

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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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.

Welcome to Jesse McDonagh in Room 1. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Nгаа mihi nui.

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

Well, we have done it – we have survived the first term of 2018. The term seems to have flown by and it is worthwhile to reflect on some of the achievements we completed in those ten weeks. Some of these highlights have been:

- Our Student Council has been selected
- House Captains have been chosen
- The Life Education caravan visited
- Weetbix Tryathlon
- School swimming sports
- Biathon/Triathlon
- PCT Challenge
- Get Set Go Day
- El Gregoe
- Commonwealth Day activities

During the holidays staff will be writing student reports and reporting to parents will happen in Week 4 (21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May). There will also be a lot of activity around the school with tree trimming, cobblestone footpath preparation, gardening in the carpark areas and a Ministry of Education SNUP upgrade completed (wireless).

As we go into the holiday break I would like to acknowledge how hard students have worked this term, making progress towards their goals. I would like to thank whanau for your continued support and helpfulness as there have been a number of school events that could not have happened without your involvement. I would also like to thank all Rotokauri School staff for their continued commitment towards ensuring students have every opportunity to make progress and succeed in their learning.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone and we will see you all back for Term 2 on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

### **PB4L Update**

This term we have started our journey with our school wide PB4L initiative (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning). PB4L –

- Emphasises prevention of behaviours.
- Supports an inclusive environment.
- Is based on research validated practices.

The basic implementation process for PB4L at our school will follow these guidelines:

- Staff commit to PB4L professional development and to implementing PB4L.
- The school establishes a representative team to lead PB4L.
- The school gathers data using PB4L tools.
- The PB4L team develops a data-based action plan to share with staff and guide the school's work, and it reviews and revises the action plan on an ongoing basis.
- School wide practices and systems are implemented for all students and all staff across all settings
- Implementation is supported by monitoring, evaluation, and decision making linked to important, measurable outcomes and based on solid data.

Already this term staff have made a commitment to implementing PB4L and undergoing professional development in this area. PB4L has been included in our Strategic Planning for 2018, a PB4L team has been appointed (Miss Smith, Mrs Hollingsworth, Mrs Evans, Mr Harding) and we are currently gathering data to inform the team prior to writing an action plan.

### **New Student**

Next term we will be welcoming Eli Bell and his family to Room 4 at Rotokauri School. Eli and his family have written some information for all students and parents to outline how we as a school can help Eli to stay well. Please share the information with your child/children.

Hi,

My name is Eli Bell and I'm in your child's class at Rotokauri School, having just moved to Hamilton from the South Island.

I have a disease called Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis or "FSGS" as it's commonly known. This is a type of Nephrotic Syndrome (Kidney Disease - the same disease Jonah Lomu had), and it is not contagious. It cannot affect your child in any way, but your child being unwell can affect me greatly.



I am on medication to suppress my immune system to stop it attacking my kidneys. What this means, is that I am very susceptible to picking up any small infection, virus, common cold, etc. While I am generally able to shake these illnesses off relatively easily, if I get a bad dose, it can cause me to relapse. This would mean admittance to hospital with me being very ill with edema (swelling) and other nasty symptoms.

**Chicken Pox** is a very serious illness for me to come into contact with and so far I've managed not to get it, which is how my Doctors want it to stay for as long as possible.

**If your child has been unwell and is coming to school, or has been around someone who has had Chicken Pox, it would be much appreciated if you could please get in touch with the school office to let the staff know, so my Mum and Dad can be informed and keep me home if need be.**

Thank you.

Eli



FSGS is named for the scarring, or "sclerosis", that can be found in the kidney of people with this disease. When looked at under a microscope, everyone's kidneys contain millions of tiny filters called "glomeruli". These filters work much like a colander that you might have in your kitchen. Blood is "poured into them" as it circulates through the kidney, and the water-like part of the blood drains through. This becomes your urine. When these filters are damaged they become scarred. They are no longer able to filter blood appropriately. This is called "glomerulosclerosis".

The word "focal" is added because in FSGS, only some of the filters are damaged. "Segmental" is included because often only parts of the filters are scarred. So Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis is a very descriptive name for the disease. Some segments of kidney filters are scarred.

## **Parent Communication**

Whilst all efforts are made by staff to keep parents/caregivers fully informed of school life it is also a parent's responsibility to read newsletters, check the school noticeboard, check our Facebook page and school website. If you have questions, concerns or queries after viewing all these please free to ring the office.

## **Welcome Back**

We would like to welcome Mrs Jacqueline Hill back to Room 1 next term. A big thank you to Mrs Schmits for her commitment this term getting our little people off to a great start at school.

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

### **Commonwealth Games**

Last Friday the whole school participated in a morning of activities based around the Commonwealth Games. What a wonderful experience for those involved. Thank you to the senior students that did all the organization for the morning – you did a fantastic job. Also well done to the students for your enthusiasm, your teamwork, your positive attitude and your excellent behaviour. The field was a sea of colour with each house represented.

One of the activities completed by some of the students was a colouring competition. Congratulations to the following students for their hard work and their work is on display in the MPR -

<b>Age Level</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
5 year olds	Jaide Zillwood	Mya Hoebergen	Nicky-Rose Hoebe
6 year olds	Ryan Keightley	Devon Fuller	Ashton Newbold
7 year olds	Hannah Milne	Caitlin Furlonger	Grace Petley
8 year olds	Matthew Webber	Sophie Fairclough	Zephyr Rhind
9 year olds	Quinlen Dixon	Ella Prangnell	Jesse Zillwood
10 year olds	Kiedis Vallett	Euan Aitchison	Nevaeh Grason
11 year olds	Koen McCurdy	Aamira Ali	Connor Williams-Thomas
12 year olds	Heidi Perring	Sophie Elliott	

### **Pumpkin Growing Competition**

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the pumpkin growing competition. Grace Cox was successful in winning one of the sections and she has donated her prize to the school. Thank you Grace.



### **Top Schools**

I had the privilege of watching the Rotokauri Top Schools Team compete at Te Kowhai on Sunday. Congratulations to Riley Cornelissen, Jakin Warnock, Heidi Perring, Sophie Elliott, Bailey Lochore-Halpin, Tegan Barham, Kian McNamara, Ella Kells, Isaac Collinson and Daniel Prangnell.

I loved your team spirit, your laughter, your persistence and your resilience as some of the activities were challenging.

## **Lunch People Needed!!**

Hi, we are in need of some parents, grandparents or friends of the school to help with Monday lunch orders. If you or anyone you know would like to help or for more information please contact Meg on 021971251 or e-mail [megsandcarlw@hotmail.com](mailto:megsandcarlw@hotmail.com)

## **Pre-Loved Sports Wear Donations Wanted**

The PTA are happy to relieve you of any unwanted sports wear in good useable condition ie:

- Soccer or Rugby Boots
- Netball Shoes
- Turf Shoes
- Rotokauri School T-Shirt

These will be re-sold at a modest price and funds will go towards the upgrade of the MPR Sound System. A donation drop box is in the school office foyer.

Thank you for your support.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

### **Assembly Awards**

#### **Week 9**

Room 1	Jaide Zillwood - For taking great care with your printing and story writing. You use wonderful colours in your artwork too Jaide.
Room 1	Nicky-Rose Hoebe - For showing such kindness and helpfulness towards others. You are working hard on your story writing too Nicky-Rose.
Room 2	Luca Haldane - For showing the Rotokauri values Persistence and and Resilience during our Commonwealth Games.
Room 2	Brianna Donny - For great progress in Reading. Well done.
Room 3	Maddix Anniss - For using advanced Maths strategies to add and subtract numbers.
Room 3	Ernie Young - For being a kind and caring member of Room 3 and always showing integrity.
Room 4	Archie Cameron - For showing persistence with your writing. You are becoming more independent. Keep it up.
Room 4	Addison Jennings - For being a kind and honest classroom member. Thanks Addison.
Room 5	Talei Phillips - For a really good work ethic and showing persistence in all that you do.
Room 5	Kaycee Whitfield - For consistently being inclusive with your classmates and being a cheerful class member.
Room 6	Keira Cowley - For putting a high level of effort and focus into your maths learning and your Commonwealth Games project - you are striving for personal excellence Keira, keep it up!
Room 6	Lewis Surgenor - For putting a high level of effort into your digital learning tasks in class.
Room 7	Ella Sumner - Persistence by always getting the job done to a high standard.
Room 7	Rylee Barber-Smith - Integrity by doing what's right and making good choices
Room 8	Ryleigh Beyer - For showing such strong leadership in our Commonwealth Games preparation.
Room 8	Connor Williams-Thomas - For stepping up and showing leadership in a variety of school activities

## **Class Sharing** **Room 8**

### **Bacon and Eggs**

*Every weekend, on a Saturday morning before we were up, Mum would pick a palm-full of parsley from the garden in front of the house ready to make breakfast. She would then start to prepare the other ingredients.*

*She always started with a frying pan. Into the pan slipped eggs and bacon, the bread was placed in the toaster. When the eggs had sub-burnt edges, everything was lifted out onto a circular plate.*

*Mum would then cut the toast in half with a serrated knife. She then slipped the bacon and eggs onto the toast and sprinkled the parsley on top, ready to serve.*

*“Finished,” mum would say. “Come and get it.”*

Written by Dan Cameron (Year 8)

### **Christmas Day Dessert**

*Christmas Day dessert is almost as exciting as presents. Chocolate bomb. Just thinking about it makes my mouth water.*

*My Grandma opens her pantry, ‘screech!’ The door always sends chills down my spine. She grabs the Malteses. ‘Screech.’ She closes the door. She then pivots to the fridge. She tugs open the fridge door, home to my mouth. The chocolate sauce, maple syrup, and yoghurt float up to the bench, antagonising as they go. My grandma gets a blob of yoghurt in a bowl...*

*She coats every addition to the bomb in chocolate and syrup. Finally, she coats the whole thing in Malteses.*

*“In coming,” she yells, and places it on the table.*

Written by Cole Viljoen-Thomson (Year 7)

### **Cupcake on Top**

*Once a year, on my birthday, before I was up, Mum would get the cupcake cardboard box from inside the pantry. Then she would make the special breakfast.*

*This always started off with a bowl. Into the empty bowl slid chocolate éclair ice cream, chocolate chips, and marshmallows. The ice cream melted at the bottom of the large scoop, everything was making mum’s mouth water.*

*Mum would then add the chocolate cupcake with red icing, that looked like a beautiful red rose, on top of the ice cream. She drizzled chocolate sauce on top, pretending to be a professional, and finally a candle was added for the finishing touch.*

*“Georgia,” mum called. “Cupcake on top.”*

Written by Georgia Westgate (Year 8).

## REMINDERS

### Term 2 Important Dates

Date	Event
30 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 2
8 <sup>th</sup> May	ICAS Digital Technologies exam
9 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Football Coaching starts
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Cross Country
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Parent Interviews
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	BOT meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Cluster Cross Country
29 <sup>th</sup> May	ICAS Science exam
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Arbor Day
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday – no school
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Tough Guy/Tough Gal
13 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Spelling exam EPro8 Year 7 & 8 PTA meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Writing exam EPro8 Year 5 & 6 Firewise – Room 1, 2, 3
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Fun Run fundraiser
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Wig Wednesday BOT meeting GymSport Festival (Year 7 & 8)
28 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Disco
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Ki-o-rahi (Year 7 & 8)
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 2

### Yummy Sticker Promotion

**Please carry on collecting these for our school all year round**

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

Collect Yummy Stickers Here:



NEW WORLD



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](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>

**BREAKFAST IDEAS**

# EGG CASINGS

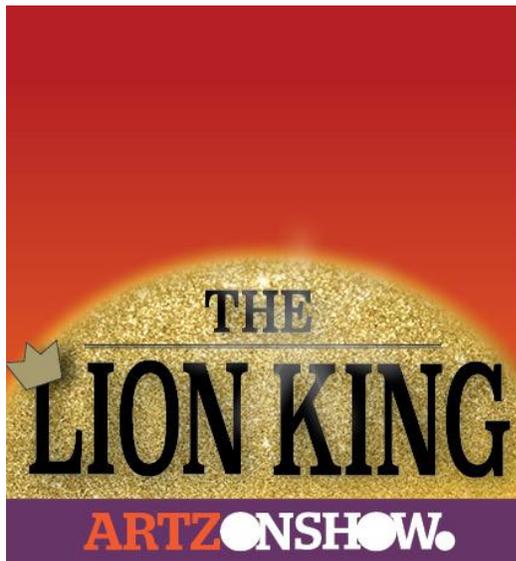
- 12 slices wholegrain bread
- 4 eggs
- 3 Tbsp. low fat milk
- 1/2 onion – finely chopped
- Optional extras: grated cheese, or your favourite vegetables

Preheat oven to 200°C Flatten bread with rolling pin and place into a lightly greased muffin tray.

Whisk egg and milk. Gently mix in onion and any extras then pour evenly into each case. Bake for 15mins until eggs are cooked!



Developed by Sport Waikato 2017



## Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

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!

23 - 27 April 2018, 9 am – 4 pm daily  
Held at Southwell School

*View our website; [www.artzonshow.co.nz](http://www.artzonshow.co.nz) or contact Hayley on either [artz@artzonshow.co.nz](mailto:artz@artzonshow.co.nz) or 0800 667 469*

## Squiggle Holiday Programme 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Squiggle Holiday Programme is an OSCAR approved programme that is great for girls and boys ages 5-13 years old. We are based at Waikato Diocesan School in Fairfield and offer a huge variety of activities.

Kiwiana is the theme this holidays. We'll be creating Kiwi art, baking ANZAC biscuits, recycling old socks, doing science experiments, playing games, learning about native birds and reptiles and visiting Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. Young Engineers is also a key feature in our programme where kids will love learning about engineering, physics and science while building motorised Lego models.

For more information or to enrol, please go to [www.squiggle.org.nz](http://www.squiggle.org.nz).

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