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

Respect Empathy Active Learning Courage Honesty

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri. Welcome to the new students that have started at Rotokauri School recently –

Murphy Cairns-Eade - Room 1

We hope you and your whaanau/family enjoy your learning journey at Rotokauri School.

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Spring is upon us and what a difference it makes to our spirits as we enjoy the sunshine.

Wig Wednesday

Wig Wednesday was held on 7th September. Thank you to all the students and staff that supported this cause. We loved seeing all the wigs and funky hairdos that arrived at school. The school was able to raise \$218.50. Every week in Aotearoa three families are told the heart breaking news that their child has cancer. The treatment these children undergo often means they need to brave the world with no hair. Rotokauri School has shown their support for these children and their whanau by getting wiggy this week. Well done for honouring our school value of EMPATHY.

















Student Led Conferences

We are excited to be holding our Student-Led Conferences on 26th & 27th September from 3.15 p.m – 6.30 p.m for all Rotokauri School students. These conferences are part of our annual process to report to parents and whanau. Students must attend to lead their conference. They will share their learning progress and reflect on their goals. There will be up to four conferences running simultaneously in each class. To ensure the smooth running of these conferences; please stick to the 15 minute time slots, make arrangements for care of pre-schoolers, book 1 conference per student and bring your child to lead their conference.

Use this link to book online http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code and enter the code: c74bg Online bookings will be closed on Monday 26th of September at 11:00am. If you are not able to attend, please contact your child/children's teacher to make an alternative time.

Speech Finals

Congratulations to all the students that were chosen to represent their year group at our junior and senior speech finals last week. Results can be found later in this newsletter. This year, for the first time, Rotokauri School will be hosting other schools around the Waikato for the Waikato Full Primary Schools Association. We will be hosting Year 7 & 8 students from Hamilton West, Kaipaki, Maihiihi, Pirongia, Otorohanga South, Waitetuna and of course Rotokauri in the semi finals. The top two students in each year group and gender will go forward to the Waikato Full Primary finals. Good luck to our students that will be representing our school at this event.

Sunhats

Term 4 is the time we need to wear our school sunhats. Please take the time before the start of Term 4 to check that there is no graffiti or embellishments on hats, that they are not damaged (e.g. rolled rim) or have missing toggles. If needed, new hats can be purchased at the school office for \$18.00.

St John in Schools Programme

This week we have been fortunate to have Alicia from St John working with all our children. This is a free programme for schools. The children have been learning about being Emergency Responders.









Kapa Haka

As I write this newsletter I can hear the beautiful sounds of waiata coming from our multipurpose room. Our Kapa Haka Performance Group are spending their day working with our tutors to practice their performance for the upcoming Kapa Haka Festival. This year Rotokauri School will be hosting the Kapa Haka Festival at school on Friday 23rd September. Further details will be coming out soon as we will need volunteers to help on the day with a number of jobs.

Maori Language Week

Maori Language Week is an annual celebration held in the third week of September. This year it takes place from 12 – 18 September. It is also called Te Wiki o te Reo Maori. It aims to inspire New Zealanders to learn the language and experience the culture.

How will Rotokauri School observe Maori Language Week?

- 1. Learn some new words make an effort to learn some new Maori words. We will be labelling things around the school and enjoying learning some waiata.
- 2. Correct our pronunciation we will be trying to pronounce Maori words correctly.
- 3. We may watch a Maori children's show or YouTube clip about the culture.

Have a great two weeks everyone. Continue to stay safe and warm.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith Principal

BOT NEWS

Before and After School Care

It is with regret that the Board of Trustees wishes to inform families that a decision has been made to close the Before and After School Care service that currently operates at Rotokauri School. This has been a difficult decision for the Board of Trustees but one we have had to make in the current market.

The Before and After Care service will cease operating on Friday 30th September 2022.

PTA NEWS

CAR SHOW & GALA 13th NOVEMBER 2022

The PTA are seeking sponsorship for this year's Car Show & Gala. We have a few options available and are seeking assistance from businesses in the way of a monetary donation.

Your donation will be used to purchase items for the Car Show & Gala. Here are some options we are looking for sponsorship for:

- Scratch Kiwi Raffle \$100 Child's Kayak & Life Jacket Raffle \$300.00
- Sausage Sizzle Stall \$350.00
- 4 other Raffles to be confirmed needing sponsorship.

Donations of \$50 & \$100 are most welcome or you can sponsor one of the above.

PTA Account # 030314 0189862 00 (ref: Car Show)

If you are interested and can help please email us at pta@rotokauri.school.nz and we can give you some more details.

PLANT STALL

Feel like growing some cuttings for us to sell at the Gala.

Plant in any type of container.

House plants, succulents, cactus, vege plants, grape vine etc.

Drop off to school, closer to Car Show & Gala in November

WANTED

New unwanted gifts for us to use as prizes at the Gala. A box is set up in the school office for your donations.

BOOK SALE

The book sale will be back again this year at the Car Show.

But we need your help!!

Do you have any books that you no longer need?

Drop them in to the school office.

JAR TOSS GAME

For our upcoming car show/gala on the 13th November we need your help. We are asking all students to donate a jar filled with a quality, interesting and desired item for the jar toss game. Students may bring as many jars as they like and will earn house points for these.

Recycled jars are acceptable and recommended as long as they are clean and have not had pickles / garlic in them as this seems to linger in them.

Items that have been popular in the past are toys, hair clips, sweets (these should be wrapped lollies for food hygiene reasons), chocolates, stationery items etc. The list is only as limited as your imagination. Things that will appeal to the students. Take your jars straight to your class to get your house points.

The PTA greatly appreciate your support with the Car Show

SPORTS NEWS

Netball Competition

Last weekend the Year 7 & 8 teams competed at a fun netball competition. Thank you to Mrs Goundar for sharing some photos.







Cross Country Results

It has been a busy fortnight of cross country events. We were finally able to hold our school cross country on Thursday 25 August after a spell of bad weather. Congratulations to all our students on their efforts with training and completing the cross country events and well done to all students who placed in their age groups.

Ms Carter took 53 students on to represent Rotokauri School at our Cluster Cross Country at Waitetuna last Thursday, 1 September. We had several placings across all age groups, with Deanna Smith winning the champion girl's trophy for the 12+ age group. A big thank you to those parents who were able to help with transport and parents and grandparents who came along and supported our team. Finally, our top Year 7 and 8 runners have the opportunity to compete at the Waikato Full Primary Cross Country in Te Aroha later this month.

2022 Rotokauri School Cross Country Results

5 Year Old Girls	Te Aria Kingi	Rachel Warbrick	Cleo Mackrell
5 Year Old Boys	Vincent Warner	Cohen O'Brien	Cody Calnan
6 Year Old Girls	Ruby Wilson	Sophie Quinlan	Tessa Spencer
6 Year Old Boys	Luke Vann	Marley Toia	Carter Cowley
7 Year Old Girls	Heidi Viljoen	Paige Robinson Hastings	Ella Boswell
7 Year Old Boys	Thomas Warner	Noxx Rogers	Zac Hoebergen
8 Year Old Girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Scarlett Swain	Ella Wen
8 Year Old Boys	Archer McFall	Carter Moka	Cameron Emslie
9 Year Old Girls	Ava Esselbrugge	Elsie van Rooij	Rebecca Cameron
9 Year Old Boys	Liam Surgenor	Nate Turney	Cairo Nelson
10 Year Old Girls	Cavalier Kingi	Aja Jessop	Jiya Prajapati
10 Year Old Boys	Leon Watkins	Te Manawa Harihari	Tommy Selwyn
11 Year Old Girls	Acacia Barham	Evie Wilson	Caitlin Furlonger
11 Year Old Boys	Reece Calnan	Noah Rose	Flint Coyle
12 Year Old Girls	Deanna Smith	Sophie Fairclough	Bianca Wallis
12 Year Old Boys	Cole Turney	Archie Cameron	Timothy Sumner
13 Year Old Girls	Ava Viljoen	Maya Sharma	Addison Jennings
13 year Old Boys	Matthew Webber	Isaac Stratford	Lachlan Emslie

2022 Western Cluster Cross Country Results

6 Year Old Girls - Tessa Spencer - 3rd place

6 Year Old Boys - Luke Vann - 1st place

9 Year Old Boys - Liam Surgenor - 1st place

11 Year Old Girls - Acacia Barham - 1st place

11 Year Old Boys - Reece Calnan - 3rd place

12+ Year Old Girls - Deanna Smith - 1st place and Champion Girl, Sophie Fairclough - 2nd place

12+ Year Old Boys - Archie Cameron - 2nd place, Timothy Sumner - 3rd place

















Winter Sports / Summer Sports

And just like that, the winter sports season has ended. Rotokauri School students were involved in netball, hockey and basketball over the winter months. A massive thank you to our wonderful coaches, managers and referees who gave their time and expertise. A special thank you to Mrs Walker, Mrs Rickman and Ms Carter who coordinated these sports. If you have any gear bags or first aid kits, please return them to the teacher in charge of each sport so we can prepare them for summer sports. Netball uniforms will be collected in on Team Photo Day. These should be clean and in a named plastic bag.

Here is the link to the Google form to register your child for a summer sport. https://forms.gle/mv3bqrqkTLU3nqbG7

Summer sports next term include waterpolo, flippaball, touch rugby, basketball and futsal. Summer hockey will not be offered by the school this term, however families are welcome to enter their own teams in the summer hockey league.

Please register your child by 3pm Friday 16 September.



Thank you Mrs Webber for providing the photo of one of our hockey teams at their last game for the season.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Agricultural Day Entry Form - Calf, Lamb and Goat

The entry form is available on our website www.rotokauri.school.nz under newsletter and newsletter attachments and notices. The last day for entries is Friday, 23 September. Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.

Team / Group Photographs

Team Photographs will be taken on Thursday, 15 September. Like last year we will be using the on-line ordering system so payment details will come home at a later date. Remember to send your child with their sports uniform on the day of the photo and if necessary, to have <u>black</u> leggings or shorts and white socks so that the photographs look tidy with everyone looking like a team. 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. Teams / Groups to be photographed are: Netball, Hockey, Summer Hockey, Miniball, Student Council, Peer Mediators, Cultural Ambassadors and Kapahaka Performance Group.

Online Games with Chat Features

As online apps are developing and technology advances, there are increasingly more ways for children to socialise online. Younger children have access to messenger apps, voice chat in games such as Kid Messenger, Roblox etc. It is important to explore the technology together, provide support and monitor your child's activity. Recently there has been some incidents in which junior children have brought online social problems into school. If we are aware of any problems we will notify you to deal with at home. For more information there is an Online Safety Parent Toolkit available on the Netsafe website.

Enviro Team News

On Friday it was 'Mulch Day' at Rotokauri School, with all 8 classes at Rotokauri spending 30 minutes outside filling up buckets of mulch from the huge mulch pile and spreading them around the orchard of apple, pear and feijoa trees.

It's a great way to break up a big but important labour intensive job. It's the old adage of 'many hands make light work!" Prunings from trees at school had been chipped and well-seasoned over the winter to create nutrient rich mulch to feed the soil and fruit trees. It's an awesome way to get the whole school involved and taking ownership of the environment as well as supporting the school caretaker Mr Verberne because it's such a big job!"

While mulching, students were learning about why mulch is so important: "it stops weeds"; "it holds moisture", "it feeds the trees" were some of the answers they came up with.

Some of the children were fascinated by the size of the worms in the mulch and it was obvious they were loving the opportunity to get their hands dirty!

Written by Adrienne from Enviro Waikato

Enviro News from Mrs Donovan

Last week has been a busy week for our school as we work towards our enviro schools bronze award.

As part of our ongoing maintenance of our lovely school gardens we had a mulching day, spreading mulch to keep our plants safe over the summer.

We are learning about being Kaitiaki or guardians of our environment and mulching helps.

In addition our enviro team, which is two students from each year group 4-8 have been reflecting on our journey towards a bronze enviro school award. We are hoping to achieve this by the end of this term.

We are very proud of the students and teachers who have been working hard to get to this level of achievement.







CELEBRATIONS

Junior Speech Finals Results 2022

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Junior Speech Finals this year. All the junior students should be very proud of themselves showing the value of courage and active learning.

Year 1 Nursery Rhyme Presentation Results			
First Place	Carys Land - Incy Wincy Spider		
Second Place	Louie Baker - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5		
Third Place	Te Aria Kingi - Jack and Jill		
Highly Commended	Kyla Martin - Miss Polly		

Year 2 Speech Results			
First Place	Van Macdonald-Hooper - Why you should own a mansion		
Second Place	Isla Nelson - Icecream is better than vegetables		
Third Place	Evie Hodgson - Icecream is better than chocolate		
Highly Commended	Ruby Wilson - Why books are better than movies		

Year 3 Speech Results			
First Place	Harry Gyde - Why dogs are better than cats		
Second Place	Thomas Warner - Why the beach is better than snow		
Third Place	Heidi Viljoen - Why bunnies are good pets		
Highly Commended	Keani Kingi - Why we should have longer breaks at school		

Year 4 Speech Results			
First Place	Scarlett Swain - Saving the ocean		
Second Place	Ivy Lu - Why we should recycle		
Third Place	Cameron Emslie - Why you shouldn't go to the Arctic		
Highly Commended	Turner Wallace - You should be a police officer		

Overall Winner of the Junior Speech Trophy: Scarlett Swain

Senior Speech Finals Results

Year 5 Speech Results			
First Place	Liam Surgenor - Why you should be a farmer		
Second Place	Mya Hoebergen - Animal rescue		
Third Place	Tommy Selwyn - Why you should watch Stranger Things		
Highly Commended	Elsie van-Rooij - Canines		

Year 6 Speech Results			
First Place	Leon Watkins - Renovations		
Second Place	Jiya Prajapati - Tik Tok		
Third Place	Evie Wilson - Why soccer is better than rugby		
Highly Commended	Ernie Young - Why dogs are better than cats		

Year 7 Speech Results			
First Place	Elijah Esselbrugge - The history of jokes		
Second Place	Ryan Keightley - Why dolphins are evil		
Third Place	Cooper Hobbs - How to look smart		
Highly Commended	Caitlyn Furlonger - Viruses		

Year 8 Speech Results			
First Place	Cooper Mclean - Gender Identities		
Second Place	Ava Viljoen-Thomson - Why we should not grow up		
Third Place	Madson Garden - Why lying can sometimes be a good thing		
Highly Commended	Lachlan Emslie - How the fourth dimension can help humans		

Overall Winner of the Senior Speech Trophy: Cooper McLean











Assembly Certificates Week 5

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment	
Room 1	Cleo Mackrell	For showing the value of courage during cross country. What a race!	
Room 1	Cohen O'Brien	For showing the value of courage during cross country. Super running!	
Room 2	Arlo Clarke-Gray	For showing the value of courage presenting your nursery rhyme and running the cross country.	
Room 2	Dot Warbrick	For including wonderful descriptive details in your writing this week.	
Room 3	Corbyn Stratford	For working hard on his speech.	
Room 3	Paige Robinson Hastings	For always putting others before herself.	
Room 4	Keani Kingi	For working hard on her very interesting speech and doing a great job presenting it to the class.	
Room 4	Mackenzie O'Rourke	For being an active learner by focusing on his work and completing it quietly and on time.	
Room 5	Brayden Ridley	For showing courage during his cross country race	
Room 5	Leelyn Clarke	For showing courage in doing his speech in front of the whole class.	
Room 6	Te Manawa Harihari	For being an active learner by acting on feedback to deliver his speech with confidence.	
Room 6	Grayson Wallace	For showing courage by training hard and pushing himself to complete the cross country.	
Room 7	Kees Rogers	Showing his math working in full and using equipment effectively.	
Room 7	Ellie Fairclough	Presenting an exciting and engaging speech.	
Room 8	Jessica Briggs	For showing courage during our class speeches and cross country.	
Room 8	Jett McFall	For showing our school values and good leadership at cross country.	

Week 6

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment	
Room 1	Tyler Lester	For working hard to learn the letter names, sounds and actions	
Room 1	Aedenn Tan	For showing your amazing reading skills by reading all of "We're Going On a Bear Hunt"!	
Room 2	Shagunpreet Kaur	For your active learning in maths, you are learning so much about adding tens.	
Room 2	Sophie Quinlan	For taking pride in your printing. It's coming along nicely.	
Room 3	Khloe Bennett	For developing into an eager reader.	
Room 3	Lucas Birchall	For great progress this term in maths.	
Room 4	Ella Wen	For respecting and including everyone in the class	
Room 4	Lais Harihari	For actively learning by asking questions and engaging in full class learning	
Room 5	Luca Rogers	For showing persistence with his writing and math learning this week	
Room 5	Nihil Maharaj	For being a supportive classmate and always setting a good example	
Room 6	Kaylee Clark	For being a leader and a role model.	
Room 6	Rhys Jorgensen	For showing empathy by always being willing to help others.	
Room 7	Holly Hoebergen	For showing our school values.	
Room 7	Maddix Anniss	For showing our school values, especially empathy towards others.	
Room 8	Maya Sharma	For showing courage and honesty in our class discussions about stereotyping.	
Room 8	Imogen Jennings	For showing care towards others and your beautiful writing.	

Values Awards

Week 4 - drawn in Week 5		
Isla Cowley	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of courage .
Mackenzie O'Rourke	Room 4	For demonstrating the school value of respect.
Liam Walker	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of courage .
Leelyn Clark	Room 5	For demonstrating the school value of courage.

Week 5		
Harper-Rose Beets	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of respect.
Heidi Viljoen	Room 4	For demonstrating the school value of resepect.
Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson	Room 5	For demonstrating the school value of honesty.
Archie Cameron	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of courage.

Week 6		
Chloe Mackrell	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of active learning.
Raaya Nadan	Room 2	For demonstrating the school value of active learning.
Cooper-Love Buckle	Room 5	For demonstrating the school value of active learning.
Blake Robinson Hastings	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of courage .

Kindness Awards

Week 4 - drawn in Week 5		Week 5		Week 6	
Paige Dawson	Room 2	Mya Hoebergen	Room 5	Cooper Wiseman	Room 1
Elsie van Rooij	Room 5	Harry Gyde	Room 3	Druvi Patel	Room 3

Room 7 Thrill Seekers: Brave or Reckless?

In Room 7 we have been investigating the forces and motions of roller coasters. So far we have looked at Newton's three laws of motion, magnetism, electromagnetism, and how pulley systems work. As part of our inquiry students have written down their wonderings about the forces and motions of roller coasters. These have formed part of our inquiry wall. Room 7's next step of learning is to work in teams to create their own roller coaster models and describe the different forces acting on their roller coasters as their karts navigate their model

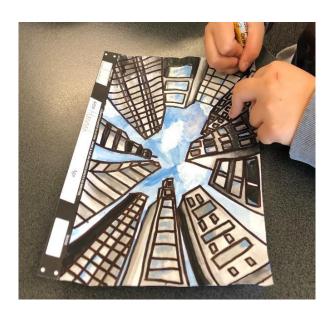






Calendar Art in Room 8

In Room 8 we having been looking at single point perspectives and are in the process of completing our calendar art. We hope you enjoy seeing our work in progress...























LOCATION - HAMILTON/HUNTLY/RAGLAN - HAMILTON	AGE	DAY	DATES	TIME
Discovery Park	Yr 1-4	Mon	31 Oct - 5 Dec	4pm
Hakanoa Park, Huntly	Yr 1-4	Thu	3 Nov - 8 Dec	4pm
Raglan Area School	Yr 1-4	Wed	2 Nov - 7 Dec	4pm
Raglan Area School	Yr 5-8	Wed	2 Nov - 7 Dec	5.15pm
Southwell School	Yr 1-4	Mon	31 Oct - 5 Dec	3.30pm
RLS Steele Park	Yr 5-8	Thu	3 Nov - 8 Dec	4pm
Waikato University	Yr 1-4	Tue	1 Nov - 6 Dec	4pm

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