



# 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 5** - Conrad Ryan and Mya McNabb

## PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora Rotokauri School whaanau

What a wonderful turnout of parents, caregivers and family members at our annual school cross country last Thursday. Despite the foggy weather, the students had a fabulous time competing and cheering on their other House members. We had some close finishes and fast times, along with over 90% of our students participating. The cluster cross country team for Rotokauri School has been chosen and students have received their notices. The cluster cross country is at Waitetuna School on Friday 15th August and we wish our team of competitors the best of luck - as always we know that you will do us and your family's proud with your efforts.

Thank you to Mrs Jane Rickman for organising and running the Positive Puberty workshop held at school last Monday 4th August. Also, thank you to the parents/caregivers that attended the session.

Tomorrow, Friday 8th August, we have our last fundraiser for the AIMS Games hockey team before they leave for the competition on 30th August. We have our second lunch time disco, being held in the multipurpose room. Don't forget to get your orders in via Kindo by 3.00 pm today. There will be limited items available for sale with cash.

Thank you for all the nominations for the BOT elections. Due to the number received we will be going through the voting process. This is great news for our school, as many schools across New Zealand are struggling to find candidates - well done to our families and community for your proactive support.

The students across the school have all been working on their Oral Presentations and over the next couple of weeks will be presenting these to their class, to the junior/senior syndicates and if selected at the cluster competition. Congratulations to all the children for their hard work and their courage because as many of us know public speaking can be difficult.

Have an enjoyable fortnight.

Ngaa mihi  
Desiree Smith  
Principal

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### AIMS Games Fundraising

Currently there is a sports raffle being run by the hockey team. A reminder that tickets are available for purchasing from the school office \$2 per ticket. This closes tomorrow and the draw will be on Monday 11 August.

Tomorrow is our second daytime DISCO.

Where: MPR at school

When: Friday 8th August 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: SPORT

There will be food and drinks available.

### Hoodie Available to Purchase - from school office

We have a brand new kids size 12 hoodie that was ordered in error and donated to the school. This is available to purchase for \$55.00. Proceeds will go towards the school camps.

### Rotokauri School Hoodies – Orders Still Open

Due to popular demand, we are doing another run of the Rotokauri School Hoodies. These high-quality navy Cloke hoodies are perfect for school sports events or everyday wear and come in a full range of sizes from kids through to adults.

A sizing chart is available to help you get the right fit. We have extended the close off date. Orders will close on Monday 18 August, so don't miss out! All hoodies will be delivered to school for easy collection. Please note there is a minimum order of 20 hoodies required – if this isn't reached, all payments will be fully refunded. Get your order in today and show your Rotokauri pride in style!

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# 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  
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To secure your team please contact the PTA on  
[pta@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:pta@rotokauri.school.nz)

REGISTER YOUR TEAM BEFORE THE 23RD AUGUST

# \$200 REWARD

For the Winning Team



# CELEBRATIONS

## Cross Country Results 2025

|                                |     |                               |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|
| <b><u>5 year Girls</u></b>     |     | <b><u>5 year old boys</u></b> |     |
| Brielle Cowley                 | 1st | Sione Maile                   | 1st |
| Claire Smith                   | 2nd | Zack O'Brien                  | 2nd |
| Edith Crellin                  | 3rd | Avyaan Sagar                  | 3rd |
|                                |     |                               |     |
| <b><u>6 year old Girls</u></b> |     | <b><u>6 year old boys</u></b> |     |
| Lexi Viljoen                   | 1st | Harry Martin                  | 1st |
| Mia-Rose Storer                | 2nd | Shay Gill                     | 2nd |
| Pippa Cloete                   | 3rd | Coby Harker-Ferguson          | 3rd |
|                                |     |                               |     |
| <b><u>7 year old girls</u></b> |     | <b><u>7 year old boys</u></b> |     |
| Murphy Cairns-Eade             | 1st | Dániilo Standring             | 1st |
| Lotti Phillips                 | 2nd | Seán Parkes                   | 2nd |
| Teagan Russell                 | 3rd | Logan Beer                    | 3rd |
|                                |     |                               |     |
| <b><u>8 year old girls</u></b> |     | <b><u>8 year old boys</u></b> |     |
| Te Aria Kingi                  | 1st | Vincent Warner                | 1st |
| Cleo Mackrell                  | 2nd | Liam Harrison                 | 2nd |
| Isla Cowley                    | 3rd | Theo Cowley                   | 3rd |
|                                |     |                               |     |

|                                 |     |                                |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| <b><u>9 year old girls</u></b>  |     | <b><u>9 year old boys</u></b>  |     |
| Ruby Wilson                     | 1st | Luke Vann                      | 1st |
| Ada Westgate                    | 2nd | Wyatt Harker-Ferguson          | 2nd |
| Carys Land                      | 3rd | Carter Turner-Thompson         | 3rd |
|                                 |     |                                |     |
| <b><u>10 year old girls</u></b> |     | <b><u>10 year old boys</u></b> |     |
| Heidi Viljoen                   | 1st | Thomas Warner                  | 1st |
| Indi Payne                      | 2nd | Miloš Standring                | 2nd |
| Ashleigh McLaren                | 3rd | Jayden Day                     | 3rd |
|                                 |     |                                |     |
| <b><u>11 year old girls</u></b> |     | <b><u>11 year old boys</u></b> |     |
| Kaylee Quinlan                  | 1st | Carter Moka                    | 1st |
| Jasmine Lee                     | 2nd | Riley Glover                   | 2nd |
| Ella Wen                        | 3rd | Archer McFall                  | 3rd |
|                                 |     |                                |     |
| <b><u>12 year old girls</u></b> |     | <b><u>12 year old boys</u></b> |     |
| Elsie van Rooij                 | 1st | Liam Surgenor                  | 1st |
| Miley Fraser                    | 2nd | Koby Payne                     | 2nd |
| Ava Esselbrugge                 | 3rd | Luca Rogers                    | 3rd |
|                                 |     |                                |     |
| <b><u>13 year old girls</u></b> |     |                                |     |
| Cavalier Kingi                  | 1st |                                |     |
| Chloe Gyde                      | 2nd |                                |     |
| Bella Gyde                      | 3rd |                                |     |

## Values

| Week 2                 |         |  |
|------------------------|---------|--|
| Holley Emerson         | Room 1  | For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>         |
| Ayla Maile             | Room 2  | For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty.</b>         |
| Lexi Viljoen           | Room 3  | For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>         |
| Amaia Matenga          | Room 4  | For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b> |
| Razian Sami            | Room 5  | For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b> |
| Monik Prajapati        | Room 6  | For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b> |
| Anthony Williams       | Room 7  | For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>         |
| Carter Turner-Thompson | Room 8  | For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>         |
| Riley Glover           | Room 9  | For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b> |
| Archer McFall          | Room 10 | For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b> |

| Week 3          |         |  |
|-----------------|---------|--|
| Myla-Rose Joyce | Room 1  | For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>         |
| Avitaj Sangha   | Room 2  | For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty.</b>         |
| Mia-Rose Storer | Room 3  | For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>         |
| Maddy Pitts     | Room 4  | For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b> |
| Sione Maile     | Room 5  | For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>         |
| Stefan Booyens  | Room 6  | For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b> |
| Joseph Willis   | Room 7  | For demonstrating the value of <b>courage.</b>         |
| Avneet Sangha   | Room 8  | For demonstrating the value of <b>courage.</b>         |
| Anna Haldane    | Room 9  | For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>         |
| Cody Wade       | Room 10 | For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>         |

## Class Certificates

### Week 2 - Term 3

| Class             | Student's Name        | Certificate Comment  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Mānuka Room 2     | Ameera Stevenson      | For your great effort you put into your speech writing.                                      |
| Mānuka Room 2     | Ryan Mackrell         | For an excellent result in your maths this week. You have a lot of number knowledge.         |
| Tōtara Room 3     | Malachi Buckle        | For being focused, showing great effort and trying really hard in your learning.             |
| Tōtara Room 3     | Psalm Rhind           | For trying hard and staying focused during reading.  |
| Ponga Room 4      | Devyn Sharma          | For always being on task and being helpful during pack up time.                              |
| Ponga Room 4      | Manraj Pannu          | For working on his goal by contributing in circle time. Well done for building your courage! |
| Rimu Room 5       | Josiah Preest         | For being an active learner who is enthusiastic about his learning.                          |
| Rimu Room 5       | Razian Sami           | For being an active learner and trying his best. Keep it up!                                 |
| Pūriri Room 6     | Zaylee van den Heever | For the wonderful props you made for our play.   |
| Pūriri Room 6     | Link Doody            | Such a focused amazing end to the week.  |
| Nīkau Room 8      | Wyatt Harker-Ferguson | For showing courage and putting in full effort in cross country.                             |
| Nīkau Room 8      | Sophie Quinlan        | For being an active learner and taking more ownership over her reading journey               |
| Kauri Room 9      | Ariesha Nand          | For being an active learner and contributing to our class discussion.                        |
| Kauri Room 9      | Mannat Waraich        | For being an active learner and asking purposeful questions during our class discussion.     |
| Kahikatea Room 10 | Cody Wade             | For putting good effort into your cross country training.                                    |
| Kahikatea Room 10 | Cooper-Love Buckle    | For putting good effort into your cross county training.                                     |

### Week 3 - Term 3

| Class             | Student's Name    | Certificate Comment  |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Rātā Room 1       | Claire Smith      | For showing the REACH values of empathy and courage during cross country.      |
| Rātā Room 1       | Jackson McConnell | For showing courage in the cross country race and always being kind to others. |
| Mānuka Room 2     | Pippa Cloete      | For being a motivated and active learner in maths.                             |
| Mānuka Room 2     | Ben Fyers         | For your efforts at the cross country run. Tu meke!                            |
| Tōtara Room 3     | Harry Martin      | For always being focused and trying his very best in all learning.             |
| Tōtara Room 3     | Caleb Hippolite   | For always being focused and showing great pride in his learning.              |
| Ponga Room 4      | Atlas Williams    | For your awesome effort in cross country and never giving up. You rock!        |
| Ponga Room 4      | Lotti Phillips    | For your outstanding effort in cross country. You blew me away!                |
| Rimu Room 5       | Mya McNabb        | Showing courage at the cross country on her first day of school.               |
| Rimu Room 5       | Melo Clark        | Being focused in his learning and trying his very best. Keep it up.            |
| Pūriri Room 6     | Piper McNabb      | For your extra effort in literacy - great active learning                      |
| Pūriri Room 6     | Stefan Booyens    | For your extra effort in literacy.   |
| Nīkau Room 8      | Eason Lu          | For working hard in his speech writing.  |
| Nīkau Room 8      | Archer Crellin    | For working hard and showing improvement in math and literacy.                 |
| Kauri Room 9      | Mya Allen         | For being a great marshal and consistently showing our REACH values.           |
| Kauri Room 9      | Kayden John       | Showing kindness towards his peers and always putting in 100% effort.          |
| Kahikatea Room 10 | Kade Calnan       | For making good progress in your understanding of fractions.                   |
| Kahikatea Room 10 | Luca Rogers       | For being an active learner in your reading and math.                          |

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We're backing the One NZ Warriors Women – and we'd love your support!

Our school is part of the "Waikato Stands with the Warriors Wāhine" campaign, helping to support the Warriors NRLW team as they bring top-level women's rugby league to FMG Stadium Waikato.

🎟 When you buy tickets using our link below, you'll go in the draw to win a Warriors Wāhine merch pack, and you can nominate us - Rotokauri School – to receive 20 tickets to attend the final Hamilton game on the 7th of September.

📍 FMG Stadium Waikato

📅 Game Dates: 16 August | 24 August | 7 September

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Let's get behind our wāhine and show them how strong our community is!