

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## CAR SHOW / GALA 2016 *"Thanks for your support"*



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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**

What an outstanding day at Rotokauri School on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November with the Car Show and Gala. Great weather, lots of smiling faces and laughter, fantastic cars (both real and cardboard), yummy food and drinks and a tremendous community spirit was alive and well. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this a hugely successful event. To the members of the PTA committee that have been working tirelessly behind the scenes for many months the staff and children thank you for the time and effort you have put in to fundraise for all the extra things you provide for our school.

There are many projects and events happening in the school as we count down to our final day on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please read the BOT and PTA news to find out more.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Linda Marsh for being a dedicated staff member at our school for a number of years. Mrs Marsh will be leaving Rotokauri School on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November. We wish her the best of luck in her new role.

## **BOT NEWS**

### **Room 4/5 Upgrade**

The BOT would like to keep the school community up to date with our future plans for the upgrade around Rooms 4 and 5. As mentioned in a previous newsletter we are planning on upgrading the outdoor space of these 2 rooms.

This plan was to be a combined project seeing an expansion of usable space in Room 5 along with the new outdoor area, however the costings for the project have come back as significantly higher than the budget allows for. This has led to a prioritisation of work, with the budget being allocated to extending Room 5 space

rather the outdoor space. This is consistent with the Ministry of Education approved approach for the use of the 5 yearly allocation capital for property improvements. The plan is therefore to begin with an indoor extension of Room 5 to make a great new space for teachers and students to use for a multitude of reasons within the school day.

This first stage will begin within the next few months and then will be followed by the outdoor area within the next 5 year plan as funds allow.

The BOT will continue to update the school community as plans develop.

### **Swimming Pool**

Thank you to the twelve parents that have offered their services to be on the roster for keeping the school pool open over the holiday period. Also, thank you to Amy Fuller for offering to organise the roster. Keys for the swimming pool are on sale from the school office at a cost of \$75. This allows you access to the school tennis court as well. Please do not send your child with the money as a form needs to be read and signed by an adult before a key can be given out.

The swimming pool has been sandblasted and some general maintenance completed on it in preparation for painting. Mrs Skiffington and a group of artistic students will be adding their flair to the pool as well – keep watching the pool developments. We will notify you once the pool is ready for swimming in.

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Car Show / Gala**

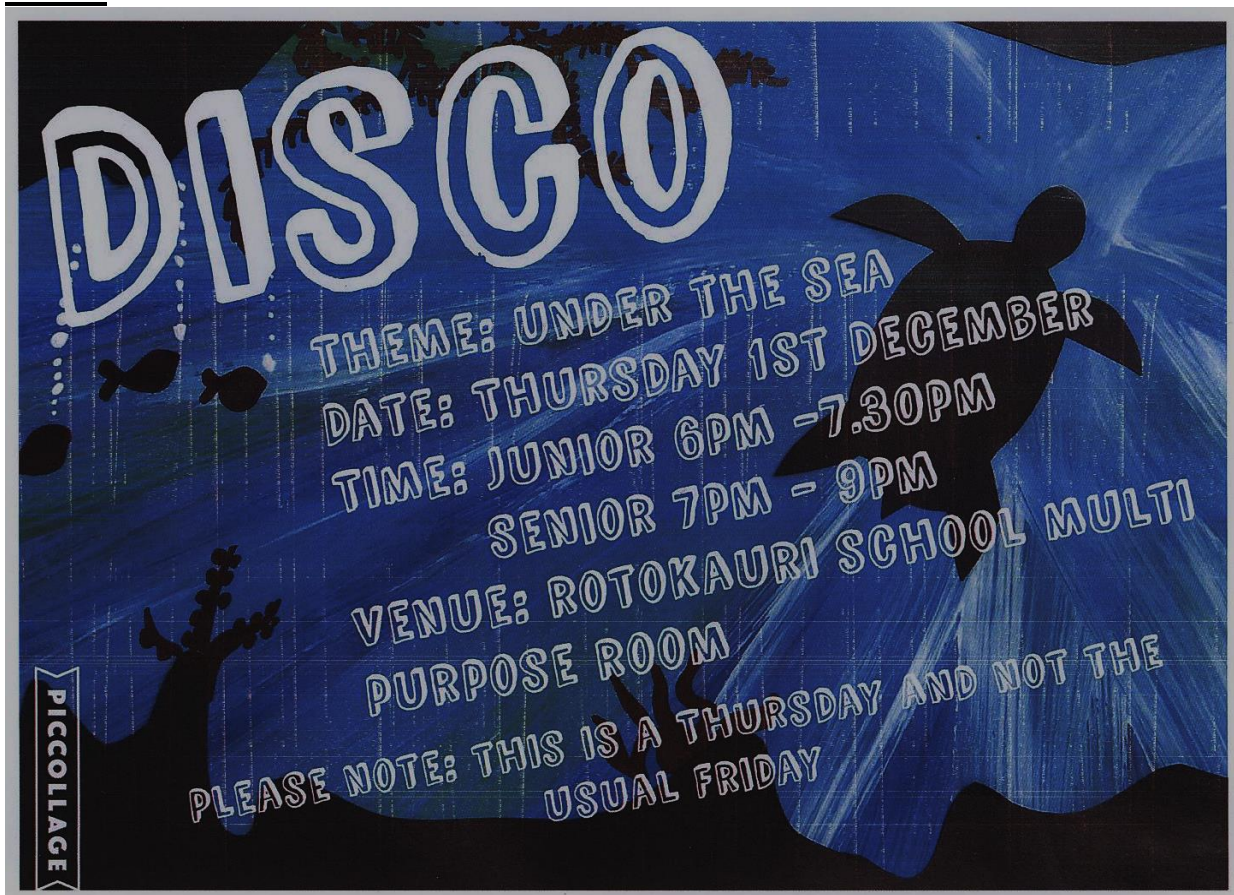
The PTA would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the Car Show and Gala a great success:

All the families, school staff, businesses, community who donated prizes, products, items, services, time and assistance to all the many aspects involved in putting on a day like this. It is greatly appreciated.

The day's effort raised just over \$10,000 and we thank you all and look forward to seeing the Adventure Trail take shape in the near future.



## Disco



## **GENERAL MATTERS**

### **Management Team**

The Management team has changed due to Mr Goodson's recent resignation. For the remainder of the term Miss Smith = Acting Principal, Mrs Kirkham = Acting Deputy Principal and Mr Watkins = Acting Assistant Principal.

The BOT will keep you updated with information regarding the appointment of a permanent Principal.

### **Prizegiving**

On Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our end of year prizegiving on the bottom field. The evening's programme will begin at 6.00 p.m. Please feel free to come earlier to have a picnic dinner with your family. Thank you to the PTA for offering to sell sausages prior to the prizegiving.

### **Class Lists**

Thank you to the parents that expressed their opinions on their child/children's classroom placement for next year. We appreciate your feedback and have taken your views into consideration when finalising the class lists for 2017. Your child/children's class will be announced on the stationery list which will be given out on the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Reports

Staff are currently working on their student's end of year reports. The junior syndicate will continue their cycle of reporting with a parent interview. Senior reports will be issued on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December with the stationery lists.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

### Athletics

The final whole school sporting event will be completed this week. The students will be competing in our athletics events – long jump, high jump, sprints, shotput and discus.

### Assembly Awards

#### **Week 5**

Room 8	Ryan Keightley – for enthusiasm and results in Reading
Room 8	Callista John – for focus and progress in written language.
Room 1	Madison Gibson – for positive attitude and enthusiasm towards all school activities.
Room 1	Alex Perring – for fantastic focus and attitude towards all school activities.
Room 2	Talei Phillips – always having a positive, enthusiastic attitude towards everything at school.
Room 2	Oliver Selwyn – working hard to learn all his Word Worm words.
Room 3	Nadia Peng – you consistently work at only the highest standard and should be very proud of yourself and your efforts.
Room 3	Mason Newbold – you have made excellent progress in reading and writing recently. Well done on your hard work Mason.
Room 4	Lamayne Clark – for making good choices.
Room 4	Aditya Raju – adding interest to the classroom programme.
Room 5	Carter Jackways – excellent progress in his maths assessment.
Room 5	Kiedis Vallett – outstanding effort in athletics and skill in long jump.
Room 6	Koen McCurdy – the effort towards your writing in the last term has been awesome. Keep up the great work.
Room 6	Ryleigh Beyer – your enthusiasm during writing recently has been great to see. Keep up the great work.
Room 7	Tahlia Farrell – you are such a responsible student, we can rely on you to carry out any task with confidence. Be proud Tahlia.
Room 7	Charlize Nevill – you are such a team player and always offer to help others. Keep up the fantastic attitude.

#### **Week 6**

Room 8	Luca Haldane – for being thoughtful and considerate.
Room 8	Grayson Wallace – trying hard to finish all his work.
Room 1	Maddix Annis – for fantastic focus and attitude towards all school activities.
Room 1	Kees Rogers – working hard to improve his focus at mat time.
Room 2	Sari Tangiora – super effort and wonderful perseverance in high jump practice.
Room 2	Cory Burt – awesome focus and effort in writing a recount. Keep it up Cory!

Room 3	Maya Sharma – great progress in writing. Well done Maya.
Room 3	Kaycee Whitfield – for having a positive, can do attitude during all athletics training.
Room 4	Mikayla Farrell – great progress in Maths. Keep it up.
Room 4	Savannah Smith – great progress in Maths. Keep it up.
Room 5	Layton Farrell – outstanding progress in reading and maths. Thank you for your great attitude.
Room 5	Euan Aitchison – fantastic progress in reading assessments. Well done.
Room 6	Olliver Milne – great progress in Maths. Well done Olliver.
Room 6	Brooklyn Snelgrove – your spelling ability is outstanding. You should be proud. Well done Brooklyn.
Room 7	Reiley Samuels-Porter – you are such a team player. You support others in their learning and show kindness to your peers. Well done.
Room 7	Rebecca Perham – you show persistence in your learning; when you are challenged, you don't give up. Be proud!

### **Keep Rotokauri Beautiful Award**

Week 5 – Room 3

Week 6 – Trophy not given out

### **Maths Whizz**

Week 5 – Room 5

Week 6 – Room 7

## **REMINDERS**

### **Teacher Only ½ Day**

Don't forget that the bell will ring at 12 noon and students will need to be picked up by 12.15 p.m on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> November. There will be **no** After School Care available on that day. Staff will be off-site completing work on our Rotokauri Curriculum and planning for 2017.

### **Tennis Court Keys Available**

If you would like to hire a tennis court key for the season they are available for \$30.00. They are available at the school office – school families only.

### **Bottom Carpark**

The bottom carpark is now open on a daily basis as an option for picking up children in the afternoons. Thank you to the parents that are using this driveway off Rotokauri Road on a regular basis. We have asked that your children wait for you by the long jump sandpit. Picking up your children from this carpark would certainly save you some valuable time.

## BIG PUMPKIN CONTEST – MITRE 10 MEGA

Mitre 10 MEGA Te Rapa is holding a big pumpkin contest and this year we want to get schools involved. We know many schools are now incorporating gardens into their kids learning so thought it would be a great opportunity to grow something exciting and different. Weigh in will be held in store at 1pm March 25<sup>th</sup> 2017. Prizes for individual pumpkins are outlined below.

The Biggest BIG PUMPKIN - \$200 Mitre 10 Gift Card  
The Ugliest BIG PUMPKIN - \$50 Mitre 10 Gift Card  
The Best Dressed BIG PUMPKIN - \$50 Mitre 10 Gift Card  
The Smallest Mature PUMPKIN - \$50 Mitre 10 Gift Card

To encourage kids to get growing, we will reward the school with the most pumpkin entries an additional \$200 gift card! This can be used to promote gardening further in the kids' education or anything else your school may need.

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