

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Date: Saturday, 03 September 2016.

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Foundation Bar, Te Awa, The Base.

Tickets: \$20 single or \$35 per couple (includes nibbles).

Teams of 6-8 – get one together or come along and join others on the night.

Tickets available at the school office, or, email pta@rotokauri.school.nz

Rotokauri School PTA fundraiser
All proceeds will go towards the Adventure Trail.

Lots of great prizes!

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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.

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

I'm always amazed at the programmes/assessments that New Zealand teachers/schools have in place to support student's academic and social needs.

Did you know we have the following things occurring in our school -

- 5 year old entry checks when students first arrive at school.
- 6 year net administered after one year at school.
- Support teachers/teacher aides employed to help gifted and talented students.
- Support teachers/teacher aides employed to help target students with their learning needs.
- Special literacy programmes within classrooms to support reading and writing.
- Reading recovery programme.

Not to mention the various individual support programmes that all our teachers are running for students.

The list of what our teachers actually do for our students could go on and on. The days when teachers stand at the front and lecture to students has definitely been consigned to the dark ages.

AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURE

The carpark and entrance way to the school is rather chaotic due to the number of students leaving in one big group at 3.00 p.m. and the volume of cars using the carpark. As a way of helping at this time of day the following steps have been put in place (effective from last week) –

- Students will be released promptly from their classrooms by 3.05 p.m.
- Students will assemble in the bus bay area unless parents are waiting outside their classrooms to pick them up. Please do not make arrangements to meet

your child/children in other areas of the school, unless you are there at 3.00 p.m. to pick them up.

- Students may play on the playgrounds if they are actively supervised by an adult.
- Parents of road patrol monitors are requested to find a carpark rather than waiting in the bus bay.

The bus bay area is for picking up children and then leaving – it has not been designed for parking for long periods whilst waiting for students or for leaving your vehicle in order to find your child.

LETTERS FROM THE SENIORS

As mentioned in previous newsletters our students have been looking into the problems with our car park. The one thing I have learned about students is never underestimate their ability to put their thoughts onto paper and problem solve complex situations. Here are two letters which will join many more being sent to the local council.

23 August 2016

Julius Spiers.
Room 7,
Rotokauri School.
462 Rotokauri Road,
Hamilton 3289.

Waikato District Council,
Private Bag 544,
Ngaruawahia.

To whom it may concern,

Our car park has some serious issues that need to be dealt with.

One of these issues involves the main road! There are too many cars sitting in the middle of the road so this blocks the sight of bystanders trying to cross, consequently increasing the chance of an accident to occur! If you help us, we could create more car parks to increase the speed of the flow!

This car park may have some problems but not as bad as the next one! Parents park on the other side of the bus stop then they walk across the road, grab their kids and walk back across the road to their car! Is that safe? If we increase the amount of walkways we could stop that!

Our bike stand doesn't have a safe and secure pathway meaning students can't leave safely. This is a serious problem and it needs to be fixed. If we craft a safe pathway along the side of the car park it would be much safer.

We need your help!

Your's Sincerely
Julius Spiers

23/08/2016

Andrew Teale.
Room 7,
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Hamilton 3289.

Waikato District Council,
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To whom it may concern,

The Rotokauri School car park is an extremely unsafe place. For a start, we have 4 Road Patrol members, all of which are students. 3 of them have to go onto the road to block the cars properly. Is this really safe?

Secondly, students get cold in the bus bay because their parents can't afford before school care. This could lead to sickness from exposure to cold, meaning that students can't go to school.

Thirdly, parents can do things against the rules or laws with only eye-witnesses. Is this reliable? If somebody gets severely injured or killed, the police might not be able to find the person who did it.

Now, I know that this sounds rather bad, but I have some good solutions for you. Firstly, for the Road Patrol members, we can replace them with automatic swing gates and car sensors from the hospital and The Base, respectively. There will be key cards for the teachers as well.

Secondly, for the bus stop, I suggest adding a front wall with windows and glass doors, lighting, and heating. (Surround sound optional but recommended.)
And lastly of all, to help stop parents breaking rules, I suggest we add security cameras to record anything and everything that happens.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Teale

NZEI / PPTA PLANNED STOP WORK MEETINGS

It is very rare that both unions come together and take teaching time to discuss educational issues. On Monday, 12th September union members of our school will be joining other teachers from around the Waikato in discussing proposed changes to the way the Government funds education.
More information will be emailed to parents tomorrow.

INFORMATION EVENING – SENIOR SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Come along to an Information Evening in **Room 7 at 6pm on Thursday, 15th September**. This is an evening when our Student Council will share their experiences as a senior student in our school and we will discuss our senior programme.

PARENTING IS IMPORTANT

As a parent I watch the media with great interest as a school somehow comes under the spotlight for actions of students who attend the institution. The ball season for high schools must be an absolute nightmare.

The achievement of children academically and socially is based on the time and value parents place on parenting.

Students actually only spend 15% of their time in school. North Carolina State University, Brigham Young University and the University of California have all published studies of parent involvement and the success that it can bring.

While we think there must be some special secret to parenting the actual data shows that it's as simple as spending time with children. The one thing that really made the difference was talking to their children - having discussions about school and how their day went. Valuing education within the household also made a dramatic difference to student achievement. But the research also revealed something else - that parents of all backgrounds don't need to buy expensive educational toys or digital devices for their children in order to give them the edge. They don't need to chauffeur their offspring to enrichment or test-prep courses either. What they need to do is simply talk.

WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT

This tournament takes place on **Thursday, 8th September**. The age groups are: Years 3 & 4, 5 & 6 and 7 & 8. Schools competing: Rotokauri, Te Kowhai, Horotiu, and Whatawhata.

Netball is held at Minogue Park, football at Te Kowhai School, and rugby is held at Whatawhata School. More information will be given out in the very near future.

PIANO AT ROTOKAURI SCHOOL

Many thanks to the Emslie family for donating a piano to our school. This will enable any Rotokauri student who takes piano lessons to use this piano during lunch times to practise. It will also add another dimension to the singing programme. Thank you Emslie family.

HEADLICE

This problem never goes away. Please get in the habit of checking your children's hair regularly and if you find evidence of headlice please treat and retreat as necessary.

INTERESTED IN HAVING A CALF FOR AG DAY?

One of our local farmers, Avril McBeth, is very keen to see Agricultural Day continue to grow in popularity. Every year she gives local school children the opportunity to work with and show a calf from her farm. There is still one spot available for this year's Agricultural Day. Everything is provided – all you need to do is get your child to the farm in the afternoon to work with the calf in preparation for Ag Day. If you would like more information from a parent with past and present experience of this opportunity please contact Marie Carlson 0274 303 844.

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 ENTRY FORMS

Please consider entering your child as our numbers look like they will be down on previous years due to a large group of Year 8's leaving last year that used to compete every year and other families moving away from the area.

Entry forms are on the school website under newsletter attachments and notices (www.rotokauri.school.nz). 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 – HELPER NEEDED...PLEASE

To make this day run smoothly we are totally reliant on volunteers. Below is the last job 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 steward x 1** - to assist the judge by organising the children with their animals, writing down the judges results and tying ribbons on the calves.

ROOM 4 REPORT WRITING

SUPER CROSS!!!!

My sport is SuperCross. It is not is not at the Olympics just yet. You can ride motorbikes on a supercross track. You need to wear a helmet, gloves, shoulderpads, chest protector and have a motorbike. You use your core and abs to help pull up the bike. I love this sport because it is fun, keeps you outdoors and it is kind of a challenge for some people.

By Vinnie

HANDBALL

I chose handball because I play handball most days at school. It was played at the Rio Olympics 2016. You can play handball at home, school, on your driveway, skateboarding parks and even inside. It is so easy to play. First you have to bounce the ball with your right hand and then bounce it in your square, so then it bounces in the other persons square. All you need is a bouncy ball, some comfortable clothes and a flat area to play. I like handball because I play handball and it is so fun to play. I feel excited about playing the sport, and I feel comfortable about it.

BY ELIAS!!!!

GOLF CLUBS FOR SALE

The school has had some ladies golf clubs donated by Jo Campbell. If you would like to make an offer, please see Mark. All proceeds go towards the senior camp.



ROKOKAURI SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Last year our school raised over \$1000 at the **book** fair thanks to the donations, work and purchases by the community. We have decided to have another **book** fair this year.

The **book** fair will be held at the school gala/car show on Sunday, 13th November. We are looking for the donation of good quality **books**, sorry, but no magazines, encyclopaedia, compendiums or readers digests. If you are planning to clean out your cupboards could you please put the **books** aside as collection will start next week. The collection point will be in the Multipurpose Room.

We would also love some **clean plastic bags** to place the books into once they are sold.

If you have any queries, please contact Book Fair co-ordinator:
Miranda Collinson ph 849-7623

PTA CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who helped with this fundraiser. We still have a few boxes outstanding and we would appreciate them coming back to school as soon as possible (money and/or chocolates). We have had quite a few bars returned. If you would like to buy some or have somewhere else you could sell them please see Sharon at the office.

Winners of the vouchers for selling full boxes of chocolates by 19th August:
Norton Family – winners of 2 vouchers – Room 6
Prajapati Family – Room 5
Fryer Family – Room 7

PTA NEWS

CAR SHOW & GALA – SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2016:

It's that time again when we start planning for our Car Show & 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, 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 Car Show:

If you would like to sponsor or donate prizes for the car show that would be great.

Giveaways: If anyone has any bulk items ie, 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 set up in the school office to place any items in.

If you are able to help with any of the above or would like more information you can contact us at: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

Thank-you

APPLICATION FOR PTA FUNDS FORM

The PTA has set up a new form for anyone who would like to request funds from the PTA for our consideration. All applications must come via this form.

You can email us at pta@rotokauri.school.nz and we will email you the form.



GO, GROW, GLOW!

SNACK SWAPS

Snacks are mini meals and should come from the four food groups, providing the body with goodness and fuel.

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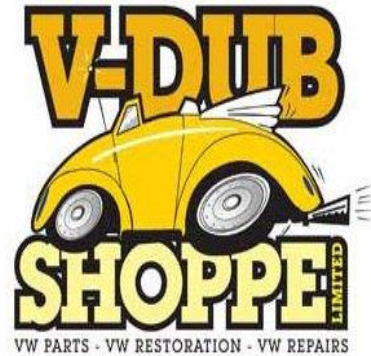
Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

The poster features a central diagram with arrows pointing from three snack packages (On the Border, Fruit & Nuts, and Wheats) to a collection of healthy snacks including potato chips, biscuits, an apple, a pear, and a cluster of nuts.

Rotokauri School Car Show and Gala 2016 Sponsors



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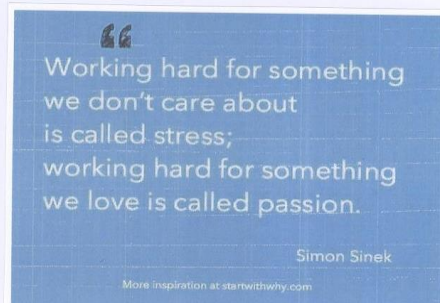
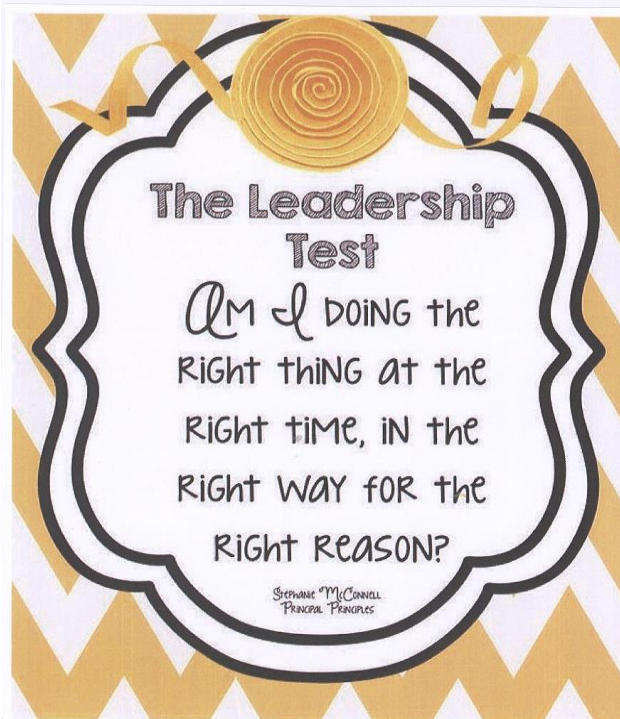
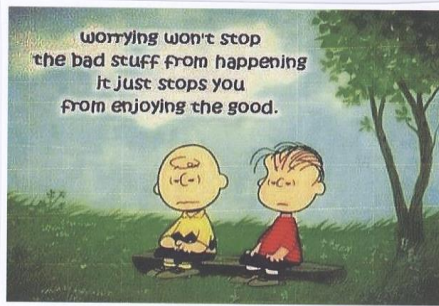
This year's **Round the Bridges** is on Sunday 13 November. Enter a school team now and be in the draw to win one of two \$500 Rebel Sport vouchers!

\$6 Super Saver entry for the 2km Kids Challenge is available until 31 August. The event also features 6km and 12km categories for adults.

Visit www.roundthebridges.co.nz for more info.



2KM KIDS CHALLENGE
Enter online at roundthebridges.co.nz



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