

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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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.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Our last newsletter for the year and what an exciting year it has been. Thank you to those families that attended the prizegiving on Monday evening. We have a wealth of talent in our school and this is one of the occasions where we can celebrate how well our students have achieved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees and the PTA committee for all their support this year. It is also a time to say goodbye to Mrs Janet Scantlebury, Miss Victoria Cooper and Mrs Victoria Ford. We appreciate all that you have done for the students in your classes during your time at Rotokauri. To the Year 8's that are leaving and moving on to High School – thank you for being part of our Rotokauri family. There are a number of families that will no longer have students at Rotokauri School – all the best to you all as you move onto new adventures. Next year we will have Ms Tasha Murtagh joining our teaching staff and we know that you will make her feel welcome. Congratulations to Miss Kempthorne for being appointed in a permanent position in Room 3.

On behalf of Mr Goodson and myself I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a safe, relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again on 5th February 2016 for another busy year.

PRIZEGIVING

Gifted and Talented Distinction Awards

Writing – Liam Townsend, Tigerlily Tangiora, Sarah Teale

Maths – Eden Miller, Liam Townsend, Sarah Teale, Andrew Teale

Academic Excellence

Year 1 – Lachlan Emslie

Year 2 – Lily Allen

Year 3 – Hayley Jorgensen

Year 4 – Cole Viljoen-Thomson

Year 5 – Sarah Teale

Year 6 – Eden Miller

Year 7 – Andrew Teale

Year 8 – Joshua Prangnell

Art Trophy – for outstanding talent and commitment – **Tigerlily Tangiora**
Environmental Trophy – for contribution to the environment – **Renee West and Tegan Barham**

Music Trophy – for outstanding achievement, commitment and talent – **Hayley Monaghan**

Technology Award – **Davin Barham**

Netball Awards – recipients of the Gaylene Morgan trophies for outstanding effort in Netball

Year 5/6 – **Miya Tangiora / Eden Miller**

Year 7 – **Georgia Snelgrove / Zahra Warnock**

Year 8 – **Lavinia Rouru**

Swimming Award – **Thomas Perham**

Westgate trophy for Junior Sportsperson – awarded to an outstanding sportsperson in Years 1 – 3 – **Lamayne Clark**

Westgate trophy for Middle School Sportsperson – awarded to an outstanding sportsperson in Years 4 - 6 – **Nicholas Westgate**

Rotokauri Sportsperson of the Year – **Braedyn Webber**

Junior Riley Trophy – for attitude, participation and cooperation – **Lamayne Clark**

Senior Riley Trophy – for attitude, participation and cooperation – **Braedyn Webber**

FRASER PRESENTATION

Annually, Fraser High School presents an iPad to a student from a contributing primary school that demonstrates their motto LEAD – Learn with purpose, Engage with pride, Act with respect, Dare to succeed. Congratulations to Davin Barham. We wish you well for 2016.



DISCO

Thank you to the PTA for organising another fantastic disco FREAKY FRIDAY. Many people would not realise how much goes on behind the scenes so your efforts are appreciated.



CULTURAL DAY

Rooms 2 and 3 have been studying Cultures Around The World and have been focusing on the heritage of the students within their classes. Last week the classes held a mini cultural food extravaganza. Thank you to the many families that provided food from a variety of cultures (Ukrainian, Chinese, Maori, Indian etc) for the children to taste. What an amazing experience.



CLASSES FOR 2016

The class structure and teachers for next year have been finalised:

- Room 8 Mrs Hill – Year 1 (to start at the beginning of Term 2)
- Room 1 Mrs Evans – Year 1/2
- Room 2 Miss Smith – Year 2
- Room 3 Miss Kempthorne – Year 2/3
- Room 4 Miss Christian – Year 3/4
- Room 5 Mr Watkins – Year 4/5
- Room 6 Ms Murtagh – Year 5/6
- Room 7 Mrs Kirkham – Year 6/7/8

REPORTS / STATIONERY LISTS

Reports and stationery lists were given to the students today. Please take the time to discuss your child's report with them, celebrate their success and talk about what you can do together to help with their progress.

CAMP PAPAMOA

Mr Watkins, Mrs Kirkham, and Mr Wallbank took our Year 6, 7, and 8 students on a three day camp to Papamoa last week. They also had 15 camp parents who were a huge help; they supported our students and encouraged them to show persistence and excellence in all that they did. Our students were involved in a variety of challenging and fun activities. On the first day they walked around and up Mount Maunganui, visited Adrenalin Forest; this gave them the opportunity to take risks and climb to very high levels, and finally soak sore muscles at the hot pools. On day two our students got to swim, play, and kayak in the river at Waimarino, enjoy a 90 minute walk along the beach; which enabled our students to work up an appetite for their hearty dinner, and perform a skit – they were all very entertaining. Day three was another day of fun: sand sculpture competition, beach games, and a treasure hunt. We completed our camp with a yummy lunch at McLaren Falls. We'd like to say a huge thank you to the parents that gave up their time to help out and to Mr. Watkins for organising such a great camp for our students.



ROOMS 2/3 TRIP TO HAMILTON GARDENS

Our visit on 16 December was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the parents who came along and helped on the day.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 5 th February	Term One begins
Monday 8 th February	Waitangi Day observed – no school
Tuesday 9 th February	Science – Bubble Man visit - \$2.00 per child
Wednesday 10 th February	Tech starts/PTA meeting
Friday 12 th February	El Gregoe show - \$2.00 per child
12 – 17 th February	Life Education caravan
Friday 19 th February	School bi/triathlon
Monday 22 nd February	Meet The Teacher evening
Tuesday 23 rd February	Religious Instruction begins
23 rd – 24 th February	Leadership Camp (Year 8 students)
Friday 26 th February	Years 5 – 8 Cricket
Friday 4 th March	School Swimming – Waterworld Get, Set, Go (Year 1 students)
Friday 18 th March	Interschool swimming (8 years up)
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday – no school
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday – no school
Tuesday 29 th March	Easter Tuesday – no school
Wednesday 30 th March	ASB Financial Literacy – whole school
Friday 8 th April	Years 5 – 8 Softball
Friday 15 th April	Term One ends

CLUB ENERGIZE

Triathlon Training

for 7-12 year olds

A great opportunity for children to learn the basics of triathlon in preparation for school triathlons and the Weetbix TRYathlon

Registrations open now

Time: 9.30am – 12pm
 Cost: \$20 for 3 days

19, 20, 21 January
 University of Waikato grounds, Silverdale Rd, Gate 3a

26, 27, 28 January
 Te Rapa School, 61 Ashurst Ave, Pukete, Hamilton

Registrations open to the first 50 children. To register contact Energizer:
 Erin Cooper | 021 624 962 | erinc@sportwaikato.org.nz

swim
 bike
 run

sportwaikato
 eat, drink and active

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

CHRISTMAS BISCUITS

Add cranberries and mixed spice for a Christmas treat!

125g margarine
 1/2 C sugar
 1/3 C milk
 1 tsp vanilla essence

1 & 1/4 C self-raising flour
 1/2 C custard powder
 4 crushed Weet-Bix

Beat margarine and sugar together, until pale and creamy. Mix in milk and vanilla essence. Fold the flour, custard powder and Weet-Bix into the mixture. Make dough into a ball, wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30mins. Preheat oven to 170°C. Line two trays with baking paper. Place dough between 2 sheets of baking paper. Roll to 3-4mm thick. Cut into Christmas shapes, place on oven tray. Bake at 170°C for 8-12mins. Makes 50.
 Adapted from weetbix.co.nz

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



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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