

# Rotokauri School Newsletter



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Dear Parents  
*Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me to whanau.*

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

Our positive environment will actively engage our students in learning.

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VISION**

We are responsible, confident learners and communicators.

## **ROKOKAURI SCHOOL VALUES**

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Persistence and Excellence.

## **PRINCIPAL'S PIECE**

Welcome to our final newsletter for the year. What a busy and successful year it has been. We can be proud of what the school and the students have accomplished this year. We will be celebrating these achievements at our prize giving evening on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 p.m. Please check details below. Our final day for the year is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and we will be closing school early that day. Students will need to be picked up at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday. There will be After School Care available for those families that have booked this in. The student's reports and stationery lists will come home on Monday afternoon.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We are extremely proud of our staff at Rotokauri and we congratulate Miss Kempthorne on successfully gaining her Full Teacher Registration this week. Well done.

### **FAREWELL**

We farewell a number of staff members this year – Mrs Linda Marsh and Mr Mark Goodson have already left the school earlier this term. We thank them both for their years of service to the school and wish them the best of luck for their future endeavours.

At the end of this term we farewell Ms Tasha Murtagh. She has been with us for a year in Room 6 and we thank her for all her hard work whilst a staff member at Rotokauri School.

We also say goodbye to Miss Ashlie Kempthorne, as she takes maternity leave for a year. We wish her and Dane the best of luck with the impending birth of a special little addition to her family. We all look forward to meeting them in February.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are saying goodbye to Mr Garth McCormick, as he retires. Thank you for all that you have done for our school over the last ten years and we hope you enjoy a life of leisure.

## **THANK YOU**

There is so many people that could be included on a list of supporters of our school this year – the BOT members, PTA committee, parent volunteers and community members, but I do not wish to miss anyone out. So a huge thank you to everyone that has contributed to the successful year that we have had at Rotokauri School. The staff and students really appreciate all the time, effort, commitment and financial support that you have provided to us all.

## **GOOD LUCK**

Good luck to our Year 8 students that are leaving us to go on to high school. We have thoroughly enjoyed your company and look forward to hearing about your future successes – Lee Panui, Kieran Bradbury, Andrew Teale, Callum Cameron, Julius Spiers, Devon Collinson, Zahra Warnock, Summa Dixon, Georgia Snelgrove and Sophie Kells.

Merry Christmas to all our families, have a safe and relaxing holiday, enjoying each other's company. We will see you all on Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017.
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## **BOT NEWS**

A survey for principal leadership qualities was sent home last week, followed by a community meeting at the school on Monday night.

A big thank you to all the parents that came along and shared their views on the qualities that they believe are important to a leader of our school and also to all of you who have completed and returned the survey

There was a few queries about responding to the survey. The Board of Trustees is seeking any and all feedback to support the decision making process to select the right candidate for our school.

If you as a family want to return multiple copies of the survey, one per parent / family member to reflect different views, please feel free to.

To return the survey, either drop off at the office or email through to [BOT@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:BOT@rotokauri.school.nz)

Many thanks  
Rotokauri BoT

## **ADVENTURE TRAIL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Geoff at Thompsons Timber has given us a great deal of the timber needed to finish the edging around the Adventure Trail structures. We are hoping to get the Adventure Trail committee involved and get this completed over the weekend, weather permitting. If you have seen any other outdoor structures at other schools and parks that you think our kids would like please let us know and we can look into it.

# PTA NEWS



Email: [pta@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:pta@rotokauri.school.nz)

## END OF YEAR PRIZE GIVING

The PTA will be selling the following items prior to Prize Giving so please come early and grab something to eat and drink – **CASH ONLY**.

Sausages \$2.00  
Canned Drinks \$2.00  
Juice Boxes \$2.00

Popcorn will be available for sale after prize giving for you to take home  
Popcorn (small) .50c

## SWIMMING GOGGLES & CAP \$5.00



We have available for purchase at the school office, goggles & cap \$5.00 per set

## GENERAL MATTERS

### SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

The swimming pool is OPEN for the season. Keys are still available from the school office if you wish to purchase one for the holidays - \$75.00 for the season.

Keep an eye out for the fantastic artwork which will be hung on the swimming pool fence in the next week or two. Thank you to Mrs Skiffington and her group of students for all their hard work, what creative young people you are.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

At assemblies over the last fortnight the following students were acknowledged by their teachers.

### **ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

#### **Week 9**

Room 8	Nirav Maharaj – coming back after your holiday with renewed effort.
Room 8	Jiya Prajapati – for excellent listening and following instructions
Room 1	Elijah Esselbrugge – for a positive attitude towards all school activities.
Room 1	Charlie Jones – putting 100% effort into trying to challenge himself during Bike Week.
Room 2	Ryan Jorgensen – excellent effort in written language applying skills with independence. This is something to be proud of.
Room 2	Jett McFall – you are such a great friend to others in the class and school, showing kindness and responsibility. Big ups to you Jett!
Room 3	Corbyn Smith – congratulations on getting your training wheels off last week. Well done on your 'can do' attitude.
Room 3	Mya Aitchison – you are becoming a very resilient person and showed such a brave attitude during Bike Week.
Room 4	Corbyn Ridley – an improvement in focus and attitude towards school. Keep it up.
Room 4	Bridgette Donny – always doing your best and completing work to the best of your ability.
Room 7	Sophie Kells – you are such a team player; you support others in their learning. This is something to be proud of.
Room 7	Kieran Bradbury – you are a student who can be relied upon to get any job done. Thank you for being so responsible.

#### **Week 10**

Room 8	Lachie Anderson – for your amazing attitude and progress in Reading.
Room 8	Nayr Bradbury – for being a great model of how to settle to work and do your best all the time.
Room 1	Flint Coyle – for his focused behaviour at prizegiving practices, and singing with a clear, confident voice.
Room 1	Mercedes Barber – making positive choices.
Room 2	Addison Jennings – for showing confidence when speaking to the class or group, and for being a kind and helpful class member. Awesome!
Room 2	Imogen Jennings – for showing confidence when speaking to the class or group, and for being a kind and helpful class member. Awesome!
Room 3	Ashtyn Gyde – you have been a very helpful, kind and responsible person, both in class and out lately. Well done.
Room 3	Kyah Duncan – you are such a happy and bubbly person, who is always ready to learn. Well done Kyah.
Room 4	Corey Molloy – shows initiative when seeing that a job needs doing. Also an improvement in focus. Keep it up.
Room 4	Natal Birks – excellent effort with learning to play the recorder and all areas of The Arts.
Room 5	Jessica Cuff – showing outstanding persistence and a positive attitude while on camp.

Room 5	Amos Robinson – fantastic attitude and responsibility all year.
Room 6	Seth Dixon – massive improvement in your attitude towards your school work. Great way to end the year.
Room 6	Jaxon Tate – Ward – you really shone throughout the whole of camp. Great work Jaxon.

### **KEEP ROTOKAURI BEAUTIFUL AWARD**

Week 9 – Room 3

### **MATHS WHIZZ**

Week 9 – Room 5

### **INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS COMPETITION**

Congratulations to everyone who represented Rotokauri School. Here are the results for the day.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>1ST</b>	<b>2ND</b>	<b>3RD</b>
80m Boys 10 years	Isaac Collinson		
80m Girls 13 years			Georgia Snelgrove
100m Girls 9 years	Anaiya Nelson		
100m Boys 10 years		Isaac Collinson	
100m Boys 11 years	Nick Westgate		
200m Girls 8 years			Paige Moka
200m Boys 8 years		Elias Barber	
200m Girls 9 years	Anaiya Nelson		
200m Boys 13 years			Devon Collinson
800m Boys 10 years	Cole Viljoen-Thomson		
800m Boys 13 y	Devon Collinson		
Junior Boys Relay			Rotokauri
Senior Boys Relay		Rotokauri	
High Jump Boys 10 years			Cole Viljoen-Thomson
High Jump Girls 11 years			Tegan Barham
High Jump Boys 11 years			Nick Westgate
Long Jump Girls 9 years	Anaiya Nelson		
Long Jump Boys 9 years	Oscar Stratford		
Long Jump Girls 10 years		Georgia Westgate	
Shot Put Girls 13 years		Georgia Snelgrove	
Shot Put Boys 13 years			Kieran Bradbury
Discus Girls 9 years			Anaiya Nelson
Discus Girls 11 years			Vanessa Campbell
Discus Boys 11 years			Daniel Cameron
Discus Boys 12 years	Julius Spiers		Reiley Samuels-Porter

### **COACHES AND MANAGERS OF ROTOKAURI SPORTS TEAMS**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have given up their precious time to coach or manage a sports team this year. We are truly grateful for your contributions and really value all the work you have done with and for our children. We believe, without your support, we would not be able to provide the sporting opportunities that we do. Thank you again, on behalf of the Rotokauri School Community.

## POTATO IN A BUCKET COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the students and staff that participated in the potato growing competition. I hope you enjoyed eating what you had grown. There were 3 categories judged by the Enviro Group – most potatoes, heaviest potato and most unusual potato. Below are the results:

### Most Potatoes Grown

Class	Winners
Room 8	1 <sup>st</sup> - Ellie Fairclough 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Caitlin Furlonger 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Reece Calnan
Room 1	1 <sup>st</sup> - Mackenzie Garlick 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Cooper Hobbs 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Elijah Esselbrugge
Room 2	1 <sup>st</sup> – Neve Townsend 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lily Young 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Oliver Selwyn
Room 3	1 <sup>st</sup> – Ciaran Williams-Thomas 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Jesse Zillwood 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Bella Wilson
Room 4	1 <sup>st</sup> – Ella Prangnell 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Hannah Hobbs 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Paige Moka
Room 5	1 <sup>st</sup> – Baylee Montgomery 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Hayley Jorgensen 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Layton Farrell
Room 6	1 <sup>st</sup> – Daniel Cameron 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Daniel Prangnell 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Ryleigh Beyer
Room 7	1 <sup>st</sup> – Callum Cameron 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Liam Townsend 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Parsa Soltanizand
Staff	Miss Kempthorne
Overall winner	Callum Cameron

### Heaviest Potato

Class	Winners
Room 8	1 <sup>st</sup> - Reece Calnan 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ellie Fairclough 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Caitlin Furlonger
Room 1	1 <sup>st</sup> - Hannah Jones 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Zakk McDonagh 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Mackenzie Garlick
Room 2	1 <sup>st</sup> – Bianca Wallis 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Madson Garden 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Neve Townsend
Room 3	1 <sup>st</sup> = Quinlen Dixon Matthew Webber 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Ava Viljoen-Thomson
Room 4	1 <sup>st</sup> – Paige Moka 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ella Prangnell 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Grace Cox
Room 5	1 <sup>st</sup> – Jessica Cuff 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Rylee Barber-Smith 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Baylee Montgomery
Room 6	1 <sup>st</sup> – Alicia Norton 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ryleigh Beyer 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Connor Williams-Thomas
Room 7	1 <sup>st</sup> – Liam Townsend 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tahlia Farrell 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Molly Fletcher
Staff	Miss Kempthorne
Overall winner	Paige Moka

### Most Unusual Potato

Class	Winners	Class	Winners
Room 8	1 <sup>st</sup> - Caitlin Furlonger 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Noah Rose 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Ryan Keightley	Room 4	1 <sup>st</sup> – Jayden Ward 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Grace Cox 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Paige Moka
Room 1	1 <sup>st</sup> - Acacia Barham 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Hannah Milne 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Hannah Jones	Room 5	1 <sup>st</sup> – Baylee Montgomery 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Euan Aitchison 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Hayley Jorgensen
Room 2	1 <sup>st</sup> – Cole Turney 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Neve Townsend 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Madson Garden	Room 6	1 <sup>st</sup> – Ella Kells 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Heidi Perring 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sophie Elliott
Room 3	1 <sup>st</sup> - Ella Thorpe 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Anya Fuller 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Olly Kells	Room 7	1 <sup>st</sup> – Liam Townsend 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Molly Fletcher 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sophie Kells
Staff	Miss Kempthorne	Overall Winner	Liam Townsend

## REMINDERS

### **FINAL DAY PREPARATIONS**

Please check the Lost Property which will be on display on Monday and Tuesday next week. If any clothing remains after school closes then they will be donated to St John.

School sunhats will be coming home for the holidays. This is a good time to check that they in a good condition for next year, have toggles and are clean.

### **YEAR BOOK**

Don't forget to have your orders in to the school office by Friday. The year books cost \$5.00. Thank you to Ms Tasha and her wonderful helpers for putting this special publication together. They will be distributed on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Don't forget – School Prizegiving**

**When: Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Where: school field behind Rooms 6 & 7**

**Time: 6.00 p.m start**

**Students need to be at their classroom by 5.55 p.m please.**

**Parents, there will be an area for you to sit on the field in front of the stage – we ask that nobody sits on the hill this year.**

### **SCHOOL T-SHIRTS**

We are requesting for all school T-shirts that have been borrowed from the school to be returned please; we seem to have a number of T-shirts still outstanding.

As from 2017, we will not be giving out T-shirts for students to use. If your child is involved in a sporting event or play in a team representing the school, a shirt will need to be purchased from the School Office. We encourage all students to purchase a school T-shirt, it is very likely that they will need it sometime throughout the years. Thank you for your support.

## EXTRAS

### **ANIMALS NEED YOUR HELP**

Ella Prangnell has shown great concern for the animals in the Waikato area after the recent closure of the Waikato SPCA. Other animal rescue organisations throughout the Waikato area have stepped up to help. However, at this time of the year their workload and animal intakes have gone up to high levels, and these organisations are stretched.

Being proactive and having a love of animals, Ella would like to make a difference so she is wanting your help.

If you are able to could you please bring the following items to Room 4 where Ella will collect it all together - animal food, animal toys, bedding suitable for animals and any other items that might be useful for their care. On Monday, Ella, her Mum and 3 friends will deliver the items to New Lives Animal Rescue.

Well done Ella.



## NEW WORLD VOUCHERS FOR SALE AT SCHOOL

New World Te Rapa have been absolutely brilliant with supporting our school over the years. We have just received another lot of vouchers to sell to our community.

These are available at the school office if you would like to purchase any (spend \$50.00 and get a \$55.00 voucher).

These vouchers can only be used at Te Rapa New World.



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# KUMARA

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A photograph of several whole kumara (sweet potatoes) and two sliced rounds, resting on a piece of burlap fabric.The Team Energize logo, featuring a cartoon character wearing a green hat and a red shirt, with the text 'Team Energize' and a small orange slice icon.

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# CHRISTMAS YOGHURT PARFAIT

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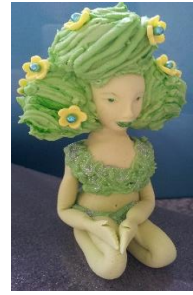
In a small, clear container, spoon in alternate layers of yoghurt, fresh or frozen berries with toasted oats and almonds (chopped). Finish with yoghurt and top with a slice of kiwi for a festive dessert or snack.

A photograph of a glass parfait container filled with layers of white yoghurt, fresh blueberries, strawberries, and toasted oats and almonds, topped with a slice of kiwi fruit.The Team Energize logo, featuring a cartoon character wearing a green hat and a red shirt, with the text 'Team Energize' and a small orange slice icon.

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Hi, my name is Gemma Yorke, I am 15 years old and an ex Rotokauri student. I am currently a year 10 at Waikato Diocesan. I am looking for local babysitting jobs, so if you are in need of a baby sitter please let me know as I have experience and am very keen. My cell phone number is 0272958574.

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## Yummy Sticker Promotion

**Please carry on collecting these for our school all year round**

Collect Yummy Stickers for our School to get a share of Sports Equipment.

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Purchase either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with yummy stickers.

Bring these to school and place on the Yummy Sticker Charts provided in each classroom or on your chart at home and drop into the office when complete.

(the underside of your child's lunchbox lid makes a great temporary place to get the stickers to school safely)

You can print a yummy sticker chart from:

[http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker\\_Collection\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/pdf/Sticker_Collection_Sheet.pdf)

To view the items that are available to our school:

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