

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Fishing Tournament

11th March 2017 at Coromandel

Entry Fee: Adult \$40.00 Child \$10.00

**Information and registration
at Rotokauri School Office**

Prizes:

Adults' Section:

Snapper 1st prize \$300.00
Snapper 2nd prize \$150.00
Snapper 3rd prize \$100.00
Largest other species \$150.00

(excluding sharks, rays and eels)

Children's Section:

Snapper 1st prize \$100.00
Snapper 2nd prize \$ 60.00
Snapper 3rd prize \$ 40.00
Average snapper \$ 50.00
Largest other species \$ 50.00

(excluding sharks, rays and eels)

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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 us all in learning.

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VISION

Together We Grow

- Unity (Kotahitanga)
- Inclusive (Manaakitanga)
- Guardianship (Kaitiakitanga)

Together We Learn

- Innovative (Auahatanga)
- Happy (Uruhau)
- Responsible (Tuutika)

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES

Persistence

Resilience

Integrity

Diversity

Excellence

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

The year has started at a frantic pace with trips to Xtreme Waste, the annual bi/triathlon, hui, Meet the Teacher, Padder Tennis workshops, Student Council elections and the teachers busy in their classrooms completing beginning of year assessments and setting up routines and expectations with the students. It is great to see and hear happy, engaged, motivated students. Thank you to the parents/caregivers that were able to attend the Meet the Teacher information evening on 20th February, as well as those that were able to attend the PTA meeting and hui. I have enjoyed attending these meetings myself, and listening to the enthusiastic discussions about what can be done to improve the experiences for our students. This week the Year 8's along with Mrs Kirkham, Mr Perham and Mr Campbell attended the Leadership Camp at Narrows Park. We look forward to hearing about their camp. Without parental help these opportunities for our students cannot happen, so thank you to all the parents that make themselves available to assist on camps, in classrooms or on trips. We really do appreciate your partnership with us. The next big event for the school is our ERO visit, which will take place from 8th March – 14th March. We look forward to meeting with them to showcase all the wonderful things that happen at Rotokauri School. In upcoming newsletters we will keep you informed of the outcome and their recommendations. Please enjoy the sunshine as I think summer may have finally arrived. On a personal note I wish to thank the BOT for appointing me as the Principal of this wonderful school. I look forward to leading Rotokauri on our educational journey.

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri. We would like to welcome Chloe Inglis to Room 1. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School. Ngaa mihi nui.

BOT NEWS

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Feedback from our community consultation

Question 2 – Rotokauri school promotes the following values: respect, responsibility, excellence, persistence and honesty. Do you consider these to still be important values to track our children at this school?

Response – 100% Yes

Question 3 – Do you think your child has a sense of belonging to Rotokauri school?

Response – 97.18% Yes

1.41% No

1.41% Unsure

Question 4 – We report to parents in writing at least twice a year. What other information do you think would be useful to state when reporting to parents?

Response – (please note not all are shown)

- How your child is doing socially. How are they interacting with others.
- Areas that you as a teacher see as their weak points or that they struggle with, either socially or academically.
- I think you cover everything.
- Think the reports are great.
- A goal to work on that is also in child speak.
- Maintain good communication.
- Know if they are struggling sooner.

Question 8 – What is the main reason you have chosen to send your child to Rotokauri school?

Response – (please note not all are shown)

- Good reputation.
- Small school.
- Small country school with values.
- Country kids, Ag days, school camps, small numbers, no uniform, pool, open door, community.

Did you know??

You don't have to wait for your child's report to know how they are doing.

- You can ask them.
- You can email their teacher.
- You can make a time to come in a chat with their teacher.
- Teachers emails are their first initial, last name and then @rotokauri.school.nz

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

The Rotokauri School Board of Trustees has been working with Richard Clarke, Education Consultant, on the appointment of our new Principal. The appointment process included a range of steps including consultation with stakeholder groups, applicant's self-assessment, referees' reports, phone referencing, visits by the committee to meet applicants in their current place of employment and a formal interview.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all members of our school community who took the opportunity to have input into this process. The Board considered a range of information in making its decision to appoint.

We are pleased to announce that over the past weekend the Board appointed Desiree Smith as the new Principal of Rotokauri School. As Desiree is moving from her current position of Acting Principal, she is immediately able to take up her appointment as Principal.



How can I help my child's school??

Rotokauri School is always glad to have helpers for things such as:

- Agricultural Day.
- Spelling in class.
- Reading in class.
- Maintaining the school pool.



Ask your child's teacher how you can help today.

PTA NEWS

Welcome from the PTA to another year at Rotokauri School! We look forward to another year working with you.

A little bit about the PTA

PTA's have been helping the school community for at least 100 years in New Zealand. They are associations of parents and family based in the school, whose aim is to bring closer the relationship between the home and the school for the benefit of the children. The PTA provides services and raises funds for the benefit of the school and specific projects.

Rotokauri School has an active PTA. Currently there are 9 people on the Committee (teachers and parents) who attend meetings once a month.

- Regular PTA services provided to the school include:
 - Lunch orders
 - Discos
 - Sunhats, T-shirts, goggles and swim caps

- Fundraising over the last couple of years has resulted in the following PTA contributions to the school:
 - Beautification Project \$10,000
 - Adventure Trail Phase One: \$10,000
 - \$200 per year to each teacher for classroom equipment.
 - Subsidies to the cost of speakers, class trips etc.
 - Donation per child to school camp
 - Large Gazebos x 4 for use at school events value approximately \$6400.

- So far this year (2017) the PTA has provided/ passed payment for:
 - Funds to subsidise the Xtreme waste trip \$1,035.
 - Funds for Gymnastics and movement equipment \$4,197.75
 - New sandpit cover approximately \$1,200.
 - \$200 to each teacher for classroom equipment - \$1600.

Friends of the PTA

There is also a Friends of the PTA group. *Being a friend of the PTA means that you don't have to commit to coming to all the meetings but you will be informed about what is going on & what we need help with. If it happens that you have the skills, time, contacts or resources you can simply let us know by email how you are able to help.*

Fundraising 2017

Last year was a busy year with many fundraising activities (ten!). This year the PTA is trying a different approach – less fundraisers with bigger returns. We would like to try and raise a substantial amount of money at the start of the year to use over the course

of the year for the benefit of the students. So, we have only planned three fundraisers this year, two of which will be BIG!

The planned fundraisers are:

- 1) **First Term: EASTER RAFFLE** – will be HUGE this year with BIG prizes including thousands of \$\$\$ in Travel vouchers, Hamilton Zoo Family year passes, shopping vouchers, Easter eggs – treats for the whole family.
- 2) **Second term:** Entertainment books
- 3) **Fourth term: THE GALA & CAR SHOW**

More information about the **EASTER RAFFLE** will be sent out in the next newsletter.

There will be incentives for those who can sell the most tickets.

There will not be any chocolates or pies to sell this year.

Rotokauri School PTA AGM

The PTA holds an AGM once a year, traditionally in March. The AGM includes election of positions, and reports from the Chairperson, Treasurer, Principal and Staff. This year the meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday 08 March 2017

Time: 7.00 pm

Who: All staff and parents/caregivers of pupils of the school are welcome to attend.

Where: Rotokauri School – Staffroom

NOTE: The usual Rotokauri School PTA Meeting will follow the AGM at 7.30 pm.

Please email us at pta@rotokauri.school.nz if you want further information/ have any comments or suggestions or come along to the AGM or a meeting. We would love to see or hear from you!

SWIMMING GOGGLES & CAP **\$5.00**



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

Fundraising at The Warehouse (Town Branch) “BAGS FOR GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD”

Rotokauri School along with two other local community groups / charities have been selected to participate in the Bags for Good Neighbourhood Partnership at The Warehouse central branch in town.

When you purchase a 10 cent plastic bag you can then place a token in the voting box at the end of the check out.

This is a great fundraising opportunity for the school and the proceeds from this will go towards finishing stage 1 of the Adventure Trail.

Runs from February – July 2017.

Please spread the word to Family and Friends.





COLLECT THEM ALL!!

Yummy Fruit Company have kindly given us **colourful** wristbands to hand out when a completed sheet has been filled in. See who can collect the most



WARNING: Offer is limited to first 100 sheets handed in

Yummy stickers can be collected off all types of fruit from the Yummy Fruit Company (e.g nectarines, apples) sold at New World, Four Square and Pak n Save. Collection sheets are available on request from school or download from <http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schoolstickerpromo>. Labels off bags can be collected

too and are worth 10 points. A special collection sheet is available.



Hand your sheet into the school office with your name, classroom and preferred colour of wristband (we will see what we can do).

**We use these stickers to earn points for buying sports and PMP equipment
SO EVERYONE WINS!**

School Lunches

Due to the renovations there will only be Subway and sushi available for ordering. Orders will be taken in the Library on Mondays.

GENERAL MATTERS

Rotokauri School Health Education Statement

At the beginning of every year it is a Ministry requirement that we notify the school community about the Health Education that we are delivering to the students. Please find attached the 2017 Health Statement.

Updates

Over the previous two years the staff have been reviewing the school's mission, vision, values and key competencies. The past Principal provided information in newsletters in regards to the progress that we have made with these. Thank you for your input/comments over the last 2 years, through the school surveys which you have completed. It gives me a great sense of pleasure to share these with you, in their finished format.

Mission

Our positive environment will actively engage us **all** in learning.

Vision

Together We Grow – unity, inclusive, guardianship.
Together We Learn – innovative, happy, responsible

Values (these replace our school rules)

P = Pride

R = Resilience

I = Integrity

D = Diversity

E = Excellence

Attributes (these replace the key competencies)

Communicator

Questioner

Collaborator

Risk Taker

Problem Solver

Over the next few months we would like to 'unpack' these with you through newsletters and parent workshops so that we all have an understanding of them.

Behaviour

Another change within our school this year is our Positive Behaviour Plan. During 2016 the staff undertook professional development to review, modify and formulate a Behaviour system that would work more effectively for our school community. This year we will start our new Behaviour Plan. Please see attachment with the newsletter.

Friends of Rotokauri

On our school website we have Friends of Rotokauri. This is for businesses to advertise on our website and links through to their individual business website. If you would like to become a Friend of Rotokauri please see Sharon in the school office. The cost for this service is \$50 per year. All that we need from you is a business card and the address for linking your website to ours. There are some on our website already so check them out.

Click on Rotokauri School website

Click on Friends of Rotokauri

Click on business card

CELEBRATIONS

At our first assembly last week the following children received certificates. Please check our webpage/Facebook for photos of the proud students.

Assembly Awards

Week 3

Room 1	Kaylee Clark – you have great classroom manners. Thank you.
Room 1	Luca Haldane – you have improved a lot in the way you print your name.
Room 2	Alex Perring – a fabulous role model who is always focused on his work.
Room 2	Evie Wilson – a fabulous role model who is always focused on her work.
Room 3	Maddix Anniss – a super start to the year, showing great kindness and independence.
Room 3	Bianca Wallis – a fantastic start to the year, showing responsibility as a learner and leader. Well done.
Room 4	Matthew Webber – making a great start to the year and being a focused learner.
Room 4	Maya Sharma – making a great start to the year and being a focused learner.
Room 5	Riley Dempsey-Irvine – you have been a fantastic questioner. Great start to the year.
Room 5	Keira Cowley – you are a wonderful collaborator – you listen to others and share your ideas confidently. Great start to 2017.
Room 6	Ella Caulfield – showing good focus, a great start to the year.
Room 6	Jayden Ward – working hard and completing work to a good standard.
Room 7	Cole Viljoen-Thomson – for his thoughtful responses during class discussions. Great start to 2017.
Room 7	Kayla Westgate – for starting 2017 off as a great role model for her peers and a great helper.
Room 8	Isaac Collinson – you consistently display leadership skills in all that you do. Well done.
Room 8	Jakin Warnock – you have begun the year in such a positive manner. Be proud.

Week 4

Students that received certificates at this week's assembly.

Room 1	Ryan Russell – Great risk taking Ryan when you wrote your story yourself.
Room 2	Nayr Bradbury – you always work really hard and complete tasks on time.
Room 2	Jude Ploeg – you have done really well this week taking risks and focusing on your work.
Room 3	Acacia Barham – you have been so positive during swimming, becoming more confident. Great kicking.
Room 3	Addison Jennings – you have so much to be proud of, especially in Reading. Great to see your confidence.
Room 4	Deanna Smith – working hard to improve her swimming. Wonderful effort Deanna.
Room 4	Neve Townsend – trying hard to improve her diving. Excellent persistence Neve.
Room 5	Angus Elliott – fantastic progress in swimming. You should be so proud of yourself for working hard on this.
Room 5	Seth Westgate – you have been so helpful during swimming time and modelling your skills with others.
Room 6	Kiedis Vallett – trying his hardest in all events.
Room 6	Corbyn Ridley – being responsible in his school work.
Room 7	Lilly Aitchison – for taking responsibility for her own learning and working hard to improve.
Room 7	Carter Jackways – for working hard and doing his best to focus on his learning tasks.
Room 8	Hazel Rodney – for risk taking, problem solving and questioning during Maths time.

Bi/Triathlon Results

Biathlon Girls

Event	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5 year old girls	Evie Wilson	Brooke Watkins	Callista John
6 year old girls	Hannah Milne	Nalei Nelson	Acacia Barham
7 year old girls	Bella'Capri Nelson	Nadia Peng	Keira Cowley
8 year old girls	Aidah Ali	Ella Prangnell	Mikayla Farrell
9 year old girls	Kayla Westgate	Anaiya Nelson	Ella Caulfield
10 year old girls	Baylee Montgomery	Rylee Carlson	Aamira Ali
11 year old girls	Tegan Barham	Tahlia Farrell	Charlize Nevill
12 year old girls	Vanessa Campbell		

Biathlon Boys

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
5 year old boys	Regan Bennett	Isaac Hapi	Ryan Russell
6 year old boys	Lachie Anderson	James Ward	Maddix Anniss
7 year old boys	Matthew Webber	Lachlan Emslie	Blake Robinson Hastings
8 year old boys	Ben Milne	Angus Elliott	Asher Hapi
9 year old boys	Oliver Campbell	Layton Farrell	Daksh Prajapati
10 year old boys	Danny Caulfield	Daniel Prangnell	Connor Williams-Thomas
11 year old boys	Brooklyn Sewell	Olliver Milne	Jakin Warnock
12 year old boys	Dylan Westgate	Liam Townsend	Reiley Samuels-Porter

Triathlon Girls

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
5 year old girls	Ellie Fairclough	Lucie Birks	
6 year old girls	Mercedes Barber	Talei Phillips	Lola Fau
7 year old girls	Neve Townsend	Sophie Fairclough	Carter Jessop
8 year old girls	Paige Moka	Natal Birks	Savannah Smith
9 year old girls	Jessica Cuff	Nevaeh Grason	
10 year old girls	Georgia Westgate	Lilly Aitchison	Sophie Elliott
11 year old girls	Heidi Perring	Ella Kells	Lily Daniels

Triathlon Boys

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
5 year old boys	Reece Calnan	Noah Rose	Ernie Young
6 year old boys	Archie Cameron	Jay Williams	Cooper Hobbs
7 year old boys	Isaac Stratford/Cole Turney	Cory Burt	Jett McFall
8 year old boys	Seth Westgate	Marama Tangiora	Corey Molloy
9 year old boys	Oscar Stratford	Elias Barber	Euan Aitchison
10 year old boys	Isaac Collinson	Cole Viljoen-Thomson	Brooklyn Snelgrove
11 year old boys	Daniel Cameron	Connor Hopewell	Liam Cornelissen
12 year old boys	Nick Westgate	Liam McLaughlin	

REMINDERS

Swimming Pool Vandalism

Please remember that if you see any signs of mistreatment/vandalism of our school property report it to the school promptly, with evidence if possible e.g photos of the culprits. Unfortunately last weekend (late Saturday evening/early Sunday morning) our pool volunteers arrived at the pool area to discover a large mess in the toilet area and a variety of objects in the pool itself – orange road cones, rubbish bins and toilet paper. This meant that the pool needed to be closed and a large amount of hours were spent cleaning out the filters and pump. At the moment we are unsure of whether the pool was entered by a key holder or not. This deeply saddens me as it shows a lack of respect for our school and is totally unnecessary. We would appreciate any information regarding this incident and would treat this with strict confidentiality.

ERO Visit

Three ERO officers will be on-site next week. They will be observing in the classrooms and speaking with students, staff, Management Team and BOT about the teaching and learning that is occurring at Rotokauri School.

Children's Safety

Just a reminder about picking up students from school. Please ensure that children are aware of who they are going home with and if there are any changes that the classroom teacher has been notified. Also, please do not take anyone else's children home unless prior arrangements have been organised. It was an awful feeling last week for the school and the parents of a student who went home with someone different. Lots of time was spent looking for the missing student.

Out of school Sports Club and extra curricular Notices

From now on we will be putting suitable notices sent to us by outside organisations straight onto our website instead of filling the newsletter. If you would like information on sports or out of school activities please go to www.rotokauri.school.nz and go to the tabs at the bottom called sports notices and extra curricular.

Class and Portrait Photographs

Class group and portrait photographs will take place on Monday, 13th March. Order forms have been sent home already. If you would like to purchase a photograph the order forms and payment will need to be back at school by 9.00 am on 13th March (sorry these cannot be paid by eftpos or internet banking into the school account). You can order class photos after this date, however you will have to post it directly to Photolife. Portraits of individuals or family groups are not automatically taken. These have to be prepaid by the above time and date. If you would like a sibling envelope please see Sharon in the office.

No Peanuts at School Please

We have been informed of a child in our school whose mild allergy to peanuts has developed into a potentially more severe reaction. We are therefore reversing the statement in the newsletter a fortnight ago and re-instating our **Peanut Free Policy**. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Entertainment Book – Pre-Order Prize Draw



OR



Early Bird Pre-Order Now Available

Every person that orders on the Early Bird Offer not only receives some great offers they can use straight away but they will also go in the draw to win the Chelsea Winter Prize Pack pictured above.

www.entbook.co.nz/15484g0

Pre-ordered books will be sent home on Monday 3rd April but have you thought about trying the App version this year?

If you do and you find you don't like it we will swap you back to the book free of charge.

Money from this fundraiser is going towards Stage 2 of the Adventure Trail.

Thank-you to Paperplus Te Awa for the wonderful book.



If you would like further information please email the PTA –
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COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

FLAVOURED WATER

Make your own flavoured water! Fill a jug with water and add:

- Ice cubes to keep it cool
- Slices or a squeeze of lemon, lime, cucumber, orange or berries
- Mint leaves



Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

SUPER SMOOTHIES

Smoothies are a great drink that can double as a snack. They are quick, nutritious and easy to make.

Ingredients:

- 1 banana
- 150g pot of fruit yoghurt
- 1 cup low fat milk
- Ice cubes (optional)

Blend all ingredients together and enjoy. Experiment with different types of fresh, canned or frozen fruit.



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Future Kids

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Opening
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Our Vision

To provide a green and sustainable home away from home, where children can express themselves and be loved and supported for who they are.

To ensure each child and their families leave with the foundations of environmental sustainability and a love of learning and life.

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