

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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ROKOKAURI SCHOOL CAR SHOW AND GALA 2016

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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.

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL POOL – WE NEED YOUR HELP

The feedback from the Community Consultation supports the continuation of the opening of the school pool. Each year more and more pools are closed at educational facilities. To keep our pool going we need somebody to organise and run a pool roster that would go from 28th November – 24th March. Please contact the office if you can help run the roster - office@rotokauri.school.nz
Also, please contact the office if you are prepared to help with looking after the school pool. In return for your time helping to keep the pool running, you will be given a pool key free of charge for the 2016 / 17 swimming season.

POOL KEYS

This year the price of a key for the school swimming pool will be \$75.00. This allows you access to the swimming pool and the tennis court for the summer months. Keys will be available later in November once our Helpers Roster is filled. Before you are issued with a key you will need to carefully read the pool contract, sign the contract and pay your \$75. One of the most important rules is that keys are **NOT** to be passed onto other family members or given to older siblings who are swimming unsupervised. Unfortunately if key holders do not follow the rules they will be asked to return their key, with no refund.

DONATIONS

Thank you to all the parents who paid their donation this year. It is much appreciated as it contributes to the running of the school.
It is not too late to support the school with a donation - \$100.00 per child for the year or a maximum of \$250.00 for a family.

CARPARKING

The loading zone is a continual issue at our school and to get one hundred cars through the loading zone in a timely fashion is difficult, even with fine weather. I know that parents become frustrated with waiting to enter the school grounds for pick ups. However, going through the loading zone is not the only option that is available. Some of our parents park down Bagust Road or Bunyard Lane. Well done. Starting this week we will be reopening the bottom carpark. Last year we only had four families that regularly used this carpark. Feedback from them was that it is a quick and efficient way to pick up their children. We would like to encourage more parents to pick up their children from this carpark – all it requires is parents informing their children where they will meet them in the afternoons. If we all do our little bit to help with the congestion we can make a difference.

TEACHER ONLY AFTERNOON

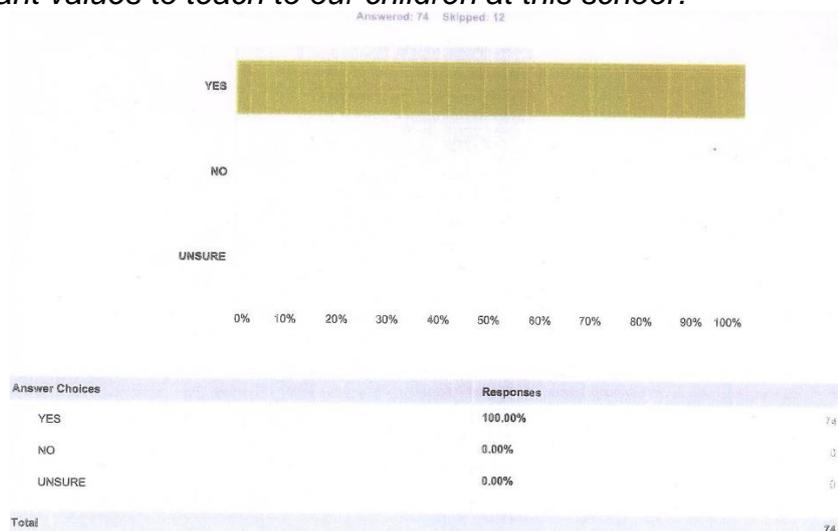
We know that parents are very busy people and therefore some information can be easily missed. For that reason we will give a couple more e-mail reminders about the **Teacher Only afternoon on Monday, 21st November**. The bell will ring at 12 o'clock and all children will need to be picked up by 12.15 p.m. as staff are working off-site. There will be **NO after school care on this day** but they will operate in the morning before school.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

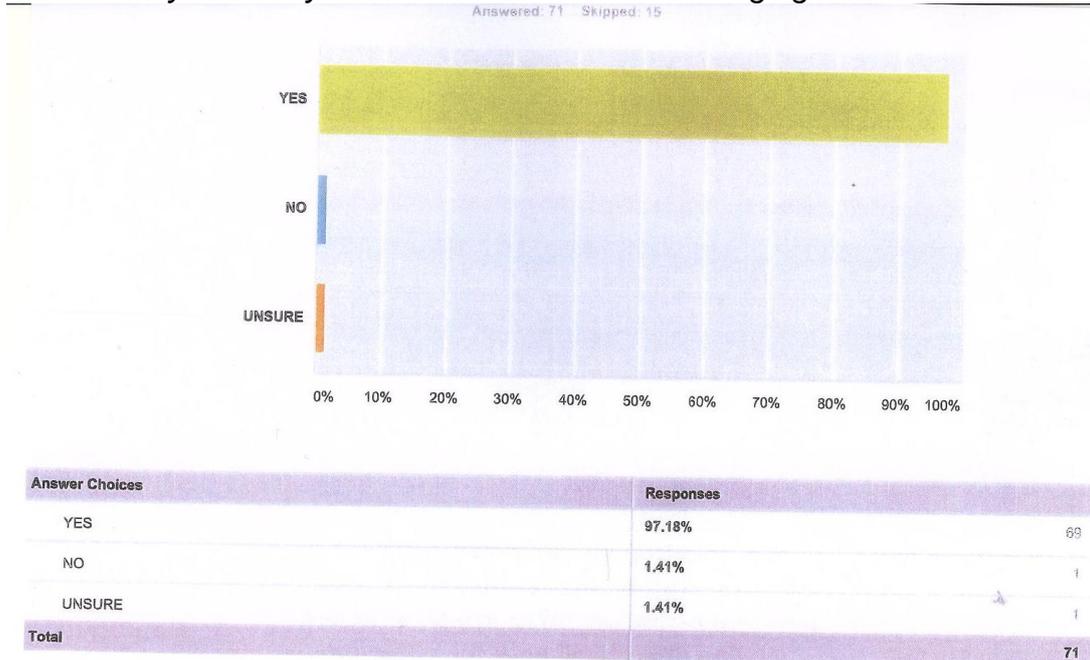
Thank you to the 80 people who responded to the Community Consultation that was online. This has been the highest participation rate that we have had in our review cycle. We do realize that answering 29 questions and adding your views does take time. The Board and staff appreciate your views and are currently reviewing the comments in order to provide some feedback.

Where there are patterns/trends identified the Board may ask for further information from the community. Here are some examples of the graphs that have been collated.

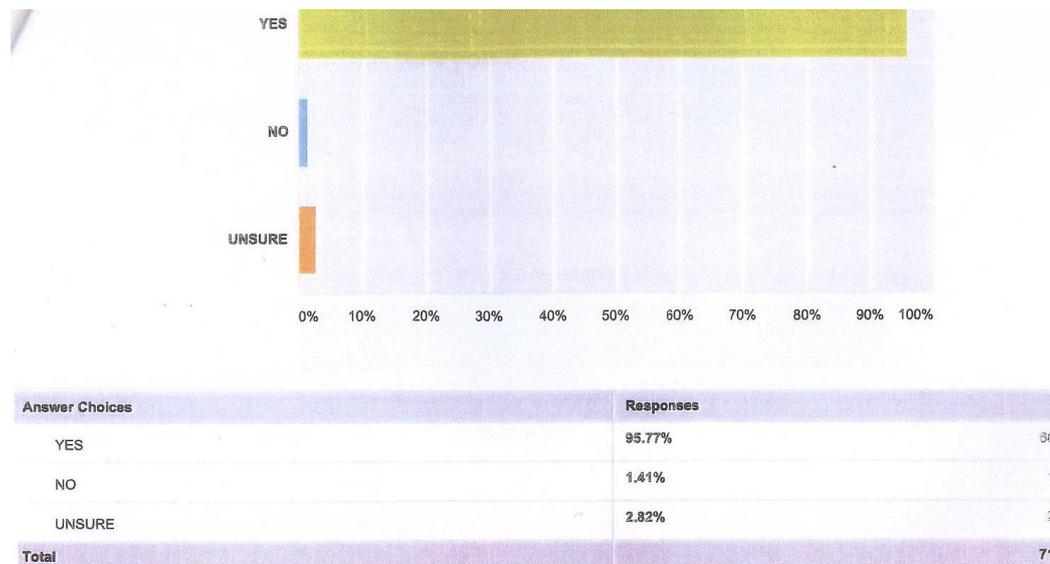
Question 2: Rotokauri School promotes the following values: Respect, Responsibility, Excellence, Persistence and Honesty. Do you consider these to be still important values to teach to our children at this school?



Question 3: Do you think your child has a sense of belonging to Rotokauri School?



Question 6: Do you think that we provide a positive learning environment which actively engages your child in learning?



WINNER ANNOUNCED

The people that completed the community consultation survey and put their name on the responses went into a draw for a \$100 gift voucher. Congratulations to the winner – David Gyde.

GALA DAY HELP

The PTA require helpers on the day of the Car Show and Gala i.e. public entry, car show entry, jar throw game, counting of votes etc.
Please email pta@rotokauri.school.nz if you can help. Thanks in advance.

CLASSES FOR 2017

Every school has its own ways of informing parents about classes for the following year. Some schools e-mail them out during the holidays, some put them on noticeboards or others wait until the beginning of the new school year to announce them. Once we know what the families plans are for 2017 we can begin to refine our current numbers. Each year the class makeup is dependent on the school's numbers. Placing children into classes takes a lot of time and thought as to what is going to be the best outcomes for the students. By now you will have received an e-mail explaining the process that we follow before finalizing classes for 2017.

ROOM NUMBER CHANGES

Each year we open up Room 8 at various stages of the year to accommodate our new five year olds coming. Telling 5 year olds and new parents that they are Room 8 makes them a little confused.

Next year we will have 8 rooms operating from day one so this gave us the opportunity to align our room numbers so that it makes more sense to everyone.

New 5 year olds will be going into Room 1 as they arrive during the year.

Makes sense doesn't it? Youngest students in Room 1 as the entry class and oldest students in Room 8 being the oldest students of the school.

Clarification of Classrooms – 2017

2016	2017
Room 1 – Mrs Evans	Room 1 – Mrs Hill
Room 8 – Mrs Hill	Room 2 – Mrs Hopewell
Room 2 – Miss Smith	Room 3 – Miss Smith
Room 3 – Miss Kempthorne	Room 4 – Mrs Evans
Room 4 – Miss Christian	Room 5 – Miss Christian
Room 5 – Mr Watkins	Room 6 – Mr Watkins
Room 6 – Miss Tasha	Room 7 – Mrs Sanders
Room 7 – Mrs Kirkham	Room 8 – Mrs Kirkham

P.S – the numbers on the classrooms are changing.

RAGLAN TRIP

Thank you to all the parents that went out to the Raglan Recycling Centre with the Enviro Group. I was amazed at how much information and new knowledge the students had learnt during the day. What made it more incredible was the way the students endured the terrible weather whilst listening to the speakers. Thank you Mrs Evans for organising this trip.

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

Our annual prizegiving will take place on Monday 19th December from 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. This is a time when we reflect on and celebrate all the special things that the students have achieved this year. During the course of the evening a number of certificates and trophies will be handed out. It is traditional that weather permitting we hold this special occasion on the school grounds. We must have one of the prettiest locations in Hamilton for a school and we like to use the natural environment as our outside venue.

JUNIOR SCHOOL TABLOIDS

On Friday 28th October the Year 2 students attended the junior school tabloids at Te Uku School. This is a fun filled day of activities which six schools from our cluster attend. A big thank you to Lisa Burt, Kerina Jessop, Jill Cameron and Matthew Webber's grandparents for guiding, supporting and encouraging the children and for supervising a team. I felt a great deal of pride in the children's behaviour on this day. They listened carefully to instructions, followed instructions successfully, had a wonderful attitude towards what they were doing, tried their best at all activities and modelled the values that are part of our Rotokauri School culture. *Miss Smith*

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. There is also a copy of the entry form attached to this newsletter if you prefer to print one out yourself.

Examples:



CAR SHOW & GALA 2016

Raffles:

\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

1. \$100 worth of Instant Kiwi Scratchies
2. BBQ Table
3. Family Fun Pack
4. Grocery Hamper
5. Pamper Pack
6. Child's Skid Trike & Helmet

Quick Fire Raffles:

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Great prizes to be won, meal vouchers, hampers, mystery boxes etc

Mystery Envelopes:

\$5.00 each (lots of awesome prizes)

Silent Auctions:

- Photo Shoot (worth \$650)
- Snow Planet Family Pass (worth \$279)
- Converse Sunglasses (worth \$199)
- Avalon Tyres Voucher (worth \$250)
- Anytime Fitness 3mth Membership (worth \$390)
- Interislander Voucher (worth \$100)
- Artz on Show – Muppets Workshop January 2017 (worth \$300)
- Plus more

Gala Games:

We have some new gala games this year which include: Splat the Rat, Flip the Frog, Buried Treasure, Feed the Lion, Ninja Turtles + Lollipop Tree, Face Painting & Tattoos

Food & Refreshments:

- Sausage Sizzle
- Hamburgers
- Baking at the Bake Stall
- Coffee
- Cold Drinks
- Snowies - shaved ice
- Ice Blocks

Cardboard Car Competition:

Top 3 Junior and Senior Creations will be determined by people's choice voting on the day.

TUPPERWARE FUNDRAISER

The Junior school are fundraising to cover the cost of their end of year trip to Butterfly Creek in Auckland. A local Tupperware representative has kindly offered to hold two demonstrations for families to purchase Tupperware.

Tuesday 15th November in the Multipurpose Room:

Demonstration # 1 at 3.00pm

Demonstration # 2 at 7.00pm

There will be a prize draw for everyone who makes a purchase and this is worth \$180 and can be viewed at the school office.

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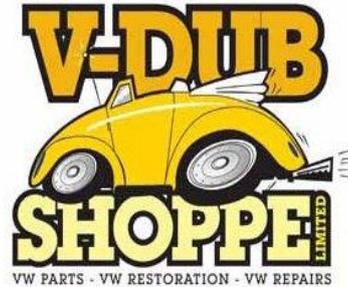


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Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

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