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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

WELCOME

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

Archer Crellin, Sean Nadan and Cora Rolfe – Room 1

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope that you all had a relaxing holiday. A number of reminders as we navigate the final term of 2022.

- Early arrivals at school in the mornings – please remember that the classrooms are open from 8.30 a.m. when a bell rings. If families arrive earlier than this they must wait at the entrance or in the bus bay. Students may arrive at school from 8.00 a.m.
- School sunhats – school sunhats must be worn in Term 4 and are the only hats that are appropriate. Sunhats must not have attachments (e.g. flowers), must have no graffiti and need to have toggles. Please ensure that sunhats are named clearly. Any students not wearing sunhats will need to sit/play under the shade on the blue lines.

- Sunscreen – there is sunscreen available in all classrooms during Term 4. Please make sure that children are coming to school with sunscreen applied. It is the child's responsibility to apply sunscreen when instructed by teachers.
- Bottom gate – the bottom gate to the school will be open from next week. This is available for picking up senior students only. Please let your child/children know if you will be picking them up from this gate.

2023 Term Dates

Our start date for next year is Tuesday 31st January and our last day will be Thursday 14th December.

Term 1

31st January – 6th April

Term 2

24th April – 30th June

Term 3

17th July – 22nd September

Term 4

9th October – 14th December

Classes for 2023

We are currently organising class lists for 2023. Below are the likely class splits. If you would like to discuss the placement of your child/children for next year please email dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz by 4th November.

Room 1 – Year 1

Room 2 – Year 2

Room 3 – Year 2 & 3

Room 4 – Year 3 & 4

Room 5 – Year 4 & 5

Room 6 – Year 5 & 6

Room 7 – Year 6 & 7

Room 8 – Year 8

Teacher Only Day

Teacher Only Day for Term 4 has been approved by the Board of Trustees. There will be **NO** school on Tuesday 15th November. Staff will be attending a full day workshop on Structured Literacy, which is our focus in 2023.

Congratulations to the students that participated with their animals at Ag Day last Wednesday. Also, well done to all the students that completed Ag Day artwork – it looked amazing displayed in the MPR and classrooms.

Have a great fortnight.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith
Principal

BOT NEWS

Carpark

Thank you to Brad Kells for organising the painting of the carpark during the holidays. Well done to the students for adapting so quickly to the new changes.

Over the last few weeks of Term 3 we had a number of complaints about poor driving behaviour reported to us from parents and community members. Please remember to follow the road rules where appropriate in regards to –

- Tail gating
- Speed on entry to the school
- Before and after school – outside the school there is a 40 km speed limit
- Within the 40 km speed limit zone there should be no overtaking

After School Care

The Western Community Centre have offered to trial a minivan pick-up for students from Rotokauri School to be transported to Grandview for After School Care. There is a cost for the pick-up and care. If you are interested in using this service please email dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz for further information.

Swimming Pool Keys/Committee

At our November BOT meeting we will be discussing the opening of the school swimming pool during the school holidays. To help with the decision it would be helpful to know how many families are interested in purchasing a key and if there are volunteers that could form a committee to look after the pool during the holiday period. The cost of a key would likely be \$100. If you would be interested in purchasing a key and/or volunteering for the pool committee please email dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz

PTA NEWS

Fundraiser Update

A big thank you to our school community for supporting our Easter Raffle & Gumdrops Dessert fundraisers this year. The money raised from these events, in addition to fundraisers in 2021, have enabled the PTA to allocate another **\$10,000** towards the schools Outdoor Turf and Equipment Fundraiser.

Keep an eye out for our thermometer at the school entrance - the amount is going up! The Outdoor Turf area will provide a valuable space for our students for learning, sport & play.

Unwanted School T-Shirts – Large Sizes – 12, 14, S and M

Our school shirt style is no longer available and we have run out of large sizes. If anyone has any large shirts in good condition that they no longer want, please donate them to the school office. These will then be sold by the PTA for \$5.00.

Car Show and Gala

The countdown is on with just over 2 weeks to go!

Things the PTA need:

Hoop Toss: We are asking each child to bring along an item in a jar for the Hoop Toss game. This game is very popular on the day but we need jars with desirable items in them. Recycled jars are recommended – please no jars that have had pickle or garlic in them as the smell tends to linger. If you are putting confectionery in the jar, wrapped sweets please, as this is a food hygiene requirement. Take these jars straight to the classroom as house points will be awarded for each jar donated.

Baking: At the Car Show & Gala there will be a baking stall and we would like families to donate a cake, slice or other baking. The baking stall is always popular. We ask that you bring your baking on the day of the Car Show, or just before, so that it is fresh, ready for sale. This is just a 'heads-up' so you can prepare and think about what you might like to make. One year a family made toffee apples and they were very popular. Old fashioned sweets, like fudge or coconut ice, are also very sought after and sell fast.

Books: Our book stall is looking for novels, children's books and board games. If donating board games or puzzles please ensure all the pieces are there as we will not have time to check them.

Raffles: One of our raffles will include groceries and we would be happy to accept donated goods from our families for this. These can be placed in the chilly bin in the office foyer.

Plant Stall: This year we will be holding a plant stall, so if you feel like growing some cuttings or seeds to add to this, it would be much appreciated. These can be planted in any type of container. House plants, succulents, cactus, vegetable plants, grape vines are to name a few. These can be dropped off at school closer to the Car Show & Gala.

New Unwanted Gifts: These are to be used as prizes at the Gala. There is a large white box in the school office foyer for your donations.

Helpers: Each class will have a stall to operate and will need parents to volunteer to help run these. If you think you may be able to help please let the classroom teacher know. This would be much appreciated.

SPORTS NEWS

Summer Sports

Rotokauri have a number of teams entered in summer sports this term. 5 touch rugby teams, 2 miniball/basketball teams, 2 futsal teams, 2 waterpolo teams (combined with Whatawhata and Fairfield Intermediate) and a social netball team. Wednesday night tennis is also back.

A huge thank you to our volunteer coaches, managers and referees for sharing their time, skills and passion with our students.

A reminder that fees are now due at the school office by the end of this week (Friday 28 October). Thanks so much to those who have paid their fees already.

Senior Athletics Day

The Senior School Athletics will be held on **Wednesday 16 November** (postponement date Friday 18 November) from 9.15 a.m. running for the whole day. The high jump event will be run as part of our athletics rotation this year. All students aged 9 -13 years will compete in their age group at the age they will be on the day set for Interschool Athletics (Friday 25 November). A timetable of the day will be shared in the next newsletter. Children are encouraged to wear their house colours and will need to wear their school sunhat, sunscreen and suitable clothes for running, jumping and throwing. **Parent Help Needed** - We will need helpers at the track and at some of the events. If you are able to help out, please make contact with your child's teacher or email Jane Rickman at jrickman@rotokauri.school.nz by Monday 14 November.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Gumboot Friday

The Peer Mediators would like to raise funds for Gumboot Friday next Friday 4 November. We would love it if students wore their gumboots to school and brought along a gold coin donation.

Gumboot Friday is a charity that provides free counseling support for children in New Zealand in a timely manner. Please read the handout sent with today's newsletter for further information about Gumboot Friday or to make another donation.

Calendar Art

It's Calendar Art time again! Our students have been busy creating art work that can be made into affordable calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

Each product is made from your own child's art. If you prefer, you can upload your own artwork or photos instead.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com

2/. **Use the Entrance Code:** This is on the flyer your child brought home last Thursday.

ORDERS CLOSE 3pm Monday 7 November If you have any questions, please contact Jaimee Carter on jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz

Photolife Key Codes – Team / Group Photos

You should have received your key codes by email from Photolife around 13 October. Check your spam if you did not receive it. Free delivery expires midnight, Sunday 6th November, so make sure you have your orders in by this date if you would like to order photos. You can still order after this date, however you will have to pay postage. If you have not received your keycode, please contact the school office.

Medical Requirements

Please ensure that 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 and how much medication is there during the year** so that, if needed, the medication will work correctly when administered.

If your child has an allergy, is asthmatic or has other medical conditions that require a health plan please let the school office know so that these plans can be completed or updated (as per the Ministry of Health regulations).

Trophy Return

It is the time of year that we need to gather in all Rotokauri School cups and shields so they can be engraved. If you have any trophies at home i.e. speech, Agricultural Day and end of year awards from 2021 please return them to the school office a.s.a.p. Thank you to the students who have brought their trophies back already.

CELEBRATIONS

ICAS Results

Last term, several of our students participated in the ICAS exams. Drawing on 40 years of international assessment experience and academic rigour, ICAS is a school competition that inspires, celebrates and challenges millions of school students across Australia, New Zealand and the world. The competition questions are set in modern, real-world scenarios where school students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. The subjects span literacy ([English](#), [Writing](#) and [Spelling Bee](#)) and STEM ([Mathematics](#), [Science](#) and [Digital Technologies](#)).

Certificates are awarded by the following criteria;

High Distinction - Awarded to top 1% of participants

Distinction - Awarded to next 10% of participants

Credit - Awarded to next 25% of participants

Merit - Awarded to next 10% of participants

Participation - Received by all remaining participants

Congratulations to the following students on their efforts.

Digital Technologies

Lachlan Emslie - Year 8 - Credit

Jackson Connolly - Year 4 - Participation

English

Lachlan Emslie - Year 8 - Participation

Olivia Thorpe - Year 5 - Participation

Science

Lachlan Emslie - Year 8 - Participation

Jackson Connolly - Year 4 – Participation

Spelling

Lachlan Emslie - Year 8 - Participation

Olivia Thorpe - Year 5 - Participation

Jackson Connolly - Year 4 - Participation

Mathematics

Lachlan Emslie - Year 8 - Participation

Carter Jessop - Year 8 - Participation

Cole Turney - Year 8 - Participation

Maddix Annis - Year 7 - Participation

Olivia Thorpe - Year 5 - Participation

Cameron Emslie - Year 4 Credit

Jackson Connolly - Year 4 - Participation

The children have received their Digital Technology, Science and English Certificates and we are still waiting for certificates for Spelling and Mathematics.

Agricultural Day Results 2022

Lamb

Lamb Points Trophy – **Scarlett Swain – 38 points**

Most Obvious Pet Trophy – **Evie Wilson**

Lamb Leading Trophy – **Ruby Wilson**

Lamb Rearing Shield – **Liam Surgenor**

Goat

Doug McFarlane Shield – Point Trophy – **Alex Oldham – 38 points**

Goat Most Obvious Pet Trophy – **Ada Westgate**

Goat Leading Trophy – **Alex Oldham**

Goat Rearing Trophy – **Alex Oldham**

Calf

Calf Points Trophy – **Rebecca Cameron – 38 points**

Calf Leading Trophy – **Rebecca Cameron**

Calf Rearing Shield – **Rebecca Cameron**

Dairy Type Trophy – **Rebecca Cameron**

Group Day Results 2022

Congratulations to:

Alex Oldham and his goat Pretzel:

1st - Leading

Champion Leading

Champion of Champions

1st - Rearing

Reserve Champion

5th - Most Obvious Pet

3rd - Group of 3



Ada Westgate and her goat Sophie:

2nd - Most Obvious Pet

5th - Leading

2nd - Rearing

3rd - Group of 3

and she also got the overall Fair Play Award for Goats

Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson and her lamb Lucky:

3rd - Leading

2nd - Rearing

Reserve Champion Rearing

5th – Group of 3

Kindness Awards

Week 9	
Kees Rogers	Room 7
Lachlan Anderson	Room 7

Week 1	
Noxx Rogers	Room 3
Georgia Esselbrugge	Room 1

Values Awards

Week 9		
Kaylee Quinlan	Room 4	For demonstrating the school value of respect .
Isla Nelson	Room 2	For demonstrating the school value of active learning .
Jett McFall	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of empathy .
Callista John	Room 7	For demonstrating the school value of active learning .

Week 10 - Values Prize Box Draw Winners		
Bella Gyde x2	Room 5	For demonstrating the school values of respect and active learning
Chloe Gyde	Room 5	For demonstrating the school value of active learning .
Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson	Room 5	For demonstrating the school value of active learning .
Riley Boswell	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of empathy .
Violet Short	Room 2	For demonstrating the school value of respect .
Theo Cowley	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of respect .

Week 1
Values Vouchers - the student council were feeling extra generous this week and doubled the draw!

Murphy Cairns-Eade	Room 1	For demonstrating the school value of respect .
Alex Oldham	Room 2	For demonstrating the school value of active learning .
Turner Wallace	Room 4	For demonstrating the school value of respect .
Tyler Akania	Room 4	For demonstrating the school value of respect .
Cooper McLean	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of honesty .
Jett McFall	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of honesty .
Lily Young	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of honesty .
Cory Burt	Room 8	For demonstrating the school value of honesty .

Assembly Certificates

Week 10

Room 1	Isla Cowley	For showing her amazing skipping skills during the Skipathon!
Room 1	Cody Calnan	For showing his awesome skipping skills during the Skipathon!
Room 2	Louie Baker	For being an active learner showing curiosity and questioning.
Room 2	Casey Mancer	For your huge progress in spelling. Great active learning.
Room 6	Isaac Hapi	Being a role model by always being helpful and trying your best.
Room 6	Aja Jessop	Working hard on your skipping and achieving 220 skips in a row.
Room 7	Ryan Barnes	For showing our REACH values and always helping out.
Room 7	Regan Bennett	For showing courage and completing his work to a high standard.
Room 8	Addison Jennings	For being an active learner and making amazing progress in all areas of your learning.
Room 8	Everyone in Room 8	Being active learners in your roller coaster inquiry and showing brilliant leadership at kapa haka and the skip-a-thon.

Week 1

Room 1	Chloe Moka	For being an active learner during calendar maths.
Room 1	Vivaan Patel	For working hard to learn the Room 1 routines.
Room 2	Violet Short	For always being kind to your classmates.
Room 2	Paige Davison	For starting the term with lots of positive energy.
Room 3	Mya Allen	For good work in class.
Room 3	Rydge Shortland	For working well in class.
Room 4	Maddox Stratford	For using the value of active learning and reading a story fluently. Well done.
Room 4	Tyler Akania	For using the value of active learning and reading a story fluently. Well done.
Room 5	Luca Rogers	For demonstrating the value of active learning by putting lots of effort into all tasks.
Room 5	Asa Robinson	For the fantastic use of vocabulary in your Remember Winter writing.
Room 6	Coco Doody	For being an active learner - working hard on your Ag day art and presenting some great info about how to do discuss correctly and safely.
Room 6	Brianna Donny	For being an active learner - working hard on your Ag day art and presenting some great info about how to do discuss correctly and safely.
Room 7	Mercedes Barber	For showing leadership and creativity during our roller coaster inquiry.
Room 7	Kaeleb Beets	For showing leadership and problem solving skills during our roller coaster inquiry.
Room 8	Timothy Sumner	For persevering when building your roller coaster and your excellent presentation.
Room 8	Ryan Jorgensen	For persevering when building your roller coaster and your excellent presentation.



SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND

Our Junior Surf programme commences
Sunday 6 November 2022.

Make friends, learn skills, compete against
other clubs and enjoy fun new experiences.

Open to all community members.

Registrations for:

Tadpoles (5-6)

Junior Surf (7-13)

Trainee lifeguards (14+)

Coaches, management and support roles

Muster Day 30 October 2022 from 12-2pm

Ngarunui Beach Road, Raglan

or alternately

sign up online using the QR code below or

e-mail juniorsurf@raglansurflifesaving.org.nz



COME JOIN UP!- AGES 5-14+



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