

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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See you all next term...



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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.

Welcome to Koby Rose in Room 1. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Where did the term go? We are half way through the school year already. As we count down to the holidays it is a great time to reflect on what we have accomplished this term – Jump Jam, progress reports and parent interviews, ICAS exams, Football coaching, cross country, Arbor Day, Ki-o-rahī, Tough Guy Tough Gal, EPro8, Firewise, Wig Wednesday, Gumboot Day, Disco and the Fun Run.

It is also a time to prepare for the upcoming term - Football skills, Leadership Day, ICAS exams, CEM Spelling, Rippa Rugby Tournament, Junior Football Tournament, GymSport Festival, student led conferences and the Kapa Haka Festival. See the calendar at the end of the newsletter and pencil these exciting events into your diary. Congratulations to the two classes that are celebrating the end of the term with hot chip lunches – Room 5 for being the top fundraising class and Room 6 for the top Maths Whizz class. Have a safe and restful holiday. We will welcome the students back to school on Monday, 23 July 2018.

Ngaa mihi, Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

Minute Secretary Needed

The BOT is in need of someone with great minute taking skills to assist us with our monthly meeting. This role will require you to attend one BOT meeting a month for up to 2 - 2.5 hours on Wednesday nights starting at 7.00 pm. This is a paid role and would suit a member of the public that is preferably not a parent of a student. You will be required to type up our minutes on a template and send to the team for checking and signing off.

If you know someone who could fit this role please email dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz

GENERAL MATTERS

Gymnastics at Rotokauri School in Term 3

Hamilton City Gymsports will be hosting the **Hamilton Year 2-6 Gymsport Schools Festival** in Hamilton.

Date: **Thursday the 30th of August 2018**

Cost: **\$5 per person, per gymsport**

Venue: **Hamilton City Gymsports, 3 Mainstreet Place, Te Rapa, Hamilton.**

We will be sending out a registration form on the first Monday of Term 3; these will need to be in by Friday the 27th of July – end of Week 1 (we cannot accept late notices).

We will also be asking parents to help with the coaching. This will take place at lunch times from Monday to Friday of Weeks 2 to 6. If you are available to help, please contact Helena Kirkham in Room 8 or send an email: hkirkham@rotokauri.school.nz

Disco

What a great night was had by all the students, staff and PTA committee members last Thursday. Over 150 students attended the Black and White disco and it looked like everyone was having fun. Thank you to the PTA for organizing this event and to the staff for attending to assist with supervision.

Ki-o-rahi Tournament

Our Year 7 & 8 Ki-O-Rahi Team represented Rotokauri School at a Ki-O-Rahi Tournament on Friday 29th of June, held at Horotiu School. Thank you to: Sania Cornelissen, Leigh Westgate, Miranda Collinson, and Penny Jackways for transporting our students and for helping with supervision on the day. We really value your support. Thank you to these students also, we believe you represented our school with such mana and displayed a strong team spirit - we are very proud of all of you.







EPro8 Challenge

Our Year 5 & 6 EPro8 Team made it to the semi-finals where they competed against 12 other schools in a technology-based challenge. This event took place at Maeroa Intermediate on Friday 29th June. Our students were given a variety of tasks to choose from. They were required to work as a team, use their innovative and problem solving skills, and focus for three hours in a competitive setting.

Thank you to Christine Zillwood who transported and supervised our students.

Well done team for making it this far!

Years 5 & 6 Team: Bella'Capri Nelson, Jesse Zillwood, Bridgette Donny, and Ella Burt.

Fun Run

The Fun Run was held on Tuesday with participants completing as many laps as they could in an allotted time. Their enthusiasm, encouragement and endurance was a joy to watch. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the run, thank you to families who came and supported this event and thank you to those who helped to fundraise.





The Prize button will be activated on your online Fun Run profiles today. You must log back in and order your prize before the 13th of July, this doesn't happen automatically.

Congratulations to Room 5, the class who fundraised the highest amount. Room 5 enjoyed a hot chip lunch today.

The Fun Run has raised approximately \$5,000 towards the Multi Purpose Room sound system upgrade. We have had ongoing technical issues with the current unit's sound, microphones and data projector. It is old and tired. Teachers and students are getting excited as we get closer to the \$8,500 total required to purchase the new unit.

Matariki Celebrations

The week of the 18th – 22nd June was a chance for the students and school community to share and celebrate Matariki together. The kumara from our school garden was harvested. Thank you to Paige's Mum for helping with the initial planting of the kumara earlier in the year. In classes the students learnt about the significance of harakeke (flax). Thank you to Mrs Warbrick for coming to speak to the whole school about harakeke – your talk was very informative. It was wonderful to watch the smiles on children's faces and the excited chatter on the Friday of our Matariki focus week.

There was a busy buzz around the school as staff and students participated in four workshops in their House groups. Students made kites, made a House kākahu, made flax flowers and participated in tititorea. A big thank you to the parents and grandparents that came along to help the students with these activities and to Mrs Nelson and Mrs Warbrick for running two of these workshops. At lunch time the students enjoyed the soup, bread or baked potatoes that they had prepared and cooked. At the conclusion of the day there was a Celebration Assembly with the students singing some waiata that they have learnt at Kapa Haka with Whaea Penny. It was great to see the number of parents/caregivers/family that attended the assembly. The children once again made us proud with their performance.

The student's artwork for Matariki week is on display in the MPR and there are photos on our Facebook page to view. If any parents/caregivers took video coverage of our celebration assembly and would be able to share this with the school please let Mrs O'Rourke know (Room 2).



CELEBRATIONS

At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 9

Room 1	Zachery Williams - For your concentration on your work so that you can get it finished.
Room 1	Kaitlyn Peng - For showing excellence in all that you do - especially listening to instructions.
Room 2	Orlando Smith - For showing kindness and helpfulness (after he had finished his activity), choosing to work alongside another student.
Room 2	Ava Esselbrugge - For showing class spirit and initiative taking on a tricky job after some messy art activities.
Room 3	Nirav Maharaj - For striving for excellence in reading, writing and maths.
Room 3	Callista John - For showing diversity by showing kindness to others.
Room 4	Charlotte Frew - For putting a high level of effort into her art presentation.
Room 4	Mercedes Barber - For being a motivated, friendly and caring student.
Room 5	Ashtyn Gyde - For creating a piece of writing for his time capsule of excellent quality.
Room 5	Riley Dempsey-Irvine - For making amazing leaps in his reading age and stage. Amazing!
Room 6	Bella Wilson - For always showing the Rotokauri Values in all that she does.
Room 6	Bridgette Donny - For always showing the Rotokauri Values in all that she does.
Room 7	Alaura Pickles - Integrity - doing what's right and making good choices in her self-management
Room 7	Baylee Garden - Resilience - always trying to improve her work
Room 8	Kian McNamara - For displaying integrity to your peers, younger students, and teachers. Be proud Kian!
Room 8	Isaac Collinson - For aiming for and achieving excellence in all that you do. Keep up the great work Isaac!

Maths Whizz Results

Week 8

Progression Placings:

- 1st Place – Lily Allen
2nd Place – Lewis Surgenor
3rd Place – Hazel Rodney

Classroom Placings:

- 1st Place – Room 6
2nd Place – Room 8
3rd Place – Room 7

Week 9

Progression Placings:

- 1st Place – Lily Allen
2nd Place – Lewis Surgenor
3rd Place – Corey Molloy

Classroom Placings:

- 1st Place – Room 6
2nd Place – Room 8
3rd Place – Room 7

REMINDERS

Lost Property

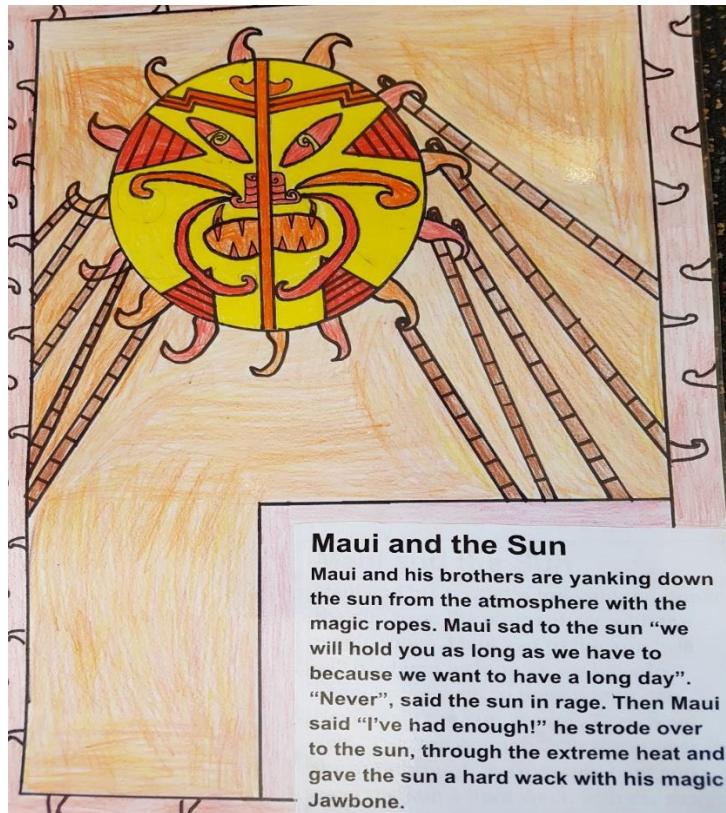
Please check the lost property bin inside the MPR for items of your child's clothing. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the clothing bins in town at the end of the term.

Goal Setting Sheets

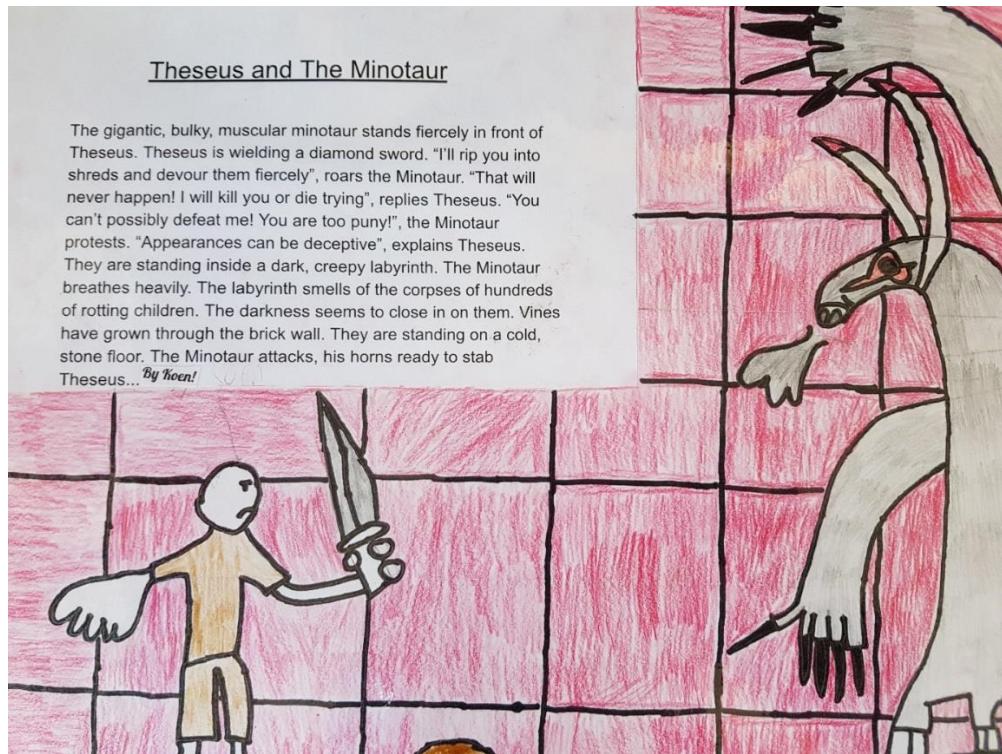
As part of Matariki we sent home Goal Setting sheets to each student. These needed to be completed by parents and students then returned to school for the children to focus on leading up to our Student Led Conferences in Term 3. A reminder that these were due back at school, completed, last Friday, however there are a number outstanding. Please ensure that they are returned by the end of the term.

Class Sharing

Room 7



By Euan
Aitchison



By Koen
McCurdy

Room 8

Room 8 Character Descriptions

We were learning to describe a person using descriptive language, following a specific structure.

A Strange Man

I guess he looked younger than he actually was. Although he was a giant compared to others, he loved and cared for his family - until he passed away. His skin was brown and leathery like a burnt potato (due to the fact he spent his childhood in the sun). He had THICK muscular arms with enormous hands adorned with wrinkles and tattoos. He had deep dark brown eyes like pools of coke. His hair was flaky and looked like hay (this was because he never used conditioner). His voice was DEEP and serious like Darth Vader with a cold. His teeth were turning yellow from all the times he 'forgot' to brush his teeth. *Written by Connor Williams-Thomas*

Josh

I guess he acts older than what he actually is. Although he almost never comes out of his room, he has friends all the way in Australia. With tanned-like skin from the hot sun at the beach. His hands are long, from typing on keyboards. He has strong hairy arms from pushing the lawnmower. His hair is dark brown and messy, with a smile once full of silver braces, his teeth now white. The whites of his eyes are like paper, with brown tree-like irises, and the black pupils are like a black hole. His voice is deep like a bear's growl. His fingers are strong from carrying buckets of water. *Written by Daniel Prangnell*

Grandad

I guess he looked older than he actually was. Although he was bald and limped around, he still had lots of strength and energy. With hard wrinkled skin that represented a rough life full of love. His hands were flexible, as he needed them to be. Dry fingers, stained light brown from all the years of gardening. His blue eyes shone and sparkled, reflecting his past life, filling anyone's soul with joy and excitement. A warm, welcoming smile that showed well looked after teeth with just a tint of yellow. On the top of his head, where his hair once was, only left his blistered and scared scalp, from the devastating effects of cancer. A soft yet deep voice that cracked every few words, yet somehow it sounded like a calming lullaby. Hairy legs that were often covered, more active than most people his age would be. *Written by Heidi Perring*

Tai

I guess he is older than he acts. Although he is 20 years old, he still has the heart of a 13 year old. He has soft skin; the colour of rimu wood. His hands are large and rough (from passing a ball). His hair is black, wiry and rough. The iris' of his eyes are a dark brown, almost black (making the whites in his eyes even brighter). His smile is filled with white teeth that shine in the sunlight. His calves are bigger than my feet and I don't know why. His fingers are strong from strumming and rough from working hard. His voice is deep and always cheers me up. *Written by Copper Miller*

Calendar of Term 3 Events

23 July	Start of Term 3
24 July	Football Skills workshop (Seniors)
25 July	BOT meeting PTA meeting
26 July	Leadership Day (Year 8's)
31 July	ICAS English exam
1 August	Football Skills workshop (Juniors)
8 August	CEM Spelling exam
14 August	ICAS Mathematics exam
17 August	Rippa Rugby Tournament (Yrs 5 – 8)
22 August	BOT meeting
24 August	Junior Football Tournament (Yrs 1 – 4)
30 August	GymSport Festival (Yrs 2 – 6)
31 August	Team Photographs
3 September	Home Play Challenge
4/5 September	Student Led Conferences
14 September	Winter Sports Tournament
19 September	BOT meeting
21 September	Kapa Haka Festival
28 September	End of Term 3
15 October	Start of Term 4

Casual Milker Required

To assist with 270 cows am and pm milkings from 1 August to 1 November.

Days negotiable

Rotokauri Area

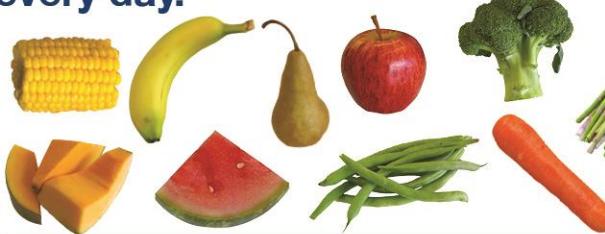
Must have some experience

Phone: 021 770 262

SPORTS NUTRITION

EAT YOUR FOOD GROUPS GLOW

Vegetables and fruit – aim for 5+ servings from this group every day. Vegetables and fruit provide vitamins, minerals and fibre which our bodies need every day.



TIP
1 serving = 1 handful

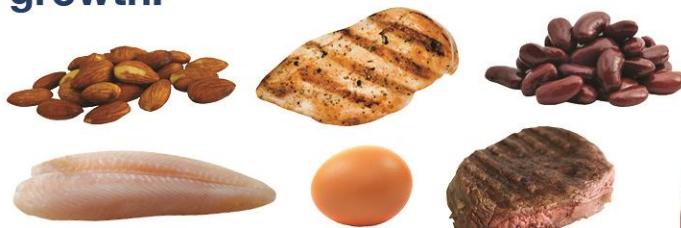


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SPORTS NUTRITION

EAT YOUR FOOD GROUPS (GROW)

Lean meat, chicken, eggs, fish, beans/lentils and nuts are all a source of protein. This is important for muscle recovery and growth.



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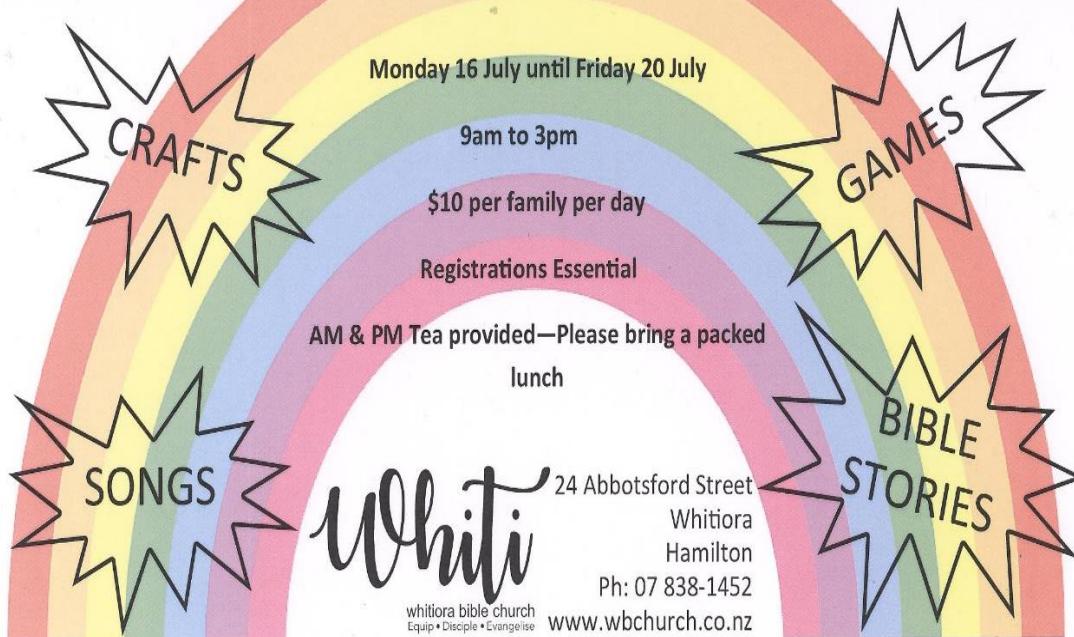
Squiggle Holiday Programme – 9th – 20th July 2018

Squiggle Holiday Programme is an OSCAR approved programme that is great for girls and boys ages 5-13 years old. We are based at Waikato Diocesan School in Fairfield and offer a huge variety of activities.

Our theme for this coming holiday is “Matariki” (the Māori name for the cluster of stars known as Pleiades) and we'll be learning about Matariki, baking biscuits and pancakes, creating art from old stuff, playing basketball and team games and of course Young Engineers will be a key feature in our programme. We'll be heading to the movies to watch Incredibles II on Friday 13th July and we have a special Tech Expert who will be coming to teach our kids more about STEM on Friday 20th July.

Enrolments are now open on www.squiggle.org.nz. If you have any queries, please contact either Katrina on 0279093903 katrina@squiggle.org.nz.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



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