

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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THURSDAY

DISCO

THEME: UNDER THE SEA
DATE: THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER
TIME: JUNIOR 6PM - 7.30PM
SENIOR 7.30PM - 9PM
VENUE: ROTOKAURI SCHOOL MULTI
PURPOSE ROOM

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A THURSDAY AND NOT THE
USUAL FRIDAY

PICCOLLAGE

The poster features a vibrant blue and green underwater scene with a large black silhouette of a sea turtle swimming towards the right. The word 'DISCO' is written in large, white, bubbly letters at the top left. The event details are written in white, slanted text across the center. A vertical logo for 'PICCOLLAGE' is on the left side.

TONIGHT!!!

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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

Once again we are celebrating a busy and successful fortnight. Lots of progress with our Adventure Trail is noticeable at the bottom of the field. Thank you to all the people that have made this project come to fruition. We had a wonderful turnout of supporters at our athletics day on Friday, 18th November. We witnessed every student participating with enthusiasm, smiles on their faces constantly and always giving their best. Congratulations to all the students. Last week's assembly was dedicated to sharing the student's success with our certificate presentation. This week the whole school have been participating in Bike Wise. Richard from Project Energise has been working with the students on their cycling skills and bike safety. Thank you to all the families that brought along the student's bicycles for the week. Watch out for photos on our Facebook page. There is a number of activities happening over the upcoming weeks so please keep checking your newsletter or notices sent from teachers to ensure that you don't miss any important information.

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri.
We would like to welcome Hunter Edgar-Brewer to Room 8. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.
Ngaa mihi nui.

BOT NEWS

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT - UPDATE

A brief update on where things sit with the appointment of a new Principal for the school. Based on advice from the Ministry, the process will take us until at least the end of Term 1. The BOT are kicking off the recruitment process for a new Principal immediately, and have engaged an experienced consultant to support them in the appointment process. We are very conscious that the right type of person be

selected for our school and will be determining desirable leadership qualities with the support of the staff before putting together a job application.

If you have any thoughts on the leadership qualities of a new principal, please email them through to the BOT bot@rotokauri.school.nz

STAFFING CHANGES FOR TERM 1

With the appointment of the Principal expected to continue into Term 1, some minor changes have occurred for staffing:

Miss Desiree Smith will continue as Acting Principal – This leaves a vacancy in Room 2 until the new Principal is appointed, therefore Mrs Win Schmits will be teaching in Room 2 for Term 1.

Mrs Helena Kirkham will continue as Acting Deputy Principal

Mr Michael Watkins will continue as Acting Assistant Principal

Mr Hans Verberne will be our new caretaker for 2017, with the retirement of Garth McCormick at the end of the year. The BOT wish to thank Garth for all his hard work and wonderful efforts in supporting the school and wish him well going forward.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The BOT would like to thank all the families who filled in the school community consultation as it has allowed us to see areas that we do well and areas that need to be looked at.

The BOT will be looking into each of the questions asked in more detail over the upcoming year and will keep the community updated as we work through this process.

One of the concerns we have seen as a very strong theme in the feedback is the issue of car parking. The BOT will be looking into the car parking as a priority and will be working on options for improving this over the upcoming months.

Keep an eye out each month in the newsletter to keep up to date with what your BOT is doing for your school.

You can email us with any feedback or questions at bot@rotokauri.school.nz

ADVENTURE TRAIL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Adventure Trail Committee have started moving forward with Stage 1 of the Adventure Trail project. Playground Creations have constructed four structures - a roped balance beam, a frame net, climbing wall and stepping logs. Brad Kells from Laser Plumbing has spent the weekend digging out the areas around the structures and spreading soft fill. We have had some tyres and wooden poles kindly donated for the Adventure Trail. The Adventure Trail Committee are looking at making some obstacles ourselves. The long jump pit has been relocated down to this area and the committee are hoping to make another activity over top of it that can be used in the trail and then moved aside when the long jump pit is needed. Another area that the committee are looking at making as part of the Adventure Trail an off-road trail up into the bush section along the school boundary which would become an off-road trail for the students. If anyone has any ideas to contribute or any items to donate we would happily take these on board.

PTA NEWS

Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

CAR SHOW & GALA GRAND TOTAL: \$10,269.00

(Thank you to everyone who helped and attended on the day)

SWIMMING GOGGLES & CAP \$5.00



We have available for purchase at the school office, goggles & cap \$5.00 per set.

Please fill out the form below and we will send home with your child or you can pay and collect at the school office.

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Room Number: _____

Number of Goggles required: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$_____

Please return to the office in a named envelope with money.

Thank You.

GENERAL MATTERS

SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

The swimming pool has been freshly painted and is now drying thoroughly before filling ready for the swimming season. Thank you to Garth McCormick, Nick Spiers and their young helpers for your efforts preparing our pool. Unfortunately, due to the difficulty of sourcing appropriate paints, there will not be artist's work on the swimming pool. However, Mrs Skiffington will be working with the Gifted and Talented Art group on 8th and 9th December to produce some creative work for our swimming pool fence. We are excited about what will be created by these clever people. **Pool keys are available in the school office - \$75.00 for the season.**

DONATED TECHNOLOGY

As you can imagine a large portion of a school's budget can be spent purchasing and upgrading technology. We are grateful to LIC (Livestock Improvement) for their generous donation of 20 desktops, 2 laptops and 2 Apple iPads as part of their Computers for Rural Schools programme. Thank you to Michael Keightley for organising these. Thank you also to Katrina Smith (Ella Thorpe's mum) for starting the process for us.

FOOTBALL COACHING

Providing students with a variety of opportunities at our school is important to the staff. We would like to offer a Football Coaching Programme at the beginning of next year. Adam Thomas Football Coaching Programme aims to provide a structured programme for children to learn and develop in a safe and encouraging environment. The students will all participate in an 'introductory' workshop with their class on 9th February 2017. Each child will then receive an information handout regarding what the programme is about and how to sign up to the football classes. Football coaching classes will run for 6 weeks on Mondays (20th February – 27 March) from 3.15 – 5.00 p.m. The Football Coaching programme will cost \$60.

FUNDRAISING

Thank you to the parents, caregivers, family and community members that have supported the junior school by helping with the current fundraising activities that have been underway this term – Tupperware, Scentsy, Christmas cake raffle and calendars.

CELEBRATIONS

At assemblies over the last fortnight the following students were acknowledged by their teachers.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Week 7

Room 8	Reece Calnan – for his enthusiasm throughout the whole school day and his encouragement of others.
Room 8	Jude Ploeg – for giving things a go and asking for help when he needs it.
Room 1	Jack Jones – for making excellent progress in Maths.
Room 1	Hannah Milne – for her super effort in all athletics events on Friday.
Room 2	Blake Robinson Hastings – for working amazingly cooperatively as a team to plan, design and build their invention.
Room 2	Lily Young – for working amazingly cooperatively as a team to plan, design and build their invention.
Room 3	Quinlen Dixon – awesome effort during our school athletics competition.
Room 3	Ava Viljoen Thomson – awesome effort during our school athletics competition.
Room 4	Hannah Hobbs – excellent improvement in Maths. Great results in your assessment.
Room 4	Lewis Surgenor – great results in his Maths assessments. You should be really proud of yourself.
Room 5	Jessica Cuff – showing an excellent attitude in her work and showing outstanding responsibility.

Room 5	Anaiya Nelson – great results in her assessments. You should be very proud of yourself.
Room 6	Lily Daniels – Your enthusiasm is so catchy. You always have a smile on your face. Awesome attitude.
Room 6	Isaac Collinson – your work ethic has been outstanding all year. You are such a great role model. Keep up the great work.
Room 7	Zahra Warnock – you always display a positive attitude in all that you do. This is something to be really proud of.
Room 7	Callum Cameron – you always show kindness to others and offer to help, without being asked, this is very special.

Week 8

Room 8	Noah Rose – For kindness to others and the wonderful way you manage your time.
Room 8	Ellie Fairclough – For effort and improvement in reading.
Room 1	Jesse-Rose Clement – For outstanding effort in all school activities.
Room 1	Zakk McDonagh – Always trying your best in PE.
Room 2	Blake Robinson Hastings – Shows initiative when seeing a job needs doing. A great help. Thank you Blake.
Room 2	Caleb Jacobs – Always does his best and completes his work well.
Room 3	Bella Wilson – Fantastic effort in developing your editing skills in writing. Well done Bella.
Room 3	Sophie Fairclough – Great attitude and enthusiasm on your bike this week.
Room 4	Jayden Ward – Fantastic results in your Maths Assessments. Keep it up.
Room 4	Ella Prangnell – For being a wonderful listener and having a great attitude.
Room 5	Lilly Aitchison – Outstanding results in her Reading Assessments.
Room 5	Ella Burt – Fantastic attitude in all her work over the whole year.
Room 6	Daniel Cameron – Your persistence towards all curriculum areas is outstanding. Great Work Daniel.
Room 6	Lucas Birks – You have made huge progress in your Writing this year. Well done Lucas.
Room 7	Devon Collinson – You are such a team player, you encourage others and support your team members.
Room 7	Parsa Soltanizand – You can always be relied upon to get a job done – well done for this Parsa.

KEEP ROTOKAURI BEAUTIFUL AWARD

Week 8 – Room 8

MATHS WHIZZ

Week 8 – Room 5

NUMBER WORKS

Every term the school is offered a voucher for free tuition for a term at Number Works. Congratulations to Paige Moka for being selected by the teachers to undertake this generous offer in Term 1 next year.

ROUND THE BRIDGES

It is always great to hear feedback about events that our students are participating in outside of school. Recently the Round the Bridges event was held in Hamilton. Congratulations to Paige Moka, Angus Elliott and Thomas Keightley for successfully completing the run in their age group.

REMINDERS

DISCO

We hope that all students attending the disco tonight enjoy the experience. Thank you to the PTA for organising the disco and supervising the students.

JUNIOR SCHOOL TRIP

Rooms 8, 1, 2 and 3 are going on a junior syndicate trip to Butterfly Creek in Auckland on 15th December. A newsletter outlining costs, requirements, timetable for the day and permission slip will come out early next week, so please check your child/children's book bags for these.

CAMPS

It is an exciting time ahead as some classes prepare for their camps. A great deal of thought, time and effort goes in to organising a safe Education Outside the Classroom experience for the students. We wish the teachers, parent volunteers and students a safe and enjoyable time.

6th – 7th December = Year 5 and 6 camp at Pirongia Forest Park Lodge.

13th – 16th December = Year 7 and 8 camp at Whakamaru.

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Thank you to the students that report to the office if they arrive at school after the 9.00 a.m. bell. Absences from school and late arrival times are recorded on our Student Management System, as this is a requirement from the Ministry. Teachers track the regularity of both absences and lateness. For some families bringing students to school late has been occurring on a regular basis with unjustified explanations. Please let us know if there is any difficulty getting your children to school, as options such as carpooling may be available.

LOST PROPERTY

Thank you to all the students that 'discovered' their clothing in the Lost Property box last week. There was a volume of clothing overflowing from this box. This is disappointing as we encourage students to take responsibility for their belongings. It would be helpful if all clothing that your child is likely to take off during a day at school could be labelled clearly with their name. This ensures that if it is picked up it can be returned to the owner.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to the 45 students that have been chosen to represent Rotokauri School at the Interschool Athletics competition on Friday 2nd December. We know that you will make our school pride with your positive attitudes and will uphold our values of excellence, respect, persistence and responsibility. Thank you to the parents that have offered to assist with supervision at Bremworth Park.

SUNSMART AT ROTOKAURI

Remember that everyone needs to wear a school sunhat when they are outside during Term 4 at Rotokauri School – even on cloudy days. We also encourage children to wear sunblock to protect themselves from harmful UV rays during these summer months. Each class has their own supply of sunblock. This message comes from our Regional Health Nurse:

SunSmart Tips

Undercover Cody, the coolest SunSmart turtle is here to keep in the sun and remind you to **Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap** this summer.



Slip ...into a shirt and into some shade between 10am and 4pm when the sun's ultraviolet rays are at their strongest.

Slop ...on some sunscreen before going outdoors. The best type is called an SPF30+ broad-spectrum sunscreen. Wipe it on thickly at least 15 minutes before going outside, and then reapply when you get outside to make sure you've covered all your skin completely. If you go swimming or run around and get sweaty, make sure you put sunscreen on again every two hours.

Slap ...on a hat. The best hats to wear are the wide brimmed hats or bucket hats. Caps are not sun smart as they do not protect the back of the neck and ears but if that's all you have make sure you slap it on.

And Wrap ...on a pair of sunglasses. Choose close fitting wraparound sunglasses. Remember, you can get sunburnt on a cloudy day or in the water. It's the rays of the sun that burn your skin, not the heat so even when it is cool or cloudy you can still get sun burnt. The re-flection from the water can make the rays of the sun even stronger so always make sure you Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap kids!

POTATO IN A BUCKET – BIG REVEAL NEXT MONDAY

On Monday, 5 December all buckets need to come to school. Dirt must be in the bucket untouched. You may cut off the greenery if you wish. Please make sure all buckets are named and bring a named plastic bag so each child can take home their potatoes. Certificates will be given for winners in each category.

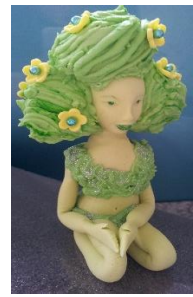
Please return all buckets so we can use them again next year. Thanks. *Mrs Evans*

YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER

A note went out earlier this week to the Year 8 students about their Leavers Dinner at Lone Star Restaurant on Thursday 8th December. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for your contribution to this evening. We hope that special events such as this will be remembered by students as they move into their secondary schooling.

SCHOOL YEAR START DATE

Put it on your calendar – our start date for 2017 is Tuesday, 7th February.



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BABY SITTER AVAILABLE

Hi, my name is Gemma Yorke, I am 15 years old and an ex Rotokauri student. I am currently a year 10 at Waikato Diocesan. I am looking for local babysitting jobs, so if you are in need of a baby sitter please let me know as I have experience and am very keen. My cell phone number is 0272958574.

Squiggle Holiday Programme

Squiggle holiday programme is OSCAR approved and open from 16th Dec – 23rd Dec and re-opening on 9th Jan – 27th Jan. We have a massive programme with a variety of activities and learnings that everyone will enjoy, including Young Engineers, arts and crafts, team games, cooking, sports and heaps more! We'll also be visiting Waterworld, learning about glowworms at Waitomo Caves and heading to watch Moana at the movies.

Squiggle is perfect for 5 year olds to 12 year olds. We're open from 8am to 5.30pm Mon-Fri. For more information and a full programme, go online – www.squiggle.org.nz. Ariana Paul M: 021-2424567 W: squiggle.org.nz

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

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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 complete.

(the underside of your child's lunchbox lid makes a great temporary place to get the stickers to school safely)

You can print a yummy sticker chart from:

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

To view the items that are available to our school:

<http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/2016-YummySportsGear.pdf>

**the
MUPPETS**



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This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

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