

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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## Working Bee

### Reminder, reminder, reminder

We will be holding a Working Bee for any parents/caregivers/extended whaanau on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 9.00 a.m. The BOT will provide morning tea and a sausage sizzle for the wonderful helpers. We would need helpers to bring along – wheelbarrows, rakes, spades, chainsaw, paintbrushes, hammers and other gardening equipment. Please let me know if you are available to help

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Thank you to those parents that have emailed to let me know they are willing to help.

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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 –

Maia Langdon – Room 1

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

## PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

I have had the privilege of being in some of the classes supervising and it makes my heart swell when I notice the work that students are producing. Here is a piece of work from Scarlett Swain in Room 5.

*Remember when the salty sea air  
blows softly past you, and then the  
sizzling sun tempting you to have a  
refreshing swim, in the deep blue  
mysterious ocean calling you, with the  
soothing sound of the waves.  
That was summer!*



*Remember when you're having a water balloon fight, the balloons popping on the lime green pointy grass as you dodge them flying through the air, at the same time throwing them at each other. The balloons bursting on you as the water trickles down your body, cooling you down but the sun still drying it up slowly. Still throwing the colourful balloons, shooting through the air, as the sun warms up and the still water swaying inside them!*

*That was summer!*

*Remember when you're on a glass bottom boat with colourful fish swimming under the boat, watching them swim by and a colourful coral reef with eels, fish, and sea urchins, then the boat stops and it's time to go for swim, all the water around is filled with tiny microscopic creatures.*

*That was summer!*

Well done Scarlett – so beautifully written.

It also gives me a great deal of pride to attend school events onsite or accompany students to events. I was able to attend both the 8 year old swimming sports held at school and the Cluster Swimming Competition on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulations to all the students that participated in both these events.

Some gentle reminders –

- Communication with staff – as mentioned in an earlier newsletter please communicate with staff during the hours of 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. from Monday – Friday only, unless there is an urgent matter that needs to be addressed promptly.
- Carpark –
  - Please do not park in the busbay and get out of your car to pick up your child/children. This causes a backlog for other parents using the carpark.
  - Please do not walk across the carpark in random places – there are pedestrian crossings provided and road patrollers with signs to assist adults and students.

Have a great final two weeks of the term everyone.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Easter Raffle**

Don't forget to have your raffle cards returned to school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – sold or unsold.

Thank you to those families that have made an Easter donation for the raffle.

## **BOT NEWS**

### **Property Update**

Work has begun on the building project at Rotokauri School. There has been a meeting with Modular Classrooms Ltd to timetable the project.

This Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March there will be some electrical thrusting and next Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, Rooms 7 & 8, will be moving out of their classrooms and settle in to the MPR. Unfortunately, this means that the Library will need to be closed until the project is completed.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Request for Leave**

Thank you to the families that have completed the necessary paperwork when children will be away for more than 2 days or are attending events on a regular basis during term time e.g. long weekend, family holidays, tuition, counselling, Nature School, sporting events etc. Forms are available from the school office.

### **Swimming Pool Closure**

Our school pool will be officially closed for class swimming and extra tuition lessons this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you families for ensuring that students attended school each day ready for their swimming times.

The BOT would like to sincerely thank Mrs Sarah Selwyn for providing her expertise in swimming to provide tuition at lunch time on Monday and Tuesday for 20 students. The improvement in the children's ability has been noted by staff and parents.

Key holders – A \$10.00 key bond refund will be given out on the return of your keys at the school office.

### **Junior Tough Guy and Girl**

Rotokauri School has booked 50 places for this popular event to be held at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp on Thursday 22 June. Students in Years 3-8 can be entered as part of our school team. Entries close **THURSDAY, 6 APRIL** (Last day of Term 1) and are on a first in, first served basis. Please click on the link below for more information and to register your child.

1. **Click on** the following link to register your child into the Hamilton Junior TGGC Event.  
<https://eventdesq.sportstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=RegisterAdd1&EventDesqID=39480&OrgID=20511>
2. **Click on** the Hamilton Event and Find "Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June". Select the **correct entry type** that you would like to register your child into (e.g. Hamilton Yr 7 & 8 - Thurs 22nd June) **(ignore the notice that says it is sold out)**.
3. A box will appear asking you to enter a "Pin Code". Enter the code: **"HAM-22"** and **click on "Validate"**.

4. Once this code is validated, the box will disappear. **Scroll down**, read through the Waiver & Release Statement (Terms and Conditions), and **click on the box that says: "I agree to the above"**.
5. Proceed with the rest of the registration. Make sure to do the following to ensure your child's entry is allocated under the school group.
  - i. Select the correct venue and date
  - ii. School name is written in FULL (e.g. **Rotokauri School**)
  - iii. Bib Collection – Select "The Teacher will pick up the race number"
  - iv. Once you have successfully registered your child, you will be sent a confirmation email. Please bring this along to registration.

## **Winter Sports**

It's hard to believe that the winter sports season is rolling around so soon. Winter sports on offer at Rotokauri School include hockey, netball and miniball. For further information around each code and to register your child please click the link to the Google form.

**Entries close Friday, 31st March.**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RS9LwtUC5rGe9cc-tYOvm1YIOw2a0yzej42MIsGWSJo/edit>

Coaches and Managers - as always, we are unable to enter teams without coaches and managers. We really value the commitment of time, knowledge and skills of our coaches and managers. For further information please contact:

Sam Brinkworth - Sports Coordinator and Teacher in charge of Miniball

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Jane Rickman - Teacher in charge of Hockey – [jrickman@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:jrickman@rotokauri.school.nz)

Claire Walker - Teacher in charge of Netball – [cwalker@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:cwalker@rotokauri.school.nz)

## **Reminders**

1. There have been some incidents recently where children have been bringing things to school that are not necessary for learning. Chewing gum, nail polish, make-up etc should not be brought to school and will be taken off students.
2. Jibbitz – these are becoming a problem as children are trading them. There will be no trading of Jibbitz on school grounds.
3. Birthday celebrations – we know that birthdays are an exciting time for students and their families and it is great to share this with peers. If families are bringing food into classes (e.g. birthday cake) please check with the classroom teacher first, as we do have students with allergies. We also note that special treats (e.g. lolly bags) are being provided. These will not be eaten at school but taken home with students.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Junior Swimming Results 2023

Congratulations to all our Juniors (5 – 7 year olds) who competed in the Junior Swimming Sports and Display on Wednesday 8th March. The children had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and compete in races and should be very proud of their efforts and achievements. We would also like to thank the parents and whanau for coming along and supporting this event.

#### 5 year old results

Supported floating on front (width)	1 <sup>st</sup> Shia Paterson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Atlas Williams Poppy Sadler-Singh	3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgia Esselbrugge
Supported floating on back (width)	1 <sup>st</sup> Shia Paterson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Atlas Williams	3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgia Esselbrugge
Freestyle (width)	1 <sup>st</sup> Murphy Cairns-Eade		
Backstroke (width)	1 <sup>st</sup> Murphy Cairns-Eade		

#### 6 Year Old results

Supported floating on front (width)	1 <sup>st</sup> Cooper Wiseman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Arlo Clarke-Gray	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vincent Warner
Supported floating on back (width)	1 <sup>st</sup> Shagunpreet Kaur	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cooper Wiseman	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cody Calnan
Freestyle (width)	1 <sup>st</sup> Kyla Martin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Louie Baker	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cleo Mackrell
Backstroke (width)	1 <sup>st</sup> Harper Moka	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sophie Swain	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyla Martin
Freestyle (length)	1 <sup>st</sup> Layla Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Theo Winikerei	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dot Warbrick
Backstroke (length)	1 <sup>st</sup> Theo Winikerei	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collette Griffin	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dot Warbrick

#### 7 Year Old results

Supported floating on front (length)	1 <sup>st</sup> Violet Short	2 <sup>nd</sup> Max Green	
Supported floating on back (length)	1 <sup>st</sup> Marley Toia	2 <sup>nd</sup> Paige Robinson Hastings	3 <sup>rd</sup> Van Macdonald Hooper
Freestyle (length)	1 <sup>st</sup> Zac Hoebergen	2 <sup>nd</sup> Marley Toia	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tessa Spencer
Backstroke (length)	1 <sup>st</sup> Sophie Quinlan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tessa Spencer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Evie Hodgson

### Eight Year Old Swimming Results

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March the 8 year old students competed in a variety of timed races at our school pool. Thank you to the parents that came along to support and cheer on the students. Also, thank you to our senior students – Caitlin Furlonger, Nirav Maharaj and Samuel Watkins for the fine job they did timing the races. Division A swimmers completed 2 lengths of the pool and Division B swimmers completed 1 length. Congratulations to the following 8 year olds that qualified to compete at the Cluster Swimming Competition – Harry Gyde, Aston Burt, Hannah-Leah Warbrick and Scarlett Swain.

Division A Freestyle	1st	2nd	3rd
Boys	Harry Gyde	Aston Burt	Jayden Day
Girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Scarlett Swain	Keani Kingi

Division A Breast Stroke	1st	2nd	3rd
Boys	Harry Gyde	Aston Burt Jayden Day	Noxx Rogers
Girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Heidi Viljoen	Ellie-Rose Anderson

Division A Backstroke	1st	2nd	3rd
Boys	Aston Burt	Harry Gyde	
Girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Scarlett Swain	Indiana Payne

Division B Freestyle	1st	2nd	3rd
Boys	Thomas Warner	Jace McLean	Tyler Akania
Girls	Teagan Mancer		

Division B Breast Stroke	1st	2nd	3rd
Boys	Jace McLean Lucas Birchall	Thomas Warner	Kayden John
Girls	Lais Harihari	Teagan Mancer	

Division B Backstroke	1st	2nd	3rd
Boys	Noxx Rogers	Jace McLean	Corban Stratford
Girls	Ellie-Rose Anderson	Teagan Mancer	

## **Senior Swimming Sports Results**

On Friday 10th March, our Senior School Swimming Sports was held at the Huntly Pools. A big thank you to our parents who timed heats and finals.

Well done to all our students who gave their best efforts in both the Division A (competitive) and Division B (participation) grades. Congratulations to the following students on their placings.

Thank you to the PTA for subsidising the bus travel.

### **25m Breaststroke**

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>12 Year Old Girls</b>	Holly Hoebergen	Jordyn Harihari	Acacia Barham
<b>12 Year Old Boys</b>	Reed Kahaki	Nate Westgate	James Ward
<b>11 Year Old Girls</b>	Ellie Fairclough	Pyper Gill	
<b>11 Year Old Boys</b>	Alex Dombroski		
<b>10 Year Old Girls</b>	Aja Jessop	Chloe Gyde	Bella Gyde
<b>10 Year Old Boys</b>	Israel Warbrick	Liam Surgenor	Cairo Nelson
<b>9 Year Old Girls</b>	Esme Gyde	Mackenzie Moroney-Pearson	Kaylee Quinlan
<b>9 Year Old Boys</b>	Cameron Emslie	Cody Wade	

### **50m Breaststroke**

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>12 Year Old Girls</b>			
<b>12 Year Old Boys</b>	Reed Kahaki	Nate Westgate	James Ward
<b>11 Year Old Girls</b>	Kaylee Clark		
<b>11 Year Old Boys</b>			
<b>10 Year Old Girls</b>	Aja Jessop	Nature Aitchison	Mya Hoebergen
<b>10 Year Old Boys</b>			

### **25m Backstroke**

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>12 Year Old Girls</b>	Holly Hoebergen	Jordyn Harihari	
<b>12 Year Old Boys</b>	Reed Kahaki	Cooper Hobbs	Flint Coyle
<b>11 Year Old Girls</b>	Ellie Fairclough	Kaylee Clark	



<b>11 Year Old Boys</b>	Noah Rose	Ryan Keightley	
<b>10 Year Old Girls</b>	Nature Aitchison	Cavalier Kingi	Aja Jessop
<b>10 Year Old Boys</b>	Leon Watkins	Israel Warbrick	Nate Turney
<b>9 Year Old Girls</b>	Esme Gyde	Elsie van Rooij	Kaylee Quinlan
<b>9 Year Old Boys</b>	Hugo Spencer	Jackson Connolly	Carter Moka

### 50m Backstroke

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>12 Year Old Girls</b>	Holly Hoebergen		
<b>12 Year Old Boys</b>	Reed Kahaki	Cooper Hobbs	Nirav Maharaj
<b>11 Year Old Girls</b>			
<b>11 Year Old Boys</b>	Ryan Keightley		
<b>10 Year Old Girls</b>	Mya Hoebergen		
<b>10 Year Old Boys</b>	Leon Watkins	Nihil Maharaj	

### 25m Freestyle

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>12 Year Old Girls</b>	Jordyn Harihari	Grace Petley	Holly Hoebergen
<b>12 Year Old Boys</b>	Nate Westgate	Reed Kahaki	Liam Buckle
<b>11 Year Old Girls</b>	Ellie Fairclough	Pyper Gill	Kaylee Clark
<b>11 Year Old Boys</b>	Noah Rose	Reece Calnan	Ryan Russell
<b>10 Year Old Girls</b>	Bella Gyde	Cooper-Love Buckle	Chloe Gyde
<b>10 Year Old Boys</b>	Israel Warbrick	Leon Watkins	Nate Turney
<b>9 Year Old Girls</b>	Kaylee Quinlan	Mackenzie-Moroney Pearson	Elsie Van Rooij
<b>9 Year Old Boys</b>	Hugo Spencer	Cameron Emslie	Carter Moka

### 50m Freestyle

Age Group	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>12 Year Old Girls</b>	Holly Hoebergen	Jordyn Harihari	
<b>12 Year Old Boys</b>	Reed Kahaki	Liam Buckle	Archie Cameron
<b>11 Year Old Girls</b>	Ellie Fairclough	Pyper Gill	Kaylee Clark

<b>11 Year Old Boys</b>	Alex Dombroski	Ryan Russell	
<b>10 Year Old Girls</b>	Nature Aitchison	Aja Jessop	Cooper-Love Buckle
<b>10 Year Old Boys</b>	Leon Watkins	Israel Warbrick	Cairo Nelson

### Girls Open Medley

Age Group	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>10-12 Year Olds</b>	Grace Petley	Holly Hoebergen	Ellie Fairclough

### House Relay

<b>1st</b> Kikorangi	<b>2nd</b> Kakariki	<b>3rd</b> Whero	<b>4th</b> Kowhai
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### Values

<b>Week 6</b>		
Poppy Sadler-Singh	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b>
Cooper Wiseman	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b>
Piper McNabb	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>
Kairo Sharma	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>
Mahi Sharma	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy.</b>
Ivy Lu	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage.</b>
Luca Haldane	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage.</b>
James Ward	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage.</b>

<b>Week 7</b>		
Ayaan Kotte Godage	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage.</b>
Oscar Hapi	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>
Harper Moka	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>
Corban Stratford	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>
Keani Kingi	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>
Ella Wen	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>
Rhys Jorgensen	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>
Holly Hoebergen	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage.</b>

## Assembly Certificates

Week 6 – no assembly held this week

### Week 7

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Maia Langdon	For showing the value of courage by being happy at school almost all day.
Room 1	Ayaan Kotte Godage	For showing the value of courage by being happy at school all day.
Room 2	Kyla Martin	For being a role model in the class. You show the value of active learning.
Room 3	Dot Warbrick	For showing the value of respect while participating in hockey.
Room 3	Ada Westgate	For being an active learner in her writing about the 'Tear Thief'.
Room 4	Noxx Rogers	For working hard on his spelling words. Well done.
Room 4	Lucas Birchall	For working hard on his spelling words. Well done.
Room 5	Turner Wallace	For being so responsible with classroom helping and clean up jobs.
Room 5	Keani Kingi	For showing real empathy towards others.
Room 6	Cooper-Love Buckle	Showing respect and courage when leading our class karakia.
Room 6	Brayden Ridley	Showing courage by participating in swimming sports even though you were really nervous.
Room 7	Ryan Russell	For being an active learner by using talk moves and contributing to class discussions.
Room 7	Kaylee Clark	For consistently displaying our school REACH values.
Room 8	Ellie Fairclough	For working so hard in your reading and making excellent progress.
Room 8	Isabelle Steger	For your creativity and positivity in our maths lesson today.

## Holiday Activities and School Holiday Programmes

We have listings for [all regions of New Zealand](#) but *if you specifically wanted to link to our Hamilton page* you can do so at - [Waikato | Hamilton](#)



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Saturday, 1 April 2023

10am–2pm

**FREE ENTRY**

**Visit a working dairy farm!**

Watch cows being milked! (11am–12.30pm)

Visit the wetland area! (Tours at 11am and 12.30pm)

Games, giveaways, food and much more!

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# HOOKED ON HOCKEY

Here is a programme you don't want to miss! We've got hockey sessions across the day, balanced with fun team building challenges, arts and crafts, science experiments, a bit of cooking and maybe even a new sport to try your skills at.

Each day will feature a hockey-specific session, lead by our pro Waikato representative hockey coaches, in the morning. In the afternoon, we will split into age groups, to learn skills, develop confidence, and make new friends.

FOR AGES: 5-13

COST: \$60 PER DAY

APRIL HOLIDAYS

17<sup>TH</sup>-21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

FROM 7:30AM TO 4:30PM

Gallagher Hockey Centre,  
Queens Avenue,  
Innes Common, Hamilton

Bring lunch, snacks, water bottles, your sport shoes, hockey sticks, shin guards, mouthguards, and a willingness to give things a go! Don't worry if you don't have a stick, we will have one you can borrow.



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