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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 our students in learning.

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL VISION

We are responsible, confident learners and communicators.

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Persistence and Excellence.

TEACHERS ONLY AFTERNOON

Teachers are continually upskilling themselves in order to improve the teaching and learning programmes in our school. You may be aware that for the last two years the staff have been working on a new curriculum document which I think could be of great benefit to all our teachers and students.

We need further time to consolidate our progress in 2016 and therefore the teachers will be having a teacher only afternoon on Monday, 21st November. Our staff will be off-site from 12.15 p.m. We ask that students are picked up from school at this time. More reminders will be given closer to the time.

We look forward to sharing our curriculum developments with the community over the coming months.

CAR SHOW

Car Shows and Galas just don't happen by themselves. There's a lot of prior organisation that goes in to make such a successful day. Our PTA are fantastic at putting together all the necessary pieces to make an enjoyable time for everyone. It's important that we all play our part and for many of us this will be to get as many people to the event as possible. If you know someone who has a car that's a bit different get them along.

This is a biggest event of the year and if we all pull together we can make an amazing Adventure Trail for our students, as all profits from the Car Show/Gala will go towards this venture.

Thank you PTA for all your work in making this event possible.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS KEMPTHORNE

Anybody who knows anything about our school knows that if you teach in Room 3 you end up pregnant. The only person that hasn't got pregnant in that class is Mr Watkins. It's with great joy that we can announce that Ashlie and her partner Dane will be having a child in the new year (end of February). We all know that she will make a great mum and wish her all the best. Ashlie will be on maternity leave for 2017.

NEW TEACHER

We always spend a lot of time and effort into searching for a new teacher. It's important that we get somebody who loves working with children and has a variety of skills to offer our students and staff. Some of you may remember Tracy Hopewell who came to our school a number of years back as a 3rd year student teacher. The Board have offered her a teaching position at our school for next year. She brings with her many musical talents and we look forward to working with her in 2017.

STAFF MAKE UP FOR 2017

We are lucky that we can draw on such great professionals to work with our students. Each staff member has a different set of skills and talents they can offer our students and that's why after 8 years at Rotokauri School students leave with a great set of skills and attitudes that allow them to make a successful transition into high school.

It's not until later in the term that we can announce student placement for 2017. That only occurs after parents inform us of their plans. Obviously the long Christmas period is a time when parents often relocate through work or for other reasons. If you are not going to be with us in 2017 can you please inform us by Tuesday 1st November as this does impact on staffing and placement of our students'.

Room 1 - Mrs Jacqualine Hill
Room 8 - Mrs Tracy Hopewell
Room 2 - Miss Desiree Smith
Room 3 - Mrs Mary Evans
Room 7 - Mrs Helena Kirkham

Just a big thank you to Miss Tash for all the wonderful work you have done with our students at Rotokauri School. Mrs Casey Sanders will be returning in 2017.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Each year the Board seek the views of the community on a number of Health and Safety, legislative, social and academic topics. We realise that everybody's lives are busy but we would appreciate you completing the 2016 Community Consultation. This can be found by going to our website www.rotokauri.school.nz Your thoughts and comments are valued.

Because we have been on holiday we have extended the period for you to have your say. For those people who put your name on the form we will give a juicy to your child/children and we will also put you in the draw for a \$100 voucher at Lola Café and Restaurant.

The last day to be included in the analysis of this survey is now Friday, 21st October. Thank you to the parents who have already shared your views.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

People often ask - what does your enrolment zone look like and am I in your catchment area? With new residential areas popping up in this region over time this question is going to become a lot more prevalent.

Now you can tell your friends to look on our website. To stop any confusion we have used the Ministry of Education's map of our enrolment zone. You will also notice other policies included on our website including our Complaints Procedure. When seeing teachers parents often just want to get a better understanding of their child's education and that's fine as that's why we are here - to help. Remember it's always better to see the classroom teacher if you want to know a little more about a particular incident or more detail about your child's social and academic performance. Our teachers are always available after school when classes are finished for the day with the exception of Tuesday when we have our Professional Development meeting.

AGRICULTURAL DAY

This school has a fine and long standing history of Agricultural Days. While other schools stop these as they are swallowed up by encroaching cities we have managed to maintain this tradition. We can only maintain this while we have people who have access to land for rearing animals. We also need people with the management skills and passion to continue this proud Rotokauri tradition. I think the community should put their hands together for Sharon Verstraten and Desiree Smith who do a tremendous job to keep this event running like clockwork and other Rotokauri staff who do a lot of work behind the scenes to help make this day run successfully. Also, thank you to all the parents who supported the students. A special thank you to all our sponsors who financially make this event possible -

- Greater Waikato Veterinary Service Trust
- ANEXA Morrinsville
- Hamilton Veterinary Services
- AgriSea New Zealand Ltd

- Skellerup
- Swandri
- Rainbow Springs

A special thanks goes to Avril McBeth who has helped with animals and given support to our students and school once again this year. The McBeth family also donated a calf ring to the school that can be used at our annual event.

Thanks Avril - all your support is very much appreciated.

TROPHY RETURN

It is the time of year that we need to gather in all Rotokauri School cups and shields so they can be engraved. If you have any trophies at home i.e. speech, Agricultural Day and end of year awards from 2015 please return them to the school office as soon as possible.

CHICKENS AT AGRICULTURAL DAY

This year we had twenty two chickens competing at Agricultural Day. Congratulations to the students and their families for all your efforts. The judge was very impressed with the quality of the chickens – they were extremely quiet and healthy. The results from the day are:

Junior (5 & 6 years)	Most Obvious Pet	1 st Jack Jones 2 nd Talei Phillips
		3rd Orlando Smith
Junior (5 & 6 years)	Rearing	1st Orlando Smith
		2 nd Archie Cameron
		3 rd Talei Phillips
Intermediate (7 years)	Most Obvious Pet	1 st Deanna Smith
		2 nd Mason Newbold
		3 rd Angus Elliott
Intermediate (7 years)	Rearing	1 st Angus Elliott
		2 nd Mason Newbold
		3 rd Mason Newbold
Senior (8 – 12 years)	Most Obvious Pet	1 st Aditya Raju
		2 nd Sophie Elliott
		3 rd Aditya Raju
		3 rd Savannah Smith
Senior (8 – 12 years) Rearing		1st Savannah Smith
		2 nd Aditya Raju
		3 rd Sophie Elliott

Rearing Champion: Orlando Smith Most Obvious Pet Champion: Aditya Raju

Junior Champion: Orlando Smith Intermediate Champion: Angus Elliott Senior Champion: Savannah Smith Champion Chicken: Savannah Smith Reserve Champion: Savannah Smith Reserve Champion: Jack Jones

Reserve Champion: Orlando Smith

LAMB, GOAT AND CALF RESULTS - SHIELDS & CUPS 2016

LAMB

Lamb Points Trophy – *Bianca Wallis* – *42 points*Most Obvious Pet Trophy – *Lachlan Emslie*Lamb Leading Trophy – *Lewis Surgenor*Lamb Rearing Shield – *Lewis Surgenor*

GOAT

Points Trophy - Doug McFarlane Shield - Reece Calnan - 38 points Goat Most Obvious Pet Trophy - Kyah Duncan Goat Leading Trophy - Reece Calnan Goat Rearing Trophy - Reece Calnan

CALF

Calf Points Trophy – *Molly Fletcher* – *36 points*Calf Leading Trophy - *Rylee Carlson*Calf Rearing Shield – *Molly Fletcher*Dairy Type Trophy – *Molly Fletcher*Beef Type Trophy - *Sophie Kells*

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

The Board are continually looking at how they can improve the aesthetics of our school and the learning environments for our students.

At the end of November we are expecting the recladding of parts of our administration block and the MPR room. This project is expected to last up to 22 weeks. We have been waiting for this work to take place for some time now and while there may be a few little inconveniences here and there the outcomes will be well worth it.

The Board is also looking at improving the indoor / outdoor flow of the areas outside Rooms 2/4/5. This project which is still in its planning stage is expected to start either at the end of 2016 or early 2017.

Thank you to everyone who has got these projects to the point where we looking forward to see physical changes around the school.

These actions and developments really do show our TEAM concept – Together Everyone Achieves More.

SENIOR SPEECHES

Have you ever noticed how articulate and confident our students are? It doesn't matter whether they are talking to the other students or parents at some formal occasion. I was really impressed that not only can they be articulate in English but a number of our students spoke confidently in Māori whilst on Waikeri Marae. Recently our students participated in our annual speech competition and what a competition it was. There was an array of speaking techniques on display that would not have been out of place at a Toast Masters Event.

The overall winner was Lee Panui who had not only a wonderful technically written speech but also a clear, funny and informative delivery.

Year 4 1st Elias Barber 2nd = Corey Molloy 2nd = Daksh Prajapati 3rd Alaura Pickles	Year 5 1st Cooper Miller 2nd Cole Viljoen-Thomson 3rd Anaiya Nelson	Year 6 1st Ella Kells 2nd Isaac Collinson 3rd Miya Tangiora
Year 7 1 st Eden Miller 2 nd Liam Townsend 3 rd Liam Cornelissen	Year 8 1st Lee Panui 2nd Sophie Kells 3rd Devon Collinson	Overall Winner – receiver of the Senior Speech Cup: Lee Panui

JUNIOR SPEECHES

As Mr Goodson has mentioned above our students are very confident and capable when presenting speeches at our school. This starts at an early age with our younger students (Years 2 and 3) participating in their own speech competition. This year's topic was based around the Olympic Games. Staff were extremely impressed with the way that all students wrote, practised and presented their speeches to an audience of their peers and parents.

This year's winners were:

Year 2	Year 3
1st Lachlan Emslie	1 st Lewis Surgenor
2 nd Lola Fau	2 nd Grace Cox
3 rd = Ava Viljoen-Thomson	3 rd = Hannah Hobbs
3 rd = Madson Garden	3 rd = Bella'Capri Nelson

Winner of the Junior Speech Competition Cup: Lewis Surgenor

THREE FACTORS THAT DRIVE STUDENT SUCCESS

New Zealand doesn't do a lot of surveys across the country in terms of education and well-being. We just tend to stick with National Standard data which the government deems as important for reporting on success. Europe and even Australia think a little deeper about what success in children might look like. An example of this, through an Australian Gallop poll, has found that a student's level of hope can be more of an indicative graduation than standardized testing.

The survey involved 11,000 students between the ages of 9 to 16.

48% of the students were hopeful about their future.

59% were engaged with their studies.

63% were thriving in terms of wellbeing.

Engagement, positivity and well-being are better ways of predetermining a child's ability to have a successful life.

Another area that has been well researched overseas is the importance of strong interpersonal relationships between students and staff.

Articles by Brett Henebery on this subject are very well worth a read, as is The Killing of Creativity video (2006 Ted Conference) by Kenneth Robinson.

BULLYING DESCRIPTION

Have you notice how the word bullying is bandied about in social media. If a boss asks a worker to do something that is not in the employee's job description then all of a sudden the word bully is dropped into the conversation.

The Ministry of Education terminology for Bullying is as follows:

"Bullying is a wilful, 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. At Rotokauri School we have adopted the following description - Bullying is when somebody repeatedly hurts another person by using harmful words and/or actions. We spend a lot time, within our classes and schoolwide, building positive relationships. It's the thing that we are most proud of at our school - the way that our students work with and treat one another. While I'm writing this I'm watching our students work together on the Agricultural Day activities. When students cooperate, communicate and have a smile on their faces it's a beautiful thing. Not all educational establishments are like this so we can consider ourselves very lucky.

HUI

Next week will be the last Hui for the year, everyone is welcome. The meeting will start at 7.00 pm in the staffroom. We will have a movie in Room 3 for the children.

Please RSVP Mary Evans mevans@rotokauri.school.nz or the office. Thanks.

INTERESTING

Speak in a way that others love to listen to you. Listen in a way that others love to speak to you.

Anonymous

I think instead of helicoptering our kids we should be strapping parachutes on their backs made of things like common sense, kindness and courage. Then we should teach them to jump.

Anonymous

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL SPORTS - TERM 4

This term is a busy one for sports at Rotokauri School. We have many team sports and a variety of sporting events happening within our school.

School Physical Education

<u>Rippa Rugby</u> – (Years 5 & 6 and Years 7 & 8). Held at Swarbrick Park on Friday, 4th November. A meeting was held and a notice was sent home. These are due in to Mrs Kirkham in Room 7 by Friday, 21st October.

<u>Cricket Festival</u> – (Years 5-8). Monday,14th November. A meeting was held and a notice was sent home. These are due in to Mrs Kirkham in Room 7 by Friday, 28^{th} October.

We have Richard from <u>Project Energize</u> coming in to work with our students on: Skipping skills. This will help with their fitness and prepare them for our Run, Jump, and Throw Programme.

Our 'Run, Jump, Throw Programme' begins in Week 3 of this term.

We have our whole school Athletics on Friday, 25th November – this year we are having the whole school competing on the same day.

Interschool Athletics is on Friday, 2nd December at Bremworth Park for students aged 9 years and older.

We have <u>Bike Wise Week</u> in Week 8 of this term – Monday, 28^{th} October to Thursday, 1^{st} December.

We complete our term with our **Senior School Camps**:

Our Years 5 & 6 students go on camp in Week 9 – Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th of December.

Our Years 7 & 8 students go on camp in Week 10 – Tuesday 13th December to Friday, 16th December.

More information regarding these camps will be sent home in the near future.

It looks like a very busy and active term! We can't wait!

Mini ball

We have two Mini ball teams registered. Thank you to those parents who have paid their sub of \$38 already. If you haven't paid yet - please send the payment of \$38 to Sharon in the office ASAP.

These are the teams:

Year 1 & 2	Year 7 & 8
Blake Robinson Hastings	Ella Kells
Zakk McDonagh	Jaxon Tate-Ward
Jack Jones	Cooper White
Charlie Jones	Julius Spiers
Hannah Jones	Liam Cornelissen
Jamie Haldane	Liam McLaughlin
Flint Coyle	Reiley Samuels-Porter
	Vanessa Campbell
Coach: Craig McDonagh	Coach: Rachel Porter
Manager: Craig McDonagh	Manager: Sania Cornelissen (on random days)

Touch

We have four teams registered for Touch. Thank you to those parents who have paid their sub of \$18 already.

If you haven't paid yet - please send the payment of \$18 to Sharon in the office ASAP.

These are the teams:

Rotokauri Racers Year 1/2 mixed	Rotokauri Rebels Year 3/4 mixed	Rotokauri Rattlers Year 5/6 boys	Rotokauri Ravens Year 7/8 mixed
Cole Turney Cory Burt Jay Williams Cooper McLean Cooper Hobbs Blake Robinson Hastings Matthew Webber Archie Cameron Madson Garden	Mārama Tangiora Ashtyn Gyde Quinlen Dixon Oliver Campbell Lewis Surgenor Ben Milne Paige Moka Jesse Zillwood Ella Burt	Jakin Warnock Cole Viljoen-Thomson Jaxon Tate-Ward Cooper Miller Isaac Collinson Riley Cornelissen Carter Jackways	Devon Collinson Liam Townsend Kieran Bradbury Callum Cameron Sophie Kells Miya Tangiora Vanessa Campbell Rebecca Perham
Coach: Mark Williams Managers: Derek Hobbs Louise and Rob McLean	Coach: David Gyde Manager: Neil Surgenor and Rhianna Irons	Coach: Todd Miller Manager: Sania Cornelissen	Coach: Helena Kirkham Managers: Miranda Collinson and Gary Perham
Subs: \$18pp	Subs: \$18pp	Subs: \$18pp	Subs: \$18pp

Again, thank you to those parents who have offered to help with coaching and managing our sports teams.

CARDBOARD CAR COMPETITION - CAR SHOW / GALA

This year we are incorporating a cardboard car competition with our Gala/Car show.

- It is open to all Rotokauri students.
- Cars are to be built at home and brought to school on Thursday 10th
 November by 9.00 am to the MPR (or other venue to be organised if the MPR
 is under renovation).
- Staff will decide on the top 6 entries (3 per junior and senior entries).
- These will then go forward for the people's choice vote at the Gala/Car Show to determine both Junior/Senior 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Rules of Construction:

- 1. Materials: 80% cardboard, 20% recycled items i.e. bottle tops, tin foil etc
- 2. Maximum size up to: 1 metre long x 60cm wide x 60cm high
- 3. Parent's assistance is welcome but please remember this is your child's creation.
- 4. Entry forms can be picked up from the office and returned on the day with your car.

Examples:









QUIZ NIGHT THANK YOU

Thank you to our generous sponsors!





























BABY SITTER AVAILABLE

Hi, my name is Gemma Yorke, I am 15 years old and an ex Rotokauri student. I am currently a year 10 at Waikato Diocesan. I am looking for local babysitting jobs, so if you are in need of a baby sitter please let me know as I have experience and am very keen. My cell phone number is 0272958574

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PRESS RELEASE

Te Kowhai Country Market: Perfectly timed for Christmas gifts!

The first Te Kowhai Country Market of this year is on 29 October 2016. 9.00 am – 1.00 pm, at Te Kowhai Memorial Hall, Horotiu Road, Te Kowhai, RD 8, Hamilton. We are delighted to announce that we have over 50 stalls confirmed for this growing event, all local, including a number of food stalls, and live musical entertainment. Kids: our theme this year is Halloween. We have a scarecrow competition and colouring contests for all ages. Download your colouring entry from our Facebook page, or email us at: tkcountrymarket@gmail.com to find out more. Return your completed entry to us for judging on the day. Great prizes

Please join us for a golden opportunity to stock up on locally made Christmas gifts and to relax in our pretty village only 10 km northwest of Hamilton.

For more information, contact Susannah Salter on 021 0848 1652 or Sharee Discombe on 022 127 6570

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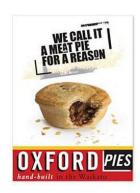
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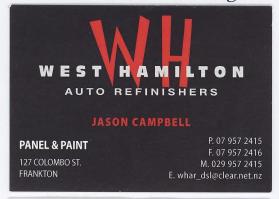






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