



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

WELCOME

Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri. Welcome to the new students that have started at Rotokauri School recently

Room 1 - Aubrey Harper

Kia ora koutou

What amazing weather we are currently experiencing - it certainly enables our students to enjoy their environment and to discover the new COLA (covered outdoor learning area). It was pleasing to see the enthusiasm from students at the Give Hockey A Go session on 30th April.

A huge congratulations to our two EPro8 teams

Year 5 & 6 - Cohen O'Brien, Paige Robinson-Hastings, Van Macdonald-Hooper, Archer Crellin

Year 7 & 8 - Kaylee Quinlan, Hugo Hodgson, Koby Rose, Cameron Emslie

Both teams participated with enthusiasm at their respective competitions. Well done to the Year 5 & 6 team for coming 6th in their heat.

A massive congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 team for not only winning their heat but their semi-final as well. This now means they travel to Rotorua to compete in June in the EPro8 North Island final.

Good luck to our Lit Quiz teams that are competing at Berkley Intermediate tonight. We know that you have been working extremely hard. The teams are -

- Heidi Viljoen, Hannah-Leah Warbrick, Scarlett Swain, Ella Wen
- Keani Kingi, Esme Gyde, Hugo Hodgson, Jasmine Lee

Also, good luck to all our Year 3 & 4 students that are participating in the Junior Football Tournament that is being held tomorrow at Rotokauri School. We have 7 other schools from our cluster attending. Thank you to Western United Football Club for lending us the goals for the day.

Next week we have our COLA opening on Thursday 21st May and a visit from Ruben the Road Safety bear on Thursday as well.

Ngaa mihi

Desiree Smith

Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

TERM 2	
Thursday 14 May	6.30 p.m Lit Quiz @ Berkley Intermediate
Friday 15 May	Junior Football Tournament Year 3 & 4
Monday 18 May	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 19 May	5.30 p.m BOT meeting
Thursday 21 May	Turf (COLA) Opening 2.30 pm
Monday 25 May	Tech - Year 7 & 8 Kindy Literacy Evening
Tuesday 26 May	Class Photos
Monday 1 June	King's Birthday - no school
Monday 8 June	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 9 June	6.30 p.m PTA meeting
Thursday 11 June	PTA Disco - PJ party
Monday 15 June	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 16 June	5.30 p.m PTA meeting
Friday 19 June	Tough Guy/Tough Gal
Monday 22 June	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Friday 26 June	Ki-o-rahi Tournament
Monday 29 June	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Wednesday 1 July	Parent Interviews
Thursday 2 July	Parent Interviews
Friday 3 July	Last day of Term 2

GENERAL INFORMATION

Class and Portrait Photos

Photographs will be taken Tuesday, 26 May. If you would like your school aged children photographed together please return the sibling form that is on the back of the flyer that was sent home on Tuesday. This needs to be filled in, signed and returned to the school office before photo day. Family photos will not be taken without this form being completed.

After the photos a unique access key will be emailed out to you. This access key will display all the photographs of your child/ren. It is then an easy process for you to shop online and purchase the photographs you want.

Orders placed before the free delivery expiry date will be bulk printed and delivered to the school for your child to bring home.

Any orders placed after this date will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a postage and packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.

Road Safety Week

A big thank you to everyone who supported our YELLOW BEEP BEEP day for Road Safety Awareness last week.

Here are a few pictures of some of our road patrol heroes. Thank you for keeping us safe in the carpark area before and after school every day.



Ruben the Road Safety Bear

To continue on from Road Safety Week and the fun we had on Beep Beep Day, Ruben the Road Safety Bear will be visiting our junior classes on Thursday 21 May. Students in Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 will take part in a road safety session where they will learn important skills for staying safe around roads, cars and crossings. We look forward to welcoming Ruben and supporting our tamariki to become safe and confident pedestrians.

Totara Room 3

Our tamariki have been enjoying practising their football skills this term! Students have been working on passing, dribbling and teamwork while having lots of fun together. It has been great to see everyone giving it a go and encouraging each other. Ka pai, everyone!



To celebrate Mother's Day, students created colourful flowers and thoughtful writing to share with their whānau. They worked carefully on their artwork and enjoyed expressing why the special people in their lives mean so much to them. The classroom was full of creativity, kindness and thoughtful ideas.



Keeping up with Ponga

Room 4!

Starting our new topic!

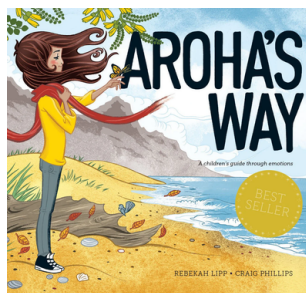
Our class has been diving into the topic of light and shadows. The students were super excited to experiment with different types of materials to test if the light was transparent, translucent or opaque. We also had fun with making shadows and measuring which object made the tallest shadow.



Look at their amazing suncatchers they made!

Mitey

The students have been practising making predictions using the book *Aroha's Way*. They worked together to figure out the different feelings Aroha might experience and then used this to create their own short group stories to act out in class.



CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Values

Week 2 - Term 2		
Amara-Jayde Kelemete-Vaniqi	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of honesty .
Aoife Parkes	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Madeline Littleford	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Sienna Bain	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Kit De Zoete	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Wyatt Harker-Ferguson	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Monik Prajapati	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Kayla van Rooij	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Scarlett Swain	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning .

Class Certificates - Week 2 - Term 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Thiya Patel	For consistently showing our school REACH values!
Rātā Room 1	Finn Nicol	For consistently showing our school REACH values!
Mānuka Room 2	Avyaan Sagar	For your hard work and active learning in reading, writing and maths. Great effort.
Mānuka Room 2	Delilah Andrews	For using your number knowledge up to 20 to solve maths problems.
Tōtara Room 3	Holley Emerson	For your hard work in maths. Keep it up!
Tōtara Room 3	Ivey Griffin	For your awesome writing about predictions. Well done!
Ponga Room 4	Kaylee Wen	For working hard to create artwork she is proud of. Well done!
Ponga Room 4	Sienna Bain	For working hard to create artwork she is proud of. Well done!
Pūriri Room 6	Liam Short	Your have a go attitude, excellent answers during literacy time.
Pūriri Room 6	Kit Dezoete	Your excellent persuasive writing about Maui
Mataī Room 7	Violet Short	For working hard during maths adding and subtraction fractions.
Mataī Room 7	Louie Baker	For working really hard on his persuasive writing.
Nīkau Room 8	Poppy Sadler-Singh	For being a kind and caring class member.
Nīkau Room 8	Harper Moka	For working hard on your homework - you are an active learner.
Kauri Room 9	Evie Hodgson	For being an active learner and presenting her work to a high standard.
Kauri Room 9	Cohen Harris	For being an active learner and acting on feedback in maths.
Kahikatea Room 10	Riley Glover	For the positivity and joy you bring to Room 10. You are working hard to stay focused, complete your work and are developing a strong understanding of your learning.
Kahikatea Room 10	Heidi Viljoen	For your amazing effort and attitude. You work hard and take an active, enthusiastic approach to your learning.

Class Certificates - Week 3 - Term 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Koa Phillips	For trying his best to show the school values at mat time.
Rātā Room 1	Eknoor Kaur	For working super hard on her math skills.
Mānuka Room 2	Harasses Kaur	For your progress in reading. You should be so proud.
Mānuka Room 2	Razian Sami	For working hard to read the correct sound in the middle of words. Great progress!
Tōtara Room 3	Eloise King	For working hard in maths and always trying your best.
Tōtara Room 3	Ziggy Macdonald - Hooper	For helping others and being a caring member of our class.
Ponga Room 4	Eliza Jenkins	For your hard work in class. Keep asking questions and being an active learner! Well done.
Ponga Room 4	Belle Paki	For your hard work in class. You are always wanting to grow your learning. I am super proud of you.
Mataī Room 7	Vincent Warner	For working hard and thinking about his science experiment.
Mataī Room 7	Carys Land	For thinking outside the box in the heat experiment.
Kauri Room 9	Anthony Williams	For being a positive role model and enthusiastic learner in our school.
Kauri Room 9	Ruby Wilson	For being an active learner and positive role model within our school.
Kahikatea Room 10	Mahi Sharma	For always having a positive attitude and doing your best at all times.
Kahikatea Room 10	Mannat Waraich	For being an active learning and doing your best in all that you do.


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MY TEAM OFFER 10 TICKETS FOR \$120*
INCLUDES 2 ADULTS + 8 STUDENTS

GRAB OUR TEAM OFFER AT
TICKETEK AND BE IN TO WIN
A TEAM TRAINING WITH A
MAGIC PLAYER

→ **VS STARS**
30 MAY 4PM

→ **VS PULSE**
6 JUNE 7PM

Register your interest to work at the 2026 General Election.

We want people from local communities to work in voting places and help people vote. The 2026 General Election will be held on Saturday 7 November and we're taking registrations from people who are interested in working with us.

We need people with different skills and backgrounds right across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Whether you want to work for several weeks or just on election day, there are roles for everybody, from students to experienced leaders.

For more information about the roles available, and to register your interest in working at this important event, visit work.elections.nz today.

