

NOTICES - 3rd February 2017

Welcome back to another exciting year at Rotokauri School. We hope that all families have had a restful, enjoyable holiday.

Some information/reminders prior to school starting on Tuesday 7th February.

DAY ONE

There will be an introductory assembly at 9.00 a.m, on the grass in front of Rooms 7 and 8. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be **no** assembly at 2.30 p.m that day.

Due to the renovations taking place on the Multi-purpose Room access to the school is limited.

There is a narrow entrance way to the Administration block available, but the alley way into the rest of the school is blocked off. Please enter the school via the gate beside Room 1 or around the back of the swimming pool.

At times the carpark will be busy with contractor's vehicles, so the alternative carpark off Rotokauri Road will be open for dropping off and picking up students.

STATIONERY

Stationery items can be purchased from the school office, along with school sunhats. The office is open from 8.20 am.

Please ensure that all stationery and clothing is labelled with your child's name. We ask that students have all their necessary stationery organised by Monday 13th February.

Covering of school stationery is not compulsory, but does keep books looking tidy, can be quickly identifiable to the students and helps the books to last longer.

LUNCHES

There will be **no** PTA school lunch orders on the first week of school. Lunch orders will begin on Monday 13th February. Due to the renovations there will only be Subway and sushi available for ordering. Orders will be taken from the Library on Mondays.

SUNHATS

Sunhats will need to be worn from Day One. They are available for purchasing from the school office at a cost of \$15.00. Please ensure that all hats are named, have a cord and toggle, and have no writing/attachments on them.

SWIMMING

Swimming is part of the PE Curriculum and is compulsory for all students. This year swimming will not be on a daily basis, due to the changes to the Swimming Pool regulations. Please check with your child's classroom teacher when the student's allocated swimming time is.

ATMOSPHERE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Atmosphere Before and After School Care has been moved to the school library due to the MPR renovations. This means that the school library has been closed until further notice.

BUS BAY

Any child arriving at school prior to 8.30 a.m needs to be enrolled at Atmosphere Care or must remain seated in the bus bay until the bell rings at 8.30 a.m.

At the end of the day all students are to move to the bus bay for pickup, unless their parent/caregiver meets them at the classroom. Children are not to play on the playgrounds without active parental supervision. Please let your child know which carpark you will be at to pick them up. The pick up zone is **not** for parking in – is it a drive through system. If your child is not at the pick up zone ready for you please find a parking space or carry on back into the line of traffic. If all parents/caregivers abide by these rules there should be less congestion (especially the median strip outside the school gate). We also ask that **all** adults follow the rules so that they are modelling safe practices to our students. This means using the pedestrian crossings that have been provided, rather than walking across the carpark.

FOOTBALL COACHING

Providing students with a variety of opportunities at our school is important to our staff. We would like to offer a Football Coaching Programme at the beginning of this 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. Please check the school website for more information.

TECHNICRAFT

Our Year 7 and 8 students attend Tech on Wednesday mornings from 10.50 a.m – 2.45 p.m. Tech will begin on Wednesday 8th February – please check your emails for more information from the classroom teachers.

BI/TRIATHLON

I hope everyone has done some running or kept active over the holidays because the annual Bi/Triathlon is early this year. It is held on the **24th of February**. Everyone that races gets points for their house group. The points each house is awarded from this event, School cross country and the new Rotokauri swimming sports gets added together at the end of the year to find the overall winning house. Parents are more than welcome to come and enjoy the day with us. Racing starts at 9:20am.

WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON – SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY, 2017

Juniors aged between 7-10 years OR Seniors aged between 11-15 Years

If your child is interested in participating in this year’s Weetbix TRYathlon as part of our Rotokauri School group, registrations are done online for each entrant by parents/caregivers.



To be acknowledged as part of our school group, please ensure when registering your child that when you come to “Which School do you attend,” you choose the school group “Rotokauri School” in the drop-down box, and then check the small box underneath to confirm you want to be linked to our school group.

All the information you need is on the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon website <http://try.weetbix.co.nz/> The TRYathlon is held at the Waikato University grounds.

Please check the website for any other information you need. Nothing needs to be returned to school, we are just trying to get some information to you so that your child doesn't miss out on this great sporting opportunity.

If you require further information, please feel free to ask Helena Kirkham in Room 8 or Mike Watkins in Room 6.

Marzipan Classes

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marzipan! We run awesome drama classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive a certificate too to remind them they are awesome! You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marzipandrama.co.nz or contact Jex on 027 217 0693

Below is the timetable:

SCHOOL	Rotokauri School
LESSON DAY	FRIDAY
TIME	0800-0845
LOCATION	Library
COST	\$155
SCRIPT	Superhero Falls Sick
TIMETABLE	
WEEK 1	NO CLASS (payment due this week)
WEEK 2	NO CLASS
WEEK 3	Lesson 1 17/02/17
WEEK 4	Lesson 2 24/02/17
WEEK 5	Lesson 3 03/03/17
WEEK 6	Lesson 4 10/03/17
WEEK 7	Lesson 5 17/03/17
WEEK 8	Lesson 6 24/03/17
WEEK 9	Lesson 7 31/03/17 - Dress Rehearsal
WEEK 10	Lesson 8 07/04/17- Parent Showcase
WEEK 11	Lesson 9 TUESDAY 11/04/17 2.30 - Peer Performance

CLASSES FOR 2017

Class Number	Teacher
Room 1	Mrs Jacqueline Hill
Room 2	Mrs Tracy Hopewell
Room 3	Mrs Win Schmits
Room 4	Mrs Mary Evans
Room 5	Miss Kylie Christian
Room 6	Mr Mike Watkins
Room 7	Mrs Casey Sanders
Room 8	Mrs Helena Kirkham

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
9 th February	Football workshops for each class
10 th February	Huff and Puff workshops for each class in the swimming pool
15 th February	PTA meeting - 7 p.m in the staffroom
16 th February	Xtreme Waste trip for Rooms 1, 2, 7, 8
20 th February	Meet The Teacher
20 th February	Year 7 and 8 Vaccination Education Programme
21 st February	Religious Instruction starts
22 nd February	BOT meeting – 7 p.m in the staffroom
23 rd February	Xtreme Waste trip for Rooms 3, 4, 5, 6
23 rd February	Hui – 7 p.m in the staffroom
24 th February	School bi/triathlon
27 th February – 1 st March	Leadership Camp – Year 8s
3 rd March	Get, Set, Go Day – Rooms 1 and 2
6 th March – 9 th March	ERO visit
8 th March	Senior School Swimming Sports at Hamilton Boys High School
10 th March	Junior School Swimming Sports at school
11 th March	Fishing Tournament
13 th March	Class Photographs
16 th March	Cluster Swimming Sports – 8 yrs+
17 th March	Hangi
23 rd March	HPV Year 8 Vaccinations
30 th March	Softball – Years 5 – 8
3 rd April/4 th April	Senior School Interviews
7 th April	Cluster Softball – Years 5 – 8
13 th April	Last day of Term 1

We have a busy term ahead and with all the improvements to the MPR will need to show values of tolerance and patience.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email with any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

Miss Smith
Acting Principal