



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

As I write this newsletter I am slowly warming up after our first frost of the season. Thank you for ensuring that your child/ren are appropriately dressed for the conditions. It has been a busy two weeks and the students have had valuable experiences - Market Day Taster, Tough Guy Tough Gal, Ki-o-rahi Tournament, Observatory visits and our Matariki rotations.

Unfortunately the planting day at Waiwhakareke was postponed due to the weather, but the zoo coordinator and our Enviro coordinator are working hard to reschedule this great experience.

As we head into the final week of Term 2 we can stop and reflect on what we have accomplished this term - EPro8 competitions, Lit Quiz competition, PTA disco and report writing (students setting their goals and reflecting on their highlight for the year so far).

As you receive this newsletter the students will be enjoying their day off as their teachers attend the Ministry mandated Teacher Only Day for the refreshed maths curriculum.

I hope everyone enjoys their extra long weekend and we will see everyone on Monday 23rd June for our final 5 days at school.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 19th June	Mandated Teacher Only Day - no school
Friday 20th June	Matariki - no school
Monday 23rd June	Year 7 & 8 Tech
Tuesday 24th June	Market Day (Rooms 7 - 10)
Thursday 26th June	Student Council Lunchtime Disco Theme: Pyjamas
Friday 27th June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 14th July	First day of Term 3

BOT NEWS

Employment changes

The BOT would like to thank Mrs Mary Evans for taking on the role of Room 1 teacher for the remainder of the year. Mrs Suz Brosnan will be in the school as a classroom release teacher. We would also like to congratulate Mrs Selma Booyens for accepting the Room 5 vacancy. She will be opening our 10th classroom with the New Entrant children starting during Term 3 & 4. We would also like to welcome Miss Kat McGonigal to the Rotokauri team, she will be the teacher aide in Room 5.

Ballot

It is always exciting to watch the changes happening in the school. We have the most students ever attending Rotokauri School and have the most staff and classrooms. The school has an enrolment scheme, which has been approved by the Ministry of Education. This is in place to avoid overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding. This allows for students that live within the home zone to be enrolled in their local school.

The enrolment of out-of-zone students is governed by the provisions of the Education Act 1989. This allows for the school to run a ballot in October for a set number of students that the school can accommodate.

The Board of Trustees has decided that the ballot for children wishing to enrol in 2026 will be for 20 Year 1 students. Please notify the school as soon as possible if you wish to enrol your child in 2026 as the numbers are limited and we need to follow the enrolment priority criteria.

BOT Elections

Schools nationally will be holding their triennial elections in September this year. The BOT have decided that the election date for Rotokauri School will be Wednesday 10th September 2025 and they have appointed Ms Sarah Dyer as the school's Returning Officer.

Timeframe for school elections:

16th July 2025	Main roll closes
18th July 2025	Call for nominations
4 August 2025	Supplementary roll closes
6 August 2025	Nominations close at 12 pm
13 August 2025	Voting papers issued
10 September 2025	Election Day - voting closes at 4 pm
15 September 2025	Accept postal votes
16 September 2025	Votes counted
17 September 2025	Board takes office

GENERAL INFORMATION

Agricultural Day

Thank you to the families who have indicated their child/ren will be bringing an animal for Ag Day. **We are happy to announce that the day will be going ahead.** We hope more families will consider taking part before the official entry forms are made available around August. If you have any questions about the day please contact the school office.

We have some keen parents who are hoping to grow the event with new ideas to encourage more families to take part. If you would like to help them with this, please contact the school office and we will pass your contact details on to them.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 16 July and Thursday 17 July, from 1.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. These interviews are an opportunity for you to receive your child's mid-year report and discuss learning goals for the remainder of the year. Families with multiple children enrolled at Rotokauri School will be given access to the website first (today via email) and then it will be open to other families. Please refer to the School Interviews booking Instructions for the booking code and details on how to book a time using the website. This allows our parents to have back-to-back interviews if they have more than one child at school.

To help keep the focus on your child's learning, we kindly ask that preschoolers do not attend the interviews. Please make alternative arrangements for their care.

On these days, we ask that students are picked up between 12.30 - 1.00 p.m. If families are not able to do this, alternative arrangements will be made for them at school (e.g. watching a movie in the MPR, supervised by available staff).

AIMS Games Disco

Fundraising for the hockey team to attend the AIMS Games later this year is well underway. The next event is the DISCO.

Where: MPR at school

When: Thursday 26 June 2025

Time: Juniors (Years 1 - 3) 12.00 - 12.45 p.m. Please note: change of year level.
Seniors (Years 4 - 8) 1.00 - 2.00 p.m.

Theme: PYJAMAS

There will be food and drinks available. A menu will come through via email on Monday - including pre-orders for a snack pack. Permission slips will also come home next week.

Market Day

Don't forget our Market Day on Tuesday 24th June. Due to popular demand we will accept cash for non-food items. It will be on a first come, first served basis. Limited quantities available.

Pre-orders of all items via Kindo will take first priority.

Pre-orders for food need to be placed by 3.00 p.m. today - (shop.kindo.co.nz)

Grass Verge 476 Rotokauri Road

(in the dip past school heading to Whatawhata where the for sale sign is)

We have been asked by our neighbour to request parents **do not** park on the grass verge when it has been raining as the ground is being damaged. If parents persist with doing this he will be placing rocks out to prevent parking at all times.

WANTED

DEAD OR ALIVE

Teams for our Wild Wild West Quiz night!!

points for
best
dressed
team!!!



Teams of 6
\$120 per team
Saturday 6th September
Whatawhata Hall
7pm Show Down
BYO for \$5 pp
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CELEBRATIONS

2025 Ki-o-rahi Tournament

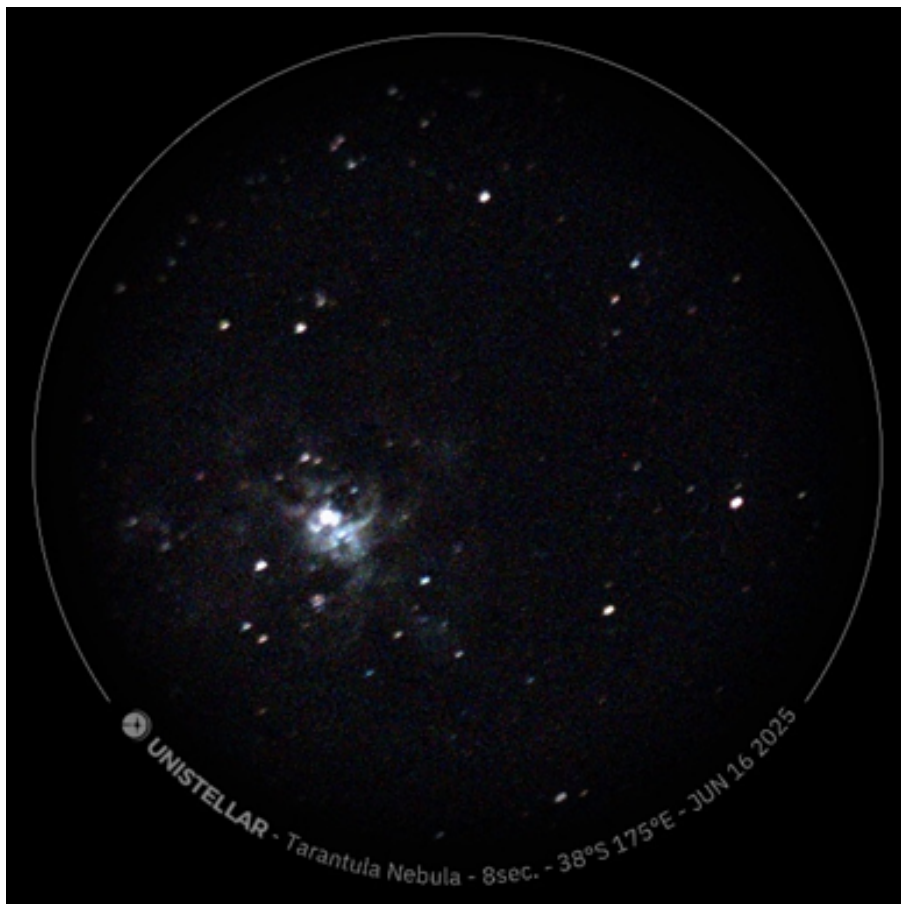
On Friday, 13th June, 10 intermediate students braved the cold at Horotiu School's Ki-o-rahi tournament. Ki-o-rahi is a traditional Māori game. It is physically demanding and students need to have excellent stamina, passing and evasion skills.

Overall, the team did well despite the muddy conditions, winning 1 game, drawing 1 and losing their other 3 games. Thank you David Gyde, Karl Emslie and Rhianna Moka, who helped support our students on the day. We look forward to growing the game of Ki-o-rahi this week during our Matariki rotations.



Matariki at the Observatory

A big thank you to all the families who joined us for the observatory visit this week. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the night sky. We hope parents and children learnt a lot about our solar system and enjoyed exploring the stars with the telescopes. If the sky is clear at 5.30 a.m. on Friday you are welcome to return to the observatory to see the Matariki constellation rising, for a gold coin donation.



JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL 2025



**A BIG THANKS TO THE PARENTS
WHO WERE ABLE TO BRAVE THE
MESS AND SUPPORT WITH
TRANSPORT AND SUPERVISION!**

Class Certificates

Week 6 Term 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Willow MacCulloch	For happily joining in at mat time, first thing in the morning.
Rātā Room 1	Myla-Rose Joyce	For being a vibrant member of Room 1 and always being enthusiastic.
Mānuka Room 2	Jordy McKinnon	For being an active learner and working hard to improve your handwriting.
Mānuka Room 2	Jordi Ngatai	For being an active learner in reading. You are making good progress.
Tōtara Room 3	Dil Judge	For always showing respect and kindness to others in the classroom. You are a wonderful role model!
Tōtara Room 3	Lisa Jiang	For being caring to others and always trying your best in learning.
Ponga Room 4	Dániło Standring	For being an active learner during reading. You are progressing so well, keep it up!
Ponga Room 4	Lily Finnerty Mills	For putting effort into your creative writing and producing an awesome story.
Pūriri Room 6	Cleo Mackrell	For active learning in maths - making real progress.
Mataī Room 7	Miloš Standring	For working out problems with his advertising.
Mataī Room 7	Zac Hobergen	For working hard in maths and being able to see his working out and where he went wrong.
Nīkau Room 8	Sophie Quinlan	For being an active learner and always trying her best.
Nīkau Room 8	Conor Emerson	Doing a good job in reading homework.
Kauri Room 9	Inshirah Hussain	For being an active learner in all areas of her learning.
Kauri Room 9	Mahi Sharma	For being an active learner in all areas of her learning.
Kahikatea Room 10	Cameron Emslie	For being an active learner and staying focused to complete tasks.
Kahikatea Room 10	Liam Surgenor	For being a great team leader and making the digital TV advertisement for your business.

Week 7 Term 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Mānuka Room 2	Yuvaan Narayan	For being an active learner, showing focus and effort in all your learning.
Mānuka Room 2	Coby Harker-Ferguson	For being an active learner when working on sounds with Helen.
Tōtara Room 3	Karish Bhagat	For your hard work in your writing. Keep it up!
Tōtara Room 3	Arlo Hewitt	Your great progress in your writing. Keep it up!
Ponga Room 4	Liam Lester	For working hard to show the value of empathy.
Ponga Room 4	Liam Short	For being an active learner during reading time.
Mataī Room 7	Room 7	For being awesome and working as a team to get the sausages out to the classrooms. You rock!
Nīkau Room 8	Sophie Swain	For being so quick with her times tables and so resilient in reading.
Nīkau Room 8	Layla Day	For her positive and kind attitude.
Kahikatea Room 10	Kade Calnan	For excellent teamwork in Da Minions drinks bar
Kahikatea Room 10	Luca Rogers	For excellent teamwork in Da Minions drink bar
Kahikatea Room 10	Carter Moka	For excellent teamwork in Da Minions drink bar

Values

Week 5		
Olivia Etheridge	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Ryan Mackrell	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Malachi Buckle	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Oscar Hapi	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Isla Cowley	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Tyler Akania	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Ada Westgate	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Cameron Emslie	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning.

Week 6		
Flynn Smith-Thorpe	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Harjot Sidhu	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Bray Corlett	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Dánilo Standring	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of honesty.
Cleo Mackrell	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Druvi Patel	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Colette Griffin	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Ellie-Rose Anderson	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Shaan Judge	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of empathy.

Week 7 - No values vouchers collected for Room 10 this week.

Mika Knight	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Ben Fyers	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Karish Bhagat	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Maia Langdon	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Evie Hippolite	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Jayden Day	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Wyatt Harker-Ferguson	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Maddox Stratford	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of empathy .

Community Notices and Advertising



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