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Our Leaders - Student Council 2016



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Dear Parents

Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me to whanau.

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our positive environment will actively engage our students in learning.

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL VISION

We are responsible, confident learners and communicators.

ROTOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Persistence and Excellence.

NEW CAR PARK

Thank you to the parents who are using our new car park in an effort to alleviate congestion at the front of the school. We have set up 10 wide car parks at our secondary entrance on Rotokauri Road. This car park opens at 7.20am and closes at 5.30pm. Our students are well aware of this new car park and I'm sure many of them want you to trial it. Please ensure that your children know which carpark you will be picking them up from. Another solution for the congestion could be carpooling. A quick look at the front gate reveals a lot of cars coming with one child, two at the most. Carpooling has been used by parents at our school in the past.

There is also a carpark at the end of Bunyard Road which is used by people walking around the Rotokauri Lake.

FRIENDS OF ROTOKAURI

Last year we started Friends of Rotokauri where businesses paid money to be on our website. We have over 400 hits per month and that will likely increase by the end of the term when parents start looking at the class blogs.

The cost for a whole year of advertising a business is \$75. If you are interested in this concept please speak to Sharon.

NEW ZEALAND TEACHERS CAN BE PROUD

A school is only as good as the staff it can attract and keep. It's actually the same with any business. New Zealand teachers are ranked 4th in the world in terms of their professionalism. Over the years I have been lucky enough to visit a number of schools in various countries and what I found is that our teachers are very good at building real relationships with the students. Our teachers are interested in the students as individuals and the way they learn. They basically know how each child learns best.

Our teachers also undergo weekly professional development at our school so we are continually upskilling ourselves. This term alone our teachers will be covering the following topics in professional development –

- Special Needs (Health)
- School Charter
- Sharing information on target students
- Behaviour Management
- Maori

Triathlon

Nevaeh Grason

- Attestations and appraisals
- Curriculum (Science)

BIATHLON & TRIATHLON RESULTS 2016

Congratulations to everyone who competed on the day. Here are the placings:

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5 year old boys	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Nate Westgate	Ryan Jorgensen	Maddix Anniss
Triathlon	Jay Williams	Joseph Warbrick	Archie Cameron
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5 year old girls	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Acacia Barham	Nalei Nelson	Madison Gibson
Triathlon	Talei Phillips	Lola Fau	Hannah Jones
6 year old boys	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Cory Burt	Olly Kells	Cooper McLean
Triathlon	Jett McFall	Cole Turney	Caleb Jacobs
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6 year old girls	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Deanna Smith	Mya Aitchison	Sari Tangiora
Triathlon	Neve Townsend	Carter Jessop	Ava Viljoen-Thomson
7 year old boys	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Asher Hapi	Ben Milne	Lewis Surgenor
Triathlon	Seth Westgate	Alex Porter	Marama Tangiora
7 year old girls	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Bailey Brooks	Ella Prangnell	Lily Allen
Triathlon	Paige Moka	Hannah Hobbs	Isla Kahaki
8 year old boys	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Lamayne Clark	Layton Farrell	Thomas Keightley
Triathlon	Oscar Stratford	Nicholas Perring	Oliver Campbell
8 year old girls	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Anaiya Nelson	Jessica Cuff	Ella Burt

Kayla Westgate

Karenza Curtis

9 year old boys	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Kian McNamara/Ethan Phillip		Riley Cornelissen
Triathlon	Isaac Collinson	Cole Viljoen-Thomson	Brooklyn Snelgrove
9 year old girls	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Tyla Brooks	G'arni-Lee Clark	Morgan Woolerton
Triathlon	Georgia Westgate	Sophie Barris	Lilly Aitchison
10 year old boys	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Daniel Cameron	Parsa Soltanizand	Jakin Warnock
Triathlon	Cooper White	Adam Fryer	
10 year old girls	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Tegan Barham	Heidi Perring	Tahlia Farrell
Triathlon	Lily Daniels	Molly Fletcher	Sarah Teale
11 year old boys	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Nicholas Westgate	Reiley Samuels-Porter	Lee Panui
Triathlon	Dylan Westgate	Liam Townsend	Liam McLaughlin
11 year old girls	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Rebecca Perham	Sophie Kells	Eden Miller
Triathlon	Vanessa Campbell	•	
12 year old boys	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon			
Triathlon	Devon Collinson	Callum Cameron	Julius Spiers
12 year old girls	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Biathlon	Zahra Warnock		
Triathlon	Georgia Snelgrove/Summa Dixon		

House Points

Whero	1 st
Kakariki	2 nd
Kikorangi	3 rd
Kowhai	4 th





SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS 2016

Our Senior Swimming Sports - what a great success. The children tried their very best and competed in two or more events with pride. They showed a lot of respect to their fellow competitors – well done. A big thank you to all the parents who came down and helped out on the day. We needed a lot of assistance with extra little jobs, the parents who helped out did a fantastic job. Also, thank you to those parents who came down to support their child – it's always lovely to have support in a competitive event. Below are the results for the Senior Swimming Sports and combined points for the House Competition. Well done to all students who participated.

Relay Races

Breast Stroke Relay Back Stroke Relay Free Style Relay(1) Free Style Relay (2) 1st Kikorangi 1st Kowhai 1st Kowhai 1st Kowhai 2st E Kowhai & Whero

2nd Kowhai **2**nd Whero **2**nd Kikorangi

3rd Kākāriki3rd Kikorangi3rd Kākāriki3rd Kākāriki3rd Kikorangi4th Whero4th Kākāriki4th Whero4th Kākāriki

Points Table (Senior School)

1st Kowhai 569 points 2nd Kikorangi 489 points

3rd Kākāriki 444 points

4th Whero 394 points

CONGRATULATIONS KOWHAI

Tricio do pointo	25m Breast Stroke	25m Back Stroke	25m Freestyle
8 Year old Girls	1 st Kayla Westgate	1 st Hayley Jorgensen	1 st Ella Burt
	2 nd Ella Burt	2 nd Ella Burt	2 nd Kayla Westgate
	3 rd Jessica Cuff	3 rd Kayla Westgate	3 rd Hayley Jorgensen
8 Year Old Boys	1 st Layton Farrell	1 st Euan Aitchison	1 st Lamayne Clark
	2 nd Nick Perring	2 nd Oliver Campbell	2 nd Euan Aitchison
	3 rd Carter Jackways	3 rd Carter Jackways	3 rd Carter Jackways
9 Year old Girls	1 st Tyla Brooks	1 st Georgia Westgate	1 st Georgia Westgate
	2 nd Morgan Woolerton	2 nd Tyla Brooks	2 nd Tyla Brooks
	3 rd G'arni-Lee Clark	3 rd Morgan Woolerton	3 rd Gʻarni-Lee Clark
9 year old Boys	1 st Brooklyn Snelgrove	1 st Kian McNamara	1 st Isaac Collinson
	2 nd Isaac Collinson	2 nd Isaac Collinson	2 nd Kian McNamara
	3 rd Ethan Phillip	3 rd Brooklyn Snelgrove	3 rd Ethan Phillip
10 Year old Girls	1 st Miya Tangiora	1 st Ella Kells	1 st Tahlia Farrell
	2 nd Tahlia Farrell	2 nd Molly Fletcher	2 nd Tegan Barham
	3 rd Ella Kells	3 rd Heidi Perring	3 rd Miya Tangiora
10 Year Old Boys	1 st Cooper White	1 st Cooper White	1 st Ryleigh Beyer
	2 nd Ryleigh Beyer	2 nd Ryleigh Beyer	2 nd Daniel Cameron
	3 rd Olliver Milne	3 rd Daniel Cameron	3 rd Liam Cornelissen
11 Year old Girls	1 st Sophie Kells	1 st Rebecca Perham	1 st Rebecca Perham
	2 nd Rebecca Perham	2 nd Charlize Nevill	2 nd Sophie Kells
	3 rd Darriyn Nevill	3 rd Vanessa Campbell	3 rd Charlize Nevill
11 year old Boys	1 st Nicholas Westgate	1 st Liam Townsend	1 st Nicholas Westgate
	2 nd Reiley Samuels-Porter	2 nd Nicholas Westgate	2 nd Dylan Westgate
	3 rd Dylan Westgate	3 rd Dylan Westgate	3 rd Liam Townsend
12 Year old Girls	1 st Georgia Snelgrove 2 nd Zahra Warnock	1 st Zahra Warnock 2 nd Summa Dixon	1 st Georgia Snelgrove 2 nd Zahra Warnock 3 rd Summa Dixon
12 Year old Boys	1 st Devon Collinson 2 nd Kieran Bradbury	1 st Callum Cameron 2 nd Andrew Teale	1 st Devon Collinson 2 nd Kieran Bradbury 3 rd Callum Cameron

	50m Breast Stoke	50m Back Stroke	50m Freestyle
10 Year old Girls	No Competitors	No Competitors	1 st Tahlia Farrell 2 nd Ella Kells 3 rd Heidi Perring
10 Year Old Boys	1 st Adam Fryer 2 nd Jakin Warnock	1 st Cooper White	1 st Olliver Milne 2 nd Cooper White 3 rd Liam Cornelissen
11 Year old Girls	1 st Sophie Kells 2 nd Vanessa Campbell	No Competitors	1 st Rebecca Perham 2 nd Darriyn Nevill 3 rd Vanessa Campbell
11 year old Boys	1 st Liam McLaughlin	1 st Liam Townsend	1 st Nicholas Westgate 2 nd Lee Panui
12 Year old Girls	1 st Georgia Snelgrove 2 nd Zahra Warnock	1 st Georgia Snelgrove 2 nd Zahra Warnock	1 st Georgia Snelgrove
12 Year old Boys	1 st Devon Collinson 2 nd Kieran Bradbury	1 st Kieran Bradbury 2 nd Devon Collinson	1 st Devon Collinson 2 nd Kieran Bradbury 3 rd Julius Spiers





It's great to see our students pushing themselves and then seeing their faces after they have been successful. Achievement is different for all students - for some its completion of the race or course, for others it's a top three placing or placing ahead of where they finished the previous year.

FURNITURE FOR SALE

Our Student Council will give out more information at a later date but they are putting a plan together to sell surplus desks/tables to our parent community on 24th March. The money made will go towards the senior camp. Do you need a desk or table re: homework for your child/ren?

CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Each year schools are supposed to show the complaint process to our communities. We have refined and simplified ours over the years so that we are left with a simple diagram. Often when parents come they just want to make an enquiry or be given more information. Technology has allowed parents to contact teachers via email. Sometimes when students come home with information parents need clarification – a quick email to the teacher can sort things out extremely quickly. In the first instance please contact your child's classroom teacher.

CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS POLICY FLOW CHART

Parents / staff initiate conversation informally about concern / complaint. ACTION TAKEN by staff member / parent.	€
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Parents / teacher make appointment. Clarification about the issue. ACTION TAKEN by staff member / parent. Documentation recorded.	
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Parents make an appointment to see Principal. Principal clarifies by asking, "what is it that you want?" ACTION TAKEN by Principal. Documentation recorded.	
↓ ⊗ ↓	
Parents write formal letter of complaint to Principal. ACTION TAKEN by Principal Documentation recorded. Principal informs Board.	
↓ ⊗ ↓	•
Parents write formal letter of complaint to Board Chairperson. Principal and Board members informed. ACTION TAKEN by Board.	
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Parents and staff member have Speaking Rights at a Board Meeting.]
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An independent mediator appointed.	

CHANGES TO OUR SCHOOL

Our school is changing by the week. The upper area of the school is almost complete and soon the Board/PTA/community will embark on our next project which is the Adventure Trail.

The students have selected a number of apparatus that they would like constructed. An idea is to stockpile equipment in preparation for construction.

We will need people who have access to certain materials - poles of various diameters, large tyres (truck or earthmover tyres), quality rope, steel wire that can be put between walkable objects.

We obviously need people who will be able to help in terms of construction as well. If you can help in anyway please feel free to drop me a line mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz

RANFURLY SHIELD

It was lovely to see the Ranfurly Shield at our school recently. So much history in the old log of wood. Thanks to Kerryn Williams for organising this and Sasha Kahaki for the quality photos.



INTERRUPTIONS TO LEARNING / SAFETY WHILST ON SITE

Parents have found the changes re-signing in and out of the school pretty straight forward. They simply come in and sign the book (don't forget to sign out too). Reminders - parents who come to our assemblies do not have to sign in, nor do parents who come and wait for their children on the seats at the upper area of the school. As a school we will be involved in a self-review process in regards to Health and Safety over the coming months. If you have noted something which you feel is a Health and Safety issue please inform us.

Many of you will be going through such processes in your work place in preparation for legislation introduced on 4th April.

CLASS GROUP AND PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHS

Class group and portrait photographs will take place on Monday, 14th March. Order forms have been sent home already. If you would like to purchase a photograph the order forms and payment will need to be back at school by 9.30 am on 14th March. You can order class photos after this date, however you will have to post it directly to Photolife.

EASTER TUESDAY - 29 MARCH 2016

Just a reminder that schools get an extra day off on Tuesday after Easter Monday as Easter falls within the school term in 2016.

HELP REQUIRED

We, as a school, are already thinking of new classroom alterations so that we can maximize indoor / outdoor space. The staff have some ideas but we need someone with drawing / design / architectural skills who can represent these ideas. If you know of anyone that can help the school out please email: mgoodson@rotokauri.school.nz

CHARTER / BUDGET

Our Charter and Budget are now on Public display outside Sharon's Office. Please feel free to read them. If you want a copy of the Charter please email Sharon.

NETBALL REGISTRATIONS FOR 2016

Students who are interested in playing netball this year, have been given a form to complete. This year it is open to Year 1&2, 3&4, 5&6, and 7&8 students. The completed forms, along with the fee of \$50 needs to be returned to the School Office by **Friday the 18th of March.** No late entries will be accepted sorry.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION

The Interschool Swimming Competition is to be held at the **Municipal Pools** in **Ngaruawahia** on **Friday the 18th of March**. Students who are competing in this year's Interschool Swimming Competition have been given the form to complete. We are seeking parents to help with transportation and supervision on the day. We have a large number of students competing this year. We are really proud of these students and wish them all the best in their competition.

GROWING LEADERSHIP IN OUR SCHOOL

Our Year 8 Leaders recently attended an Olympic Team Building Day put on by Project Energize. It was held at the Marist Clubrooms and involved 10 other schools within the Waikato region. The focus of the day was to foster leadership in a team building set up. Our students were challenged and were given opportunities to reflect on what leadership is and what it looks like. They all had a great day and are really looking forward to using their leadership skills to organise and run a whole school Olympic Day in Term 3.



SENIOR TEAM REPORTING...

Rooms 4, 5, 6, and 7 have started this year with such a positive attitude toward their learning and a real focus on showing respect. Our Topic focus is Exploring the Nature of Science. Students are encouraged to make a prediction or hypothesis, record their observations, and explain the science behind the results. The way they communicate their thinking is being watched and assessed - we believe effective communication is a worthy skill to have.

Our Year 8 students have shown their leadership skills on their Leadership Camp – what great ambassadors they are.

Our swimming programme is coming along nicely, it's great to see that we have many confident swimmers in our school.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all those parents who offer their help – every little bit counts and we really value your ongoing support.

PARENTING STYLES

Everyone has their own, unique ways of parenting, shaped by what happened when they were a child. Think back to how you were raised, what do you remember? Do you want to parent in the same way or do things differently? Is your parenting style:

- The Rock
- The Tree
- The Paper

Take the quiz in the following link to discover your personal style with helpful parenting tips: http://www.skip.org.nz/tips-for-parents/parenting-styles/

Rotokauri School

FISHING CAMPING

Open to anyone and everyone!





Come fishing or camping or both on the 19th March 2016

This year we will tie in the fishing competition with a family camping weekend at Shelly Bay in Coromandel. You can go just fishing or just camping or both. Either way it will be a great weekend. Shelly Bay is where we do the weigh in for the competition and families that have stayed there in the past have had a great time. See below for details on both events.

Fishing:

The competition is a one day event on Saturday19th March. You can fish anywhere in Coromandel as long as you are at Shelly Bay for weigh in between 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Entries at the office for \$40 adult \$10 children.

Adult Prizes	Children Prizes
1 st Snapper \$300	1 st Snapper \$100
2 nd Snapper \$150	2 nd Snapper \$60
3 rd Snapper \$100	3 rd Snapper \$40
Biggest other species \$150	Average size Snapper \$50
	Biggest other species \$50

Don't let the teachers win the prizes again this year!

Camping:

This is in place of our camp fire night we had at school for the last few years. Shelly Bay is a great location for a camping weekend. We have had families stay there on fishing competition weekends have a great time. It is a short way out of Coromandel itself and has a safe beach and bay to play in. There are tent sites, powered sites and cabins available.

Ph 07 866 8980 Fax 07 866 8988 E: shelly@world-net.co.nz

To Enter: Come into the Rotokauri School office for a package and to sign up or email mwatkins@rotokauri.school.nz

FUNNY TEXTS - RE MUMS

- I'm leaving you for the weekend so I hid \$100 in your room for food. Clean your room and you will find it.
- Mom where are you? Leaving Walmart. Halfway home. Why sweetie? You brought me to Walmart with you.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE BACK FOR 2016-2017

Support our school and purchase a Book or App. We get \$12 from every one sold and the money is going towards the new Adventure Trail.

Books will be coming home early April but there are early bird offers available if you order now. Please use the link below to go to Rotokauri School payment page.



www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15484g0

EASTER RAFFLE REMINDER

Just a reminder, if we can please have all Easter raffle money and tickets (sold or unsold) returned to the school office by tomorrow, 11 March.

All children that return their sold cards by this date will be entered into a draw. We also have a prize for the most tickets sold.

Thank you for your support with this fundraiser and we hope you have a lovely Easter break.

The Rotokauri School PTA

TRUST WAIKATO HAMILTON CITY NEBALL CENTRES

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME for Yr 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

to be held at the

Minogue Park Netball Courts

Monday 18th April & Tuesday 19th April 2016 (9.00am until 1.30pm Daily.)

1 day: \$35.00; 2 days: \$65.00;

(Concession rates of 10% available for two or more children from the same family)

Programme

Day 1: Netball Skills sessions

Day 2: Mini-tournament (prizes to be won)

Players to bring: snacks, lunch, and drink bottle
Please wear suitable clothing (including hat/cap) and shoes

Registration and Payments must be made Online

Register at: www.netballhamilton.org.nz

Payments made to: Hamilton City Netball Centre
03 0318 0664616 00
Please use your child's name as a reference

Closing date for registration and payment Wednesday 13th April 2016

Please note no late registrations and payments will be accepted. For any further information please email: admin@netballhamilton.org.nz

Te Kowhai Rugby Weigh In / Muster is on Sunday the 13th of March from 10am to 11am with draft teams announced at 11:15am, at the Te Kowhai School Pavilion.

If you have any questions or are unable to make the above weigh in please email or phone your interest so we can put the players in teams and let you know when you can attend open weigh ins.

For any queries please contact Amanda Geddes at thegeddesfamily@xtra.co.nz or on 021 038 9877 or Kerry Watkins at linda.kerry@xtra.co.nz or on 0274 928 546.

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Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?

Child, Youth and Family are currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.

Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Care Services Manager, on 07 957 4740 or email johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz



BULLS EYE EGG

- 1 slice wholemeal bread
- 1 egg
- Margarine

Using a round cutter or an upturned glass, make a hole in the middle of the bread. Thinly spread margarine on both sides of the bread. Heat frypan to low heat. Cook bread on one side until browned. Flip bread over, gently break the egg into hole. Cook on low heat until egg is set. Delicious!





Let the water come to a rolling boil. Place egg into water.

Runny egg = 3-4min Soft boiled egg = 5-6min Hard boiled egg = 8-9min

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



- 4 eggs
- 4 Tbsp low fat milk
- 1 pinch cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp margarine
- 6-8 slices toast bread
- Fruit e.g. sliced banana, berries

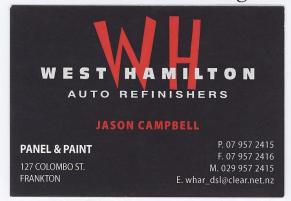
Mix eggs, milk & cinnamon in a bowl. Heat margarine in a pan. Dip bread (1 at a time) into the mixture, coating both sides. Put in pan & cook for 2-3 mins on each side until golden. Serve warm with fruit.



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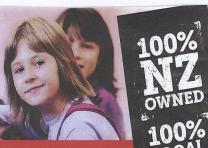
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