

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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**ROTOKAURI SCHOOL**

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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: James Davison

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

Ngaa mihi nui.

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

### **WELCOME BACK!**

What an amazing day we all had with our grandparents at school. Thank you to all the families that provided morning tea – we had an incredible volume of food to share. It was heartwarming to witness the relationships between the generations as the children spent time talking about their learning, showing grandparents around the school and completing activities together. We received many positive comments from grandparents.

Congratulations to Alex Oldham for his success with his baby goat at the A & P Show last Friday.

Last Friday was Teacher Appreciation Day and I would like to acknowledge all the hard work our teachers put in to provide opportunities for our children and ensuring that our

students are experiencing success and receive a quality education. Thank you to all our teachers for going above and beyond a normal school day.

What's coming up -

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Senior Athletics
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Gumboot Friday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 & 6 camp at Raglan
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 & 8 Tech Catch up Day
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Car Show/Gala
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 & 8 camp at Raglan
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior Athletics BOT meeting
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior Athletics postponement day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 8 vaccinations
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Cluster Athletics
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Prizegiving
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	BOT meeting
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

I wish the Year 5 & 6 students, along with the parent volunteers, Whaea Jojo and Mr Brinkworth all the best with their upcoming camp at Raglan. I know that you will all enjoy your experience and hope that the weather is kind to you. Good luck to the students as they compete in our annual athletics competitions. Have a great fortnight everyone.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

## PTA NEWS

Thank you to all the families and community members for supporting the PTA with the upcoming Car Show and Gala. Over the last week lots of books, jars and soft toys have arrived at school.

- The PTA still need your help as we head towards Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November –
  - Jar Toss – could each child please bring along a jar full of goodies for the Jar Toss. Jars with desirable items in them are needed e.g. wrapped sweets, erasers, money. These need to be handed in to the children's classroom teachers.
  - Baking – could each family please provide a plate of baking for the bake sale table. This can be brought to school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November (handed in to the MPR) or on the Saturday (to the Room 1/1a stall).

- Books – our book stall needs your old books – novels, children’s books etc. Also, puzzles and board games will be accepted. These can be dropped off in the MPR.
- Raffles – one of the raffles is a wheelbarrow full of groceries. Could each family please provide an item for the raffle.
- Plant stall – if you have any cuttings or plants that can be on the plant stall please send them along to the office closer to the car show day.
- Soft toys/teddies – if you have any unwanted soft toys or teddies that are in good condition please bring them along to school.
- New unwanted gifts – there is a collection point in the school foyer for any unwanted gifts that can be used as prizes.

## **BOT NEWS**

- The lower carpark is progressing well and this Friday the hotmix is due to be laid.
- Kerbing and a footpath down the driveway has been completed.
- We look forward to opening our new driveway and pick up zone before our upcoming Car Show.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **REMINDERS**

#### **Sunhats**

The school policy is that during Terms 1 & 4 all Rotokauri School students and staff must be wearing a Rotokauri sunhat whilst outside. These hats need to have no graffiti or embellishments, and must have a working toggle. Please ensure that students have these or they will have to play under the shade area at the top of the school.

#### **Dogs on School Grounds**

We have noticed an increase in local families using the school grounds for their dogs to run around. Rotokauri School does not allow dogs on the school grounds for Health & Safety reasons and this is a standard rule throughout New Zealand. It is not appropriate nor desirable for children to stand in dog faeces whilst playing on our school fields. If you see members of the public on our school grounds with dogs please remind them of our expectations and let me know [dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz)

#### **Driving Violations**

**Once again**, we need to remind drivers of their responsibilities whilst driving.

1. It is NOT appropriate to do u-turns in the entranceway to the school. We have had complaints from the community about this dangerous behaviour which has almost caused crashes at the entrance to the school.

2. Children travelling in vehicles should be restrained in seatbelts at all times. It is not desirable to watch students arriving or leaving school hanging out the window of their vehicle. Please follow the road rules and protect our children.

### **Swimming Pool**

At our November Board of Trustees meeting we will be discussing opening of the school pool for the season. The pool is looking very inviting and the weather is improving so we may be able to open the pool earlier than normal. Thank you to Mr Bernie and the BOT for preparing the pool. If we are to sell keys for the season we will need a dedicated group of volunteers to help maintain the pool during the holiday period. If you would like to be a key holder and/or on the swimming pool committee can you please let us know by leaving your name and phone number at the school office.

### **Gumboot Friday**

The Peer Mediators would like to raise funds for Gumboot Friday which is **TOMORROW Friday 3 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 counselling support for children in New Zealand in a timely manner. Gumboot Friday, founded by mental health advocate Mike King, provides support for any young person in New Zealand aged 25 and under.

Please read the handout sent with today's newsletter for further information about Gumboot Friday or to make another donation.

### **Junior Athletics Day Tuesday 14th November 2023**

5, 6, 7 and 8 year old children will be competing in the Junior School Athletics on Tuesday 14th November. Events will run from 9.30 a.m. until lunchtime. The 5, 6 and 7 year olds will be competing in vortex throw, high jump, long jump, and sprints. The 8 year olds' throwing events include discus and shotput. The 8 year olds discus event will be run in the morning as part of the rotations. The 8 year old shotput will be held at the earlier time of 9:00am.

A message will be posted on Facebook by 8.30 a.m. if this event is postponed due to weather. The postponement date is the following day, 15th November.

## CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Alex Oldham and Jordyn who competed at the A & P Show Day on Friday, 27 November. They won ribbons for:

4<sup>th</sup> - Calling  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Leading  
 4<sup>th</sup> - Group of 3  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Rearing  
 Champion - Rearing



## Values

### Term 4

Week 1		
Charlie Fenn	Room 1a	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Manraj Pannu	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Shia Patterson	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Violet Short	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Van MacDonald-Hooper	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Jace McLean	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Koby Rose	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .
Alex Dombroski	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Acacia Barham	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .

Week 2		
Shay Gill	Room 1a	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Kit De Zoete	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Harper Moka	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Carys Land	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Druvi Patel	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Hugo Hodgson	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .

Jackson Connolly	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Pyper Gill	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Acacia Barham	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .

<b>Week 3</b>		
Tegan Russell	Room 1a	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Leo Ruston	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Isla Cowley	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Max Green	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Rydge Shortland	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Anna Haldane	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Nature Aitchison	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Reed Kahaki	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .

## Assembly Certificates

### Term 4 Week 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Manraj Pannu	For being able to write letters for the sounds you can hear in words and recognise lots of words. Keep it up!
Room 1	Maddy Pitts	For being an active learner when you focus on the mat and share your ideas and thinking. Well done!
Room 2	Aroha Bhagat	For showing kindness to new people to our school.
Room 2	Liam Lester	For your growing knowledge in maths.
Room 7	Bella Gyde	For being an amazing helper and being an active learner.
Room 7	Pyper Gill	For being an amazing helper and being an active learner.

### Term 4 Week 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1	Carter Beer	For showing improvement in his maths knowledge. Fantastic!
Room 1	Nirmaan Pannu	For showing improvement in his maths knowledge. Great work!
Room 2	Cleo Mackrell	For your effort in reading this week. Well done.
Room 2	Theo Cowley	For your hard work in learning about temperature and reading a thermometer.
Room 3	Ada Westgate	For being a thoughtful and considerate class member who is always willing to help others.
Room 3	Paige Davison	For showing wonderful empathy to our younger students.
Room 7	Olivia Thorpe	For working hard across all areas of the curriculum and being a great helper!
Room 7	Rhys Jorgensen	For being a positive member of Room 7 who actively contributes to class discussions.
Room 8	Kees Rogers	For making outstanding progress in your math.
Room 8	Noah Rose	For showing courage and MCing at our assembly today.
Principal Award	Chloe Gyde	For her outstanding leadership on Grandparent's Day.
Principal Award	Cooper-Love Buckle	For her outstanding leadership on Grandparent's Day.
Principal Award	Reece Calnan	For demonstrating maturity and leadership when coaching the junior mini ball team.



Junior surf commences Sunday 29 October at Raglan Surf Lifesaving Club at 10am and continues every Sunday.

Make friends, learn skills, compete against other clubs, train to be a paid lifeguard and enjoy fun experiences.

Open to ages from 5-12 years. 13 year olds can participate in our rookie lifeguard programme and 14+ can begin lifeguard training.

Contact  
juniorsurf@raglansurflifesaving.org.nz  
for more info or visit our website.



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**Can Bring:** Off Road Bike, Gloves, Helmet

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