

# Rotokauri School

## Newsletter



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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>5 December</b>	<b>Year 8 Leaving Dinner</b>
<b>6 December</b>	<b>Tabloids 1.30-3.00 p.m.</b>
<b>6 December</b>	<b>Disco</b>
<b>10-13 December</b>	<b>Senior Camp at Whakamaru</b>
<b>17 December</b>	<b>Zoo Trip</b>
<b>18 December</b>	<b>Prize Giving at Rotokauri School, back up location Te Kowhai Hall</b>
<b>20 December</b>	<b><u>Last day of term - students to be picked up by 12.30 p.m. please. No afterschool care programme today</u></b>
<b><u>2014</u></b>	
<b>7 February</b>	<b>First day of school</b>
<b>12 February</b>	<b>Tech starts for Years 7 &amp; 8</b>

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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.

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

On behalf of the staff of Rotokauri School, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and holidays. We hope that you enjoy the holiday break and return refreshed for 2014.

**This is the last newsletter of 2013.**

## **ROKOKAURI TABLOIDS**

### **Reschedule of cancelled afternoon**

As the first tabloids afternoon was so enjoyable, the whole school will participate in the second session of the Rotokauri tabloids afternoons on Friday, 7 December. This year the tabloids replaced the Options Programme that we have operated in previous years.

## **ASB THANK YOU**

Thank you very much to the ASB for supplying EFTPOS facilities and people to operate it at the car show. Their continuing support of Rotokauri School is much appreciated.

## **TENNIS COURT KEY**

Please notify the office if you are interested in purchasing a key that would allow you access to just the tennis courts (not the swimming pool as well).

## **ERO**

Rotokauri School will have an ERO visit in the third week of Term 1, 2014.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CARE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

There is no after school care on the last day of term. The last day of school is Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December and students need to be picked up from school at 12.30 p.m. please.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you very much to the all the wonderful parents who volunteer their time to help out at Rotokauri School. This includes the Board of Trustees members, the P.T.A. members and the many parents that do all sorts of jobs to support our students and staff.

## **PRIZE GIVING**

Prize Giving is to be held on Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of December at Rotokauri School. If you want to bring along a picnic or BBQ and socialise it starts at 6.00 p.m., or if you want to just attend the prize giving it starts at 7.00 p.m. If the weather is wet, it will be held at the Te Kowhai Hall at 7.00 p.m. The programme includes singing, presentation of winning speeches, fashion show of Wearable Arts finalists, ukulele/guitar performances and the presentation of class certificates and trophies.

## **DISCO**

The end of year disco is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The theme is Countries Around the World. A disco permission slip was sent home on Wednesday and needs to be handed in at the door on the night. There will be food available to purchase on the night. Thank you to the P.T.A. for organizing the disco. It is always a fun night for the children.

## **ZOO TRIP**

On Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December the whole school will be visiting the Hamilton Zoo. We will be leaving school at 10.45 a.m. We will require parent helpers on this day (free entry). This trip will be free for all students.

We will be walking to the zoo's back gate (along Bagust Road), meeting with the Education Officers, having lunch together and spending time looking at the animals.

## **SWIM SAFE – 67 DROWNINGS SO FAR THIS YEAR**

On Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, the staff were involved in a professional development session facilitated by Wendy, from Kiwi Swim Safe – Safety in the Water. The Kiwi Swim Safe Programme includes eight modules:-

- Think Safety
- Go Under
- Glide
- Kick
- Stroke
- Survive
- Swim
- Apply Safety

Teachers will be using aspects of the Swim Safe Programme in their classroom programme next year. If you are interested in activities related to Swim Safe check out this website – [www.watersafe.org.nz](http://www.watersafe.org.nz)

It is extremely important for children to learn water safety and how to swim.

## COOL SCHOOLS

Next year we are introducing the Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme to Rotokauri School.

Cool Schools is a whole-school proactive programme that teaches essential life skills for peaceful conflict resolution. The skills taught in this programme empower individuals to build positive, caring relationships with others, especially in times of conflict.

Staff are being trained in the holidays so that they can pass these skills on to your children.

The Cool Schools Learning areas are:

- Defining conflict
- Responses to conflict
- The role of the mediator
- The mediation process
- Problem solving and creating agreements that work
- Active listening
- Identifying and expressing feelings
- Using "I" statements
- Effective questioning
- Handling difficult situations

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

Can all library books be returned please so a stocktake of the books can be completed. If any books are missing, invoices will be sent home to the child's family.

## CARPARK DANGER – LOADING ZONE

**Probably the most dangerous area on our school grounds is the car park. Presently we have parents who park their car in the loading zone (by the bus shelter) and then walk off to collect their child. This clogs up the whole car park and endangers our students' safety. Please do not leave your car unattended and move forward along the line as the car in front moves on.**

## SWIMMING POOL KEYS

Our school pool opened on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Pool keys are available for sale at a cost of \$70. The swimming pool key also gives access to the tennis courts. Keys are only available for families that have students currently enrolled at Rotokauri School. If you would like to purchase a key please see Sharon at the school office as you will need to read and sign a pool use contract. Each year we sell a limited amount of keys to families who attend our school. There are only a few keys left.

## MATHLETICS

In the last few weeks students would have brought home a flyer about the free trial which has been offered to the school for Mathletics this term. Thank you to the families that have paid their contribution of \$20 for their child to participate in the programme next year. The free trial ended on 15<sup>th</sup> November, but for the families who have paid their fee Mathletics will be made available again soon, which will give access until the end of the 2014 school year.

**If you haven't already done so, please make your \$20.00 per child payment to the school office so that you too can have access to the Mathletics programme until the end of 2014.**

## POOL HELPERS REQUIRED

The pool is open from December through to March. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered so far. We still need a few more people to help with the cleaning and maintaining the pool. This is a twice a day task (morning and evening) and has previously been run on a roster system doing one week stints. **Everyone is welcome to try their hand at this and full training will be given. In return for your time you get a free pool key for the season!**

If you are interested or just want to know what's involved leave your details with Sharon at the office and I'll get in touch to answer any questions.

Nick Spiers

**Eat a rainbow of 'glow foods' every day!**



### WICKED WHITE

**Slice juicy apples into wedges and dip into low fat yoghurt**

**Munch on a white flesh nectarine**

**Homemade hummus. Combine 1 can of chickpeas, 2 cloves of crushed garlic, 2 tbsp olive oil and the juice of 1 lemon in the food processor. Use as a dip for carrot and celery sticks, yum!**



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## **BOUNCING BROWN**

Add **dates** to homemade scones

Slice a **pear** into wedges for a juicy morning tea snack

Bake homemade **potato wedges** with the skins on for extra fibre



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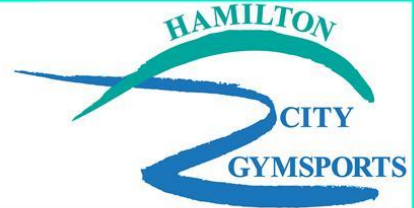
**Call Chris now on 829 9972 or 0274 460 040  
to make a booking.**

## **Hand-crafted bookbags available**

One of our parents is making cotton book bags, fully lined in a variety of colours and prints, for \$20 each. Book bags are mainly used by the junior school students. If you are interested in purchasing/viewing, phone Rosemary on 829 3088, or see her at school (near Room1).



# Gymsports Holiday Programme



**Mon 16 Dec—Fri 20 Dec**  
**9am-3pm**  
**\$25 per day**

**Mon 13 Jan—Fri 17 Jan**  
**Mon 20—Fri 24 Jan**  
**\$30 per day 9am-3pm**  
**Babysitting Available**  
**Before and After Programme**  
**\$5 per hour**

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Thanks  
Marie Carlson



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