

Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Daffodil Day Tomorrow

Come to school dressed in your brightest yellow clothing
or accessories and donate a gold coin or two
for the Cancer Society Fundraiser.



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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 –

Room 1a: Karish Bhagat and Penny Clarke-Gray

Room 1: Manraj Pannu

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

What a change in the vibe around the school when we can be outside in the sunshine. The health benefits of sunlight include generating the production of Vitamin D, supporting bone health, lowering blood pressure, preventing disease and promoting good mental health.

What a wonderful community event on Friday as we held the school's annual cross country. A big thank you to all the parents and extended family members that attended to cheer on the students. Thank you to the parents that volunteered as marshals on the course and to those that helped on the barbeque. Also, thank you to the staff for all their efforts, to Mr Brinkworth for organizing the event and to the students for their enthusiasm and commitment. We are proud of what you achieved. Another big thank you to Bernie Sedon for accommodating the changes to the races – we think the new

course was a true rural school cross country. Some students will now be competing at the next level which is the Cluster Cross Country at Waitetuna. Good luck to those students.

The Kapa Haka Performance Group are practicing for their involvement in the Cluster Kapa Haka Festival to be held at Te Mata School. Thank you to Carole for making new uniforms for the students – we are going to look amazing.

The senior school held their speech competition last week. Thank you to our judges – Mrs Win Schmits and Miss Bre Rickman. They were very impressed with the high quality of the speeches presented. The winners of this event will be competing at the Cluster Speech Competition at Te Uku School this Friday – good luck to you all.

Have a great fortnight and keep enjoying that sunshine.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

GENERAL INFORMATION

Students Leaving

It is the start of preparations for 2024. Our first step as we organise the ballot for next year's intake, is to determine how many students (other than Year 8s) will be leaving to attend other primary schools or intermediates. Could you please email the Principal (dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz) with a notification of non-attendance for 2024. Thank you

Trophy Return

Can all Agricultural Day trophies be returned to the school office please so that they are ready for this year's event.

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, 15 September. Sorry, no late entries will be accepted.**

Digital Citizenship Agreement

A second reminder about the Digital Citizenship Agreement that students sign each year. As part of the school agreement, children are trusted to use their log in details for teacher-approved online learning resources only.

Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

Which children are routinely checked?

Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check.

Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up.

In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check.

What tests are carried out?

Ears

Audiometry (hearing test).

Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range).

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test.

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

Notify parents of all test results.

Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol).

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school i.e. names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

CELEBRATIONS

Rotokauri School Cross Country 2023

On Friday 18th August, Rotokauri School held their annual cross country. This year all students had the opportunity to run different parts of the farm. It was a very fun and muddy day! It was great seeing so many families come out and support their children.



A big thank you to all of the parents who helped marshal and run the BBQ on the day. Also a big thank you to all of the staff who helped support the event. The results for the cross country are shown below.

5 Year Old Boys		5 Year Old Girls	
1.	Carter Beer	1.	Murphy Cairns-Eade
2.	Link Doody	2.	Amaia Matenga
3.	Sean Nadan	3.	Maddison Pitts
6 Year Old Boys		6 Year Old Girls	
1.	Liam Harrison	1.	Cleo Mackrell
2.	Cohen O'Brien	2.	Isla Cowley
3.	Vincent Warner	3.	Georgia Esselbrugge
7 Year Old Boys		7 Year Old Girls	
1.	Luke Vann	1.	Ruby Wilson
2.	Marley Toia	2.	Sophie Quinlan
3.	Theo Winikerei	3.	Khloe Bennett

8 Year Old Boys		8 Year Old Girls	
1.	Jayden Day	1.	Heidi Viljoen
2.	Thomas Warner	2.	Indiana Payne
3 =	Ammon Hippolite & Jacques Booyens	3.	Paige Robinson-Hastings
9 Year Old Boys		9 Year Old Girls	
1.	Carter Moka	1.	Kaylee Quinlan
2.	Archer McFall	2.	Hannah-Leah Warbrick
3.	Cameron Emslie	3.	Ella Wen
10 Year Old Boys		10 Year Old Girls	
1.	Cairo Nelson	1.	Ava Esselbrugge
2.	Liam Surgenor	2.	Elsie van Rooij
3.	Brayden Ridley	3.	Shaan Judge
11 Year Old Boys		11 Year Old Girls	
1.	Leon Watkins	1.	Pyper Gill
2.	Jared Hippolite	2.	Cavalier Kingi
3.	Rhys Jorgensen	3.	Aja Jessop
12 Year Old Boys		12 Year Old Girls	
1.	Samuel Watkins	1.	Acacia Barham
2.	Reece Calnan	2.	Ellie Fairclough
3.	Flint Coyle	3.	Evie Wilson
13 Year Old Boys		13 Year Old Girls	
1.	Nate Westgate	1.	Leela Harris
2.	Archie Cameron		
3.	Elijah Esselbrugge		

Senior Speech Finals

Year 5

- 1st - Scarlett Swain - Refugees
- 2nd - Esme Gyde - Living in a Big Family
- 3rd - Hugo Hodgson - Carbon

Year 6

- 1st - Liam Surgenor - Why Children Shouldn't Do Chores
- 2nd - Cooper-Love Buckle - The History of Fashion
- 3rd - Chloe Gyde - How to Be Smart
- Highly Commended - Bella Gyde - Why We Shouldn't Do Speeches

Year 7

- 1st - Jiya Prajapati - Why You Shouldn't Bully Based on Race
- 2nd - Ernie Young - Pets Are Weird
- 3rd - Leon Watkins - Nine Months of Guinness
- Highly Commended – Ryan Russell - Why You Should Play Warhammer

Year 8

- 1st - Jordyn Harihari - Women Who Have Helped the Revival of Maaori Tikanga
- 2nd - Elijah Esslebrugge - Fairy Tales From the Villains Point of View
- 3rd - Nirav Maharaj - Why Nuclear Weapons Should be Banned
- Highly Commended - Samuel Watkins - Why AI Should Not Be Trusted
- Highly Commended - Caitlin Furlonger - Climate Change
- Highly Commended - Cooper Hobbs - Why Everyone Should Play a Musical Instrument

Overall Speech Winner

Liam Surgenor - Why Children Shouldn't Do Chores.

We wish Scarlett, Liam, Jiya, Ernie, Jordyn and Nirav the best of luck at the Cluster Speech Competition to be held at Te Uku this Friday.

Values

Term 3 Week 4

Lotti Phillips	Room 1A	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Link Doody	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Harper Moka	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Carter Cowley	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Turner Wallace	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Ivy Lu	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Chloe Gyde	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Ellie Fairclough	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of courage .

Assembly Certificates

Term 3 Week 4

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1A	Teagan Russell	For always trying her best when learning new tasks. Keep up the great work!
Room 1	Link Doody	For sharing his amazing ideas and knowledge during class discussions.
Room 1	Vivaan Patel	For continuing to show all the school REACH values. Amazing!
Room 2	Aedenn Tan	For an awesome effort in cross country practises this week.
Room 2	Cohen O'Brien	For your effort in writing your speech. We look forward to hearing it.
Room 3	Taj Judge	For being a motivated and independent student with a great love of learning.
Room 3	Colette Griffin	For her excellent listening on the mat. You are always keen and eager to learn.
Room 4	Ruby Wilson	For being a great member of Room 4 and helping others during maths lessons.
Room 4	Ammon Hippolite	For being a great member of Room 4 and helping others during maths lessons.
Room 5	Kayden John	Showing empathy, helping others when they are unsure 😊
Room 5	Jayden Day	Displaying honesty and empathy towards others
Room 6	Cooper-Love Buckle	Displaying a positive attitude to learning and for always being friendly and helpful.
Room 6	Brayden Ridley	Displaying a positive attitude to learning and for always being friendly and helpful.
Room 7	Ernie Young	For sharing his great ideas and consistently showing our school REACH values.
Room 7	Kaylee Clark	For showing leadership in kapa haka and presenting her awesome Polynesia speech.
Room 8	Thinus Booyens	For the courage you showed when delivering your speech. You rock!
Room 8	Carlos Marks	For your outstanding speech. Room 8 loved it!

Gumboots & Grasshoppers




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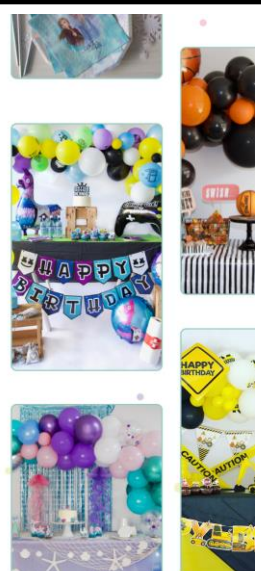
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