

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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REMINDER:
**No school Friday, 29th March,
Monday, 1st April and Tuesday, 2nd April
due to Easter.
HAVE A HAPPY EASTER BREAK**

Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle was a great success this year. Thanks to the PTA for organising it, and thank you to those people who donated items for the baskets. The money raised will go towards the school library. Congratulations to all of our raffle winners ☺



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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 our students in learning.

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VISION

We are responsible, confident learners and communicators.

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Persistence and Excellence.

CHARTER

The 2013 Charter has been accepted by the Ministry of Education. If you are interested in reading the Rotokauri School charter, there is a copy in the foyer of the Office.

POOL CLOSURE

The pool is closing on Sunday, 31 March. Thank you to all people who were involved in pool cleaning and maintenance. Please return your pool key to the school office once the pool is closed.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please contact the office if you have any change to details relating to your children since enrolling them at school, i.e. address, phone numbers, emergency contact details, medication, allergies, or any other details that we should know.

RUBBISH

Rubbish is a continual problem around the school. At the moment we are brainstorming ideas with the students about how they can take responsibility for ensuring that the school is rubbish free. We will share their ideas in the newsletter.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that you name your children's clothes so that items can be returned. The Lost Property bin in Room 3 is building up already. Please remind your children to check lost property regularly.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

This year we have managed to complete the beginning of year assessments in the first six weeks of the term. Data from the assessments is used to:

- Group students for classroom programmes.
- Make decisions about which students need extra support.
- Plan classroom programmes and units of work.
- Make decision about teaching points to focus on and revisit regularly.
- Write reports for parents so that next steps can be discussed.
- Write whole school reports where trends are analysed.

BASIC FACT-A-THON

Each year we do a fundraiser that involves the students doing or learning something. This year our main school focus is maths so we have done a Basic Fact-a-thon. This is a worthwhile fundraiser as the students are challenged to learn their basic facts and are tested at the end of the timeframe to see the progress that they have made. Knowledge of basic facts is essential to success in maths.

The Basic Fact-a-thon test was held on the 27th of March. Each student's scores were recorded on the form and sent back home so that sponsorship money can be collected. Please encourage your child to bring the sponsorship form and money back by 12 April. Thank you for all your efforts supporting your children.



BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2013

We are seeking people to stand for the Board of Trustees election 2013. Nominations close at noon on May 16 for Board of Trustees Elections. We are looking for people who can:

- Be learner focussed
- Ask questions
- Be a part of a team
- Think creatively
- Crunch numbers
- Run a business
- Step forward!

Please ensure that all contact addresses are correct for the office as we need to send nomination forms out to all caregivers.

SNUP

The School Network Upgrade Project is currently underway at school. SNUP subsidises and manages upgrades of internal data and electrical cabling for schools. This allows for future network expansion and optimises the use of ultra-fast broadband.

The SNUP contractors are minimising the disruption to our school as they perform their jobs.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - MATHS

This year our school professional development focus, which is related to our school achievement target, is maths.

Sue Bullick, from the Institute of Professional Learning (University of Waikato), is our facilitator. We have developed an action plan of teacher professional development for the year in consultation with the teachers.

In addition, the Management team are attending maths leadership workshops at the University of Waikato. The topics of the workshops this term are:

- Self-review, Effective Planning and Assessment
- Self-review and Evidence Based Moderation.

STRATEGIC PLAN AIMS 2013

Aim 1: All students are able to access the New Zealand Curriculum as evidenced by Progress and achievement in relation to the National Standards (refer to Annual Aims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9).

Aim 2: To provide school leadership and effective governance to improve outcomes for priority groups: Māori and Pasifika and learners with special education needs.

Aim 3: To sustain identified school priorities – Environmental, I.C.T. and Sport.

Aim 4: To improve overall physical performance of the students throughout the school.

NO LUNCHESES FOR SALE NEXT WEEK

As we have a short week next week due to the Easter break, there will be no lunches for sale. Normal school lunch sales will resume on Monday, 8 April.

WEARABLE ARTS

The PTA is in the process of organising a wearable arts show for the students at Rotokauri School. We will be having a meeting to start organising this on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30 p.m. in the school staff room. We would love for anyone keen to help out with this exciting event to come along on Wednesday. If you have any queries before this date or would like to help but can't make the meeting please contact Marie Carlson on 0274 303 844.

ARBOR DAY BBQ

The PTA has once again been asked to help out at the Arbor day planting with the BBQ that is put on for all those that attend the day. We are in need of some volunteers to help us out on the day with the BBQ. If you are able to lend a hand on Friday, 31st May with this can you please let Donna Hayde know on 021 648 520.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS

Another successful year for our swim team at the Interschool Swimming sports against seven other schools. We had a great day at the Ngaruawahia pools, the weather was hot, the racing was fast and team spirit was high. Thank you to the students who represented our school with pride and respect. A very big thank you to all our parent helpers for transporting, time keeping and marshalling on the day. Without parent support sports days like this would be impossible. The first list is our team and the second list is our results for the day.

| Rotokauri Swimming team for Interschool Swimming 2013 | | | |
|--|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Fergus Bell | Thomas Perham | Jemma Bradbury | Caylee Farrell |
| Lucas Clarke | Jack Bell | Jacob Hyett | Barrie Patterson |
| Sophie Kells | Nicholas Westgate | Dylan Westgate | Georgia Flude |
| Sally Paea | Devon Collinson | Tayne Matheson | Freya Sirl |
| Sarah Miller | Jordan Pickles | Dylan Farrell | Kayla Ludlow |

| 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--|--|---|
| Georgia Flude - 25m Freestyle 9yrs - 25m Backstroke 9yrs - 25 m Breaststroke 9yrs | Sally Paea - 25m Freestyle 9yrs - 25m Backstroke 9yrs | Sophie Kells - 25m Freestyle 8yrs |
| Freya Sirl - 25m Backstroke 10yrs | Freya Sirl - 50m Freestyle 10yrs - 50m backstroke 10yrs - 50m breaststroke 10yrs | Nicholas Westgate - 25m Freestyle 8yrs - 25m Backstroke 8yrs |
| Sarah Miller - 50m Freestyle 10yrs - 50m Backstroke 10yrs - 50m Breaststroke 10yrs | Dylan Farrell - 25m Breaststroke 11yrs | Devon Collinson - 25m Freestyle 9yrs |
| | Fergus Bell - 50m Freestyle 10yrs | Fergus Bell - 25m Freestyle 10yrs |
| | Jordan Pickles - 25m Backstroke 12yrs | Lucas Clarke - 25m Backstroke 11yrs |
| | Barrie Patterson - 25m Breaststroke 12yrs | Jordan Pickles - 50m Freestyle 12yrs |

Relay Results

Junior relay – Freya Sirl, Nicholas Westgate, Fergus Bell, Georgia Flude **1st Place**

Senior relay – Jordan Pickles, Sarah Miller, Gemma Bradbury, Lucas Clarke **3rd Place**

FEES OWING

Please remember to pay the following to the school office:

- Religious Instruction fee per year - \$5.00 per child
- Photocopying fee per year - \$4.00 per child
- Rooms 2 & 3 only – Newspaper in Education fee - \$3.00 Room 2 / \$3.75 Room 3
- Year 7 & 8 students only – Technology Fee \$100.00 per student per year

ROOM 3 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

Last Friday Room 3 were presented with a technology challenge. The task was to make outfits for their group of 4 children, using only 16 sheets of newspaper, a roll of sticky tape and scissors. The outfits had to include 2 jackets, 1 pair of trousers and 1 knee length skirt. If they had any time or materials left, then they could make other garments to accompany the main parts of the outfit. The children were judged on the 4 items of clothing and how well they were put together and their ability to stay together while being worn. They were also judged on their ability to work together as a team. We talked about the importance of working together and how TEAM stands for "Together Everyone Achieves More". Here are some photographs of the children and their creations.



ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 2013

HELPERS NEEDED! HELPERS NEEDED!

WHERE: The Multipurpose Room

WHEN: April 15 - 18

Monday 15 April 2.30 - 7 p.m. (Parent Interviews)

Tuesday 16 April 8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. & 2.30 - 7 p.m. (Parent Interviews)

Wednesday 17 April 8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. & 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Thursday 18 April 8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. & 2.30 - 4.00 p.m.

The annual book fair is in April to coincide with the Senior and Junior School Parent Interviews.

The children will view the Book Fair on Monday and bring home a wish list. The wish list will tell you the names of the books that they are interested in and the prices.

When you come to the parent interviews you may want to buy some books for your children or maybe even gifts for later in the year.

Thirty percent of the price of every book you buy is donated to our school to spend on new library books.

We need volunteers to sell books at the Ashton Scholastic Book Fair.

If you are able to help, please complete the form below and send it to the office.

Thank you

Janice Skiffington, Toni Rae and Judith Baker

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I can help with the 2013 Book Fair.

Name _____

Please circle the dates and times that you are able to help out.

Please also record shorter or different timeframes if you are available.

| Date | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Monday 15 April | 2.30 - 3.30 p.m. | 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. | 4.30 - 5.30 p.m. | 5.30 - 7.00 p.m. |
| Tuesday 16 April | 8.30 - 9.30 a.m. | 2.30 - 4.00 p.m. | 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. | 5.30 - 7.00 p.m. |
| Wednesday 17 April | 8.30 - 9.30 a.m. | 2.30 - 3.30 p.m. | 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. | |
| Thursday 18 April | 8.30 - 9.30 a.m. | 2.30 - 4.00 p.m. | | |

Rotokauri School Fishing Tournament

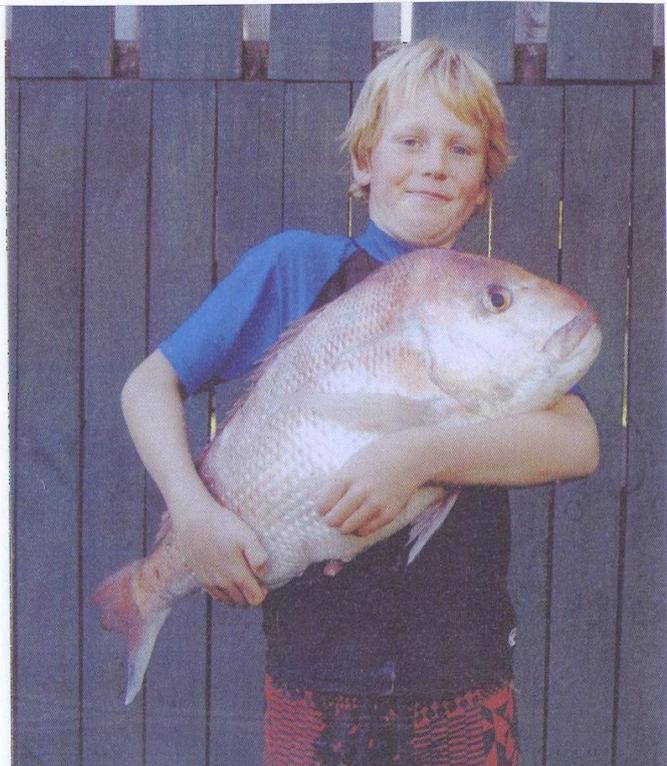
Well done to everyone who entered our annual fishing tournament. The weather was perfect and the fishing was just as good... for some. Not that we are bragging but the teachers boat received 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. This year's competition saw some good size snappers and one monster snapper caught by Dylan White from Room 5. With this fish weighing around 7kgs, Dylan won the children's section for biggest snapper. Another big winner was Tommi Rae with his 3 kg kahawai, to win the biggest fish in the other species section. Congratulations to all winners and to everyone who participated in making it a great day. Another big thank you to our 3 fantastic sponsors (**SOUTHWORTH CONSULTING, WEST HAMILTON AUTO REFINISHERS and NARELLAN POOLS NZ**) who kept our tournament alive. The parents who stayed at Shelly Bay Camping ground had a great time, and we are looking at maybe linking the fishing tournament and the camp night together next year there, which will be a lot of fun.

Results

| Adult Section | Child Section |
|--|---|
| 1 st Mark Goodson 2 nd Mary Evans 3 rd Jason Ford | 1 st Dylan White 2 nd Barrie Patterson 3 rd Ashley Vincent |
| Biggest other species – Tommi Rae | Average fish – Amelia Southworth |

For next year:

I am looking to put a fishing tournament committee together to make next year's event bigger and better. I just need a few people to help out with new ideas, securing sponsorship and promotion. If you are interested please e mail me on michael@rotokauri.schoolzone.net.nz



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| | |
|----------|--|
| 28 March | Basic Fact-a-thon forms and money can be returned from today |
| 29 March | Good Friday – school closed |
| 1 April | Easter Monday – school closed |
| 2 April | Easter holiday – school closed |
| 5 April | Balloon at school 7.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. |
| 11 April | Room 6/7 trip |
| 12 April | Room 4/5 trip All Basic Fact-a-thon money handed in by today |
| 13 April | BOT Election Advertisement in the Waikato Times |
| 15 April | Book fair this week Senior School Parent Interviews |
| 16 April | Senior School Parent Interviews |
| 17 April | Junior School Interviews BOT Election Nomination Forms posted to all parents / caregivers |
| 19 April | Last day of Term 1 |
| 6 May | First day of Term 2 |
| 16 May | Nominations close at noon for Board of Trustees Elections |
| 22 May | Cross Country at school |
| 31 May | Inter-school Cross Country – Waitetuna |
| 3 June | Queen’s Birthday – school closed |
| 5 June | I.C.A.S. Science Competition |

NEW WORLD VOUCHERS

New World vouchers will be on sale at the school office after the Easter break. The vouchers are sold at the school office for \$50 and are worth \$55 when you spend them in store at Te Rapa New World. All the money raised from selling these goes straight back into our school and will be put towards the school library this year.

Thanks Te Rapa New World ☺

Te Rapa New World has also given us some fantastic deals to use over the Easter period. These are a thank you from them to us for being part of the Fly Buys Scheme and shopping at Te Rapa New World. If you aren’t signed up to our New World Fly Buys scheme and would like to be a part of it, please pick up a sign up sheet at the school office.



NEW WORLD
Te Rapa



As a special thank you for supporting Rotokauri School, here are two great deals to keep you going over the Easter period. Simply shop, then clip the coupon and present at checkouts.

School Supporter Coupon



Spend over \$100 in one transaction we will TRIPLE your Fly Buys points.

This offer is only available at New World Te Rapa, 751 Te Rapa Road, Hamilton, valid until Sunday 7th April 2013. Limit one coupon per transaction. Not valid with any other offer, including \$15 discount voucher promotion.

School Supporter Coupon



Spend over \$40 in our Butchery Department, and get a \$10 discount.

We have a fantastic range of cuts available, and if you're after something special, our butchers can prepare it for you.

This offer is only available at New World Te Rapa, 751 Te Rapa Road, Hamilton, valid until Sunday 7th April 2013. Limit one coupon per transaction. Not valid with any other offer, including \$15 discount voucher promotion.

*Happy Easter
From*



NEW WORLD

Te Rapa

Attention Kids! Enter our colouring competition instore, and join our Easter egg hunt.

Find the hidden clues in-store and get a **FREE** sweet treat at the checkout!



BALLOON AT ROTOKAURI SCHOOL ... READ ON



Balloons over Waikato

EVERYTHINGS LOOKING UP 3rd - 7th April 2013

Hey Rotokauri School you are so lucky! You've been chosen out of heaps of schools in the Waikato to get a hot air balloon visit on Friday 5th April 2013 as part of the ASB School Hop.

The name of the pilot that will be coming to your School is: **Dean Larkin**
He will have 4 crew members with him, you will also have an amazing ASB rep.
(Meaning you will be providing breakfast for 6 people)

As you see below we have outlined a schedule for your school, the balloonists and the ASB rep.

Where possible please stick to the schedule, however, if the schedule just won't fit with your school please let us know and we can inform all involved.

Friday 5th April 2013 - School Hop Day!

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|-------------|--|
| 7.00am | Balloon team arrives at your school. To be met by a school and ASB representative for briefing from pilot. |
| 7.30am | Balloon to inflate. Children and families should be at school by this time |
| 8.00-8.30am | Balloon will fly (weather permitting). |
| 9.00am | Pilots should be back from short flight for breakfast (supplied by school for balloon team and ASB rep). |
| 9.30am | ASB rep to introduce pilot and team. Pilot to do presentation to pupils. Please make sure that the children have lots of questions to ask the pilot. |
| 10.00am | Wrap up. |

Wet Weather / No Fly

In the event of bad weather (fingers crossed for a gorgeous Waikato morning!) the balloon team will do their presentation at the time indicated above. The presentation the balloonists give will have a flash drive full of pictures etc, so if you could please have a projector and PA facilities available so they can show these.

If you have any other questions or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Nicky White
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LOW FAT MILK

Along with water, low fat milk is an everyday first choice drink as it is low in sugar and high in calcium which is important for the health of your bones and teeth. Flavoured milk is a good treat option as it does contain calcium but be aware of the sugar content.

1 x 250ml glass milk
= 2 tsp sugar
1 x 250ml carton
flavoured milk = 7 tsp sugar



DIET OR 'ZERO' DRINKS

While diet or zero drinks don't contain any sugar, they do still contain caffeine so water is the best choice for children.

Also, giving children sweet drinks when they are thirsty develops a taste and a habit of wanting sweet drinks all the time.



SPORTS DRINKS

Sports drinks were originally designed for elite endurance athletes. Children need to run for about 2 hours to burn off all the sugar in a sports drink so when participating in sport or any activity the best drink is water.

1 bottle sports drink
(Powerade) = 14 tsp sugar



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DANCE DANCE DANCE

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If you have a 5 year old or a child turning 5 this year, come on over to the big Te Kowhai Hall on the Ngaruawahia Road opposite the Te Kowhai school on Wednesday afternoons at 3.30pm and join in with our Jazz Ballet classes.

Our Hip Hop dance class starts from the age of 8 (or turning 8 by Dec 31st 2013) Hip Hop has become one of the most popular styles of dance since the movie Step Up. Come and join one of our groups and learn the fun and fast steps of Hip Hop.

We also have more Jazz Ballet classes available from the ages of 3years old right up through high school.

All classes are held at the Te Kowhai Community Hall across the road from the primary school.

**Contact Jodie Dooley 8293299 or 02102560246
or visit the website at jodiedooleydanceschool.co.nz**

Artz on Show

Artz on Show presents our April Workshop of 'Annie'. Spend the week with us at Southwell School from April 29th - 3rd May 2013 to learn Jazz, Hip Hop, Drama, Art and Vocals skills and perform in our Show on Friday the 3rd May.

Phone us on 0800 ONSHOW to enrol or enquire, for more information see www.artzonshow.co.nz or email artz@onshow.net.nz



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Hamilton North Football Club

Hamilton North Football Club has registration available online this year visit www.hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz for the link to register. We have started our grading process but we still have some spaces available. If you would like to play football/soccer this season it is **not** too late to contact us. All inquiries to secretary@hamiltonnorthfootball.org.nz or 0800 4 SOCCER

FRASER TECH JUNIOR RUGBY

Following on from the FTJRC weigh in the Team Muster will be in the clubrooms on Sunday, 7th April starting at 10.00am. All returning players and any new players wanting to join Hamilton's top junior rugby club can attend on this day. New players please bring a copy of your birth certificate. If you have any queries please phone Kerry on 029 230 3818.

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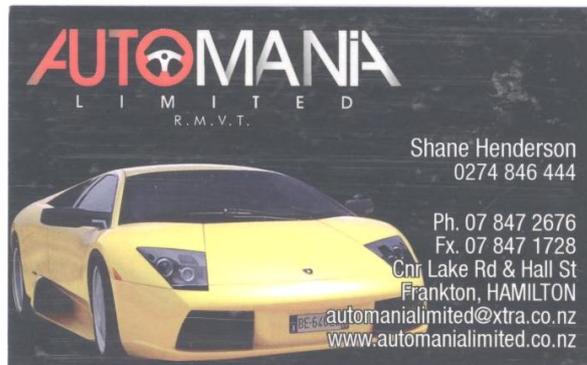
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