

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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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](mailto:marie.carlson@outlook.co.nz)



**TEACHER ONLY AFTERNOON**

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**All students to be picked up by 12.35 pm please**

**NO STAFF WILL BE ON SITE**

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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.

## **WESTERN CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**

All of our Rotokauri runners performed with pride at this event. We had 17 students who placed in the top five - great results. It was wet, muddy, and a lot of fun! A huge thank you goes out to our parents and supporters who turned up to help supervise our students, marshal on the course, and help out with the set up and pack up. Your smiles and words of encouragement made the day such a special one - we thank you kindly. Well done to all those who braved the day!

### **5 Year Old Girls**

3rd - Hannah Milne

### **6 Year Old Girls**

1st - Deanna Smith

### **6 Year Old Boys**

1st - Cole Turney

3rd - Cory Burt

### **7 Year Old Girls**

2nd - Paige Moka

### **7 Year Old Boys**

2nd - Mārama Tangiora

### **9 Year Old Boys**

2nd - Cole Viljoen-Thomson

3rd - Isaac Collinson

### **10 Year Old Girls**

3rd - Tegan Barham

### **10 Year Old Boys**

1st - Daniel Cameron

### **11 Year Old Boys**

2nd - Liam Townsend

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Teaching involves a lot of time learning new skills and techniques. One of the six areas we are covering this term is based around relationships with students. Topics that we are covering involve play, praise, problem solving, listening, encouragement, celebrations, incentives, motivators. When we use these relationship tools the impact on the students is dramatic and instantaneous in relation to co-operation, self-esteem, personal motivation, independence and personal responsibility.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the people who came and supported our Student Council at the Adventure Trail meeting last Wednesday. Over the coming months we would like to share our plans with the community. It's still not too late to join our subcommittee. For further details please contact [mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz)

## CURRICULUM CHANGES

Our staff are currently reflecting on our Rotokauri curriculum. This is a very exciting time for our Community as we will be teaching skills and attitudes that will equip our students for the sort of problems they will encounter in life. Our job is to create life-long learners who will add to the society they live in.

Our students will have to be extremely good problem solvers by 2025. No other generation will have to equip themselves with knowledge and skills that could actually dictate our survival as a species.

By 2025 - currently we have 6 billion people, by 2025 we will have 8 billion human inhabitants on earth. The last time production of food kept up with the needs of human population was the late 1990's.

A number of countries will run out of fresh water.

If you would like to give us an opinion on what you think is important to be learned feel free to drop us a line [mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz)

## SCHOOL CULTURE

Curriculum is important but to establish any form of achievement you need to create a caring learning culture. Our Mission Statement mentions creating a positive environment that engages students. Without a strong school culture you have nothing. We have discussed this as a staff - What does a positive culture in a school look like? How does a school show itself as a positive environment? What are the values and expectations?

Our students demonstrate this by the way that they act and engage with each other. We are really proud of our students at Rotokauri School.

## BOARD MEMBERS

At the time of writing this for the newsletter our community is not aware of who will be a part of our new Board. What I do know is that they are entering the role of Governance during a very exciting period in education. We have so many opportunities to do amazing things with/for our students.

Being on the Board is a very important job and comes with the responsibility of helping the next generation to be the best they can be.

## DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS

On behalf of the Community thank you for all your work over the last three years. You can be proud of the physical changes around the school that you have been a part of. You have also put the school in a strong financial situation where it allows us choices for the future in terms of supporting our student's needs. You have started the journey with the Adventure Trail and redevelopment of Rooms 2/4/5.

Thanks once again for your help.

## SAFETY RULES WHEN GETTING SPELLATHON SPONSORS

1. Never go by yourself when collecting sponsors.
2. If a gate is locked there is often a reason...be aware of dogs and signage.
3. Never go into someone's house.
4. Do not go collecting sponsors after dark.

Remember you are representing your family and school when collecting sponsors so please make sure you use your manners.

## SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Yes, the job of a school is to educate the students but more importantly it's about keeping them safe. We have discussed the car park and road issues numerous times in newsletters and at assemblies. Much of what we say seems to fall on deaf ears. Michael and I who do the after school road patrol have had enough of playing the policeman so from now on all matters will be referred to the police.

Here are just a few simple examples of what we have seen - under 5's unrestrained, cell phone use while driving through the carpark, entering from the exit side and last but not least 2 weeks ago we had a parent leave their car unattended in the middle of the road while they walked off to search for their child - when I say middle of the road I do mean middle of the road.

## WIG WEDNESDAY

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Rotokauri School is having a wig Wednesday to fundraise for the child cancer foundation. So on Wednesday, make sure you bring a crazy wig and a gold coin donation. You will be helping to raise vital funds to support kiwi children with cancer and their families. We hope to see everybody having fun with this and heaps of bright and colourful wigs!

*Senior Council*



## SOME THINGS THAT CAN MAKE A PERFECT DAY

- Show your love to someone else.
- Before you go to bed be thankful for everything you have.
- Close your eyes and breathe deeply.
- Achieve one simple goal per day.

## INTERESTING

People are often unreasonable and self centered. Forgive them anyway.  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.  
If you are honest people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.  
If you find happiness people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.  
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Be good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and them anyway.

*Mother Teresa*

## AUTUMN POEMS FROM ROOM 4

I see the beautiful red, yellow and orange leaves floating down from the tall trees.  
I taste delicious juicy ripe apples.  
I hear rustling leaves above my head.  
I feel the smushy, mushy mud underneath my toes.  
I smell the rain water dripping down from the leaves.

*By Grace*

I feel the squishy soggy grass beneath my feet.  
I see the red, yellow and orange leaves floating down from the tall tree.  
I taste the freezing air when I breathe it out.  
I smell the dirt on the ground.

*By Hannah*

I see different coloured leaves falling off the trees onto the ground.  
I hear the trees rustling in the wind.  
I feel moist grass on the soggy dirt.  
I taste hot chocolate after a game of soccer.  
I smell apple crumble cooking in the oven.

*By Lewis*

I see the sun showers drizzling down out my window.  
I hear the motorbikes going quickly down the straight.  
I feel gooey mud sticking to my feet.  
I taste feijoa muffins burning in my mouth.

*By Seth*

I see the crispy leaves fall off the trees.  
I feel the breeze rubbing against my skin.  
I hear the flax bush swaying to and fro.  
I smell the fresh air and fog.  
I taste the Hot Chocolate go down my throat

*By Corey*

**10 WAYS WITH BEANS, LEGUMES AND LENTILS**

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**Are you ready for your new refuse and recycling service?**

July 1st is coming up fast and marks the beginning of the new refuse and recycling service in the Waikato District. Each refuse bag put out for collection requires a prepaid sticker (except Raglan). If you live in the Tuakau Township, a prepaid tag is required for your wheelie bin. Residents with a kerbside refuse collection will be receiving a second recycling crate including a refuse and recycling guide in June. Check out our website [www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz](http://www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz) for sticker retailers and more information on the new service.

**RUGBY, We at Te Rapa Junior RFC** are looking for a few more Guys/Gals to bolster our 12th Grade team.

If you fall within the following weights for age (as at 1st January 2016) and are keen to join us on Saturday mornings through this winter, please contact me and we will get you involved. Craig Seager, 849 0171 A/H or 021 132 5839 or 849 4839 ext 616 wrk.

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11yrs old : 60kg or under

12 yrs old : 50kg or under

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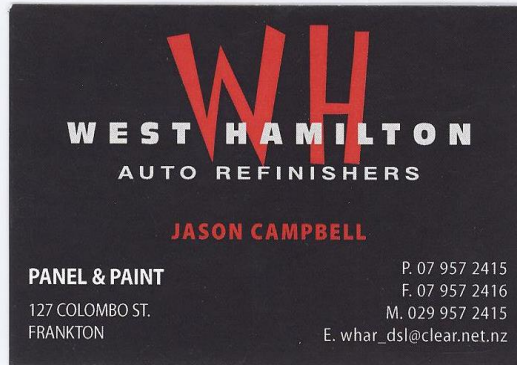
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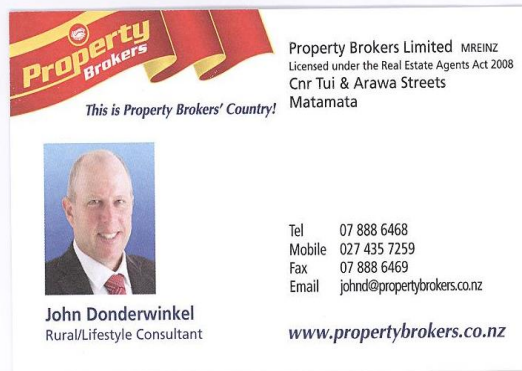


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