

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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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

Respect

Empathy

Active Learning

Courage

Honesty

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora koutou

And just like that our school year has come to an end. Thank you to all the families that attended last night's prizegiving and celebrated the success of our students as well as being entertained by the Kapa Haka performance group. It was lovely to catch up with past students of the school but also sad as we said farewell to families and Year 8 students leaving the school.

2020 has been an incredible year. It started as normal with enthusiasm and excitement for the year ahead. We had good student enrolment numbers, dedicated and professional staff ready for establishing strong relationships with the students and developing programmes of learning to meet our students' needs.

I do not think any one of our community would have foreseen the challenges that we were about to face. The unfolding COVID19 global pandemic would have an effect which would be felt by all people and communities. This year at Rotokauri School has seen a period of unprecedented change that has impacted on our staff and students.

However, let us not dwell on the past, in this case COVID. Instead let us reflect on and celebrate what we have achieved this school year despite the challenges we have faced. Here are just a few highlights and achievements this year -

- The successful implementation of our distance learning to minimize the loss of student and teacher contact time.

- The ongoing professional development for staff in the Maths curriculum.
- The successful involvement of our students in events such as the annual LitQuiz and ePRO8 competitions.
- Holding our production Dance Across The Decades despite all the setbacks.
- Continuing our school events such as cross country, athletics, camps and visits to the zoo with all the necessary precautions to keep our staff, students and parents safe.
- The completion of our extended busbay to accommodate more students, small building projects to ensure the health and safety of our students (tree felling and deck improvements) and of course the opening of our unique one of a kind SCENT garden.

Without the support of many, this year would not have been as successful as it has so let me acknowledge those people who have helped to make a difference.

- Thank you to all the volunteers. I can't thank you enough for your endless hours of organising, donating and doing whatever was necessary to support our students, both at home and at school.
- Thank you to the PTA who as usual add to our students' already rich school experience. Your many contributions we value immensely. And this year a special thanks to Kirsty Bell for working tirelessly to complete the SCENT garden, a place to treasure now and in the future.
- Thank you to the BOT for the commitment they invest in our school and for all their support throughout the year, governing the school to achieve the best teaching and learning opportunities for our Rotokauri students.
- Thank you to the staff - without their endless energy, skills and devotion to the school and the students nothing would be achieved to the level that it is. Well done to a great group of professionals.
- And thank you to the students - you are a gift and we are proud of what each and every one of you has achieved this year. Academically it has been difficult to maintain momentum with the challenges of COVID but you have done yourselves proud. When I look back to the beginning of the year and see how far you have come I congratulate you all. You have set yourselves goals and worked hard to achieve them.

None of us imagined that this school year would be disrupted in such a dramatic fashion. I am proud and honoured to work at a great school and to have the support of an amazing community.

Finally, I would like wish everyone an absolutely brilliant festive season, have an awesome holiday and great times with family and friends. We look forward to another busy and exciting year in 2021. See you all on Wednesday, 3rd February.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

CELEBRATIONS

Class Certificates

Class	Student Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Jayden Day	You have developed into a kind, caring and polite young man who just loves to learn. I have loved seeing you grow, becoming more and more confident in yourself and everything that you do. You should be proud of your efforts.
Room 1	Talia Hefferon	You are such a ray of sunshine with a crazy sense of humour. You brighten up Room 1 with your daily smile and your enthusiasm for learning. You have developed so much confidence since starting school and have made me feel proud to be your teacher.
Room 2	Maddox Stratford	For your commitment to Room 2. You have shown kindness and respect to us, you have developed strong and genuine friendships and you have helped to make our class a great place to be. Be proud of the effort you have put into everything, even when it felt too hard. You demonstrate the school values at all times and Room 2 is proud of you.
Room 2	Turner Wallace	You have worked very hard to grow your independence this year. You have had to work extra hard in some areas and you have achieved more than you know. You are a problem solver and a thinker and a good friend towards your classmates. Room 2 is proud of you.
Room 3	Israel Warbrick	You have a heart of gold! You continuously care for and show empathy towards everyone in your presence. It has been lovely watching you grow this year and your confidence flourish! Keep being you Israel.
Room 3	Shaan Judge	You always come to school with a beautiful smile upon your face. Your continuous positive attitude towards everything you do is lovely to see! You are always a ray of sunshine that everyone absolutely loves being around. Keep shining Shaan!
Room 4	Ryan Russell	Ryan, you have achieved so much this year especially in reading by beating your record from last year. You have worked hard in both writing and maths and now have more confidence in yourself. Well done and keep up the great work.

Room 4	Aja Jessop	Aja, you have such a beautiful outlook on life and show the Rotokauri School values at all times. You are always helpful and are a great role model for others. You will be greatly missed in Room 4. Well done.
Room 5	Guy Johnstone	You have made steady progress and growth through the year making sure you always try your hardest. You are so helpful, kind and respectful, a great role model to others. I have appreciated the support you have given your classmates, and also the effort that you have put into your work and our classroom this year. Mahi Pai:)
Room 5	Nirav Maharaj	The inspiration you give to others. You have become happy to share your wonderful learning with others particularly your writing. You have put in the extra effort this year. Well done.
Room 6	Sophie Fairclough	Sophie, you have shown so much growth and confidence in yourself this year. You have taken on a leadership role within the class and you are an excellent role model to your peers. You work hard to achieve your goals and your positivity shines through. You are growing into a mature young lady, you should be very proud of yourself. Kau mau te wehi Sophie.
Room 6	Jett McFall	Jett, you have had an amazing year and your confidence in yourself has flourished. You have worked hard to achieve your learning goals and have made positive choices with your learning. I appreciate your kind and caring nature as it shines through clearly. It has been such a pleasure to have you in Room 6. Ka pai Jett, you are grown into a mature young man.
Room 7	Ava Viljoen-Thomsen	Ava, this year you have grown as a student and as a person. You have challenged yourself academically and pushed yourself to always give your best in everything you do. You are a little person with a big heart, displaying the Rotokauri 'REACH' values daily.
Room 7	Jayden Ward	You have worked to a high standard this year, and have always taken advice on board. You seek to improve all areas of your learning at all times, with challenging questions and discussions. Jayden you truly are a Rotokauri 'Active Learner'.
Room 8	Ella Sumner	Ella, you have consistently worked hard throughout the year in all areas of your learning. You are a deep thinker and an incredible historian, debater and performer. Thank you for

		helping and encouraging other students in Room 8, you have made our team strong. Ella, you are an inspiration to us all and I wish you every success as you move to high school.
Room 8	Ella Prangnell	Ella, thank you for the energy, enthusiasm, and positivity that you bring to Room 8. You have worked so hard and have made so much progress. It has been wonderful to see you grow in confidence, especially when presenting your work to the class. We will never forget the passion you showed in our class debates. Congratulations on a successful year. Good luck for high school.

Top Scholar

Year Level	Student's Name
Year 1	Hannah-Leah Warbrick
Year 2	Koby Rose
Year 3	Nate Turney
Year 4	Evie Wilson
Year 5	Mia van Elzaker
Year 6	Carter Jessop
Year 7	Lewis Surgenor
Year 8	Hayley Jorgensen

Trophies

Junior Riley Trophy	Student's Name: Jiya Prajapati
Senior Riley Trophy	Student's Name: Ella Burt
Art Trophy	Student's Name: Paul Davey
Dance Trophy	Student's Name: Karenza Curtis
Music Trophy	Student's Name: McKay Robinson
Kapa Haka Trophy	Student's Name: Lily Allen / Elias Barber

Environmental Trophy	Student's Name: Jesse Zillwood
IT Trophy	Student's Name: Daksh Prajapati
School Values Cup	Student's Name: Layton Farrell
Junior Sportsperson	Student's Name: Kaylee Quinlan
Middle School Sportsperson	Student's Name: Khloe Woodward
Sportsperson of the Year Trophy	Student's Name: Seth Westgate
Swimming Trophy	Student's Name: Isla Kahaki
Athletics Trophy	Student's Name: Cory Burt
House Points Shield	Whero

Netball

Team Name/Year Level	Player of the Year	Most Improved
Rotokauri Tuis - Yr 3	Cooper-Love Buckle	Shaan Judge
Rotokauri Keas - Yr 4	Jiya Prajapati	Aja Jessop
Rotokauri Kiwis - Yr 5	Ellie Fairclough	Mercedes Barber
Rotokauri Fantails - Yr 6	Sophie Fairclough	Carter Jessop
Rotokauri Eagles -Yr 7&8	Hayley Jorgensen	Bella Wilson

HEALTHY SWAPS!

A little time spent preparing food at home allows you to make healthy choices, no label reading needed!



Biscuits



Cheese & grainy crackers



Muesli bars



Homemade fruit muffin



Bag of chips



Plain popcorn



Fruit string



Fruit



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TRY SPOKE'S SUPER SLICE

INGREDIENTS

- 5 Weetbix
- 1½ C Self-Raising Flour
- 1½ C Coconut
- ½ T Reduced Fat Spread
- ⅓ C Sugar
- 1 Egg
- 1 C Dried Fruit (chopped)
- Zest of a Lemon
- ⅓ C Boiling Water

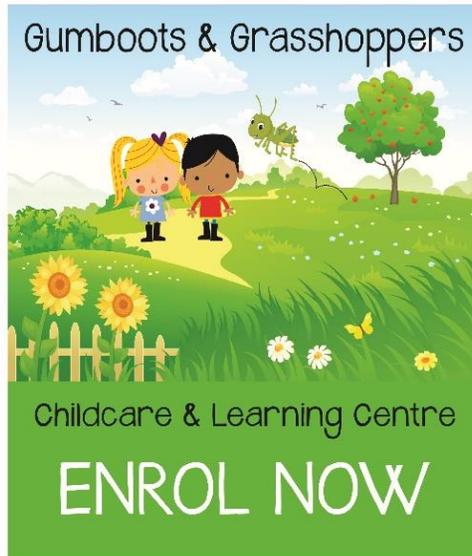
METHOD

1. Melt the reduced fat spread in a pan or microwave. Add the sugar and stir until combined. Crumble in the weetbix, add the flour and mix. Add the remaining dry ingredients and mix it all together. Add the hot water and mix.
2. Press into a pan, greased or lined with baking paper.
3. Bake at 180°C for 30 minutes.

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