Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Isaac Collinson with the new community AED



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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)

Diversity

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES

Persistence

Resilience

Integrity

Excellence

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri.

Welcome to Maddox Stratford and Toby Milne to Room 1. They join their older siblings at Rotokauri School. Also, welcome to Hanikamu Matenga as he joins Room 7. We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Welcome back to Term 3 at Rotokauri School. It is lovely to see our students back at school with an enthusiastic attitude towards their learning. I hope you had a great time with your family over the two week break. Teachers have been busy preparing their classes and programmes ready to support our learners as they strive for success. We look forward to working in partnership with you during Term 3. Thank you to the families that have ensured the children have the correct tools they need for learning e.g. pencils, homework books. Towards the end of the term (Week 7) we will be holding Student Led Conferences where the students will be able to showcase their learning to their parents/caregivers.

Communication with parents/caregivers is vital in schools and we endeavour to keep you as informed as possible. We now have a Rotokauri School app called School Stream which –

- Sends alerts, notices, newsletters to an app on your phone, tablet or other mobile device.
- Ensures that you only receive messages that are for events, activities your child(ren) are involved in.
- Reduces paper notices and allows you to send permission slips and other return forms electronically.
- Allows you to send messages for such things as absences through an electronic form.

There will be a separate email this week which gives instructions for obtaining and using the School Stream app.

Preparations for the annual Car Show and Agricultural Day have begun. If you can assist with either of these please let the school know. Last week there was an order form that came home for Agricultural Day chickens. Please remember that these forms need to be in to the school office by 9.00 a.m. on Friday. This week we have asked for feedback on whether children will be entering animals at this year's Agricultural Day. In the social media you may have heard about the Teacher's Strike which is going ahead on Wednesday 15th August. It is up to the BOT to make a decision as to whether the school will be open or closed for instruction on that day. We will keep you updated with any important information as it comes to hand. Enjoy the coming fortnight and keep warm.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

<u>Whakatauki</u>

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many.

BOT NEWS

The BOT would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Miranda Collinson for the effort she has put into organising an AED machine for our Rotokauri community. Miranda has organised the fundraising to pay for this machine and organised getting it mounted in a place that is suitable for our whole community.

This machine is sure to be a great tool in helping save people's lives for years to come. Please check out the front of the school to see where this machine is located so that you are familiar with it should you ever require its use. There is also a security light that has been placed above it for safety at night. The BOT would also like to thank the Rotokauri community for their help with Miranda's fundraising efforts, this has been a great community project and the benefits will be lifesaving to our community.

New BOT member

The BOT would like to introduce Craig Zillwood to our team. Craig is joining us to cover Isaac Warbrick while he is away on extended leave from his role. Craig has been a member of our community for a few years now and has 2 children that attend Rotokauri School. Craig's wife Chris is also an active member of the PTA.

Don't forget if you need to contact the BOT you can send an email to <u>BOT@rotokauri.school.nz</u>

PTA NEWS

The PTA have some second hand donated Rotokauri T-shirts for sale: Size 14 x 1 Size 12 x 1 Size 8 x 4 - all \$5.00 each If you would like to purchase one of these shirts please see Sharon in the office before 9.00 a.m. so she can direct you to a PTA member.

GENERAL MATTERS

Fun Run

House Points for the number of laps completed by House participants are -

1st place – Kowhai – 332 laps 2nd place – Kakariki – 320 laps 3rd place – Kikorangi – 273 laps 4th place – Whero – 228 laps

Kite Flying

Having fun whilst learning is something that we all wish for our children. On the last week of Term 2 it was wonderful to see the children running, yelling, falling etc as they flew their kites on the back fields in the warm winter sun. It was a huge success and staff enjoyed watching our tamariki playing, problem solving and working together.



Ruben the Road Safety Bear

In the final week of last term the junior classes were fortunate to have a visit from Ruben the Road Safety Bear. He left the teachers and children with many resources and the important messages of –

- Be bright, dress bright. Kakahu pai kia marama ai.
- Look out for sneaky driveways. Kimihia nga putanga waka e huna ana.
- Stop, look, listen and link. Taihoa, titiro, whakarongo, whakahono.
- Helmets on right and tight. He potae tau he potae mau.
- Seat yourself right, buckle in tight. Kia tau kia mau.

There is a Kids Club that children aged 3 - 7 years can enroll in by going to the following website www.ruben.govt.nz

Upstart Magazine

Congratulations to Bella'Capri Nelson for having her Perfect Pet story published in the June/July issue of the Upstart magazine. Bella'Capri received a prize for her efforts and the editor wanted us to celebrate the creativity, proactivity and conscientiousness that Bella'Capri demonstrated by writing to Upstart Magazine. Well done. In the letter that I received, along with a copy of the magazine, the publisher wanted to mention that they would love to get contributions from other students at Rotokauri School. If published your work will be part of a nationally distributed magazine.

Spare Clothing

Please remember that we encourage adventure and fun in the playground. When children are outside regularly playing games they get dirty. We have a lot of mud around and everyone needs a change of clothes – even our bigger children! While we have some emergency clothes at school, they are small sizes and limited. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag, regardless of their year level.

Trophy Return

Could all Agricultural Day and Speech trophies be returned to the school office please so that they are ready for this year's events.

Agricultural Day Helpers Needed

To make this day run smoothly we are totally reliant on volunteers. Below are jobs we need help with. If you can spare a few hours of your time it would be really appreciated. Please see Sharon in the school office if you can help.

- **Goat and lamb stewards 1 x each section -** to assist the judge by organising the children with their animals, writing down the judges results and tying ribbons on the animals.
- Flower Show Scribes x 2 to assist the judges by writing the certificates once judging is complete.

Agricultural Day Entry Form

Entry forms were sent out via email yesterday and are available on our website <u>www.rotokauri.school.nz</u> under newsletter and newsletter attachments and notices.

Team / Group Photographs

Team Photographs will be taken on Friday, 31 August. Photo order forms will be coming home soon. If your child does not bring one home but has been in a group or team since August 2017 please contact the office. Team Coaches and managers are welcome to come along to school and be in the photo. For an idea of the timetable on the day, please contact Sharon closer to the day.

Medical Requirements

Please ensure you come to the school office to fill out a medical form if your child requires medication during school hours. If your child needs to use an inhaler please ensure that they are brought to school, named and in a sealed plastic bag. No medications can be administered without written permission. If medication is held at school please take the time to check expiry dates during the year so that, if needed, the medication will work correctly when administered.

Gymnastics Practices – Gymsport Team

Term 3, 2018

Our students are now placed in groups in preparation for our School Gymsport Festival that is to be held on 30 August at Hamilton City Gymsports – 3 Mainstreet Place, Te Rapa, Hamilton. Please support them by making sure they remember what day their practise is. They are to have their hair tied back (if it is long), be wearing shorts or tights, and have no shoes or socks on in the MPR. Practises are: 12:45 pm – 1:20 pm. Thank you for your support.

Day	Group
Monday	Flyers & Twisters
Tuesday	Springers
Wednesday	Flyers & Twisters
Thursday	Springers
Friday	Twisters & Trampoline (mini tramp)

Enviro Group

With the weather getting nicer we are once again looking at setting up an Enviro group. We are keen to start sowing, growing and selling our produce from our school garden to raise funds for the school.

We would love it if there was a grand-dad, or a mens' shed organisation who would be willing to make up a small wooden stall that could be wheeled to the carpark, or suitable place, to sell our produce from. We are also looking for donations of brightly coloured paint for this purpose too.

If you know of anyone that would love to contribute to our school in this way, please email me at <u>tstone@rotokauri.school.nz</u> I look forward to hearing from you! Tanya Stone - Room 5 Teacher



Room 8 will be helping to raise funds for the SPCA again this year. On Monday, 6 August they will be selling yummy cupcakes during morning teatime and lunchtime. They will be selling these for \$2 or \$3 each. Please help us raise as much as we can. Thank you for your support!

Cans for Good Appeal

We have registered for this worthy cause this year to help restock the shelves in the high demand period leading up to Christmas. Cans for Good hopes to collect 110,000 cans from supporting schools taking the total up to 1.5 million cans. We are asking for donations of canned goods to be dropped off in the student foyer before Wednesday, 22nd August. We will put together a 'canned creation' and enter the competition to win a \$500 sports or art voucher for the school.

Chickens

Chicken information and order forms were sent home last week. Orders need to be received by Friday, 3rd August (tomorrow). Sorry, no late orders can be accepted. Entry forms will come out at a later date.

CELEBRATIONS

Maths Whizz Results

Week 1 Progression Placings: 1st Place – Corey Molloy 2nd Place – Lily Allen 3rd Place – Rhys Jorgensen

Classroom Placings:

 1^{st} Place – Room 6 2^{nd} Place – Room 2 3^{rd} Place – Room 5 At our assemblies the following children received certificates.

Assembly Awards

Week 10 – Term 2

r - For your wonderful help in the classroom. Thank you	
Cavalier Kingi - For Excellence, you're progressing so well in your reading.	
Lucie Birks - For showing kindness towards others.	
For being a kind friend and a helpful member of Room 3.	
Acacia Barham - Excellent improvement with your basic facts.	
gh - Showing diversity by showing kindness to others	
ngs - For showing integrity by working really hard to raise money for	
hugh - For striving for excellence in all that you do.	
or being a helpful team member during our balloon car challenge.	
iora - For showing persistence and passing his Number Crunchers	
d - Persistence- getting his work done.	
ell - Diversity - being helpful and friendly to everyone.	
e-Halpin - Showing kindness and empathy toward your peers,	
nts, and teachers. Be proud!	
sen - Displaying persistence. I was very impressed with the way you	
trying to get our movie started.	

Week 1 - Term 3

Room 1	Leelyn Clark - Persevering in everything, especially to improve your counting.
Room 1	Brayden Ridley - Great understanding and language when you were doing
	measurement.
Room 2	Tommy Selwyn - For starting Term 3 with a super blast!! A great example of
	excellence.
Room 2	Hunter Edgar-Brewer - For taking risks in her thinking in maths. Keep it up.
Room 3	Nayr Bradbury - For managing himself to start buddy reading independently. Be proud Nayr.
Room 3	Kees Rogers - For working with great concentration and creativity to make amazing
	maths art.
Room 4	Madison Gibson - For striving for excellence in all that you do.
Room 4	Eli Bell - For your focus and effort this week with poetic writing. Great use of
	vocabulary.
Room 5	Mason Newbold - For persistence and showing excellent work habits by returning his weekly homework without fail.
Room 6	Quinlen Dixon - For his effort and focus in class this week - keep it up Quinlen.
Room 6	Ciaran Williams-Thomas - For his effort, focus and for showing respect by using his
	manners and asking for permission in class this week.
Room 7	Mikayla Farrell - For showing persistence and consistency with her reading
	homework.
Room 7	Fin O'Rourke - For showing persistence and consistency during PE.
Room 8	Ryleigh Beyer - Displaying excellence. You offered to help me out without being
	asked. I really appreciate this!
Room 8	Jaycob Elliott-Daysh - Showing integrity. You go out of your way to show respect to
	your peers and younger students.

Principal Awards

The following students have been spotted by Miss Smith demonstrating the Rotokauri values –

Ella Burt – showing kindness and caring towards a junior student who had been hurt. Rylee Barber Smith – showing kindness and caring towards a junior student who had been hurt.

Aidah Ali – showing initiative and thoughtfulness when offering to help an adult. Aamira Ali – showing initiative and thoughtfulness when offering to help an adult

ICAS Exam Results

Last week we received the results for the ICAS Digital Technologies and Science exams that a number of students sat last time.

Students' performance is compared to participants in New Zealand and the Pacific region.

To gain a High Distinction = in the top 1% for year level To gain a Distinction = in the top 6% for year level To gain a Credit = in the top 21% for year level

In the Digital Technologies exam the questions were based on - general skills, word processing, graphics/multimedia, internet/email, spreadsheet/database and programming.

In the Science exam the questions were based on – observing/measuring, interpreting, prediction/concluding, investigating, reasoning/problem solving.

With a great sense of pride for their accomplishments we would like to celebrate the success of the following students –

Digital Technologies

Student's Name	Result
Lewis Surgenor	Distinction
Jayden Ward	Credit
Oliver Campbell	Participation
Corey Molloy	Participation
Jakin Warnock	Participation
Daniel Cameron	Participation
Isaac Collinson	Participation

Science

Student's Name	Result
Lewis Surgenor	High Distinction
Hayley Jorgensen	Distinction
Cole Viljoen-Thomson	Credit
Sarah Teale	Credit
Connor Williams-Thomas	Participation
Brooklyn Snelgrove	Participation
Carter Jackways	Participation
Isaac Collinson	Participation
Jakin Warnock	Participation

REMINDERS

Lost Property

There is a very large amount of lost property left behind from last term and due to the fact that we had a lot of children absent on the final week of term we have extended the amnesty period for collecting lost property until Friday, 3rd August. After this date the lost property will no longer be at Rotokauri School. If the clothing was labelled with your child's name it would have been returned to them when found. Please, please, please check the Lost Property box prior to this Friday.

<u>Class Sharing</u> <u>Room 1</u>

Some Holiday Stories from Clever Writers in Room 1

Asa's Holiday Story

I had 2 sleeps and then I went to the movies. I saw heaps of people being quiet. First I waited until it turned on. Next I got to go to my cousins.

Aniket's Holiday Story

In the morning I went to ice age mini golf. I saw a fake lion and I saw a fake elephant. First I got a hole in one. Next I went to the next round of golf and I saw a fake dinosaur.

Zachery's Holiday Story

When I went to the snow it was sunny and I belly flopped down the hill. And then I went back up the snow. I heard a bear noise. First I ran to the toboggan to go sliding down the snow. Next I went on the chair lift. It was really high.

<u>Shaan's Holiday Story</u> In the morning I went to the show. I saw some ice. First I stayed home because I was sick. Next I went to sleep in the bedroom.

<u>Mya's Holiday Story</u>

In the morning I went to the museum and I went to the real museum. There were old dolls. "I heard big sounds from kids and balls," Mya said. First I went to the real playing museum. Next I went to the waterfall. "My Dad built it," said Mya.

BOOK.DONATIONS NEEDED

We need books for all ages fiction and non fiction . Collection box in the MPR.



Registration for the Kids Challenge at Lugton's Round the Bridges is now OPEN!

https://roundthebridges.co.nz/

What's New?

This year, they have added a shorter distance for the 7 years olds of 1km, so with this and the 2km distance for 8 - 13 years, the Kids Challenge is an excellent opportunity for schools to be involved, both as a recreational and competitive outlet.

Enter your school as a Team

Register your child against our school name when you complete the registration. **Our school could WIN sports gear!** There are 5 x \$200 vouchers to spend on Sports Equipment for 5 lucky schools to win this year. Any school who enters more than 10 participants goes in the draw to win one of our 5 sports vouchers, drawn at prize giving on the day! There is also have the hotly contested Richard Hall Memorial Trophy for the fastest school to be won, last year this was won by Southwell School, who will it be in 2018? **Fundraise for your School** This year you can fundraise for our school whilst participating. Thanks to our friends at Everyday Hero... you can register our school for free as a recipient of fundraising. All funds raised going to our school!

Watch this space for more details to follow on how you can fundraise for our school!

The Super Saver offer ends Friday August 31st ... so don't delay, encourage your child to enter the Kids Challenge today... or enter as a family! Kids Challenge \$6 Under 20s \$10 Adults \$20 65s & over \$10 Community Service Card Holders \$10

See you at Lugton's Round the Bridges Sunday 18th November!

Marrzipan

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at Rotokauri School on Mondays at 8.00am, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website <u>www.marrzipandrama.co.nz</u> (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

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kidslink.co.nz

Learning Behaviour

Physical Needs

Extra-Curricular Childcare

Rental Property – Rotokauri Area

Does anybody know of a 4 bedroom house that is available or may be coming up for rent within the next 6 or so months? It's for my family – me, hubby and our 4 kids.

Please phone Kristie on 0211430475 if you can help.







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