



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

We have done it - we have made it to the end of the first term for 2025. What an amazing term we have had with lots of learning and celebrations. As the school term comes to an end, it is a time to reflect on the wonderful learning experiences and achievements of students. Celebrating these accomplishments recognises hard work, growth and dedication.

We began our term with a school picnic on Mt Pirongia, we have participated in the Get Set Go Day at Horotiu School, we have held our annual bi/triathlon, we have had teams competing at the EPro8 competitions and we have competed in school and cluster swimming competitions. Academically our Year 3 - 8 students have completed PAT testing.

Attendance is a major focus for the Ministry of Education and our Board of Trustees. I am proud to share that our data for Term 1 overall shows that we had a 95% attendance rate. This is a great start to the year.

Don't forget that tomorrow there is no school as it is a Teacher Only Day.

We wish you all the best for the holiday break and hope you can spend some quality time with your family.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

Principal

GENERAL INFORMATION

Introducing New Staff

Kia Ora! My name is Anna Baker and I have had the pleasure of joining Rotokauri School to teach the tamariki in Room 3. I was born in Wanganui but raised in Hawkes Bay and came to Hamilton to complete my studies at the University of Waikato where I completed my Bachelor of Education.

I have a great passion for sports, gym, outdoor activities, the beach and enjoy spending my time with friends and family. I have grown up on a sheep and beef farm for all of my life and have enjoyed my time at this school, especially the country feel of it. I look forward to getting to know all the families and thank you for making me feel welcome.

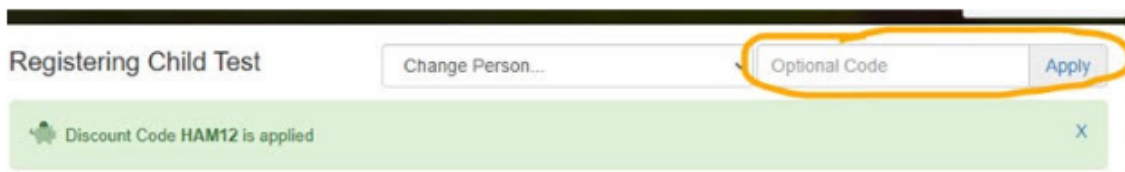
Tough Guy and Gal

Rotokauri School has booked 50 places for this popular event to be held at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp on THURSDAY, 12 JUNE 2025.

Students in Years 3-8 can be entered online via the Event Promotions website as part of our school team. Entries close Sunday 25 MAY and are on a first in, first served basis.

Please follow the information below to register your child.

- Please click on the link: [<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/>]
- Click on the "Enter Now" button and you will be directed to a new window where you can start registering your child.
- At the top of the page, there will be a box to enter a CODE.



- Once you have entered the CODE [HAM12], you can then select the THURSDAY 12TH JUNE entry and complete the rest of your form including payment.
- You will then receive an email confirmation confirming your child's entry.

Make sure you select Thursday 12 June and the correct year level for your child and ensure that you select "Teacher will collect race number" option.

If you have any further questions, please email Ms Jaimee Carter at jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz

CELEBRATIONS

Waikato Full Primary Schools Swimming Competition

On Friday, March 28th, Mya Hoebergen and Bella Gyde represented our school at the Waikato Full Primary Schools Competition at St Peter's Cambridge. Both girls were excited to compete against the top swimmers in Waikato and took part in many competitions.

Thank you David Gyde for transporting and supervising our girls on the day. Well done Bella and Mya!



Years 5-8 EPRO 8 Competition, 2025



Term 1 was an exciting time for our EPRO8 teams as we kick started the competition with our in-school event. Teams developed their knowledge of how to use the equipment, team building and problem solving skills as they earned points as they built an ironman.

This was followed by two teams competing in the inter-school competition. Our Year 5/6 team was made up of Harry Gyde, Thomas Warner, Corban Stratford and Hannah-Leah Warbrick and our intermediate team comprising of Liam Surgenor, Cameron Emslie, Hugo Hodgson and Kaylee Quinlan.

Both teams had their skills in problems solving and using electronics put to the test as they built a remote control shopping trolley. Our Year 5/6 team lost out by one criteria and our intermediate team made it into the semi-finals.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this tough competition and good luck to our Year 7/8 team for the semi-finals on Wednesday 30th April.



Certificates - Term 1

Week 9

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 2 Manuka	Sienna Bain	For showing your clever thinking in lots of different ways during maths.
Room 2 Manuka	Madeline Littleford	For working with your buddy in maths to show your clever thinking in lots of different ways.
Room 3 Totara	Eliza Jenkins	For demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and always putting in your best efforts.
Room 3 Totara	Harry Martin	For being kind and respectful to your class and having a positive attitude towards learning.
Room 4 Ponga	Atlas Williams	For always putting his best foot forward and completing his class work on a daily basis.
Room 4 Ponga	Manraj Pannu	For being an active learner and participating in class discussions.
Room 7 Matai	Kairo Sharma	For getting 100% in his spelling review test.
Room 7 Matai	Indi Payne	For getting 100% in her spelling review test.
Room 8 Nikau	Liam Harrison	For showing courage and empathy. You made me laugh.
Room 8 Nikau	Sophie Swain	For active learning - first one finished all her writing.
Room 9 Kauri	Korbyn Fergus	For being an active learner!
Room 9 Kauri	Ivy Lu	For always giving 100% effort!
Room 10 Kahikatea	Hugo Hodgson	For always having a positive attitude and giving your best in all that you do.
Room 10 Kahikatea	Kade Calnan	For working hard in your reading.

Week 8

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1 Rata	Mika Knight	For showing Respect by following instructions in class. Super work!
Room 1 Rata	Claire Smith	For showing Respect by following instructions in class. Fantastic!
Room 2 Manuka	Ayla Maile	For taking on a leadership role, helping others to use iPads.
Room 2 Manuka	Summer Martin	For your effort in maths this week. Keep it up.
Room 3 Totara	Malachi Buckle	For being an active learner and demonstrating great efforts in class.
Room 3 Totara	Saydee Winikerei	For always being engaged in learning and consistently following instructions.
Room 4 Ponga	Devyn Sharma	For always participating in waiata and singing loud and proud.
Room 4 Ponga	Logan Beer	For being focused and working hard during reading.
Room 7 Matai	Anthony Williams	For being a good maths buddy.
Room 7 Matai	Indi Payne	For being a good friend.
Room 8 Nikau	Archer Crellin	For achieving 100% in his reading test.
Room 8 Nikau	Alex Oldham	For his awesome technical skills with a computer. So helpful.
Room 9 Kauri	Mackenzie O'Rourke	For being an active learner and owning his learning.
Room 9 Kauri	Ellie-Rose Anderson	For being an active learner in all areas!
Room 10 Kahikatea	Cooper-Love Buckle	For being an active learner, especially in your writing - congratulations!
Room 10 Kahikatea	Luca Rogers	For being an active learner and showing commitment and focus in your learning, congratulations, keep it up.

Values

Week 9		
Edie Crellin	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of respect..
Sienna Bain	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Eliza Jenkins	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Vivaan Patel	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Theo Cowley	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Harry Gyde	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Eason Lu	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Korbyn Fergus	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of honesty.
Jaxson Williams	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of respect.

Week 8		
Eloise King	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Theo Tipene	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Kaylee Wen	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Liam Short	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Charlotte Land	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Ashleigh McLaren	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Sophie Swain	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Mahi Sharma	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Jasmine Lee	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 11th April - No school - Teacher Only day and last day of Term 1
- Monday 28th April - First day of Term 2

Community Notices and Advertising

APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME MONDAY 14 APR - THURSDAY 24 APR

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13 YEARS
CHOOSE FROM EITHER:

SCHOOL DAY

8.30AM - 3.00PM \$52

FULL DAY

8.00AM - 5.30PM \$68

SEE HAMCITYGYM.CO.NZ

FUN ACTIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

EACH DAY INCLUDES: GYMNASTICS,
TRAMPOLINES, TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES,
GROUP CHALLENGES, ART PROJECTS, BOARD
GAMES, QUIET ACTIVITIES AND MORE...



2DEGREES TALL FERNS VS OPALS TALL BLACKS VS BOOMERS

GLOBEX ARENA, CLAUDELANDS HAMILTON
DOUBLE HEADER | SUNDAY 11 MAY
FIRST TIP OFF 2PM



TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT TICKETEK



GIRLS JUST WANNA KICK!

YOUTHTOWN
SINCE 1932



14th - 17th April 8.30am - 3.30pm

AGE: 7-15

COST: \$20 PER DAY

Horsham Downs Hall, 6 Martin Lane

www.youthtown.org.nz | @youthtownnz | 0800 004 566

School Holiday Activities - Linku2

You can link to -

Programmes and activities specifically across Hamilton and also other regions of Waikato

We also have listings for all regions of New Zealand for those heading away!

This holidays we are also helping promote the SPCA colouring competition focusing on plastic pollution and its impact on marine life - this is linked on our Giveaways page.



BECOME A MEMBER @ HCG

Gymnastics programmes run every day, for all ages and stages at our purpose built facility in Te Rapa at 3 Mainstreet Place.

At Hamilton City Gymnastics we offer Recreational Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumble and Aerobics in our Gymnastics for All Programme...come try it!

Aerobics - Acrobatic skills, flexibility, fitness, strength and fun with friends.

Gymnastics - beam, bar, tumble track, rings, floor and more!
Gymnastics help participants develop co-ordination, strength, flexibility, fitness and confidence.

Trampoline - straddle, pike, back drop and flip.
For those that love to bounce!

Tumble - roll, cartwheel, round-off, handsprings and somersaults.

HAMILTON CITY GYMNASISTICS

CONTACT US **07 849 4546**

Sanctuary Mountain

Kids go FREE for the April School Holidays. Bring your family to explore Te Tūi a Tāne (Southern Enclosure) these April school holidays and kids up to 16 years go free! There are lots of activity sheets available to guide your family adventure and lots of fascinating facts to uncover about the ngahere (forest) as you go. See the [Sanctuary Mountain website](#) for more information and view the terms and conditions.





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**New Year,
New Priorities.**

Let's talk property.

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THIS IS MY BACKYARD TOO.

