



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)



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 - Kylo Orchard and Toby Boswell

Room 5 - Shiloh Clayton, Everly Cleland, Ivy Cleland, Roman Rakena, Taylor Griffin and Clay Moyle

Room 6 - Cole Dutton

Room 8 - Maddox Cornwall

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora koutou

We are certainly being hit with some cold temperatures recently - it is great to see students wearing clothing appropriate for the conditions. It has been a very busy fortnight with students actively involved in many different activities.

Rotokauri School App

Well done to the families who have already signed up to the Skool Loop app. It's a great way to keep in the 'loop', with school notifications sent directly to your phone. Simply download the Skool Loop app, search for Rotokauri School, and enter the password Rotokauri1930. Be sure to enable notifications so you don't miss important updates. Subscribe to groups under Settings.

Correction from last week's newsletter: The AIMS Lunchtime Disco permission slip will not be available through the Skool Loop app. We apologise for the earlier error.

Market Day

There has been great excitement at lunchtime over the last two days as students from Rooms 7 - 10 participated in their Market Day. They made products, advertised their products and sold their products, all in order to fundraise for their camps in Term 4. I was extremely impressed with the students' initiative and organisational skills - well done.

Jump Jam Competition

Congratulations to both our junior and senior Jump Jam teams for their first placings received at the Jump Jam competition on the weekend. A huge thank you to Miss Reichelt and Mrs Viljoen for all their hard work. The students were also fortunate to have Mr Brett Fairweather (Mr Jump Jam himself) come to visit Rotokauri School to offer advice and support to the teams.

Cluster Cross Country

Congratulations to the students that are attending the cluster cross country competition at Waitetuna today. We know that they will give their best effort and I look forward to being at the finish line cheering them on.

Speeches

Currently speech presentations are underway in classes throughout the school. Well done to all the students that have put great effort into writing their speeches, practising their speeches and presenting their speeches. I am looking forward to being a judge at the senior school speech finals coming up.

Book Week is Coming!

Dust off your bookmarks and unleash your imagination! Book Week 2026 is right around the corner! From 31st August - 4th September, our school will transform into a buzzing hub of stories, adventure, and literary magic.

Here is a quick sneak peek at what's in store:

- **Scholastic Book Fair:** Discover new worlds and snag incredible reads all week long in the library.
- **Mystery Reader Takeover:** Special guest readers will be dropping into classrooms for surprise storytimes!
- **The Famous Book Character Day:** Dress up as your favorite book character.
- **Guess the Book Cover:** Can you identify the names of all the book covers? Hint: They've been zoomed in on!
- **Grandparents Day:** Invite your grandparents to school and show them your amazing classrooms!

Whether you're a fantasy fanatic, a comic book enthusiast, or just love a great tale, there's something for everyone. Start brainstorming those costumes and get ready to celebrate the joy of reading!

Grandparents/Special People Day

As mentioned above, we will be opening our classes, enjoying morning tea and showcasing our talents at our Grandparents Day on Friday 4th September. This year, we would like to also invite the special people that are in the students' lives, even if not a grandparent. Pop it in the diary and we look forward to having our special visitors exploring Rotokauri School. Further details to come regarding the day's timetable.

Have a great fortnight everyone. Stay warm.

Nga mihi

Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

Parent Information Evening: A Conversation Worth Having with Rob Cope

On Monday 27 July, Rotokauri School was lucky enough to host Rob Cope for a parent information evening on children's online safety. Around 86 parents and several staff members attended, and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Rob spoke candidly about how much has changed since most of us were kids. Free, unlimited access has turned what was once occasional into a constant presence, often from a much younger age than parents expect. He walked through the research on accidental exposure, the impact on developing brains, and the ways predators use games (Roblox being number one) and social apps to build trust with children over time.

If you're not sure where to start at home, the practical steps are straightforward. Begin by discussing your family's online usage and the reasons behind any changes you might make. Set clear boundaries around device use, and consider establishing a no-devices-in-bedrooms/bathrooms rule. Research filtering and monitoring tools if you haven't already, and plan some alternative family activities that don't involve screens. These don't all need to happen at once, but they give you a framework to work from.

One point worth flagging separately is that parents should also review their own social media privacy settings and think carefully about what they share of their children online. It's easy to overlook, but it matters and all it takes is for a photo of a child with the location tagged (or obvious where it was taken in the actual photo) for predators to use this for nefarious intent - AI can produce realistic graphic images and recreate voices with startlingly little information now.

Rob also shared details about Wild Dad, a program built around outdoor adventure and real-world connection between parents and children. During the Q&A, there was interest from our community in exploring something similar locally but open to all parents, regardless of gender. The thinking is straightforward: if we're asking families to step back from screens, we need to offer genuine connection and shared experience in their place. As Johann Hari has noted, the opposite of addiction is connection. If you'd like to be part of a Rotokauri parents' group meeting fortnightly or monthly on a Sunday afternoon for outdoor activities and family time together, we'd like to gauge interest. Let us know through this brief poll [here](#) , and if there's sufficient enthusiasm, we'll explore running something.

If you weren't able to attend, the checklist and resource links from the evening are available from the office. Rob's documentary Our Kids Online: Predators and How to Keep Them Safe is available to watch for free on YouTube.

We've spent years keeping our children indoors and within sight because we fear the predator outside. The reality now is that the real danger sits quietly in the bedroom, one screen away.

Matthew Jenkins, Board of Trustee Member

Support Rotokauri School Through Our New Sponsorship Signage Package

Rotokauri School is inviting local businesses to support our school community through our annual signage and sponsorship package.

This is a great opportunity for businesses to show their support for our students, while receiving visible recognition within the school community.

Sponsorship contributions help support school sport, outdoor education, student opportunities, sports equipment, facilities, teams and wider school projects.

The package includes:

- A sponsor sign displayed inside our covered turf area
- One dedicated sponsor thank-you post on the school Facebook page
- Recognition in the school newsletter for one term
- Sponsor logo or advertisement displayed on the school digital sign
- Sponsor logo included on the Rotokauri School website sponsor page

The annual sponsorship investment is \$500 + GST, plus a one-off signage production cost of \$169 + GST.

We are grateful for the support of local businesses who help create more opportunities for our tamariki.

For more information or to secure a sponsorship space, please contact Sue Esselbrugge sesselbrugge.bot@rotokauri.school.nz



PTA NEWS

Fundraiser

Who loves dessert? We have teamed up with Gumdrops Desserts to bring you some delicious banoffee pies, crumbles, cheesecakes and more.

- Orders are via **Kindo**.
- Orders close at 3.00 pm on the 19th of August.
- Collection date is **Thursday the 3rd September** from the school Multi Purpose Room.
- Please note orders need to be collected on the 3rd as we will not have space to store overnight.

Rotokauri Car Show and Gala

This event is making a return on the **14th November**. We are now reaching out to our community for support in organising prizes and sponsorship. Ways in which local businesses could help are:

- **Becoming a sponsor**, with options available to suit every level of contribution.
- **Donating goods, services, or vouchers** for our raffles or auctions, or
- **Donating cash prizes**.

If you or someone you know would be able to support the PTA in this way please contact us at pta@rotokauri.school.nz

Our next meeting will be held on **11th August**.

We would love some new members to join us as we get organising our car show and gala.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3?

Thursday 6th August	Cluster cross country at Waitetuna
Monday 10th August	Tech - Years 7 & 8
Tuesday 11th August	Year group speech finals (in-classes)
Tuesday 11th August	6.30 p.m PTA meeting
Friday 14th August	AIMS lunchtime disco
Monday 17th August	Tech - Years 7 & 8
Monday 17th August	Junior school speech finals
Tuesday 18th August	5.30 p.m BOT meeting
Wednesday 19th August	Senior school speech finals
Monday 24th August	Tech - Years 7 & 8
Monday 24th August	Vision & hearing checks
Monday 31st August	Tech - Years 7 & 8
Monday 31st August - Friday 4th September	Scholastic Bookfair at Rotokauri School
Wednesday 2nd September	Cluster Year 7 & 8 speeches at Rotokauri School
Wednesday 2nd September	Book Character Dress Up Day
Friday 4th September	Grandparents/Special People Day
Monday 7th September	Tech - Years 7 & 8
Sunday 6th - 11th September	AIMS Games tournament

Tuesday 8th September	6.30 p.m PTA meeting
Monday 14th - Friday 18th September	Maori Language Week
Monday 14th September	Tech - Years 7 & 8
Tuesday 15th September	5.30 p.m BOT meeting
Wednesday 16th September	Team Photos
Thursday 17th September	Waikato Full Primary School Cross Country at Rotokauri School
Friday 18th September	Waikato Full Primary School Cross Country postponement date
Monday 21st September	Tech - Years 7 & 8
Thursday 24th September	Arts Festival at Rotokauri School
Friday 25th September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 12th October	First day of Term 4

CLASS SHARING

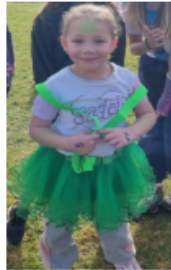
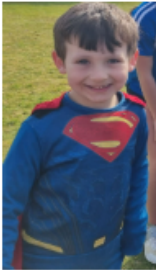
Rātā Room 1

A day of a Room 1 child.

Cross Country



Keeping up with team spirit.



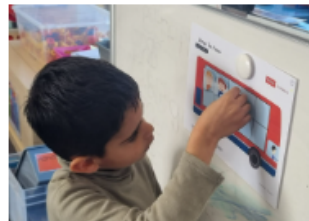
Warming up is very important.



Can you guess the house?

Maths

Story problems are fun if there are children on the bus!



Writing

**We are really
concentrating
on our writing!**



Reading

**Reading is always
fun with friends!**



And then there is...



PLAYTIME!



CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Values

Week 10		
Isla Matenga	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of honesty .
Avyaan Sagar	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Coby Harker-Ferguson	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Emilynn Viji George	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Anaiyah Kelemete-Vaniqi	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Ada Westgate	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Ayaan Kotte Godage	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Kayden John	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Cameron Emslie	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning .

Week 11		
Vansh Prajapati	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Ryker Wenzlick	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Flynn Smith-Thorpe	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Caleb Hippolite	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Leighton Gibbison	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Evie Bourne	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Georgia Esselbrugge	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Carter Turner-Thomson	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Ella Wen	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of honesty .

Week 1		
Toby Boswell	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Isla Hewitt	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Jordi Ngatai	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Isabelle Ryan	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Taylor Griffin	Rimu Room 5	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Kash Wiseman	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Carys Land	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of honesty.
Arlo Clarke-Gray	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Aiden Nand	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Archer McFall	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning.

Class Certificates - Week 10 - Term 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Amara-Jayde Kelemete-Vaniqi	For working really hard to be independent.
Rātā Room 1	Neeshay Mani	For working really hard to always be respectful and an active learner.
Mānuka Room 2	Ryker Wenzlick	For being a great role model and looking out for others.
Mānuka Room 2	Harasses Kaur	For showing courage by connecting with others with your cheerful smile.
Tōtara Room 3	Pippa Cloete	For your focus and dedication towards your learning.
Tōtara Room 3	Coby Harker-Ferguson	For your writing. You are trying very hard to add more detail into your sentences.
Ponga Room 4	Lexi Viljoen	For your hard mahi in maths. You have shown good initiative by seeking guidance to support your success in your bookwork.
Ponga Room 4	Lukas Sims	For the focus you put into your spelling tests. You have worked hard and shown good progress in spelling your heart words.
Pūriri Room 6	Mia-Rose Storer	For making great active learning decisions.
Pūriri Room 6	Leighton Gibbison	For your awesome spelling in testing this week.
Mataī Room 7	Paige Davison	For stepping up in taking responsibility in the classroom.
Mataī Room 7	Theo Cowley	For showing respect for others and the classroom.
Nīkau Room 8	Cooper Wiseman	For outstanding digital citizenship. Cooper uses his Chromebook responsibly.
Nīkau Room 8	Link Doody	For outstanding digital citizenship. Link always stays on task and uses technology to boost his learning.
Kauri Room 9	Room 9	Thank you for making my practicum so enjoyable. I am so proud of your hard work, kindness and the way you support one another. Keep being the amazing class you are. Well done! - Mrs S

Class Certificates - Week 11 - Term 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Koa Phillips	For working super hard on his Respect and Active learner values!
Rātā Room 1	Mackenzie Russell	For consistantly showing our school REACH values!
Mānuka Room 2	Nivaaz Badesha	For consistently presenting your work with care and pride, with outstanding handwriting.
Mānuka Room 2	Jackson McConnell	For consistently presenting your work with care and pride, with outstanding handwriting.
Tōtara Room 3	Jordy McKinnon	Your positive attitude towards learning.
Tōtara Room 3	Kabir Hari	Your focus and effort you put into your learning.
Ponga Room 4	Arlo Hewitt	For stepping up and showing your leadership in class and team games.
Ponga Room 4	Dil Judge	For demonstrating the value of respect everyday. Don't stop shining.
Matai Room 7	Layla Day	For being an awesome self and helping others.
Matai Room 7	Conor Emerson	For becoming more confident in maths and being an awesome person.
Nikau Room 8	Arlo Clarke-Gray	For amazing work on his writing.
Nikau Room 8	Navraj Brar	For working really hard on his persuasive writing.
Kahikatea Room 10	Mackenzie O'Rourke	For working so well on your speech. You then continued to work independently. Well done!
Kahikatea Room 10	Ella Wen	For being so helpful. You are an active learner and it is so nice to see you come out of your shell and become a confident person.

Class Certificates - Week 1 - Term 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Dylan MacDonald-Hooper	For an amazing effort with learning his letter sounds!
Rātā Room 1	Aubrey Harper	For working hard to build her reading skills. Well done!
Mānuka Room 2	Harasses Kaur	For giving her all in the cross country practise, running with a huge smile on her face!
Mānuka Room 2	Mya McNabb	For working hard on her handwriting to get her letters around the right way.
Tōtara Room 3	Jameson Walker	For consistently being a positive role models to others.
Tōtara Room 3	Madeline Littleford	For actively participating in class discussions showing active learning.
Ponga Room 4	Ameera Stevenson	For your focus during maths and solving 2 timestables by yourself. Keep it up!
Ponga Room 4	Shay Gill	For having good self-management by bringing all your learning equipment every day this week.
Pūriri Room 6	Karish Bhagat	For making a great start on your speech this week.
Pūriri Room 6	Devyn Sharma	For making a great start on your speech this week
Mataī Room 7	Archer Crellin	For showing great effort practicing and learning his speech.
Mataī Room 7	Khloe Bennett	For being a polite, friendly student who brings a positive attitude to class.
Nīkau Room 8	Isla Cowley	For being an active learner and focusing well even though there's a different teacher in class.
Nīkau Room 8	Jeffrey Lee	For having the courage to speak up when other people's behaviour is making it difficult to work.
Kauri Room 9	Kayla van Rooij	For being an active learner and creative thinker during our innovation inquiry.
Kauri Room 9	Aston Burt	For being an active learner and creative thinker during our innovation inquiry.
Kahikatea Room 10	Matiu Erueti	For your effort and positive mindset for cross country.
Kahikatea Room 10	Ariesha Nand	For taking a leadership role in class this week and being a tuakana for our school.

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