Rotokauri School

Newsletter



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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 us all in learning.

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL VISION

Together We Grow

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

Together We Learn

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

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES

Persistence Resilience Integrity Diversity Excellence

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri.

We would like to welcome Liam Surgenor to Room 1. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School. Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Goodness, the term has flown past and we now head into our two week holiday. There have been many things to celebrate from the term – our Para Kore initiatives (Zero Waste) are taking shape, students have completed ICAS exams, visiting artists have entertained the students, students have participated in Cricket and Nutrition workshops, Junior Football Tournament, Gymnastics Festival, school speech competition, Cluster Speech competition, Student Led Conferences, school disco, Winter Sports Day and the Kapa Haka Festival. Every year the school provides PMP for the junior school. This is only possible with the assistance of the parent volunteers and the funding provided by the PTA. We have also had a number of students participating in winter sport for either the school or for clubs. This is really pleasing to see and we enjoy hearing about their achievements at our assemblies each week. Thank you to the teachers and parents that have supported the students in all their learning and sporting opportunities.

We have another busy term ahead of us with – Agricultural Day, Kids 4 Kids Choir, Tabloid Sports, Rippa Rugby, Athletics, Education Outside The Classroom (Camps), School Production and End of Year Prizegiving.

Please keep checking your emails and our Facebook page for updates on all of these events.

Last week you will have received an email explaining about the proposed zone changes for our school and the ballot process which will be in effect for 2018. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers that attended the hui last night to express their views about the school's future. If you missed the hui there is still an opportunity to have your views heard by emailing myself dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz or the BOT Chairperson Jarrod Teale jarrod.teale@gmail.com or bot@rotokauri.school.nz outlining your concerns, questions, feedback and these will be shared with the Ministry. If you are wanting to enrol your child for 2018 and you are out of zone (new or old version) please ensure that the appropriate ballot/enrolment paperwork has been completed and is returned to the school office by 3.00 p.m. on 18th October. Unfortunately there are limited spaces available for our Year 1 students so it is vital that you pre-enrol.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. Good luck to all the students that are preparing their animals over the holiday period, ready for our Agricultural Day on the third day back at school.

Ngaa mihi nui.

Desiree Smith Principal

GENERAL MATTERS

Agricultural Day

PLEASE NOTE: there is a change to the Agricultural Day requirements for students participating in the Indoor Activities. Children need to compete in at least **4** events. This is a minimum expectation – they may do all the activities if they wish. Please read carefully the instructions, equipment needed and judging criteria and share this information with your child/children. The holidays are a perfect time to collect equipment, gather ideas and to practice making the activities.

Sunhats

Remember that Rotokauri School sunhats need to be worn daily from the start of Term 4. These sunhats are the only ones that should be worn at school and are not to have embellishments or graffiti on them. No sunhat means sitting and playing under the shade in the courtyard outside the staffroom.

Tim Southee

Last Monday Room 1 students and some of their senior buddies were fortunate to meet and play cricket with Black Cap Tim Southee. This experience was made possible through an initiative called The Waterboy.

The Waterboy works to break down barriers to give New Zealanders an opportunity to participate in sport. It was started by Thomas Nabbs because he believes that sport changes lives for the better. He believes that sport teaches us lessons and gives us

friendships which help shape our character. In his opinion sport is a large part of what makes up the fabric of our society and it breaks his heart to realise that many kiwis don't have the opportunity to participate in sport, often through no fault of their own.

They use a four step process:

- 1. We identify people who would like to do sport but are unable to for some reason
- 2. We break down barriers to enable those people to participate in sport
- 3. We film their story, why they need assistance and how sport is helping make a difference in their life
- 4. We give businesses an opportunity to sponsor the initiatives as a means of demonstrating their values.

Room 1 student Usman Niazi has been fortunate to receive sponsorship through The Waterboy initiative and will be participating in Cricket next term. Tim Southee came along to school yesterday to present Usman with some special cricket gear.





2018 Planning

At this time of year the BOT, Management team and staff are starting to make preparations for 2018. We make decisions on staffing, classes, programmes, property etc and having all the necessary information early is important. Therefore, we would appreciate some feedback from families if they are considering enrolling or have already enrolled their child/children in other schools for next year. Please just send me an email dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz or phone on 849 5068.

CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 9

Nature Aitchison - You are sounding for spelling very carefully and writing what you hear.
Ashton Newbold - You have made fabulous progress with your reading Ashton. Congratulations.
Nayr Bradbury - Making great progress in reading and always being a good role model by being
on task.
Clarke Robinson - Showing the value of persistence by making great progress in writing and
reading.
Addison Jennings – Persistence - For working so hard in everything you do.
Jack Jones - Integrity - You are such a strong role model in the way you do the right thing all day
long.
Cooper McLean - Putting 100% effort into Kapa Haka and striving for excellence.
Cole Turney - Putting 100% effort into Kapa Haka and striving for excellence
Ciaran Williams-Thomas - An excellent improvement in maths strategies.
Savannah Smith - An excellent improvement in maths strategies.
Corbyn Ridley - Using planning in his writing effectively and confidently.
Mikayla Farrell - Working hard on her writing showing good progress.
Lilly Aitchison - For showing persistence in all that she does.
Cole Viljoen-Thomson - For being a motivated and focused member of Room 7.
Adam Fryer - For striving for personal excellence in all that you do; as a result, you serve as a
positive role model. Be proud!
Charlize Nevill - For showing persistence in all areas of your learning. Be proud of your
relentless efforts and hard work. Keep it up!

Week 10

Room 1	Jiya Prajapati - For showing excellence in all areas of your learning.
Room 1	Tommy Selwyn - For being a thoughtful friend to a new class member.
Room 2	Caitlin Furlonger - Making excellent progress in writing and always showing the value of
	excellence by consistently working hard.
Room 2	Ellie Fairclough - Making excellent progress in writing and always showing the value of
	excellence by consistently working hard.
Room 3	Vedhikah Goundar - Asking a range of inquiring questions
Room 3	Nalei Nelson - Showing excellent listening skills.
Room 4	Cory Burt - Working hard to improve his focus in class. Well done Cory!
Room 4	Zephyr Rhind - Working hard to produce work she is proud of. Keep up the good work Zephyr!
Room 5	Paige Moka - A fantastic improvement in your basic facts.
Room 5	Olly Kells - A fantastic improvement with your maths strategies.
Room 6	Corey Molloy - Making improvements in his reading assessment. Showing enthusiasm when
	achieving little milestones.
Room 6	Lamayne Clark - Always showing integrity in all he does. He is a role model in our class.
Room 7	Brooklyn Snelgrove - For being motivated and striving for excellence within his maths learning.
Room 7	Rylee Carlson - For being a motivated and focused learner.
Room 8	Eden Miller - For aiming for and achieving personal excellence in all that you do - be proud!
Room 8	Dylan Westgate - For showing respect and kindness to other students at all times - you're
	amazing!

MATHS WHIZZ RESULTS

Week 8

Progression Placings:Classroom Placings:1st Place – Olly Kells1st Place – Room 62nd Place – Lewis Surgenor2nd Place – Room 53rd Place – Ella Prangnell3rd Place – Room 4

Week 9

Progression Placings:

1st Place – Liam Janssen

2nd Place – Tamsin Rose

3rd Place – Noah Rose

Classroom Placings:

1st Place – Room 7

2nd Place – Room 6

3rd Place – Room 5

Class Sharing Space

Room 1

I saw Tim Southee yesterday. He batted the ball and it flew across the tennis court.

By Hunter Room 1

Tim Southee came to our school. He came to the tennis court yesterday. He looked different.

By Kaylee Room 1

Yesterday I threw the ball at Tim Southee. He did not see it.

By Brooke Room 1

Number Works 'n Words

Congratulations to Finley O'Rourke for receiving the voucher for one term's tutoring at Number Works 'n Words.

REMINDERS

Agrisea Available - FREE

If you would like a free bottle (or 2) of Agrisea animal supplement, please come to the school office.

Website

Don't forget to check our website www.rotokauri.school.nz We have a school calendar with school event dates on. There is also tabs for sports club notices (Sports Notices) and holiday programmes (Extra Curricular) that are available for parents rather than finding them in the newsletters.

Para Kore / Zero Waste

Thank-you to a fabulous effort from Room 8 and the school community for taking on board our initiative to reduce waste in the school. Our school grounds are already significantly tidier. We are progressing well with the disposal of rubbish into either the worm bins, or the soft plastics bins. It is hoped that by next term we will have removed almost all historic waste from the school and we will only need to put 2 of our 4 general waste bins out to the kerb for collection.



A special thank you must go to our parents for doing your part with the litter-less lunch boxes. You have made this transition possible.

TENNIS LESSONS

Starting: Thursday 19 October - 23 November 2017 (6 weeks)

Time: 4 .15-5.00 for Novices and 5.00 - 6.00pm Advanced

Where: Rotokauri School Tennis Courts

Tutor: Alby Ellis, PE teacher at Hamilton Boys High School

Cost: \$60 - to be paid at beginning of term directly to Alby please (not Rotokauri School). **Information:** Alby has a fun, friendly effective method for teaching the children tennis. He has been successfully teaching tennis at our school for a number of years and also teaches at other

schools and St Peters tennis club.

Tennis court access: Rotokauri School Tennis Court keys can be purchased from the school office for use out of hours

Contact: Miranda at <u>Collinsons@hotmail.com</u> with your child/rens name, age, experience or any questions.



Email: pta@rotokauri.school.nz

School Holiday Spring Clean?

If you are thinking of having a Spring Clean these school holidays please keep in mind the PTA would love any new unused items to use as prizes at the Car Show and Gala this November. Please drop into the box in the school office.

If you or your work has any products or services they can donate we would love to have these too. (for Mystery Envelopes & Silent Auctions)

We also need Lollipop's for the Lollipop Tree Game this year if anyone is keen to donate a bag or two (can be placed in the box in the office)

Thank-You

Sponsorship

Thank you to all our sponsors.



















PRIN I (0800 86 7223)

Book Fair

Books wanted, please drop off at the MPR

Board Games & Puzzles

Wanted complete & incomplete board games.

Puzzles – complete

Drop off point MPR

Envelopes Wanted

Coloured for Mystery Envelopes

Items / Goodies in a Jar

We are asking that each child donates a jar or jars with goodies in it. These can be brought into school any time from now.

Some ideas are lollies, hair bands, toys. marbles, stickers, craft items to name a few. Please take jars to class rooms as there will be a hot chip lunch for the class that brings the most. Clean jars please – any size acceptable.

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HALLOWEEN THEMED MENU AND DON'T FORGET TO BOOK A GAME OF BOWLING SATURDAÝ 28 OCTOBER FROM 5PM - LATE DRESS SCARY BOWLESS SOCIAL

FROM 5PM-8PM: TRICK OR TREAT

SCAVENGER HUNT,

BEST DRESSED COMPETITION

AND OTHER FUN KIDS ACTIVITIES

FROM 8PM TO LATE BOWL AND SOCIAL TURNS DARK SO YOU CAN PARTY ON!

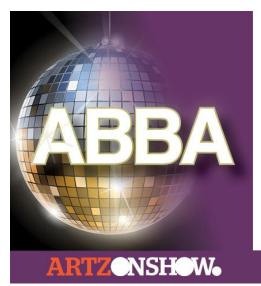


Babysitter Available

Hi my name is Jaimee Carlson and I am a reliable 15 year old (ex student of Rotokauri School). I am available for babysitting at nights and on weekends. I have my own transport and have experience caring for my siblings and other friends /families children.

Please call me on 022 033 0401 or my mum Marie on 0274 303 844





Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5-15 years.

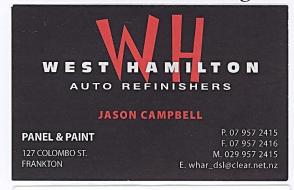
Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

9 - 13 October 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

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