



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.



PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora Rotokauri School whaanau

Well, we have made it through another busy term with lots of opportunities for children to shine and the successful running of events. On reflection we have completed - our school cross country and cluster cross country, junior and senior speeches at school and cluster competitions, we had an Olympic rower visit and inspire senior students, our hockey team competed at the AIMS games, we held a Kapa Haka noho at school, we hosted the Waikato Full Primary School cross country and this week we have our school production 'REACH FOR THE BEAT'. What an accomplishment. I am extremely proud of all that we have achieved in a ten week period.

I hope that the students have a safe and relaxing holiday and we will be back on Monday 6th October.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith
Principal

BOT NEWS

Elections

Thank you to the 100 parents/caregivers that voted in our recent School Board elections. Congratulations to the following candidates for their successful election - Brad Kells, Sarah-Lee Crellin, Sue Esselbrugge, Nick Hoebergen, Dr Matt Jenkins and Andrea O'Rourke.

Property Report

The School Board are very pleased to see the new covered outdoor area completed - a significant milestone we know the school community has been looking forward to for quite some time.

We understand there is growing anticipation around the completion of the turf underneath the new structure. Please know that we are actively working to progress this next stage as quickly as possible. However, we want to be transparent that funding has been more difficult to allocate at this time, as several other school projects are currently awaiting decisions and budget approval from the Ministry.

Despite these challenges, we want to reassure you that this project remains a priority, and we are exploring all possible options to move it forward. We appreciate your ongoing patience and understanding as we work within these constraints.

We'll continue to keep you updated as progress is made.

PTA NEWS

School Lunches

We are finally getting our weekly school lunch system on to Kindo. While this will be a much more convenient method for many of you, please be aware that you will see some price increases in order to cover new costs. There may also be some menu changes, depending on availability within the new system. We have not yet confirmed all of our suppliers but keep an eye out for updates in the near future for exact details on our menu, prices and how to order. We should be all ready to go on the first Wednesday of the new term. We hope you will all find the new system convenient!

This is also a great time to remind everyone to please join our new Rotokauri School PTA Facebook page as a great way to receive information and reminders about PTA events and lunches!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Led Conferences

We are excited to be holding our Student-Led Conferences on Thursday 9th October for all students in Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. These conferences are part of our annual process to report to parents and whaanau. Students must attend to lead their conference. They will share their learning progress and reflect on their goals. There will be up to five conferences running simultaneously in each class. To ensure the smooth running of these conferences, please stick to the 15 minute time slots, make arrangements for care of pre-schoolers, book 1 conference per student and bring your child to lead their conference.

Use this link to book online: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/5mwtb>

Online bookings are open now and will be closed on Thursday 9th of October at 11.00 am. If you are not able to attend, please contact your child/children's teacher to make an alternative time.

Sunhats

The school policy is that during Terms 1 & 4 all Rotokauri School students and staff must be wearing a Rotokauri sunhat whilst outside. These are for sale on your Kindo app for \$21.00 and can be collected from the school office. If you are unsure of the size you can try the hat on your child on collection.

These hats need to have no graffiti or embellishments, and must have a working toggle. Please ensure that students have these or they will have to play under the shade area at the top of the school.

Library Books

We've noticed that quite a few library books are still out and the upcoming holidays are a great opportunity to help your child look for any they may have at home. If found, please set them aside so they can be returned when school resumes next term, Just a reminder: there is a \$20 fine for each lost book, so returning them helps avoid that cost. Thank you so much for your support!

CELEBRATIONS

Class Certificates

Week 6 - Term 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Mika Knight	For recognising Heart Words when reading and joining the sounds to read words. Keep it up!
Rātā Room 1	Amelia Ogle	For showing courage when presenting her nursery rhyme. Well done!
Mānuka Room 2	Summer Martin	For your effort and active learning in reading this week.
Mānuka Room 2	Theo Tipene	For making learning fun and sharing the cool things you do with us.
Tōtara Room 3	Shay Gill	For being an active learner who tries his very best and always doing his work efficiently.
Tōtara Room 3	Saydee Winikerei	For being so helpful and always lending a hand in the classroom.
Ponga Room 4	Liam Short	For spotting and keeping tricky spelling patterns in your memory.
Ponga Room 4	Kit DeZoete	For working hard and taking our jump jam practice seriously. Thank you.
Rimu Room 5	Sione Maile	For working hard in Maths.
Rimu Room 5	Josiah Preest	For working hard on learning his sounds.
Pūriri Room 6	Cleo Mackrell	For demonstrating lots of empathy in class.
Pūriri Room 6	Chloe Moka	For demonstrating lots of empathy in class.
Mataī Room 7	Van MacDonald Hooper	For showing the value of courage during his awesome speech.
Mataī Room 7	Theo Winikerei	For working hard in maths. Well done.
Nīkau Room 8	Ada Westgate	Has done a fantastic job in reading this week.
Nīkau Room 8	Taj Judge	Being so resilient and courageous around speeches.
Kahikatea Room 10	Chloe Gyde	For being an active learner in your writing .
Kahikatea Room 10	Koby Rose	For always being an active learner and supporting and encouraging others too.

Week 7 - Term 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Tom Playford	For making excellent progress in reading. Keep it up!
Rātā Room 1	Hudson Gibbison	For making excellent progress in maths and being able to problem solve. Keep it up!
Mānuka Room 2	Maninder Pannu	For your effort in learning our class Jump Jam.
Mānuka Room 2	Madeline Littleford	For your effort in learning our class Jump Jam.
Tōtara Room 3	Arlo Hewitt	For being an active learner and working hard on reading your new sounds.
Tōtara Room 3	Lisa Jiang	Giving good energy and hard work in our Jump Jam Practise.
Ponga Room 4	Maia Langdon	For showing dedication across all areas of learning.
Ponga Room 4	Lily Finnerty Mills	For being on task and following instructions.
Rimu Room 5	Mya McNabb	For always having a positive attitude and willing to try new things.
Rimu Room 5	Harasses Kaur	For becoming more confident and brave at school. Well done!
Pūriri Room 6	Chloe Moka	Active learning when writing.
Pūriri Room 6	Harper Moka	Active learning when writing.
Mataī Room 7	Lucas Birchall	For working hard in all areas of his learning. Well done.
Mataī Room 7	Tyler Akania	For working hard in all areas of his learning. Well done.
Nīkau Room 8	Louie Baker	For really keeping his cool playing master tag!
Nīkau Room 8	Max Green	For some awesome reading this week!
Kauri Room 9	Riley Glover	For always having a positive attitude towards learning.
Kauri Room 9	Ivy Lu	For taking pride in her work by presenting it to a high standard.
Kahikatea Room 10	Jaxson Williams	For your hard work and progress in your writing - congratulations!
Kahikatea Room 10	Carter Moka	For being an active learner in all areas of your learning - congratulations!

Week 8 - Term 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Isla Hewitt	For making excellent progress in her reading and maths. Well done Isla!
Rātā Room 1	Olivia Etheridge	For making excellent progress in maths and being able to problem solve. Keep it up!
Mānuka Room 2	Avitaj Sangha	For your effort to improve your handwriting.
Mānuka Room 2	Theo Tipene	For reading exciting stories like a story teller.
Tōtara Room 3	Mia-Rose Storer	For working really hard in her learning and always giving things a go
Tōtara Room 3	Dil Judge	For being a super reliable and hardworking learner in our class
Ponga Room 4	Izzy Ryan	For stepping up and helping bring our class script together for the production. Thank you.
Ponga Room 4	Dánilo Standring	For working hard in your reading. You have made awesome progress. Well done!
Rimu Room 5	Razian Sami	For being an active learner and making good progress in learning his letters.
Rimu Room 5	Lily Swain	Showing very good mat manners and showing respect.
Pūriri Room 6	Chloe Moka	The effort you are putting into your writing
Pūriri Room 6	Harper Moka	The effort you are putting into your learning.
Mataī Room 7	Evie Bourne	For working hard on her decimals in maths.
Mataī Room 7	Paige Robinson Hastings	For working hard on her decimals in maths.
Nīkau Room 8	Liam Harrison	Showing empathy and courage when playing with others.
Nīkau Room 8	Violet Short	Beautiful dancing for production.
Kauri Room 9	Heidi Viljoen	For doing an outstanding job with your sunflower art. Well done!
Kauri Room 9	Mya Allen	For doing an outstanding job with your sunflower art. Well done!
Kahikatea Room 10	Cameron Emslie	For working hard on your maths and asking for help.
Kahikatea Room 10	Peyton Martin	For all of your hard work when choreographing our class dance.

Week 9 - Term 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Willow MacCulloch	For being an active learner in reading and blending sounds to read words. Keep it up!
Rātā Room 1	Aareefah Hussain	For being an active learner in reading and blending sounds to read words. Keep it up!
Mānuka Room 2	Ivey Griffin	For your outstanding active learning and courage in our jump jam practices.
Mānuka Room 2	Ameera Stevenson	For your active learning and effort in maths this week.
Tōtara Room 3	Isabelle Paki	Well done for your hard work in reading. You are making great progress!
Tōtara Room 3	Kaylee Wen	For your awesome efforts in Jump Jam practises and always giving your all!
Ponga Room 4	Logan Beer	For working hard on your mat manners and listening skills. It hasn't gone unnoticed.
Ponga Room 4	Carter Beer	For working hard on your mat manners and listening skills. It hasn't gone unnoticed.
Rimu Room 5	Nivaaz Badesha	For showing pride in her work. Keep it up.
Rimu Room 5	Abby Hippolite	For showing empathy to her friends and always willing to help others.
Pūriri Room 6	Shia Paterson	Active learning in your writing describing a time travelling machine.
Pūriri Room 6	Stefan Booyens	Putting the extra effort into all learning, you really demonstrate what an active learner is.
Mataī Room 7	Carter Cowley	For working hard in his maths.
Mataī Room 7	Joseph Willis	For giving 100% in our production practices.
Nīkau Room 8	Colette Griffin	Excellent effort and achievement in all learning areas.
Nīkau Room 8	Khloe Bennett	Excellent effort and achievement in all learning areas.
Kauri Room 9	Korbyn Fergus	For helping and supporting the Room 2 learners. We enjoyed having you in our class.

Values

Week 6		
Olivia Etheridge	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Jordi Ngatai	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Caleb Hippolite	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Leo Ruston	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Mya McNabb	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Georgia Esselbrugge	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Cohen O'Brien	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of honesty..
Dot Warbrick	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Billie-May Murphy	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Hugo Hodgson	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning.

Week 7		
Edith Crellin	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Madeline Littleford	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Kash Wiseman	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Leo Hefferon	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Razian Sami	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Link Doody	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Tyler Akania	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of honesty..
Vincent Warner	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Thomas Warner	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Luca Rogers	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning.

Week 8		
Amelia Ogle	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Jordy McKinnon	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Lisa Jiang	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Lotti Phillips	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Melo Clarke	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Isla Cowley	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Evie Bourne	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of courage
Cooper Wiseman	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of respect
Ariesha Nand	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Elsie van Rooij	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning.

Week 9		
Aareefah Hussain	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Theo Tipene	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Emilynn Viji George	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Dánilo Standring	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Lily Swain	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Casey Mancer	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Noxx Rogers	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of courage
Enzo Maresca-Allison	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of courage.

Waikato Full Primary School Cross Country

On Thursday 11 September, Rotokauri School hosted the WFPSA Cross Country. This was attended by 37 schools from across the Waikato with Year 7 & 8 students. We had a total of 250 runners on the day. Thank you to the staff and Room 10 students for all your support and hard work to make this day so successful. Each race had approximately 58 runners. Congratulations to Carter Moka who came in 16th place in the Year 7 boys race.

Community Notices and Advertising



DKJ

DKJ Welding services provides:

- Certified Welding
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- Onsite Maintenance
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- Project Management

The advertisement features a large DKJ logo at the top. Below it, a list of services is displayed over a background image of a DKJ workshop with several white service vans parked outside. The services listed are Certified Welding, Stainless Steel Fabrication, Plant Installation & Mechanical fitting, Onsite Maintenance, Process Pipework, and Project Management.



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The advertisement is split into two main sections. The left section has a dark brown background with white text for the agency's name, tagline, contact information, and website. The right section features a photograph of two women sitting at a wooden table in a modern office setting, looking at a tablet. A large, stylized 'TA' logo is visible in the top right corner of the photo.



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