



School Newsletter

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Rotokauri PRIMARY SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

Our positive environment will actively engage us all in learning.



VALUES

Unity (Kotahitanga)
Inclusive (Manaakitanga)
Guardianship (Kaitiakitanga)
Innovative (Auahatanga)
Happy (Uruhau)
Responsible (Tuutika)

REACH

Respect - Whakaute

We show that we value ourselves, value others, our school and our environment.

Empathy - Ngākau Aroha

We are able to step into the shoes of another person and try to understand their thoughts and feelings.

Active Learning - Mātātoa

We don't give up, even when we are challenged.

Courage - Mārohirohi

We are brave as we face new experiences and difficult situations.

Honesty - Ngākau Pono

Speaking and acting truthfully.



PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora Rotokauri School whaanau

Firstly, thank you to all the families that are making a big effort with the driving behaviour in our carparks. There has definitely been an improvement. Just a reminder - if you arrive before 8.30 a.m. and you are waiting to come into the school grounds with your child/children please remain in your cars, rather than standing around the entrance to the school. This area becomes very noisy and congested, which is not very welcoming to visitors to the school. I am currently doing a review of the number of vehicles that are coming into both our entrances and we may need to trial another system.

A big thank you to Sarah-Lee Crellin for all her hard work getting our new digital sign operating effectively. We are really impressed with how it looks and hope that it will help with making families more aware of what is happening at Rotokauri School.

New signage has gone up at the entrance to the school reminding visitors to the school about the rules for smoking/vaping and dogs on school grounds.

I would like to wish some students the best of luck as they represent our school at events this week and next. Mya Hoebergen and Bella Gyde for being selected for the Waikato Full Primary swimming competition being held at St Peters on Friday 28th March. Go hard girls.

Also, good luck to the two ePRO8 teams that are representing Rotokauri School at Marion Catholic School next week:

Year 5 & 6 team - Corban Stratford, Harry Gyde, Thomas Warner and Hannah-Leah Warbrick

Year 7 & 8 team - Kaylee Quinlan, Cameron Emslie, Liam Surgenor and Hugo Hodgson

My apologies for missing out Miley Fraser in our last newsletter. Miley is one of our Peer Mediators this year.

Just a reminder about the hot cross bun fundraiser. This is to get a team to the AIMS Games in Tauranga with other talented teams from around the country. The fundraiser finishes on Friday 4th April, so get those orders in so you can enjoy some delicious hot cross buns at Easter.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith
Principal

PTA NEWS

PTA Committee

The PTA held their Annual General Meeting this week. Thank you to all the new members that came to the meeting. The following people were elected to positions -

Chairperson: Jill Cameron

Vice Chairperson: Brooklyn Winikerei

Secretary: Toyah Langeveld

Treasurer: Cary Viljoen

Staff Rep: Selma Booyens

BOT Rep: Desiree Smith

Easter Raffle

The Easter raffle closing date is fast approaching. Remember to get those tickets back to school, sold or unsold. Thank you to all the families that have donated goodies for the Easter baskets.

CELEBRATIONS

2025 Cluster Swimming Sports

On Thursday, 20 March, 24 students from Rotokauri School attended the cluster swimming sports competition. Our students were excited and had fun competing against other schools.

Overall our students did well, making 18 finals. Thank you so much to the parents who helped transport and support our students. Below is a list of results from our students who placed in their events.

8 Year Old Girls

Ada Westgate	3rd place 25m breaststroke
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10 Year Old Girls

Scarlett Swain	3rd place 50m backstroke
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Hannah-Leah Warbrick	2nd place 25m freestyle
	2nd place 50m freestyle

10 Year Old Boys

Harry Gyde	2nd place 50m backstroke
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12 Year Old Girls

Bella Gyde	3rd place 25m backstroke
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Junior Swimming Sports Results

Congratulations to all our juniors who participated and competed in the junior swimming sports and display. The children had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and compete in races. They should be very proud of their efforts and achievements this swimming season.

5 year old swimming race results

Width race - Floating on front with flutterboard	
1st	Pippa Cloete
2nd	Theo Tipene
3rd	Ivey Griffin

Width race - Floating on back with a noodle	
1st	Pippa Cloete
2nd	Coby Harker-Ferguson
3rd	Addison Harris

6 year old swimming race results

Width race - Flutterboard float on front	
1st	Karlo Devcich
2nd	Amaia Matenga
3rd	Harry Martin

Width race - Float on back with a noodle	
1st	Karlo Devcich
2nd	Leo Hefferon
3rd	CJ McNabb

Freestyle width	
1st	Teagan Russell
2nd	Maia Langdon
3rd	Kit DeZoete

Freestyle Length	
1st	Zaylee van den Heever

Backstroke Length	
1st	Teagan Russell
2nd	Maia Langdon / Amaia Matenga
3rd	Kit DeZoete

7 year old swimming race results

Freestyle Length	
1st	Murphy Cairns-Eade
2nd	Archer Crellin
3rd	Poppy Sadler-Singh

Backstroke Length	
1st	Archer Crellin
2nd	Murphy Cairns-Eade
3rd	Poppy Sadler-Singh

Floating on front with flutterboard length Finalists	
Seán Parkes, Manraj Pannu, Oscar Hapi	

Floating on back with noodle length Finalists	
Ayaan Kotte Godage, Atlas Williams, Seán Parkes	

Values

Week 7		
Amelia Ogle	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Maninder Pannu	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Emilynn Viji George	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Teagan Russell	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Link Doody	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Theo Winikerei	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Violet Short	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Keani Kingi	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Liam Surgenor	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning .

Week 6		
Holley Emerson	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Summer Martin	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Saydee Winikerei	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Isabelle Ryan	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Grayson Ireton	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Layla Day	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of honesty .
Matiu Erueti	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Ella Wen	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of respect .

Certificates - Term 1

Week 7

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1 Rata	Zack O'Brien	For showing the value of Respect by using his best manners. Keep it up!
Room 1 Rata	Avyaan Sagar	For showing the value of Respect by using his best manners. Well done!
Room 2 Manuka	Ziggy MacDonald-Hooper	For being an active learner in writing this week.
Room 2 Manuka	Ryan Mackrell	For your effort in reading and writing this week. You have worked very hard.
Room 3 Totara	Kian Chand	For being an active and enthusiastic learner.
Room 3 Totara	Shay Gill	For showing great enthusiasm and participation in learning.
Room 4 Ponga	Maia Langdon	For always being an active learner.
Room 4 Ponga	Vivaan Patel	For showing respect in class and towards his peers.
Room 6 Puriri	Jeffrey Lee	For showing respect and being an active learner.
Room 6 Puriri	Cody Calnan	For working hard and being an active learner.
Room 7 Matai	Marley Toia	For stepping up in his responsibility and showing courage in doing so. Well done.
Room 7 Matai	Ruby Wilson	For showing the value of courage and active learning by pushing herself in maths. Well done.
Room 8 Nikau	Te Aria Kingi	For creative story writing

Room 8 Nikau	Avneet Sangha	For her kindness and empathy for others.
Room 9 Kauri	Tarkshi Chand	For being an active learner and showing great progress in her writing.
Room 9 Kauri	Bivansh Chand	For consistently showing our school REACH values.

Week 6

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1 Rata	Amelia Ogle	For being an Active Learner by joining in with activities on the mat.
Room 1 Rata	Holley Emerson	For being an Active Learner by joining in with activities on the mat.
Room 2 Manuka	Ameera Stevenson	For showing empathy and kindness towards her classmates.
Room 2 Manuka	Addison Harris	For being an active learner and completing your homework.
Room 3 Totara	Emilynn Viji George	For being super helpful and kind to your classmates.
Room 3 Totara	Caleb Hippolite	For being an active learner and always giving everything your best.
Room 4 Ponga	Lotti Phillips	For consistently trying her best in all areas of learning.
Room 4 Ponga	Carter Beer	For engaging in class discussions and growing his learning.
Room 7 Matai	Noxx Rogers	For showing the value of empathy.
Room 7 Matai	Elijah Sinclair	For showing the values of active learner and empathy.
Room 8 Nikau	Violet Short	For showing courage at the colour run.
Room 8 Nikau	Eason Lu	For being kind and helpful to others.
Room 9 Kauri	Heidi Viljoen	For showing kindness towards her peers and working hard in class!
Room 9 Kauri	Aston Burt	For showing kindness towards his peers and working hard in class!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 31st March	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
Monday 7th April	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
Wednesday 9th April	Year 7 & 8 immunisations
Friday 11th April	No School - Teacher Only Day
Friday 11th April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 28 April	First day of Term 2

Community Notices and Advertising



Te Rapa Junior Rugby
2025
Muster
Saturday 5th April, 10am

Come down to St Andrews Park on Vickery St.
Meet your coach and team members and enjoy a fun filled day with treats for children and adults to purchase.
We invite you to stay and cheer on our Seniors who are playing at 1pm.

If you have old rugby boots around the house, bring them down and put them on the boot stand. You can purchase boots for a gold coin donation!

There will be Te Rapa Rugby clothing for you to try on and purchase via 'The Brand Makers'

If you know of any child that is still interested in playing, please register in the Rugby Xplorer app and look out for our catch-up weigh date.



little royals
World of Science

The Science Roadshow is here at Chartwell these School Holidays!
Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

10am – 4pm daily. Located in Centre Court on Level 1, near Life Pharmacy.

Find out more at chartwellshopping.co.nz

FREE FUN

chartwell shopping centre

Recommended for ages 5+ and all children under 16 must be supervised. Entry is conditional and subject to availability.



TE KOWHAI SPORTS CLUB

Te Kowhai Junior Rugby
2025
Weigh In

Sunday 30th March, 3pm-6pm
Te Kowhai School Pavilion

- Pre register through rugby xplorer
- New players welcome, boys and girls 3-12 years old. IF YOU ARE NEW PLEASE BRING YOUR BIRTH CERT OR PASSPORT.
- 2nd-hand boots will be available to purchase.
- If you can coach or manage a team, WE NEED YOU! Please let us know if you are able to help.
- Contact us: rugbytekowhai@gmail.com

2025 Fees: \$45 per player

TK Rugby socks: \$20

Eftpos available



Travelling overseas soon?

You must do a **New Zealand
Traveller Declaration**
when you come back

TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

**New Zealand
Traveller
Declaration**

Whakapuakanga
Tangata Haere ki
Aotearoa

Year 3-6 Skill Camp

WWW.NETBALLHAMILTON.ORG.NZ



The April School Holidays are just around the corner, which means we are running our Poipoia te Manawa Skill Camps!

This is the perfect opportunity to learn new skills or develop existing skills before the season kicks off.

Year 3-4: Tuesday 15th April and/or Wednesday 23rd April

Year 5-6: Thursday 17th April and/or Thursday 24th April

Cost: \$50.00 per day

The camps run from 9:00am - 3:00pm each day and will be held at the Hamilton City Netball Centre.

For more information or to register: [Click Here](#) or reply to this email.

[Click Here](#) if you want to see what other programmes we are running this year.

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**New Year,
New Priorities.**

Let's talk property.

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