

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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YEAR 8 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

These brave Year 8 students climbed up Mt Pirongia as part of the leadership programme we have at our school. The climb was challenging...I'm so proud of their efforts and the positive attitude they displayed throughout the climb. Well done team!

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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.

SPELLATHON

Thank you to all the students who participated in the recent Spellathon. You managed to raise \$6,857.65 towards the Adventure Playground. It is amazing what can be achieved when everyone gets in behind a project. Our students will have a real appreciation for the playground because of all the time they put in helping to raise the money for the project.

The winners of the Spellathon prizes:

Junior Most Sponsors: Bianca Wallis

Junior Most Money Collected: Bianca Wallis

Senior Most Sponsors: Olivia and Morgan Woolerton

Senior Most Money Collected: Lee Panui

We still have outstanding cards and money. Please return these to school asap.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Term 3 is traditionally a time when the Management team of the school consult with the community. Please feel free to send in your thoughts on what areas of the school you would like consulted on. Maybe its questions on school curriculum or various school management procedures. Your thoughts on how you would like to fill out the consultation form would also be useful e.g. online or paper copy. Please send all suggestions to mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz

HEALTH AND WELL BEING SURVEY

We had our Senior Student Councillors run this survey. They have already spent time collating all of the student's views, which is not an easy task. I think it's given the students an understanding of what it's like to be a teacher and the various skills required when communicating with an audience.

Information from this survey will be ready for publishing in our next newsletter.

EPro8 CHALLENGE



EPro8 Challenge
Engineer Problem Solve Innovate

Inter-School Science and
Technology Competition
Year 5-6 and Year 7-8 Teams

A group of Year 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 students were selected to represent Rotokauri at the EPro8 Challenge held at **Maeroa Intermediate**. This was an exciting new interschool science and technology event, where teams competed to finish a variety of fun and interesting challenges.

After the preliminary round, both of our teams were placed in the top three and went through to the semi-final round. Our Year 5 & 6 team of students managed to get through to the Grand Finals, this was held last week at **Rototuna Junior High School**. We unfortunately did not get a placing but our students performed with pride and persisted at the task until the very end.

We'd like to say well done to all of those students who competed in this event. We are all very proud of you.



MĀORI STUDENT SURVEY

Last Friday our students that are classified as Māori (Years 4 – 8) completed a survey based on questions supplied by parents and staff. The Ministry of Education have indicated that Māori students are a priority group and their progress will be tracked by the Education Review Office. Completing these sorts of self-reviews is nothing out of the ordinary for our school.

GREAT TEAM

One of the greatest assets a school can have is the teaching staff and the effort that they put into building positive, professional relationships with the students.

Each year I spend time reviewing our staff using an attestation approach which is determined by the Ministry of Education.

It's always a joy to go in and watch students interact within the Rotokauri learning environment. It's only when I see consistency across the school that I make written comments to the Board and school community.

Here are a few of the things our staff and community can be proud of:

- Our teachers are continually doing both personnel and collective professional development to make sure they are up to date with the latest teaching philosophies.
- Teachers are communicating more frequently with parents through emails.
- Information technology is being used seamlessly throughout the curriculum areas to support learning in a collaborative way. Students are becoming more independent as learners.
- Teachers are putting an amazing amount of effort into lessons to make sure they are relevant to the student's needs. Some fantastic resources have been created by teachers at our school.
- The type of questions our students are asking show that students are very engaged in their learning.
- Teachers are using student data to make decisions on their planning and teaching practise. Teachers are planning for individual needs on social and academic levels.
- Teachers are planning more within syndicates. The school is using its strengths to support the needs of the teachers.
- Teachers are using a student inquiry approach to support the learning of the students.
- Teachers are catering for and tracking the progress of target students.
- Teachers are incorporating more Te Reo into their term planning schedules.

Of course as with any organisation we are always seeking to become better and this year the staff have worked hard on developing a new curriculum with the emphasis on skills and attitudes that will help our students be valuable citizens in a global society.

PAST STUDENTS

Just because students have left us at the end of Year 8 doesn't mean that we have forgotten about them. We love to hear how our past students are getting on. The other day I found out that one of my past pupils is now the Associate Principal of Tauranga Intermediate. If you want to share what a past pupil is up to please do so mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz

VISITORS AT OUR SCHOOL GATE

Over the last 2 months you may have noticed a couple of visitors standing at our front gate watching the traffic travel down Rotokauri Road or access the entries into our school. These gentlemen are from Waikato District Council and are Road Safety Engineers. Obviously we have had discussions about safety and the growing use of Rotokauri Road as an access way to Te Rapa from the West. Parents must have also sent their concerns in which we appreciate because it's only when enough voices are saying the same thing that things start to progress. We will keep you updated with any progress that may be made with this problem.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Junior Football Tournament is for our Year 1 – 4 students. Teams will be put together in the near future. Please encourage your child to give this event a go.

When: Friday, 26th August

Where: Bremworth Park

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00pm

Grades: Year 1-2 teams Year 3-4 teams



Students will travel by bus to this event. There will be food to purchase, all proceeds will go towards our Senior School Camp.

GYMSPORTS SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

The Gymsports Schools Festival is for our Year 2 – 6 students.

When: Wednesday, 31st August

Where: Hamilton City Gym on Mainstreet Street, Te Rapa.

A note has already gone home to those students who are interested in this competition. We will be coaching the children participating in the Artistic Gymnastics at school during the lunch hour. We do expect all students who have shown a commitment to this event to attend all of the coaching sessions available to them.

In order to deliver the most effective and safest coaching possible, we will gladly accept parent help! No expertise required. We will also require parents to help with transport to the competition. If your child wishes to enter the Trampoline Competition, it will be necessary for them to train at home. We will supply the Competition Manual.

4 SCHOOLS WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT

The 4 Schools Winter Sports Tournament is for our Year 3 – 8 students. It is a festival of football, rugby and netball. Please encourage your child to give this event a go.

When: Thursday 8th of September.

Where: Football is held at Te Kowhai, Rugby is held at Whatawhata and Netball is held at Minogue Park.

We will require parents to help with transport to the competition, manage the teams, and umpire the games.

There will be meetings held very soon to organise the teams. For those students who are interested, more information will be sent home with them.

YUMMY STICKERS

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in Yummy stickers from their fruit. Please keep them coming in. You can give your completed charts and get new ones from Mrs Kirkham in Room 7. You can also download and print a new sticker collection sheets for individual stickers or label sheets if you buy apples in bags. Below are the links where you can print them off.

Link for label sheet -

http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Cut_Out_Label_Collection_Sheet.pdf

Link for sticker sheet - http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf

The Rotokauri Sports Committee will go through the catalogue and select the gear we would like to add to our sports shed.

MĀORI CONSULTATION HUI - TONIGHT

We have our Māori Consultation Hui tonight, Thursday 4th of August, to discuss the upcoming Marae trip, activities and school Hangi. It will be in the school staff room starting at 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcome. We will have a movie in Room 3 for the children that will be supervised by some of our past students.

Please email mevans@rotokauri.school.nz if you will be at the Hui. We hope to see you there.

Nga Mihi

HEARING AND VISION CHECKS

The Hearing and Vision Technician will be at Rotokauri School on 31st August 2016. Not all children will be tested. New Entrants, Year 7 and any other child that needs follow up checks could be seen on the day. If you do not want your child tested, please contact the school office. Please read the following information sheet.

Information sheet on hearing and vision checks in school

Vision Hearing Technicians from Rural and Community Services will be visiting our school.

The objective of the vision is to identify previously undetected hearing and vision defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

catch up screening for children who have not completed hearing and vision checks as part of their B4 school check
children absent from previous visit, require re-tests or follow up
in special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a hearing or vision check
new immigrants

What tests are carried out?

Ears

audiometry – hearing test
tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test
colour vision tests (Year 7 boys only)

NB All these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

notify parents of all test results
enter results on ministry of education data base (ENROL)

The vision hearing technician will obtain personal details from the school i.e names, dates of birth, ethnicity.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Community services may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parent or caregiver does not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a hearing or vision defect, they should let the technician know by leaving a message with the school.

ROOM 6 BIRD HOUSES

In the last week of Term 2 we designed and built bird houses for our local birds. The week long project was a great way to end our flight inquiry. We started off by researching the types of birds that would live in the Rotokauri area and as a group decided on which bird we would want to come live in our house. Next we drew a plan using our knowledge of measurement and creativity. Next we drew out the template and began to saw. The challenging aspect of our project was nailing into two pieces of timber and sawing straight. It was fun seeing everyone's creations they made and working as a team. We are very proud of our bird houses.



AGRICULTURAL DAY – 12 OCTOBER 2016

Our school is still a country or rural school and many of our city neighbours like this country atmosphere and have therefore chosen to send their children to Rotokauri School. City schools are often very envious of the opportunities offered to country pupils and this is why we are seeking your support for our Agricultural Day. Agriculture or Calf Club Day as it is often still referred to, is unique to New Zealand country schools.

Since last years event we have had a big group of regular participants leave Rotokauri for high school. For this reason we would like to get more students involved to keep the numbers at the level we are used to. Rotokauri School has a long and proud history of calf, lamb and goat Agricultural Days to uphold and it is up to the present day pupils and parents to make this continue.

If you have any questions regarding Agricultural Day please see Sharon in the school office.

AGRICULTURAL DAY ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms are attached to the newsletter email. Paper copies are also available at the school office if you do not have a printer. **Entries close on Thursday, 22nd September** as we have to give our school's entry numbers to our co-ordinator on this day and paper work for the event is processed in the school holidays. **Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.**

AGRICULTURAL DAY – TROPHY RETURN

If you were awarded a trophy at last year's Agricultural Day, please return it to school ready for this year's prize giving.

AGRICULTURAL DAY – HELPERS NEEDED...PLEASE

To make this day run smoothly we are totally reliant on volunteers. Below are jobs we need help with. If you can spare a few hours of your time it would be really appreciated. Please see Sharon in the school office if you can help.

- **Calf, lamb and goat stewards 1 x each section** - to assist the judge by organising the children with their animals, writing down the judges results and tying ribbons on the animals.
- **Flower Show Scribes x 2** – to assist the judges by writing the certificates once judging is complete.

WHERE SHOULD WE INVADE NEXT?

Over the years an American writer/documentary producer has put together a number of interesting documentaries, often from a satirical view point. While overseas I managed to see his latest film Where Do We Invade Next?

Basically the premise of the film is that he travels to Europe and looks at all the wonderful things that the various governments do for their people, including education, and then compares it to what is happening in America.

It's well worth looking at because I couldn't help but think that in many respects in the last 20 years we have been following in the footsteps of America.

The film is available from iTunes on the 17th August. Our staff will be watching the segment on schooling in Europe.

As an appetiser here are some interesting segments from the film:

- Every school in France has a four course lunch for the students, one serving is usually cheese.
- Every Italian employee is allowed to have a 2 hour lunch break. This is often when families sit down for a meal together and talk.
- Every employee in Germany is given 4 weeks holiday and are paid an additional month on top of their 12 calendar months.
- German managers are not allowed to call their staff or communicate outside of office hours.

Watch the documentary and I think you will enjoy it. There's some great stuff in there about education.

PTA NEWS

GALA – NOVEMBER 2016

It's that time again when we start planning for our Gala in November, this takes a lot of effort in the way of sourcing sponsorship and prizes for the day.

We are looking for the following help; if your family, friends or business are able to help in any way this would be greatly appreciated, more details will follow but what we are looking for is:

Products, Prizes or Services:

To be used in: 6 main Raffles, Mystery Envelopes, Quick Fire raffles, Silent Auctions

Sponsorship for our Gala Games:

We have some existing and some new games this year where there are set up costs plus the cost for prizes for the kids. (Details will follow in regards to costs to sponsor each game).

Giveaways: If anyone has any bulk items i.e. from their work that were from promotions but would be suitable to use as giveaway prizes for the Gala Games.

New / Unused Items:

If you have any new unused items to donate we will gladly take these to use as prizes. (A box is in the school office to place these in).

Graphic Designer / or Person: who could design a poster for the Gala, to be used in email form and printed.

If you are able to help with any of the above you can email your details to us at:

pta@rotokauri.school.nz – Thank you - Rotokauri School PTA

Entertainment Book

A big thank-you to the Curtis Family who sold 14 entertainment books for the school and will receive 2 Hoyts Movie Tickets kindly donated by The Entertainment Book.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Our annual chocolate fundraiser is about to begin. Each family will be given a box of chocolates to sell for the PTA tomorrow. If you do not want a box to come home with your child please contact us at: pta@rotokauri.school.nz or the school office:

office@rotokauri.school.nz

GO, GROW, GLOW!

MEALS & SNACKS

Find us on  fb.com/ProjectEnergize

Meals and snacks should be based around the four food groups.

Every day **GO!** with 5-6 servings of grain foods



Tip: look for high fibre options such as wholegrain bread and weetbix.

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VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

Find us on  fb.com/ProjectEnergize

Every day **GLOW!** with 5+ servings of vegetables and fruit



These foods contain vitamins and minerals important for good health. Different colours have different vitamins and minerals – eat a rainbow of colour every day! **TIP: 1 SERVE = 1 HANDFUL**

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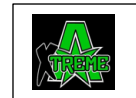
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