

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Rotokauri School
Rotokauri PTA Easter Raffle

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WIN!

Rotokauri School PTA Easter Raffle 2017

It is a big raffle this year with lots of prizes up for grabs!

We all love a good holiday! Where would you go? What would you do?

This is a chance to win some serious \$\$\$ towards one.

The beach in Fiji or Raratonga ... the theme parks on the Gold Coast ...

skiing in Queenstown ... a boat cruise ... The Vivid Festival of Lights in Sydney?

Where would you send a postcard from?

\$4000 Travel voucher from Cruiseabout/ Flight Centre

Hamilton Zoo yearly passes valued at \$250 each (2 draws)

\$150 Wheelbarrow and goodies

Te Awa \$25 Gift voucher (10 draws)

Specialty Chocolate Easter Eggs (10 draws)

Raffle terms and conditions:

Total number of tickets 1000; Tickets cost \$25

Last date of ticket sales Monday 10 April 2017;

Raffle run by Rotokauri School PTA;

Organised by Leba Phillips c/- Hamilton;

Winning ticket drawn at random under

supervision on 11 April 2017; Winner contacted by phone

& results published in School Newsletter & on School Facebook Page; Any items

not stated as part of the prize along with all incidental expenses & spending

money are the responsibility of the winner, at their own cost; Travel date must be

within 12 months of draw date

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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

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri.

We would like to welcome Ashton Newbold to Room 1. We hope you and your whanau / family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

It gives me great pleasure this newsletter to start with exciting news – Ashlie Kempthorne (Room 3 last year) and her partner Dane Robinson have welcomed a healthy baby girl into the world. Lovely little Jade was born on 8th March and weighed 8 pounds 3. We look forward to Ashlie visiting with her new daughter. On a personal note I would like to thank all the people that have stopped to congratulate me on my new position, have phoned or emailed with lovely comments and good wishes – I have been humbled by your words of encouragement and appreciate all the support that you have given me. Also thank you to the many parents/caregivers/whaanau that have shown their support by attending and assisting at school events over the last two weeks – Get Set Go Day, Rooms 5 – 8 Swimming Sports. As well, we had parents that spoke to ERO during their visit to the school last week, the staff appreciate all the positive comments that you made about your child's learning and the culture of our school. ERO have completed their review of the school and we await their draft report, which will be reviewed by the BOT and staff, before being published to the school community. It is a busy day today as the juniors visit Raglan and the rest of the school make

preparations for the hāngī on Friday. Thank you to Mary Evans for coordinating everything for this fantastic learning opportunity for our students. I know that there have been many community members involved in organising the hāngī behind the scenes and we would like to acknowledge all your efforts in making this day possible.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PTA NEWS

Pre-Order Prize Draw



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 – pta@rotokauri.school.nz

ONLY 11 SETS LEFT
(Stock up for next season)

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.

GENERAL MATTERS

Get Set Go Day

Rooms 1 & 2 had a fantastic day at 'Get Set Go!' fundamental skills day last Friday.

Get Set Go is an exciting initiative to help our Kiwi Kids develop the skills they need so that they can enjoy being more active through play and sport. It is designed for young children between years 1 and 3, and helps them to master the skills that will make participation in games, sport and recreation activities more enjoyable and successful.

These include

- The physical movement skills
- The knowledge and cognitive skills
- The emotional and social skills they need

Get Set Go encourages the development of these skills through play, games and fun activities supported by quality resources around assessment, teaching and learning.

A **huge thank you** to our parent support for the day. Without your assistance with transport and supervision, these opportunities would not be possible for our students.



Swimming Sports – Years 5 – 8

Wow! What a day this was. Our students had so much fun (even with the rain). The superb pool facilities at Hamilton Boys' High School enabled our students to keep out of the rain, swim in a heated pool, and stay under warm showers. Thank you to Todd Miller for helping us organise this day and for being there to greet us and help us with the event.

Also a huge thank you goes out to our parents who worked tirelessly as time keepers. They were the ones who braved the cold and wet weather and did such a great job timing all of the races, ensuring our results were fair and consistent.

Our top two place getters for each event, from 8 years old and up, will be representing Rotokauri School in the **Interschool Swimming Competition** held at the **Municipal Pools** in **Ngaruawahia today, Thursday, 16 March**. We wish our swimmers all the best in the competition, we are all very proud of you!

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Breaststroke 25m

	1st	2nd	3rd
10 year old girls	Georgia Westgate		
10 year old boys	Brooklyn Snelgrove	Isaac Collinson	Sullivan Hopewell
11 year old girls	Ella Kells	Tahlia Farrell	Molly Fletcher
11 year old boys	Olliver Milne	Adam Fryer	Liam Cornelissen
12+ year old girls	Rebecca Perham	Vanessa Campbell	
12+ year old boys	Nick Westgate	Reiley Samuels-Porter	Liam Townsend
8 year old girls	Isla Kahaki	Paige Moka	Savannah Smith
8 year old boys	Seth Westgate	Mārama Tangiora	Corey Molloy
9 year old girls	Kayla Westgate	Hayley Jorgensen	Rylee Barber-Smith
9 year old boys	Layton Farrell	Carter Jackways	Elias Barber

Breaststroke 50m

10 year old girls			
10 year old boys	Isaac Collinson	Jaxon Tate-Ward	Cole Viljoen-Thomson
11 year old girls	Tahlia Farrell	Heidi Perring	
11 year old boys	Adam Fryer	Liam Cornelissen	
12+ year old girls	Rebecca Perham	Vanessa Campbell	
12+ year old boys	Reiley Samuels-Porter	Liam McLaughlin	

Backstroke 25m

10 year old girls	Georgia Westgate	Alicia Norton	Sophie Barris
10 year old boys	Brooklyn Snelgrove	Cole Viljoen-Thomson	Riley Cornelissen
11 year old girls	Molly Fletcher	Ella Kells	Tegan Barham
11 year old boys	Daniel Cameron	Olliver Milne	Ryleigh Beyer
12+ year old girls			
12+ year old boys	Liam Townsend	Nick Westgate	Dylan Westgate
8 year old girls	Isla Kahaki	Aidah Ali	Lily Allen
8 year old boys	Seth Westgate	Ben Milne	Mārama Tangiora
9 year old girls	Rylee Barber-Smith	Kayla Westgate	Ella Burt
9 year old boys	Carter Jackways	Oliver Campbell	Euan Aitchison

Backstroke 50m

10 year old girls			
10 year old boys	Jaxon Tate-Ward	Lucas Birks	
11 year old girls	Lily Daniels	Heidi Perring	
11 year old boys	Jakin Warnock		
12+ year old girls			
12+ year old boys	Liam Townsend	Dylan Westgate	

Freestyle 25m

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
10 year old girls	Georgia Westgate	Sophie Barris	Jessica Cuff
10 year old boys	Isaac Collinson	Cole Viljoen-Thomson	Lucas Birks
11 year old girls	Tahlia Farrell	Tegan Barham	Molly Fletcher
11 year old boys	Ryleigh Beyer	Daniel Cameron	Liam Cornelissen
12+ year old girls	Rebecca Perham	Darriyn Nevill	Charlize Nevill
12+ year old boys	Nick Westgate	Dylan Westgate	Reiley Samuels-Porter
8 year old girls	Isla Kahaki	Aidah Ali	Lily Allen
8 year old boys	Seth Westgate	Mārama Tangiora	Hosea Warbrick
9 year old girls	Rylee Barber-Smith	Hayley Jorgensen	Kayla Westgate
9 year old boys	Euan Aitchison	Carter Jackways	Layton Farrell

Freestyle 50m

10 year old girls	Georgia Westgate	Bailey Lochore-Halpin	
10 year old boys	Brooklyn Snelgrove	Isaac Collinson	Cole Viljoen-Thomson
11 year old girls	Tahlia Farrell	Ella Kells	Tegan Barham
11 year old boys	Olliver Milne	Liam Cornelissen	Jakin Warnock
12+ year old girls	Rebecca Perham	Darriyn Nevill	Vanessa Campbell
12+ year old boys	Nick Westgate	Dylan Westgate	Reiley Samuels-Porter

House Relays Years 5 & 6

Kikorangi	Whero	Kowhai	Kakariki
1st	2nd	3rd	4th

House Relays Years 7 & 8

Kowhai	Whero	Kakariki	Kikorangi
1st	2nd	3rd	4th

Maths Whizz

Thank you to everyone who has made their payment for this promptly. Students need to complete an initial assessment at school before they can begin to complete their Maths Whizz tutor programme at home. Teachers are doing their best to get these assessments completed with the time and device access they have. Once these have been completed, students will be able to access their accounts at home with either a computer or a tablet. If using a tablet, you need to access it through the app called Puffin Academy. The recommended weekly usage target is 60 minutes in Tutor mode for accelerated progress and 30 minutes in Replay mode to consolidate their learning. This year our school has been given **free parental access to student reports** so parents can now see detailed information about how their child is doing on the programme. If you would like to have this access, watch this short video to learn how to sign up... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmzTbJ9t9Kk>

Principal Celebration and School Hāngī

Tomorrow at 1:30 pm our school will be formally welcoming Desiree Smith into her new position as Principal, followed by a school and community hāngī. We are looking forward to many of you joining us to celebrate this exciting occasion. The hāngī pit is dug and our students have prepared the vegetables, all ready for tomorrow.

The hāngī should be ready for the students to have for a late lunch. We suggest that the students have morning tea and a couple of extra pieces of food to eat at 12:30 (our usual eating time), to tide them over until the hāngī is ready at approximately 1:45 pm.

The fire will be lit at approximately at 6 am and we will require a few men at about 9 am for the 'hot work' of taking the burning wood and coals out of the hole. You are welcome to come and watch the process with your family.

Thank you for your support in this school wide event, we hope you can join us.

Bullying

Every now and again we hear the word 'bullying' used to describe behaviours in our school. It is really important that all parties understand what the word Bullying means. Here are the definitions that are identified in our school's Positive Relationships Procedure –

“Bullying is a willful conscious desire to hurt, threaten or frighten. It can be physical, verbal or psychological in nature and can include racial, religious and sexual harassment, rude gestures, intimidation and extortion. Bullying is ongoing in nature.”
Ministry of Education 1998

A child friendly Rotokauri School definition of bullying was developed through consultation with staff, parents and students.

“Bullying is when someone repeatedly hurts another person by using harmful words or actions.”

Rotokauri School actively seeks to provide a positive environment where students, staff and parents feel safe. The school makes a commitment to intervene when bullying is suspected or identified. Parents, teachers and students should feel able to report concerns about bullying. They can expect that they will be listened to, the situation will be investigated, interventions will take place and that they will not suffer negative consequences as the result of reporting an incident or concerns.

Hearing and Vision

We are being visited by our Hearing and Vision Technician on Tuesday, 28 March. Not all children will be tested. Year 7's and any other child that needs follow up checks could be seen on the day. If you do not want your child tested, please contact the school office. If you have concerns about your child and would like them tested please also contact the school office. Please read the following information sheet.



Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school.

The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check
- New immigrants

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test
NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.



CELEBRATIONS

At our assembly last week the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 5

Room 1	Alex Dombroski – This is an Integrity Award for how well you are trying to do the right thing and finish your work.
Room 2	Noah Rose – For showing kindness to his classmates.
Room 2	Grayson Wallace – For working really hard in Writing.
Room 3	Elijah Esselbrugge – For his positive attitude in Reading and his very thoughtful response to questions. Awesome Eli!
Room 3	James Ward – For always taking responsibility for your own learning and showing pride in your work. Keep this up James.
Room 4	Sophie Fairclough – For making excellent choices in class and taking responsibility for your learning. Well done Sophie.
Room 4	Imogen Jennings – For working hard to improve your reading. Well done Imogen.
Room 5	Hannah Hobbs – For always taking responsibility for your own learning and working hard to improve your reading. Great progress made!
Room 5	Bella'Capri Nelson – For risk taking, problem solving and questioning during Maths lessons.
Room 6	Alaura Pickles – For taking risks and trying to push herself in the pool.
Room 6	Nick Perring – For stepping into a leadership role and being a positive role model.
Room 7	Ashton Williams – For trying his best to focus on his learning tasks during Literacy Time.
Room 7	Connor Williams-Thomas – You always show the school values in class and are a great role model – be proud!
Room 8	Dylan Westgate – I often see you encouraging others and helping others in their learning. Be proud of yourself.
Room 8	Tegan Barham – You are a student who solves problems; you carry out jobs with such responsibility – Well done!

Week 6

Room 1	Isaac Hapi – You have made great progress in your alphabet knowledge and the way you use it.
Room 1	Brooke Watkins – I love the way you do your work the best you can all the time. That is excellence.
Room 2	Ellie Fairclough – Excellent focus and wonderful writing.
Room 2	Grace Petley – Excellent self-managing in class and fantastic writing.
Room 3	Archie Cameron – You have made an awesome effort with your printing. Be proud Archie.
Room 3	Hannah Jones – It's great to see your confidence and skill improving in swimming. You are on your way!
Room 4	Mya Aitchison – For displaying excellent work habits in the classroom.
Room 4	Ella Thorpe – For using your initiative and making good choices in the classroom.
Room 5	Paige Moka – What fantastic improvement in all areas of the curriculum. You are trying so hard to do your best.
Room 5	Aditya Raju – You have made an awesome effort to stay focused and finish work on time.
Room 6	Euan Aitchison – For stepping up and becoming a Room 6 leader.
Room 6	Oliver Campbell - For stepping up and becoming a Room 6 leader.
Room 7	Sophie Elliott – For always being a responsible and self-motivated learner – well done.
Room 7	Lucas Birks – For being a motivated and self-managing learner.
Room 8	Jakin Warnock – For teaching others.
Room 8	Liam McLaughlin - For teaching others.
Room 8	Liam Cornelissen - For teaching others.

REMINDERS

Payments

If you have not paid for an activity which your child has participated in, could we please have payments made to the school office asap. If you are unsure of what you have paid or not paid for please check with Sharon.

Top School Games 2017

We have registered a Year 7 & 8 team for the Top School Games 2017, to be held on **Sunday the 9th of April** at Te Kowhai School. Thank you to those students who have shown an interest. Mrs Sanders from Room 7 is organising this. There will be more information coming your way. Good luck team!

Netball

A notice of interest was sent home to gauge the interest from our school parents/caregivers who might be interested in coaching or managing a netball team this year. We are also looking for someone to organise and coordinate the teams, coaches, managers, and uniforms. Thank you to those parents/caregivers who have returned the form. We are still requiring more helpers. Without you, we cannot register teams for the season. We really don't want our children to miss out.

ICAS Exams / Kiwi Competition

Information regarding this was sent home last week. We are seeking your ideas on what you'd prefer your child/children to compete in. We will only select one competition, as each test requires a considerable amount of time to prepare the students and for teachers to administer. We will be sending out more information about the test this week, once the decision has been made.

Students that are involved in this programme are selected by their classroom teacher. These competitions give our students, who show talent/s in a particular curriculum area, an opportunity to compete against other students of a similar age. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to see Mrs. Kirkham in Room 8.

Big Buddy



Big Buddy is an organisation matching adult male mentors with fatherless boys. We work on the simple philosophy that boys need good male role models to become good men.

Unfortunately, some boys do not have a father or other male role model around. Big Buddy finds these boys a well-screened, volunteer male mentor, fostering a long-term relationship similar to that of an uncle.

It's as simple as a good man turning up regularly in a boy's life, going out into the world and doing activities together, being available to listen to him, modelling what it means to be a good man. The boy's sense of self develops - he will do better at school and be less inclined to crime and abuse. The statistics on positive mentoring are clear and compelling.

Mentors may be available in your area now.

If you are interested in this for your boy, simply contact Big Buddy coordinator Andrew McFadden. Phone: +64 7 847 0447 Mobile: 0275 757 214

More information and stories are available on our media sites: www.bigbuddy.org.nz and [Facebook](#).

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DIET OR ZERO DRINKS

Diet or zero drinks don't contain any sugar, although some will still contain caffeine.

Caffeine can affect sleep and isn't recommended for children.



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COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

SPORTS DRINKS

Sports drinks were originally designed for elite endurance athletes.

When participating in sports or any activity the best drink is water.

1 bottle of sports drink = 11tsp sugar



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