

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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School Hāngī Photographs by Sacha Kahaki



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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 us all in learning.

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VISION

Together We Grow

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

Together We Learn

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

ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES

Persistence

Resilience

Integrity

Diversity

Excellence

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri.

We would like to welcome Brianna Donny to Room 1. We hope you and your whanau / family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Another busy fortnight has passed us by! The term is flying past and the holidays are fast approaching. Teachers are completing assessments and are preparing to write progress or achievement reports for the students.

Progress reports show specific progress in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics, progress against the National Standards, next learning steps for your child's learning and suggestions for supporting their learning at home. Achievement reports show specific achievement in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics, overall achievement against National Standards, general comments about the other areas of the curriculum, Rotokauri attributes, next learning steps for children's learning and suggestions for supporting learning at home. On both reporting formats there is also effort ratings for all areas of the curriculum.

You may notice some extra signage around the school, this is due to our commitment to keeping students, staff and visitors safe whilst on our school property. As part of our Health and Safety procedures we need to identify Hazards. Once these are identified it will be investigated and appropriate action taken to minimise and eliminate potential and

actual hazards. If you notice a hazard please let me know, as it is everyone's responsibility to keep our school a safe environment for all.

Congratulations to the students that are representing our school in a variety of sports over the coming weeks. We know that you will represent our school with pride and will do your best. Participation in these events is often made possible because of the support of parents transporting students and helping with supervision. Thank you to the parents that offer their time to assist the school in many ways – class trips, sports events, spelling testing, reading with groups. It is wonderful to walk around the school and observe parents working with children.

Ngaa mihi nui.
Desiree Smith
Principal

SPORTS NEWS

Inter-School Swimming Results 2017

Well done to all the students who qualified and participated in the Hamilton West Rural Cluster Swimming Sports. Another big thank you to all parents who helped to transport our team out to Ngaruawahia, your help looking after the students, as well as timekeeping and marshalling was much appreciated.

Here are the results.

	Girls	Boys
8 Years	Isla Kahaki 3 rd 25m Breaststroke Isla Kahaki 3 rd 25m Backstroke Isla Kahaki 3 rd 25m Freestyle	Ben Milne 3 rd 25m Breaststroke Seth Westgate 2 nd 25m Breaststroke
10 Years	Georgia Westgate 2 nd 50m Freestyle	Isaac Collinson 3 rd 25m Breaststroke Isaac Collinson 2 nd 25m Freestyle
11 Years		Adam Fryer 2 nd 50m Breaststroke
12+ Years	Rebecca Perham 2 nd 25m Breaststroke Rebecca Perham 2 nd 25m Freestyle Rebecca Perham 2 nd 50m Breaststroke Rebecca Perham 2 nd 50m Freestyle	Nick Westgate 3 rd 25m Backstroke Liam Townsend 2 nd 25m Backstroke Liam Townsend 1 st 50m Backstroke

Year 5 & 6 Northwest Interschool Triathlon

Well done to those students who will be competing in the Northwest Interschool Triathlon on Friday: Lilly Aitchison, Elias Barber, Nevaeh Grason, Natal Birks, Cole Viljoen-Thomson, Jessica Cuff, and Paige Moka. We know you will try your absolute best and we are very proud of how you will represent Rotokauri School. Also a big thank you to Carie Aitchison and Cary Viljoen for offering to transport and supervise our students.

Mini Ball

Forms were given to those students who attended the mini ball meeting on Monday. These forms are due back this Friday (31st of March). We have been lucky enough to have Rachel Porter offer to coach our Year 7&8 team. Thank you!

Netball 2017

We are currently processing the returned forms and putting our students into teams. Thank you to those parents/caregivers who have offered to manage or coach a team. A huge thank you also goes out to Sacha Kahaki and her trusted helpers: Rhianna and Carie, who have offered to oversee the organising of the teams and coordinating the coaches and managers.

Thank You

Our students really benefit from partaking and competing in a variety of sporting events; we believe it gives them the opportunity to form new friendships and develop life-long skills. Without parental support, these events would not be possible. We really appreciate and truly value the ongoing support we get from our parents. Thank you.

Classroom Physical Education Programmes

In our classroom programmes we are transitioning from swimming into small ball skills. Our students will be involved in a variety of physical activities such as: padder tennis, tennis, softball, cricket, hockey, and handball. All of these activities develop our student's hand-eye coordination, gross motor skills, and overall ball handling skills.

Tough Guy & Gal Competition – Friday, 9th June 2017



Individual Entry

It's time to get tough and muddy! We are hoping to take another team to this event again this year (to the Friday challenge). We ask that you register your child by filling in an entry form and email or post it into the Tough Guy and Tough Gal organisers along with the payment. **Add in our school name**, this means we can pick up their race pack for them, on the day. We will also be asking for parental help and supervision closer to the date.

Sports, Club, Holiday Programmes & Extra Curricular Notices

From now on we will be putting suitable notices sent to us by outside organisations straight onto our website instead of filling the newsletter. If you would like information on sports, holiday programmes or out of school activities please go to www.rotokauri.school.nz and go to the tabs at the bottom called sports notices and extra curricular.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is open until the end of Term 1, 13 April. If you would like to return your pool key before this date please bring this back to the school office to receive your \$10.00 refund. If you send your child with the key please send a note to say that you are happy for them to sign for and receive the \$10.00 refund on your behalf. For those keys not returned this term, the same process will go for the start of Term 2. All keys need to be returned by Friday, 5 May please.

BOT NEWS

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Feedback from our community consultation

Question 6 – Our mission statement states that we intend to provide a positive environment which will actively engage our students in learning. Do you think we provide a positive learning environment that actively engages your child in learning?

Response – 95.77% Yes
1.41% No
2.82% Unsure

Comments: (please note not all are shown)

- My son has always loved coming to school
- Sometimes a bit too PC. Sometimes the odd fight in the playground does some good. But the school creates nice kids so overall I'm happy.

Question 7 – We are continually updating our Rotokauri curriculum to enhance our students learning for the world they will inhabit. What skills do you believe children at our school will need for the future?

Response - (please note not all are shown)

- How to write and read still not just computers and I-pads.
- Computer skills.
- Practical hands on skills and technology skills.
- Life skills.

Question 8 – Do you have any skills or learning opportunities that you could share with students of Rotokauri School?

Comment from BOT: We have realised that this question should not be asked in this forum as this can be an anonymous survey and so can be hard to follow up on offers. We would like to encourage any parent that would like to contribute to get in touch with their child's teacher or Desiree Smith.

Question 9 - How would you like to see Multi -cultural concepts brought into our school e.g. through language, through play/games, through art, through history, through food.

Response—Main response was all of the above

Question 10 - Are there any skills/experience that you would like to share with our students in relation to culture.

Comment from BOT: Please see response from Question 7 above.



ERO visited and reviewed our school from 8th March through to the 13th March. We have received positive feedback to date and a full report will be sent to us within the next few months.

ERO indicated that we were supporting and Implementing best practice and governance within our school.

We look forward to their final report and would like to thank everyone involved in the process and all the students who sung beautifully and performed the Haka during the ERO visit.

MPR Update

The MPR upgrade is ahead of schedule and we are looking at being able to open it again early in Term 2.

There will be some movement happening over the Easter break, such as getting our library back up and running.

We will keep you updated as more progress unfolds.

Did you know??

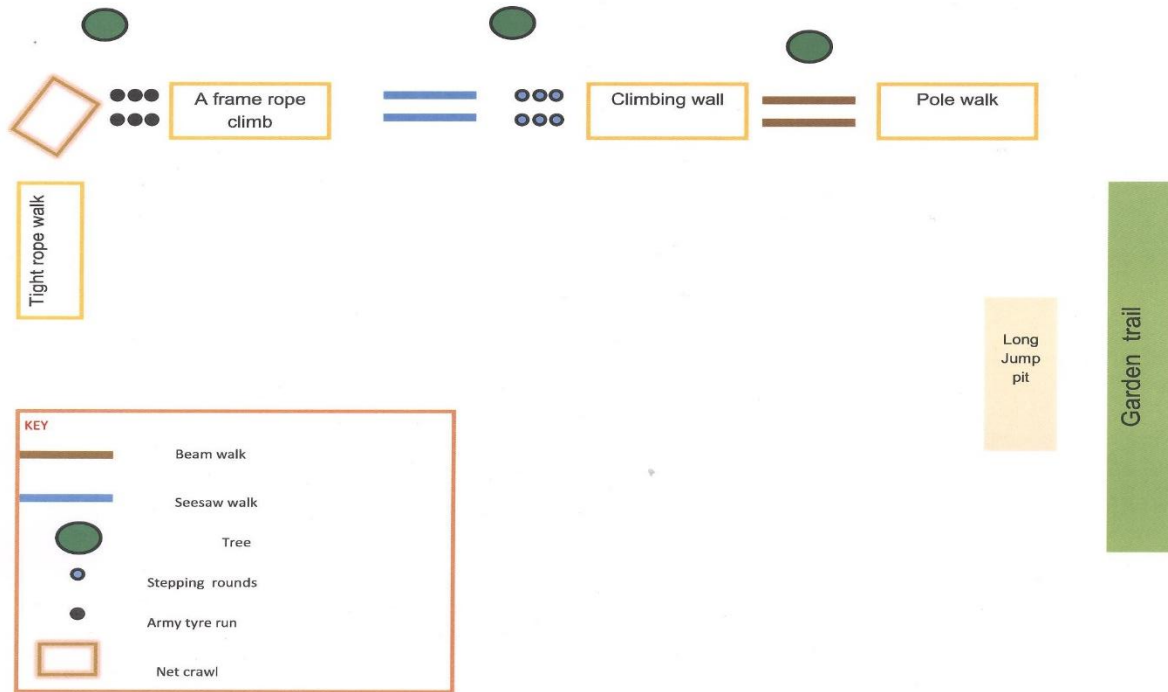
We are currently rolling out a new curriculum within our school, one that has been lovingly developed over the past few years. You will be seeing this new curriculum being “unpacked” over the coming year.

Kapa Haka

We have a great Kapa Haka group within our school but we are also involving Kapa Haka as a school wide activity. If you were able to make it to our Hāngi you would have seen some lovely waiata's and a strong Haka performed by our students.

ADVENTURE TRAIL UPDATE

The Adventure Trail Committee have been working hard on a plan to complete stage 1 of the adventure trail. Please see attached a plan of what we will be working on over the next month. We are hoping, with the help of the community, we will get stage 1 completed early in Term 2. We will be needing help with supplies and will be looking at donations of wood and tyres. Please do not bring anything to the school but if you do have anything that you think will be useful please hold onto it and a list and drop off point will be sent out in the next 2 weeks. We will also be needing hands and bodies to help us finish this stage off. Again keep an eye out as we will be posting a weekend soon that we will be tackling these structures. Thanks in advance - The Adventure Trail Committee.



Beam walk



Stepping rounds



Seesaw walk



Army tyre run



Net crawl

PTA NEWS

Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

EASTER RAFFLE UPDATE

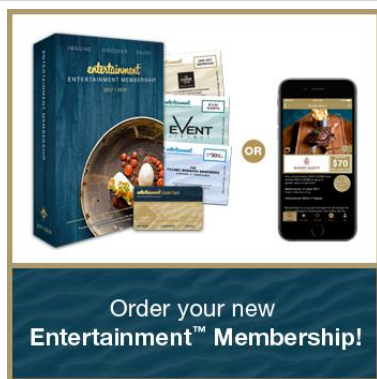
As you know we are trying something different this year in regards to our school fund raisers, the Easter raffle ticket sales are well underway but we do need help moving these. If you know anyone who would like a ticket please get them to contact the PTA by email at pta@rotokauri.school.nz or if you would like a book or part book to try to sell more tickets it would be greatly appreciated.

We have had to purchase the prizes at a cost of \$5,000. At present we have made the cost back and ticket sales are now going to be making the school a profit.

We would love to sell all 1,000 tickets this would make for the school a massive \$20,000 to be used on Stage 2 of the Adventure Trail and also in other areas around the school.

If you have any ideas of how we can move the remaining tickets please email us with your ideas.

Thank you to everyone who has sold tickets - it is much appreciated.



**Early Bird Pre-Order Finishes
Tomorrow - 31st March 2017**

Every person that orders on the Early Bird Offer not only receives some great offers they can use straight away but they will also go in the **Prize Draw** to win: Chelsea Winters book **Scrumptious**, wineglass, wine and chocolates.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15484g0>

PTA MEETING

Wednesday, 5 April 2017

7.00 pm in Staffroom.

All Welcome

Fundraising for 2017

Easter Raffle (March – April)

Entertainment Book (May 1st)

Car Show & Gala (November)

Swim Goggles and Cap

\$5.00 a pair available
at the school office.

ONLY 7 SETS LEFT

(Stock up for next season)

GENERAL MATTERS

Donated Books

We have been very fortunate to receive donated books for our school library. Thank you to Matthew Webber's granddad for donating two Epilepsy Waikato books – Ariana and Jack (Ko Ariana rāua ko Jack) and Ben's Buddies (Ngā hoa o Ben), and Charley Ainscough (Atmosphere) for donating a copy of her new cookbook – Charley Chop chop Shares Her Culinary Magic.

Note from Charley Chop Chop

Rotokauri School has always been very dear to my heart having worked there as the After School Care Manager. I met with Miss Smith on Monday and it is with great pleasure that I have donated a copy of my self-published Cook Book to the school library for the children to enjoy. My Cook Book Charley Chop Chop Shares her Culinary Magic is a feast for the senses with 9 mouth watering chapters to lose yourself in. Let Breakfast Be Brilliant. Let's Make Lunch. Let's Bake. Let's Do Dinner. Let's Make Soup. Let's Make Smoothies and Ice blocks. Let's Make Chutneys and Dressings. Let's Get Babylicious and to finish Let's Get Crafty. This cook book is a must for every family kitchen. If you love to cook and have budding chef's at home who are learning to cook, this book will inspire time and time again with its easy to follow recipes using healthy ingredients. This cook book is a must at just \$36.50 including postage. To buy a copy contact Charley Chop Chop directly at charleychopchop@icloud.com and follow her on Facebook Charley Chop Chop and her Magic Stove for daily recipes and inspiration. Love and Blessings your Charley Chop Chop www.charleychopchop.com



Student Council Survey

The Student Council wish to thank all the students for contributing their ideas in the school survey which they undertook earlier this term. The results have been collated and prioritised. The Student Council will then determine which ideas are achievable e.g. financially, and will develop an action plan to get these ideas completed by the end of the year.

Principal Celebration and School Hāngī

The organisation and preparation of food for over 300 people is immense and could not have been achieved without the help of the many willing helpers who volunteered their time to make it such a successful event. It was a wonderful experience and learning opportunity for our students and staff.

We would especially like to thank:

Isaac Warbrick, Helaman Tangiora and Gary, who were up at school in the early hours of the morning preparing the hāngī pit and cooking our food to perfection.

Rachel Warbrick and Jazzman Nelson who spent a day cooking the huge amount of yummy Māori bread.

Sacha Kahaki for the magnificent photos, documenting the process.

Marie Carlson for purchasing the consumables.

And the many helpers on the day, organising and serving the food.

We also really appreciate all the donations of meat and vegetables we received. The hāngī was a hugely successful event, one which the student will remember for many years to come.

Mary Evans

Photographs by Sacha Kahaki



CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 7

Room 1	Jiya Prajapati – For showing our school value of excellence. Always doing your work to the best of your ability.
Room 2	Clarke Robinson – For showing the school value of integrity and being focused in all you do.
Room 2	Caitlin Furlonger – For showing the value of excellence. Always doing your work to a high standard.
Room 3	Vedhikah Goundar – Fantastic improvement when writing stories. You have thoughtful ideas and use capital letters and full stops correctly.
Room 3	Zakk McDonagh – For always giving 100% to everything each school day. You show helpfulness and kindness towards others. Be proud Zakk!
Room 4	Lily Young – For working hard to improve your swimming.
Room 4	Blake Robinson Hastings – For your enthusiasm and participation in cultural activities.
Room 5	Savannah Smith – What a fantastic improvement in all areas of the curriculum. You are trying so hard.
Room 5	Lewis Surgenor – Excellent focus and motivation. Keep it up.
Room 6	Daksh Prajapati – Great attitude and results in your maths assessments.
Room 6	Isla Kahaki – Outstanding swimming results.
Room 7	Anaiya Nelson – For your awesome effort and focus in all that you do.
Room 7	Amos Robinson – For the effort and focus you put into your learning tasks.
Room 8	Ella Kells – You are a student who shows persistence in all that you do. When you are challenged, you don't give up!
Room 8	Molly Fletcher – You show integrity to others, you respect difference and always show kindness to your peers.

Week 8

Room 1	Orlando Smith – For fabulous manners and a great attitude toward aspects of school.
Room 2	Hannah Towl – For showing kindness in class and working hard on your writing.
Room 2	Ryan Keightley – For being focused in maths and always showing excellent manners.
Room 3	Jack Jones – For awesome progress in swimming showing enthusiasm and confidence.
Room 3	Nalei Nelson – For a positive attitude in all learning situations. Always thoughtful and responsible. Be proud Nalei!
Room 4	Lachlan Emslie – For excellence in maths.
Room 4	Ava Viljoen-Thomson – For a great attitude towards all school activities.
Room 5	Bella Wilson – For showing the value of excellence – always doing work to a high standard
Room 5	McKay Robinson – For showing a huge improvement in maths and an excellent problem solver.
Room 6	Oscar Stratford – For a fantastic effort in writing with outstanding results.
Room 6	Corbyn Ridley – For great focus in maths.
Room 7	Alicia Norton – A great first week effort on her Maths Whizz learning – be proud!
Room 7	Riley Cornelissen – For your focus and effort on your Word Work learning – great to see!
Room 8	Parsa Soltanizand – You are a student who strives for personal excellence in all that you do – well done!
Room 8	Darriyn Nevill – You are a student who never gives up, even when you are challenged. Be proud!

Writing

Congratulations to Oscar Stratford for producing a great piece of writing, motivated by a picture of a graveyard.

Graveyard



The dry crunchy grass leads to a graveyard. The graveyard is dark with wind twisting around your legs. The dead tree branches are scattering along the graves. The power lines are sparkling like lightning shooting up. Leaves look like nails pointing up out of the grass.

Oscar Stratford

REMINDERS

Easter Fun Day

On Tuesday, 11th April Room 8 students will be holding an Easter Fun Day for all of Rotokauri School. This Easter Fun Day will contain lots of opportunities for the students to show off their Rotokauri School Values. It will consist of fun activities like: water activities, tabloid sports, and a treasure hunt. At morning tea and lunch, delicious food will be available to buy: sweets, burgers, slushies, milo, and home baking. All food will range from 50c - \$3.00.

This event is to raise funds for the Senior School end of year camp. Parents are welcome to come along. The Easter Fun Day will start at 9:35 am and will end at 12:30 pm (we will be selling food for lunch at 12:30 p.m).

Mobile Dental Clinic

The Mobile Dental Clinic will be on-site from 1st – 12th April.

Lit Quiz

Congratulations to the students that have been chosen to participate in the Lit Quiz on 10th May at Southwell School. Thank you to Mrs Toni Rae for working with the students, preparing them for the competition.

Team 1: Eden Miller, Sarah Teale, Liam Cornelissen, Lily Daniels.

Team 2: Cole Viljoen-Thomson, Koen McCurdy, Isaac Collinson, Brooklyn Snelgrove

Headlice

The school has been notified that a number of classes have children that are being treated for headlice. It is important that once discovered they are treated quickly so that they do not spread to others. Thank you to the families that have notified the school and that have treated their children. If you would like further information we have pamphlets in the school office from the Public Health Nurse.

Lost Property

We are finding that our Lost Property bin in the Room 1 cloak bay is filling up regularly. We have already had to cull a bin full of clothing that remained unclaimed. The Op shop was very grateful. To avoid your child's clothing being re-homed please name every item likely to be taken off when the temperature rises through the day. As long as there is a name on it, it will be kept in the school and returned to its owner. We try to make sure that un-named clothing is displayed for claiming on two occasions before we send it on.

Senior School Parent Interviews

Our Parent Interviews for our senior students are now on Monday and Tuesday the 15th and 16th May, Week 3, Term 2. More information in regards to bookings will be sent home Week 1 of Term 2.

Boxes for Recycling

Our recycling students are desperately looking for boxes that can be used to put recycling items into. If you have any suitable cardboard boxes please bring these to school.

Friends for Life

Dear Parents / Caregivers,



In today's society children, youth and families are faced with a number of stresses and challenges on a day to day basis. Research has shown that children and youth who are resilient (can bounce back and cope with day-to-day life experiences) are more likely to succeed at school, develop healthy peer relationships and are less likely to develop mental health problems. Given this information, it is important that we take an active approach in teaching children, youth and families how to build their resiliency when faced with the stresses of life.

We have invited Jenny Bell from Jenny Bell, Oranga, to speak to our school community on **Wednesday 10th May**, and invite you to attend. Jenny will give a short presentation on resilience and the FRIENDS programs. Following that, there will be question time and an opportunity to speak privately with Jenny.

You will have the opportunity to enrol your child in a FRIENDS program, run at school and facilitated by Jenny. Groups are small (2 -5 children per group) and we will run multiple groups, based on demand. Jenny is kindly supporting our School community by offering this service at a heavily discounted price.

The FRIENDS for life programme is a well-researched and innovative programme designed to assist children, youth and their families to learn important life skills. The skills and techniques taught in the FRIENDS programme help children and youth to cope with stress and anxiety as well as learning to manage difficult and challenging situations. FRIENDS addresses mind (cognitive), body (physiological) and behaviour (learning) processes which are seen to interact in the development, maintenance and experience of stress, and anxiety. Your child will learn how to deal with difficulties, to recognise signs of anxiety, relaxation strategies for staying calm, to develop positive thinking, how to focus on solutions to problems and not the problems themselves, how to face their fears as well as learning conflict resolution strategies.

If you would like to attend this presentation evening, please **RSVP** by phoning the school office and letting Sharon know or by sending me an email.

Kind regards,

Karen Hollingsworth

khollingsworth@rotokauri.school.nz

"It is our aim that your child (ren), your families and community will both enjoy the FRIENDS for Life program and will benefit from learning practical, useful skills for coping with stress, worry, fear and day-to-day challenges."

Jenny Bell
Oranga

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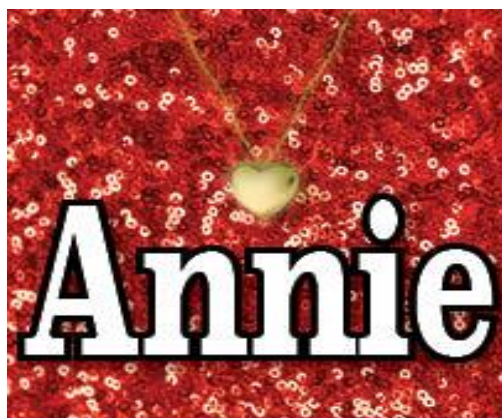


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Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

24 - 28 April 2017, 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 0800 667 469

ARTZONSHOW.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Tuesday 18 April until Friday 21 April

9am to 3pm

\$10 per family per day

Registrations Essential

AM & PM Tea provided

Please bring a packed lunch

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A TASTE FOR SWEET

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

Swap sugary drinks with:

- Naturally flavoured water
- Smoothies
- Milk

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016



COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

FRUIT JUICE VS FRUIT DRINK

Fruit **JUICE** contains real fruit, giving you vitamins and minerals for health. One glass of fruit juice can contain 6+ teaspoons of sugar so it is a **SOMETIMES** drink.

Fruit **DRINKS** such as E2 and cordial are made up of sugar, water and flavourings with no real fruit.

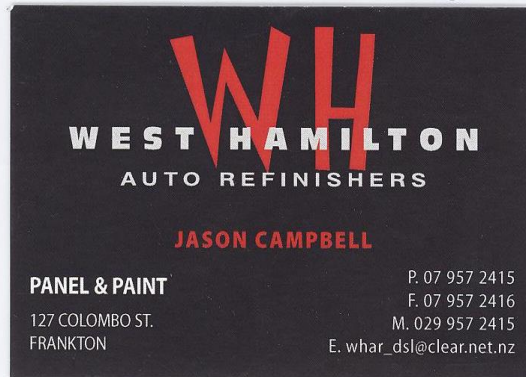
1 x 750ml bottle E2 = 20 tsp sugar

1 x 200ml cordial = 4 tsp sugar

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