

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Rotokauri School Board of Trustees' Election

Nominations are invited for the election of **5** parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations has been posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form).

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 20 May 2016 and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 3 June 2016.

Signed
Sharon Verstraten
Returning Officer

TO DATE WE HAVE HAD NO NOMINATIONS

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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.

UPPER AREA OF THE SCHOOL

The upper area of the school has now been completed and we can all be satisfied that we have collectively produced an environment that all of our students are going to enjoy. This was a real TEAM effort with the Board and PTA financing the project, staff helping to design the layout and past / current parents helping with construction, all ably managed by Nick Spiers from the Board.

A special thank you to Ross Thomson (Line Marking Services) the Westgate family (Westgate Roofing) and Kevin Bright (Bright Property Solutions).

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Over the coming weeks we will be able to show you a concept plan for the Rooms 2 / 4 / 5 area. The idea is to have a better indoor / outdoor flow from these rooms onto new decking. This area can be used for a combination of leisure and learning. We have recently discussed these plans with the Ministry.

Thank you to Kerina Jessop for managing to capture the staff's ideas and transferring them onto paper.

WACKY HAIR DAY

What a fun day we all had on Friday 6th May with our Wacky Hair Day. There were some wonderful hairdos on display. There must be some very creative parents in our community. We were fundraising for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and we would like to thank everybody that contributed to our final tally of \$167.00.

Results:

Room 8 – Regan Bennett, Ellie Fairclough
Room 1 – Maddix Anniss, Nalei Nelson
Room 2 – Joseph Warbrick, Zephyr Rhind
Room 3 – Maya Sharma, Anya Fuller

Room 4 – Corey Molloy, Hosea Warbrick
Room 5 – Kayla Westgate, Ella Burt
Room 6 – Georgia Westgate, Ella Kells, Cooper Miller
Room 7 – Georgia Snelgrove, Sophie Kells



ADVENTURE TRAIL

Over the last year we have had feedback from students in regards to an Adventure Trail. We are now at the stage where we need to draw on the skills of the community to bring the ideas to fruition in Term 4. If you would like to be a part of the Adventure Trail Sub Committee please contact me mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz. We will be holding our first subcommittee meeting on Wednesday 1st June, 7.00 p.m. in the school staffroom.

CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Just a reminder, we are having our Cross Country Competition tomorrow **Friday, 13th May** (postponement day is on Friday, 20th May). After morning tea the students will make their way down to the field to sit in their house groups. The first race will be scheduled to start at around **11:00 a.m.**

We will be holding a **sausage sizzle** and selling **baking and coffee from a coffee truck**, all proceeds go towards our Senior Camp at the end of the year.

A Rotokauri School Cross Country team will be made up of the top runners from this event to take part in the Interschool Cross Country at Waitetuna School on Friday, 27th May. If runners are successful at this event, there will also be a chance to take part in the bigger Hamilton Interschool Competition.

We hope to see you all there.



Elsie's Coffee Stop will be at the front entrance of school for the Cross Country on Friday, 13th May 2016.

Come and grab a great coffee!!!! - eftpos or cash

There will also be baking and a sausage sizzle for sale by the students (cash only)

BOARD UPDATE

The board have been busy of late with a number of initiatives; the school beautification at the top of the school is nearing completion. The games have been painted on the concrete and we have more ideas to add colour to the school. We are looking at changing Room 4/5 outside area and making it more user friendly for all and have had some great input from members of the community. An IT sub-committee has been formed to look at the future computer use throughout the school and where future investment should be made to maximise the learning outcomes. Mark is in the process of forming a sub-committee for the development of the adventure trail so please contact him if you wish to be involved.

As you can see there is exciting stuff that is happening at the school and also behind the scenes administration that needs to be carried out. The BOT elections are coming in June and **nominations** close at **noon 20 MAY 2016**. Some of the parent representatives are not running for re-election due to other commitments and their children about to leave the school. They are willing to help people that are elected onto the Board and give them guidance while they adjust to the new role. The Board consists of the principal, staff representative, and 5 parent representatives. If you are interested please see Sharon Verstraten in the office (the returning officer) or a current Board member.

The current Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the school and Rotokauri Community for its support. We have enjoyed our term on the BOT and love being able to have an input into the future of the school. The school has an exciting future ahead with the growth of Rotokauri and the changing face of education.

Kind Regards

Matt Snelgrove, Mark Goodson, Desiree Smith, Nick Spiers, Miranda Collinson, Aaron Cornelissen and Jarrod Teale

SPELLATHON

Each year the students and community of Rotokauri School have a student based fundraising event. This year we have decided to have a schoolwide SPELLATHON. The goal is to raise money to help support the construction of a school Adventure Trail. It is important that our students understand and appreciate the value of money and how they can contribute to their school environment. This fundraising event will also support our philosophy of TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More.

All students will be provided with a list of spelling words. The words will vary in number and difficulty, depending on the age and spelling ability of the child. The students will also be given a Spellathon sponsorship form. The expectation is that all students will participate in the Spellathon, as this is a learning opportunity as well as for fundraising. Students will need to find sponsors – these sponsors may give an overall donation or sponsor the child per correct word.

Students will be pre-tested to determine their spelling lists, which will be a compilation of unknown words. The spelling lists and sponsorship forms will come home on 16th May and the Spellathon will take place six weeks later on Thursday 30th June. This should give the students plenty of time to learn their spelling words and gather sponsors.

The safety and well-being of our students is always a top priority. Getting sponsors from family members, grandparents and well-known neighbours is a safe idea. If the older students are going further afield, they should go in pairs or with an adult and definitely in daylight hours. They should never go inside someone's house to collect money, but rather stay at the door. Safety tips will be discussed in class and at assemblies.

TIMELINE:

Monday 16th May – sponsorship forms and Spellathon lists come home. Students to learn spelling words and gather sponsors (up until 29th June).

Thursday 30th June – sponsorship forms to be returned to school. Students will be tested on their words at 9.15 a.m. Teachers will mark the spelling tests, sign and record the student's result on their sponsorship form. Sponsorship forms will be given back to the students so that they can collect their sponsorship money.

Friday 8th July – all money raised and sponsorship forms to be returned by this date – please ensure that they are in a named envelope and handed in to the school office.

Tuesday 26th July – prizes of \$20 Warehouse vouchers will be given out to – the student that raises the most money and the student that gathers the most sponsors.

TEACHER ONLY AFTERNOON

Just a follow up reminder that we will be having a **Teacher Only Afternoon on Monday, 27th June.**

Teachers will be off site working on the New Rotokauri Curriculum from 12.35 pm. The bell will ring at 12.25 pm - 5 minutes earlier than usual to allow parents to pick up children.

MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

The Multi-Purpose Room is a real asset to our school. It's used by so many people that it's now hard to imagine how we ever managed without it. Because of its increased usage the kitchen area has looked rather untidy to say the least. But now thanks to the cleaning and organising skills of Erana Tangiora this is a facility that we can all be proud of. Thank you Erana for all your hard work organising this. There is now a set of rules on display in the kitchen area.

POEMS FROM ROOM 4

*At the Supermarket
I feel as happy as a purring kitten
I see yummy lollies by the big counters
I hear loud carts clicking like a hen
I smell fresh fish in the frozen aisle
I taste yummy minty chocolate on my tongue*

By Bridgette

*At the Supermarket
I feel little when I am at the
supermarket
I hear people arguing at the
supermarket
I taste freedom when I am in the aisle
I smell cooked chicken from the oven
in the store
I hear the checkout operating beeping*

By Alex

*At the Supermarket
I see people getting boxes down from the shelf and throwing them
I see all the steam that is coming out of the cold freezer
I see people walking down aisles and chucking things in trolleys
I see mussels getting wet in the sea water
I taste all the things from the bakery like warm hot cross buns
I taste some lollies when I look at them because they are right next to me at the
checkout
I smell all the sausages and meat sitting in the meat counter
I taste sugar because I look at the baby powder and it reminds me of it.
I feel so chilly by the freezer.*

By Bella Capri

THOMSON'S ITM

Thomson's have been supporters of our school for a number of years now and it's always nice to know that local companies support their local schools. We receive financial support from Thomson's through the ITM Priority Partner Programme. It's a very simple programme - the more parents that use Thomson's the more money they give us.

ITM Priority Partners joining forms are available from Sharon at the Office.

THE LAWS OF KARMA THAT WILL GIVE YOU A CLEAR PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE

1. As you grow, so shall you reap.
2. Life just doesn't happen it requires our participation.
3. What you refuse to accept, will continue with you.
4. For us to grow in spirit, it is we who must change and not the people, places or things around us.
5. We must take responsibility for what is in our life.
6. Old thought, old patterns of behaviour, old dreams prevent us from having new ones.
7. History repeats itself until we learn the lessons that we need to change our path.
8. Rewards of lasting value require patient and persistent toil.
9. You get back from something whatever you have put into it.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS GO SAILING

Leadership is often about communication and being open to learn new skills. Our senior councillors were asked to go outside their comfort zone when they went sailing for the first time on Hamilton Lake recently.

The students acquired the necessary skills and methods of communication to be able to run their own America's Cup on the lake with best of 5 taking out the Cup. Well done Kieran, Lee and Georgia.



INTERESTING

- A recent Australian survey showed that 40% of all new teachers leave within five years stating workload and parent pressures as the main reasons for leaving the profession. If that was 40% of doctors leaving the profession there would be an outcry. If it was 40% of all politicians there would be applause.
- Do not judge by appearance, a rich heart might be under a poor coat (Scottish Proverb).
- A recent study found that Facebook users were less happy, more worried and lonelier. So is social networking addictive? Potentially says US psychologist Michael Feichel who has introduced a new term Facebook Addiction Disorder (FAD). He defines this as a condition where hours are spent on social media to the extent that the healthy balance of an individual's life is affected. One warning sign is having multiple windows open and being on social media when you should be asleep.
- Stop waiting for Friday....Happiness is achieved when you stop waiting for it and make the most of the moment you are now in.

PARENTING ARTICLE LINKS

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11632933&ref=NZH_FBpage

Six ways good parents contribute to their child's anxiety.

<http://www.essentialkids.com.au/health/health-wellbeing/six-ways-good-parents-contribute-to-their-childs-anxiety-20160407-go1bhi>

WALKING GROUP

A few years ago a couple of staff and parents used to go for a walk at Friday lunch time. If you want a bit of exercise, we start tomorrow at 12.30 pm. We will meet outside Mark's office and go around the zoo block, which is approximately 3.5 km. Everyone is welcome.

HEADLICE

This is an ongoing problem – they never go away! Please get into the habit of checking your children's hair regularly. If you find evidence of headlice please treat your children and retreat as recommended by whatever product you are using. We have information available for parents in the office from the Public Health Nurse. If you would like to read it, please see Sharon.

FUNNY...WELL ALMOST

Q: What did the buffalo say to her child as he left for school?

A: Bison

PRE SCREENING OF

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FINDING

DORY



The Rotokauri school PTA have secured a special Pre screening of the new Pixar movie Finding Dory.

See it before anyone else gets to!!

Date: Saturday 18th June 2016

Start time: 4pm

Where: Hoyts cinema Te Awa

Price: \$20.00 Adult

\$15.00 Child

\$65.00 Family Pass 2 Adults and 2 Children (SAVE \$5.00)

Tickets available from the Rotokauri school office or contact Marie Carlson at

marie.carlson@outlook.co.nz



LUNCH PRICE LIST

Orders to be placed by Monday 9am



Large pies \$3.00

(200-220gms)

Mince

Mince and cheese

Potato top

Bacon and egg

Small Items \$2.00

Sausage rolls

Mini Mince pie (120gms)



Sushi

4 piece Chicken or Salmon \$4.00

8 Piece Chicken and Vegetable \$7.00

Subway lunch pack \$6.00

(Subway roll, Juice box and cookie)

Ham

Beef

Turkey



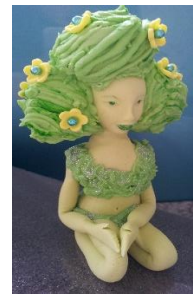


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Collect Yummy Stickers for our School
to get a share of Sports Equipment.
Collect Yummy Stickers Here:



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 completed.
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place to get the stickers to school safely)



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Cut ½ pumpkin into small pieces and boil with 1 cup dried lentils, 1 diced onion, a pinch of spice and 3 cups chicken or vege stock until soft. Blend together and enjoy!




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BEAN BURGERS

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Combine a can of cannellini beans to 300g mashed veges (potato, kumara, or carrot). Add seasoning, 1 tbsp olive oil & 4 tbsp breadcrumbs. Roll into patties and bake/fry until golden - delicious as a filling for burgers or wraps!




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Young Engineers starting Thursday 12th May

The Young Engineers programme is a fun and engaging programme that teaches children about the basic principles of engineering and physics using motorised Lego! Children from Year 2-Year 8 will enjoy the practical hands-on learning environment which lasts for 75mins.

Young Engineers will be starting next week at various locations including Gordonton School, Hukanui School, Hautapu School, Claudelands, Dinsdale, Leamington and Silverdale. To enrol or find out more – go online to www.youngengineers.nz or contact Ariana on 021-2424567 or ariana@youngengineers.nz



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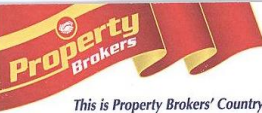


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