough. Knead for 10mins until smooth. Leave in covered, oiled bowl until doubled in size (1.5hr). Divide into 16 balls, roll out 5mm thick. Bake at 210°C for approx. 5 mins.

Adapted from thefreshloaf.com

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



MINI MUFFINS

Make
in bulk
and
freeze!

2 C self-raising flour
½ C brown sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
2 lightly beaten eggs

½ C vegetable oil
1 tsp vanilla essence
1 C grated apple
1 C grated zucchini

Mix dry ingredients in a bowl. Add wet ingredients, apple and zucchini and mix until just combined. Spoon mixture evenly into muffin tins. Bake at 180°C for 20-25 minutes.

Adapted from: kidspot.co.nz

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HAMILTON ZOO MESSAGE

Clearing a shelter belt or hedge row?

Hamilton Zoo is after foliage for giraffes & other animals. We use pittosporum, acacia, willow, feijoa and other species. 2 metre lengths. We prefer to cut as it keeps it fresh so will pick up too 😊 If you think you can help or need more info, please give us a call 838 6720.

Thanks heaps

From Ndoki, Makulu, Masamba, Jabari, Ndale, Dume and the team from Hamilton Zoo

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS WITH EXPERIENCED TEACHER

Fun, flexible lessons (group or individual) for pre-schoolers, children and adults. Lessons either at your own home or in a private pool on the intersection of Tuhikaramea and Koromatua Roads. Great summer activity to improve technique, fitness and teach safety in the water. Contact Erin Becht on becht.erin@gmail.com :)

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Karakariki Christian Camp runs OSCAR approved Holiday Camps every school holiday break. We have a weekend camp for those aged 6-9 years old and a five-day camp for 10-13 year olds. For dates and information, please look on our website www.campkcc.org.nz or phone 07 829 8665.



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