Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me to whanau.

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our positive environment will actively engage us all in learning.

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL VISION

Together We Grow

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

Together We Learn

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

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES

Respect Empathy Active Learning Courage Honesty

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri.

Welcome to Noxx Rogers in Room 1. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School. Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

As another busy term comes to an end, it is time to reflect on all that we have achieved this term –

- Students have participated in the ICAS exams.
- Students have participated in the Winter Sports Festival and Rotokauri School was responsible for organizing the Netball at Minogue Park.
- Students have participated in the Kapa Haka Festival at Te Papa o Rotu marae in Whatawhata.
- Students have completed Student Led Conferences with their parents or caregivers.
- Students have participated in the GymSport Festival.
- Two new staff members have started at Rotokauri School.
- Room 5 have new chairs and desks in their class pop in and have a look.
- Parents and staff attended our Values Reflection evening.
- All students in the school completed the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme.
- All students in the school completed a speech presentation.

Despite the bad weather and large numbers of children unwell during the term we have survived and head into the holidays with enthusiasm for a well-earned rest and optimism for the final term ahead.

We hope that you all enjoy your holidays and return safe on Monday 14th October. Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

ERO Visit

In the week beginning 14th October we have Michelle Thurlow and Tracey Adams from ERO (Education Review Office) visiting us, as part of their regular review cycle. Parent voice, along with staff and student voice, are important components of this review process. There will be a Parent Voice meeting on Tuesday, 15th October in the MPR at 2.00 p.m. This is an opportunity for you to share your experiences and showcase the special aspects of Rotokauri School for you and your children. If you are able to attend please RSVP by Friday, 11th October to dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz

Carpark Safety

At Rotokauri School we have senior students that make up our School Road Patrol team. They are chosen to help keep students safe on the road by controlling the flow of vehicles and pedestrians at our entrance pedestrian crossing.

They do not operate before school as the traffic flow is intermittent. In the afternoons the Road Patrol students extend a STOP sign across the pedestrian crossing which signals to approaching drivers to stop. Once the traffic has stopped, the road patrollers signal to waiting pedestrians that it is safe to cross the road.

These students have volunteered their own time and are dedicated to ensuring everyone is safe when crossing the entrance way. This is a highly responsible job and an excellent opportunity for our senior students to step up and show their leadership ability. The Road Patrollers aim to –

- 1. Keep our children safe at the entrance way to the school.
- 2. Keep the flow of traffic at the Drop Off/Pick Up zone moving freely.
- 3. Whenever possible, guide drivers to an available parking space.

What do these students expect in return?

The Road Patrollers expect to be treated with respect by all members of the community. It is not acceptable for them to be sworn at, spoken rudely to because drivers are impatient or to have their lives endangered when drivers continue driving through the pedestrian crossing despite the sign being extended. These incidents have been happening and this is disappointing, so we encourage the community to give these young people the courtesy and respect they deserve, as without them the crossing can not operate successfully.

We have received some complaints about inappropriate behaviour in the carpark and these have been passed on to the BOT for further action. We ask that drivers report any near misses or inappropriate driving as we want to ensure that our tamariki are safe at all times.



Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

CAR SHOW & GALA 10th NOVEMBER 2019

We are seeking sponsorship for this year's Car Show & Gala. We have a few options available and are seeking assistance from businesses in the way of a monetary donation. Your donation will be used to purchase items for the Car Show & Gala. Here are some options we are currently looking for sponsorship for:

Childs Kayak & Life Jacket Cost \$375 32" TV Sponsor Cost \$300

MGP Scooter & Helmet Sponsor Cost \$280

Donations of \$50 & \$100 are most welcome or you can sponsor one of the above and have your business logo attached to this item.

If you are interested and can help please email us at pta@rotokauri.school.nz and we can give you some more details.

New Unwanted Gifts

If you are having a clear out we are collecting new unwanted gifts to use as prizes in our hampers for our Quick Fire Raffles. There is a collection box in the office you can drop your items into.



Items for Prizes

We are looking for any donations of Vouchers, Prizes etc that anyone can help with please.

Book Fair

Thank you to the parents/caregivers and school community that have brought along book donations for the Book Fair. Keep checking with family and friends to see if they have any unwanted books that they would like to donate to Rotokauri School. The collection point is in the multi-purpose room. Also thank you to the families that are bringing in clean paper bags. If you have any queries, please contact the Book Fair Co-ordinator: Desiree Smith 8495 068.



GENERAL MATTERS

ROTOKAURI VALUES

Thank you so much to our 60 families who returned the Respect Values Family Homework. We really appreciated your support. This week, we look at our second value - Empathy. Please work with your family this week to discuss this value and return to school by Monday, 14th October. Once again, house points will be awarded to families who return their homework.

Empathy Ngākau Aroha

This means we are able to step into the shoes of another person and try to understand their thoughts and feelings.

We know that we value this when we:

See through the eyes of another person.

Listen to others' feelings and points of view.

Use our empathy to support others during difficult times and this will guide our actions.

Agricultural Day Indoor Activities

The indoor activities guidelines were emailed out earlier this week. Please check your INBOX and if you have any questions contact your child's classroom teacher.

<u>Sunhats</u>

Our school policy is that students and staff wear the Rotokauri School sunhats during Term 1 and Term 4. Please ensure that these sunhats do not have embellishments and/or graffiti – if they do, they will need to be replaced. New sunhats are available from the school office for \$18.00.

CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 8

Room 1	Turner Wallace - Always trying to give his best in his learning, even when it gets tricky.		
Room 1	Franco McQueen - Completing his writing and feeling proud of himself.		
Room 2	Jesse McDonagh - For working hard to make good choices to help his learning. Keep it up!		
Room 2	Brayden Ridley - For persevering and always giving your best in all areas of school. Keep it up!		
Room 3	Luca Rogers - For your super star progress in reading. Tu meke!		
Room 3	m 3 Brianna Donny - For demonstrating the Rotokauri School REACH values, especially in your Te		
	mahi.		
Room 4	Flint Coyle - For being engaged during the making of our reusable bags and for helping others.		
Room 4	Noah Rose - For being engaged during the making of our reusable bags and for helping others.		
Room 5	n 5 Madson Garden - For being an engaged and focused learner, and coming up with lots of creative		
	ideas.		
Room 5	Anya Fuller - For working hard to come up with a very creative toy.		
Room 6	Jay Williams - For having an awesome week and trying really hard to focus on himself. Ka pai.		
Room 6	Corbyn Smith - For being engaged during reading and having a go at new activities.		
Room 7	Hannah Hobbs - For being focused and on task during today's activities.		
Room 7	Grace Cox - For being focused and on task during today's activities.		
Room 8	Oscar Stratford – For being a great teacher-helper in Room 3.		
Room 8	Corey Molloy - For being a great teacher-helper in Room 3.		

Week 9

Room 1	Archer McFall - For being a respectful classmate. Always using your manners towards your classmates and your teacher.		
Room 1	Hannah-Leah Warbrick - Being an all-round active learner. You give 100% to everything you do.		
Room 2	Kade Calnan - For showing dedication towards your learning and making the right choices. Keep it up!		
Room 2	Cameron Emslie - For having a positive attitude towards your learning and making the right choices to enable your progress. Keep it up!		
Room 3	Ashton Newbold - For demonstrating the value of active learning in writing. Your writing is enjoyable to read.		
Room 3	Chloe Gyde - For a tremendous effort in your writing. You are demonstrating the value of active learning by taking risks in trying new things and taking pride in your presentation.		
Room 4	Devon Fuller - For being an active learner in all areas of her learning. Well done		
Room 4	Ryan Keightley - For being an active learner and knowing what he needs to work on in his artwork.		
Room 5	Bella Maroney-Pearson – For being a super helper in the class and a great active learner.		
Room 5	Zakk McDonagh – For super maths progress.		
Room 6	Timothy Sumner - For showing empathy and being helpful in class. Thank you for your consideration towards others.		
Room 6	Sophie Fairclough - For showing a great work ethic. You are an amazing role model and you take responsibility for your own learning.		
Room 7	Alex Porter - For being a positive influence in Room 7 this week.		
Room 7	Vincent Gibson - For being a role model for honesty in Room 7 this week.		
Room 8	Daksh Prajapati - For always being a respectful student to everyone in our school. Your lovely manners and kindness are much appreciated Daksh.		
Room 8	Lucas Birks - For demonstrating our school's values in every situation. Your support of others, your honesty and kindness are to be admired.		

Senior Speech Competition Results

Year 5

First Place: Ava Viljoen-Thomson - Why Mum and Dad should get me a dog **Second Place:** Cooper McLean - Why skiing is better than snowboarding **Third Place:** Bella Moroney-Pearson - Why the rainforest should be protected

Year 6

First Place: Olivia Moroney-Pearson - Manners

Second Place: Lewis Surgenor - Idioms **Third Place:** Hannah Hobbs - Get a pet

Year 7

First Place: Daksh Prajapati - Electric cars are better than petrol cars

Second Place: Finley O'Rourke - Scooters and skateboards should be allowed at

school

Third Place: Ella Burt - Bullying must stop

Year 8

First Place: Cole Viljoen-Thomson - Albert Einstein did not live up to his public image

Second Place: Cooper Miller - Children should not have embarrassing names

Third Place: Lucas Birks - Some laws should not be legal

The Senior Speech Cup was awarded to Cole Viljoen-Thomson

Representing Rotokauri at the Western Cluster Speech Competition today

Year 5 and 6 Grade - Ava Viljoen-Thomson and Olivia Moroney-Pearson

Year 7 and 8 Grade - Cooper Miller and Lucas Birks

Open Grade - Cole Viljoen-Thomson

Waikato Regional Gymsport Results

Last week, 4 of our students represented Rotokauri School at the Waikato Regional Gymsport Festival. Congratulations to Ava Viljoen-Thomson, Holly Hoebergen, Lily Allen and Keira Cowley. A special thank you to Emma Furlonger-Jones for working with these girls and transporting them to and from the event.

Name	Division	Placing
Keira Cowley	Womens Trampoline Club Year 2-6	3rd Overall
Keira Cowley	Womens Trampoline Club Year 2-6	2nd Trampoline
Keira Cowley	Womens Trampoline Club Year 2-6	3rd Double Mini Tramp
Keira Cowley	Womens Twisters Club Year 2-6	1st Beam
Lily Allen	Womens Twisters Novice Year 2-6	2nd Beam

Rotokauri Learners in Action - Term 3

Room 1

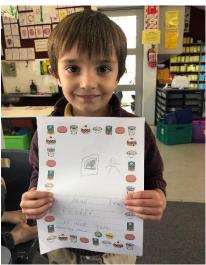
We have been learning more about how to use Numicon at Maths time. We have learnt some new games that we can play with a buddy, which makes maths so much fun.





Fridays we call 'Fun Fridays'. We are learning to manage ourselves and become capable learners using our creativity and imagination. We have been making toast by ourselves. It was tricky to spread the margarine and then the topping but we loved eating it. Afterwards we got to write about it on special writing paper and put it on our 'Proud Wall' in Room 1 for all to see.







In Room 2 this term we have been experimenting with different ways to make Ginger Beer, we found that making it without a Bug in winter is the most effective way and the children thought it tasted good as well.

We have been experimenting with colours and light finding the best type of colours, dye, paint, food coluring to make our light catchers.











The children in Room 2 have really loved being hands on with their learning for Maths using numicon, they find it easy to identify the number that they have selected and then when using addition strategies they are clearly able to see their answer. Here we are showing making different ways to 10.







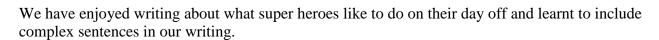


We began this term with our Keeping Ourselves Safe. We worked very hard in this unit, we enjoyed the Police Constables coming and helping us and we also loved it when they had some fun and games with us too.

We had so much fun developing our balance and co-ordination in gymnastics and in PMP.



Many of Room 3 children are passionate about football and having football sessions with real soccer coaches was a blast.





We finished off the term with heaps of parent helpers supporting us to complete our Market Day prep. We would like to say a huge thank you for helping us. We couldn't have done it without you.



This term we have been working hard in all our lessons to understand what our next steps were and how we could achieve this using our own

self-management skills.



We have also been working on our reusable bags for market day next term. The children have been learning how to sew materials together.





For writing in Room 6 this term we have been doing a mixture of persuasive and procedure writing. We have been writing to our pen pals that go to Aberdeen School and we are looking forward to meeting them next term.

Below are pictures of our procedure writing designs, where we had to create a design using 8 cubes and write a specific step by step method so that someone else could build the design. We looked at the different types of words we could use such as verbs. We had to be very specific.







For the "Keeping Ourselves Safe" programme, we looked after an egg for 1 week. We were learning about looking after ourselves and others. We brainstormed the meaning of what being responsible was, and came up with making good decisions or choices and taking care of ourselves and property. It was a fun experiment and even though some of our eggs did crack, it was a good experience to show the hard work our parents/guardians and teachers do to look after us. We appreciate you.







In Room 7 we started the Term by getting to know each other. We started by playing a few drama games to introduce ourselves and then some team games like Capture the Flag.



We began our writing by linking it to our artwork. This was 'Anatidaephopbia' or the fear that somewhere, somehow a duck is always watching you. The inspiration for this artwork and the associated writing came from this image.

As a class, we have been trialling a new way of learning maths in the classroom. This is called DMIC or Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities. It has been a challenge for some of us, and it has also been enjoyable to share the learning in our social groups.





Later in the term it was amazing to be part of the Winter Sports Festival, and having the opportunity to coach and support the Years 3 to 8 boys; including three from Room 7. It was an awesome event, in which the boys gave their all, and represented the school with pride and dignity. It's important to note the help from all those parents who came and helped on the day; Thank you so very much.

Finally, working with Room 7 through the process of creating Persuasive Speeches, has been one of the most rewarding experiences. Room 7 has some amazing writers, and listening to their ideas develop through their speeches truly has been a highlight.







Fun Spanish Club at Rotokauri School Wednesdays After School- Term 4

A growing mind can pick up languages quickly, which is why it is an excellent idea to expose children to different languages when they are young. In our clubs, the children are immersed in Spanish through games, activities and classroom activities.

The club will take place Wednesday directly after school 3pm-4pm
The cost is \$15.00 per session. 10 week term = \$150.00
For any further information and to register your interest, please contact
amber@lcfclubs.co.nz or 022 199 3958 website: https://lcfclubs.co.nz/



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!

7 - 11 October 2019, 9 am – 4 pm daily Held at Southwell School

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129

ARTZONSHOW

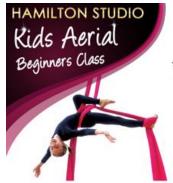
This year's Lugton's Round the Bridges is on Sunday 17 November. Enter a school team of at least 10 runners and be in to win one of 5 \$200 sports vouchers.

Register online at www.roundthebridges.co.nz for the Grassroots Kids Challenge and also download your training programme.









- * Making friendships
- * Gain confidence
- * Promote creative thinking
- * Become problem solvers
 - * Become risk takers
 - * Gain strength
 - * Increase flexibility
 - * Improve fitness
 - * Fun

TERM 4 KIDS AERIAL CLASSES

Term 4 Class times at Hamilton: Tuesday 6-9yrs 3.30-4.30pm Tuesday 10-12yrs 4.30-5.30pm Wednesday 6-9yrs 3.30-4.30pm Wednesday10-12yrs 4.30-5.30pm

Price: \$135 for the term (9 weeks)

See our QR code link below to book or email students@the-studio.co.nz for more information.



BE SURE TO ENROL YOUR CHILD FOR TERM 4

The Studio Hamilton - 90 Commerce Street Frankton



TENNIS LESSONS

Starting: Thursday, 17 October – 28 November 2019 (7 weeks)

Time: 4.30-5.15 for Novices and 5.15 - 6.00 pm Advanced

Where: Rotokauri School Tennis Courts

Tutor: Alby Ellis, PE teacher at Hamilton Boys High School

Cost: \$70 - to be paid at beginning of term to Alby.

Information: Alby has a fun, friendly effective method for teaching the children tennis. He has been successfully teaching tennis at our school for a number of years and also teaches at other schools and St Peters tennis club.

Tennis court access: Rotokauri School Tennis Court keys can be purchased from the school office for use out of hours.

Contact: Sacha <u>sacha@photosacha.co.nz</u> with your child/rens name, age, experience or any questions.





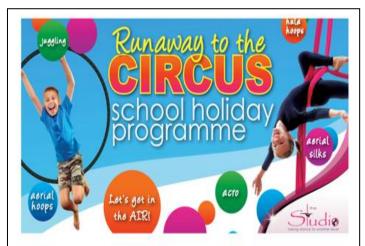
The Squiggle Holiday Programme is back for another action packed adventure. Our programme gives your child an "edutainment" experience and runs from the 30 Sept to 11 Oct 2019 at Waikato Diocesan School.

What's happening this term?

- Young Engineers
- Science experiments
- Trip to the Fun Shed
- Movies at Te Awa
- Team Games
- The Master Chef muffin challenge

Daily rate \$45
Family discounts available
Additional costs for off site activities

Enroll Now!! Limited spaces ... www.squiggle.org.nz



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES IN HAMILTON AGE 7-12

Do you have kids who can't keep still?

Do you have little acrobatics?

Let them run away to the circus and learn something new and develop new skills everyday with our holiday program!

Days Avaliable:

Mon 30th Sep
Tues 1st Oct
weds 2nd oct
thurs 3rd oct
fri 4th oct
Tues 8th Oct
Thurs 10th Oct
Fri 11th Oct

Limited Spaces BOOK NOW!

https://bookings.th e-studio.co.nz/



Our programme runs from 10am till 3pm

Where: The Studio Hamilton -90 Commerce Street, Frankton

\$45 per day - \$120 for 3 days \$150 for 4 days (Per child)

Email enquiries: students@the-studio.co.nz

Our programme teachers are circus trained in many apparatus and love working with kids and youth to help them grow and develop.



Little Seeds for a Better Future

Our 100% Nature based School Holiday Programme

@ HAMILTON - Hardy Centre







Spring Holidays 2019

\$60/child per day

9am - 4pm for children aged 5yrs - 12yrs

Week 1 / 1st, 2nd and 3rd Oct - Week 2 / 10th, 11th and 12th Oct

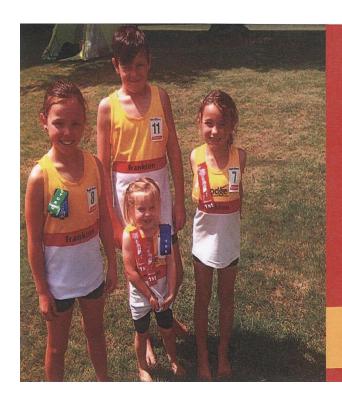
Conscious Kids is proud to be safeguarding children's right to free play in nature.

Our Holiday Programmes are designed as an antidote to the fast paced technology filled world our children now inhabit. A chance to unwind and play as their parents did, climbing trees, building huts, exploring and of course playing bullrush!

Book now!

Spaces are strictly limited.
For more information visit our website or email holidays@consciouskids.co.nz

www.consciouskids.co.nz



FRANKTON CHILDREN'S ATHLETICS

Part of Frankton Athletic & Harriers Club

Athletics for everyone

4-14 year olds Run, Jump, Throw Monday Nights, 5.30pm, Bremworth Park, Season begins on October 14

www.sporty.co.nz/franktonjuniors

First 2 nights FREE







THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 9.30am-2pm THE BASE, HAMILTON - NORTHERN CARPARK

An opportunity to get up close with some of the services and agencies involved in keeping your communities safe.

























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