

School Newsletter

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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)



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.



WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri. Welcome to the new students that have started at Rotokauri School recently

Room 1 - Willow MacCulloch, Jackson McConnell, Delilah Andrew, Myla-Rose Joyce, Olivia Etheridge, Thomas Playford, Hudson Gibbison, Isla Hewitt and Asees Kaur

Room 2 - Harjot Sidhu

Room 3 - Taylor Wills

Room 8 - Carter Turner-Thompson

Room 9 - Riley Glover

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora Rotokauri School whaanau

Don't holidays go quickly. I hope everyone had a chocolate filled Easter, a reflective Anzac day and a relaxing holiday with family. The children have come back to school with enthusiasm and are motivated to learn. Term 2 is a short term with only 9 weeks, but it is also a very busy term. So what is ahead -

Week 3 12 - 16 May	Monday 12 May	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Tuesday 13 May	BOT meeting PTA meeting
	Wednesday 14 May	Lit Quiz competition at Berkley Intermediate
	Friday 16 May	Junior Football Tournament at Bremworth Park
Week 4 19 - 23 May	Monday 19 May	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
Week 5 26 - 30 May	Monday 26 May	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Tuesday 27 May	Class & individual photos
	Thursday 29 May	PTA disco
Week 6 2 - 6 June	Monday 2 June	King's Birthday No school

Week 7 9 - 13 June	Monday 9 June	Tech (Year 7 & 8
	Tuesday 10 June	PTA meeting
	Thursday 12 June	Tough Guy Tough Gal
	Friday 13 June	Ki-o-rahi Tournament at Horotiu (Year 7 & 8)
Week 8 16 - 20 June	Monday 16 June	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Monday 16 June	Observatory (7.30 pm)
	Tuesday 17 June	BOT meeting
	Tuesday 17 June	Observatory (7.30 p.m)
	Thursday 19 June	Teacher Only Day No school
	Friday 20 June	Matariki No school
Week 9 23 - 27 June	Monday 23 June	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Tuesday 24 June	Senior Syndicate Market Day
	Friday 27 June	Last day of Term 2

It was busy on-site over the holiday period with Room 3 getting painted, all the air conditioning units being serviced, a bit more progress with the outdoor learning hub and more activities painted on the concrete for the students. Thank you to Cary and Brooklyn for your awesome alphabet taniwha and Mr Bernie for our Anzac display.









Last week staff celebrated with an afternoon tea for our two newest graduates. Congratulations to Miss Anna Baker (Room 3) and Miss Ally Reichelt (Room 4) for graduating from Waikato University with their teaching qualifications.



Just a reminder about attendance as we head into Term 2.

90% attendance = 5 days away

92% = 4 days away

94% = 3 days away

96% = 2 days away

98% = just 1 day off

100% = at school every day

Every day counts - we know as educators that regular attendance does make a difference. Can we improve from last term - YES WE CAN!!!

It is timely to talk about sick children as we head into the cooler months of the year. These sick days are explained absences.

Importance of keeping sick children at home:

- Students who are unwell should be kept home to prevent the spread of illness to other students and staff
- Keeping sick children home is a crucial step in maintaining a healthy learning environment
- Even if your child has a mild illness, they may still be contagious and should be kept home until they are fully recovered

Symptoms of concern:

This list of specific symptoms indicates a student should not be at school -

- Fever
- Vomiting or diarrhoea
- Uncovered and untreated school sores or other potentially infectious sores
- Sore throat requiring pain relief
- A new rash that could be a sign of serious illness or infection
- Wheezing or difficulty breathing
- If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms then the school should be notified.

Guidelines for returning to school:

When is it safe for a child to return to school after an illness -

- 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhoea
- Until a fever has gone for at least 24 hours
- Until any infectious sores are covered and treated

Contacting the school:

- If you have any questions or concerns about your child's illness or attendance please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance.
- Please remember to keep your contact information up-to-date and ensure that there is an alternative contact person and their phone number in case parents are unavailable.

If you hadn't heard through the Facebook page, Rotokauri School have won a visit by 4 Chiefs players tomorrow Friday 9th May. Thank you to all the families and community members that voted for Rotokauri and congratulations to Lisa Macaskill for the winning nomination. They will be taking photos of those students that are permitted to have photos taken, doing some drills with our rugby players and signing autographs. If your child would like a poster, t-shirt etc signed please bring it along to school on Friday.

Keep enjoying the fine weather and keep warm.

Ngaa mihi Desiree Smith Principal

GENERAL INFORMATION

Boundary Changes

From last Monday the amendment to the Rotokauri School zone has been live. The wording in red is the amendment.

From the intersection of Burbush Road and Te Kowhai Road, head east to State Highway 1/Mangaharakeke Drive and follow it south to Te Wetini Drive. Head south west along Te Wetini Drive to the round-about with Akoranga Road (Akoranga Road is not in zone) and continue to the Te Wetini Drive/Taiatea Drive intersection. The boundary extends south down Taiatea Drive (excluding (Pukenga Ave/Iwi Road), through the round-about with Rotokauri Road, to the Kawariki Drive/Rotokauri Road intersection. Rotokauri Road addresses from the Kawariki Drive intersection are in zone. The zone turns down Kawariki Drive (to include all addresses on this road) to Brymer Road (including roads such as Hilldale, City View, and Horseshoe Terrace, Wetland Rise, Rengarenga Close and Patatee Terrace). From the Kawariki Road/Brymer Road intersection, the boundary extends south along Brymer Road to Bagust Road. Brymer Road from number 156 inclusive, is in zone. Bayerstock Road is not in zone.

Junior Football Tournament

Good luck to the Year 1-4 students who have signed up to participate in the Junior Football Tournament at Bremworth Park on Friday 16th May. Thank you to the senior students who have volunteered to help ref, manage and help at the BBQ fundraiser. We would appreciate it if more parent helpers are able to attend.

PMP Helper Request

We are looking for any volunteers who would like to help out the juniors with our PMP programme. PMP, is a Perceptual Motor Programme which helps children to develop their hand/eye coordination, space awareness, memory, fitness and gross motor skills. These are all important foundation skills that are fundamental to junior learning. The success of this programme relies heavily on family volunteers. If you or a family member is available this term and next term to help on Tuesday mornings and/or Thursdays afternoon for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ hours, the junior team would be greatly appreciative. Please email Andrea O'Rourke if you are available to help out.

Winter Sports

Winter sports are up and running in many codes. A big thank you to all the coaches and managers of Rotokauri School teams. We wish you and the players the best of luck for the upcoming season. Play fair and make your parents and school proud.

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

Medications

Please ensure that you come to the school office to fill out a medical form if your child requires medication during school hours. Please do not bring 3 times a day antibiotics to school to be administered - this dose is manageable at home. Only 4 times a day antibiotics will be given at school if needed. If your child needs to use an inhaler please ensure that they are brought to school, named and in a sealed plastic bag. No medications can be administered without written permission.

If medication is held at school please take the time to check expiry dates and how much medication is available throughout the year, so that if needed the medication will work correctly when administered.

If your child has an allergy, is asthmatic or has other medical conditions that require a health plan please let the school office know so that these plans can be completed or updated (as per the Ministry of Health regulations).

CELEBRATIONS

Cheerleading Success

Congratulations to our very own Paige Robinson Hastings for being selected to represent New Zealand at the AASCF Nationals in Melbourne, Australia. Paige is passionate about her cheerleading and has already had many successful moments. She works so incredibly hard and we wish her the best of luck later in the year when she heads off to the competition.

EPro8 Team (Year 7 & 8)

Last week the Year 7 & 8 team competed in the semi finals for ePRO8. There was a number of schools represented. We proudly announce that our Rotokauri team came third equal. Well done Kaylee, Liam, Cameron and Hugo.

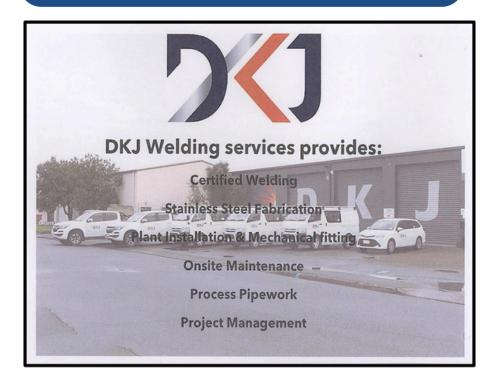


Values Awards		Term 2 Week 1
Delilah Andrews	Rata Room 1	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Ayla Maile	Manuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Mia-Rose Storer	Totara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Penny Clarke-Gray	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Carys Land	Puriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of honesty.
Kairo Sharma	Matai Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Aiden Nand	Nikau Room 9	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Inshirah Hussain	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Rebecca Cameron	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning.

Term 2 - Week 1

Class	Student's Name Certificate Comment		
Rata Room 1	Aareefah Hussain	For being an Active Learner by joining in with activities on the mat. Keep it up!	
Rata Room 1	Shanon Jayamaha Hitihamilage	For showing Respect by following instructions in class. Super work!	
Manuka Room 2	Brielle Cowley	For your superb progress in reading. Ka pai	
Manuka Room 2	Ivey Griffin	For a dynamite job in solving addition this week.	
Totara Room 3	Isabelle Paki	For your awesome efforts and creativity in your haiku poem about autumn leaves.	
Totara Room 3	Mia - Rose Storer	For showing a positive attitude towards learning and approaching every task with enthusiasm.	
Ponga Room 4	Tyler Lester	For showing the value of empathy and always helping out your friends with their learning.	
Ponga Room 4	Maddy Pitts	For showing the value of honesty by staying behind and cleaning up the class.	
Matai Room 7	Jayden Day	For working hard in writing.	
Matai Room 7	Ashleigh Mclaren	For working hard in writing.	
Nikau Room 8	Cooper Wiseman	For working really hard in reading and writing.	
Nikau Room 8	Khloe Bennett	For her beautiful art work.	
Kauri Room 9	Rangjot Dhaliwal	For always putting 100% effort into his work.	
Kauri Room 9	Enzo Maresca-Allison	For always putting 100% effort into his work.	
Kahikatea Room 10	Hugo Hodgson	For incredible perseverance when problem solving.	
Kahikatea Room 10	Cavalier Kingi	For being an active learner and choosing to sit where you could do your best work.	

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