



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 - Eknoor Kaur, Mackenzie Russell, Finn Nicol, Quentin Gilbert, Koa Phillips, Zoey De Zoete and Gurjazz Singh

Room 7 - Ruchika Minhas

Room 10 - Nikki Rossbotham

Kia ora koutou

What a great way to start the year with a whole school picnic right on your doorstep. The students had a wonderful time participating in the activities, especially those that involved water!!!

Thank you to everyone that attended the Meet and Greet with the teachers. We hope that you found this helpful and informative - the staff appreciated you making the time to attend and for completing the questionnaire.

Well done to all the families that have organised sunhats for their children and stationery requirements.

The Waipa King Country Life Education Trust has been visiting Rotokauri School with their mobile classroom. All the students have had the opportunity to participate in interactive lessons with the focus on Food and Nutrition - looking at how our bodies need fuel for energy. Thank you to Abby and Harold for making this learning such a fun and informative experience.

Good luck to the 30 x Year 3 students that are going to participate in the Get Set Go day at Horotiu School. Thank you to Miss Reichelt for her organisation and to all the parents/caregivers that have offered to manage a team, support the students and provide transport.

Carpark behaviour - it is disappointing to witness adults walking across the school carpark to retrieve their child from the busbay and going back to their cars, with total disregard for the pedestrian crossings and footpaths. We all need to model safe behaviour whilst on the school grounds.

Also, a reminder to parents to check where they are stopping or parking. No parking on the yellow lines outside the office block and check that parks are not designated for disabled or for staff members (e.g the Principal) before parking.

Boy's swimming clothing - we would like to encourage boys to be wearing a rash top when swimming to protect them from the sun.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith
Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

19th February	Life Education
	Get Set Go Day @ Horotiu (Year 3 & 4)
23rd February	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Kapa Haka (3.15 - 4.30 p.m)
25th February	Youthtown (Year 6 - 8)
27th February	School biathlon/triathlon
2nd March	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Kapa Haka (3.15 - 4.30)
3rd March	Junior Swimming Sports (5 & 6 year olds)
5th March	Senior Swimming Sports (7 year +)
9th March	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Kapa Haka (3.15 - 4.30 p.m)
16th March	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Kapa Haka (3.15 - 4.30 p.m)
17th March	BOT meeting (5.30 p.m in staffroom)
19th March	Kapa Haka Noho @ school
23rd March	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Kapa Haka (3.15 - 4.30 pm)
24th March	Cluster Swimming Sports (8 years +)
30th March	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Kapa Haka (3.15 - 4.30 p.m)
2nd April	Last day of school
3rd April	Good Friday

GENERAL INFORMATION

Maths at Rotokauri School

Rotokauri School will continue to deliver our mathematics programme by teaching the key curriculum objectives for each year group in what we call cohort grouping.

Students in Rooms 1 and 2 will remain in their own classes and be taught by their teachers, Mrs Booyens and Mrs O'Rourke. Teacher aides Brooklyn Winikerei and Cary Viljoen will support learners in Room 2

Students from Rooms 3 to 10 will visit one classroom to be taught the curriculum knowledge and practices for their year level.

Year 2 - Miss Baker - Room 3

Year 3 - Miss Reichelt - Room 4

- Ms Carter - Room 5

Year 4 - Mrs Donovan - Room 6

Year 5 - Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Brosnan - Room 8

Year 6 - Mrs Walker - Room 7

Year 7 - Mr Brinkworth - Room 9

Year 8 - Whaea Ariana and Mrs Rickman - Room 10

If you have queries about maths organisation at Rotokauri School, please email Ms Jaimee Carter at jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz.

If you would like to discuss your child's learning in mathematics, please contact their maths teacher.

Medications

Please ensure that you come to the school office to fill out a medical form if your child requires medication during school hours. Please do not bring 3 times a day antibiotics to school to be administered - this dose is manageable at home. Only 4 times a day antibiotics will be given at school if needed. If your child needs to use an inhaler please ensure that they are brought to school, named and in a sealed plastic bag. No medications can be administered without written permission.

If medication is held at school please take the time to check expiry dates and how much medication is available throughout the year, so that if needed the medication will work correctly when administered.

If your child has an allergy, is asthmatic or has other medical conditions that require a health plan please let the school office know so that these plans can be completed or updated (as per the Ministry of Health regulations).

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing problems.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit require rescreens or follow up
- New Immigrants

If there is a genuine hearing concern, parents/caregivers or teachers may request a hearing check - NB parents must consent to this. The Vision Hearing Technician will only be able to undertake a maximum of 5 screens on any visit. If there is a concern regarding vision, parents/caregivers are encouraged to seek advice from an optometrist. A subsidy is available for families/whanau that have a Community Services card or High Use Health card.

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents/caregivers of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents/caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for their vision or hearing, they should let the school know.

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Class Certificates

Week 2 - Term 1

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Mackenzie Russell	For showing courage in her first week of school.
Rātā Room 1	Thiya Patel	For showing courage in trying out new things
Mānuka Room 2	Thomas Playford	For an excellent start to Room 2. You have marvellous mat manners.
Mānuka Room 2	Roman Cronin-Boyle	For showing respect and settling into class routines. Ka pai.
Tōtara Room 3	Theo Tipene	For looking after your classmates and being a good friend.
Tōtara Room 3	Flynn Smith - Thorpe	For a positive start to the term and making good choices.
Ponga Room 4	Shay Gill	For having a positive attitude with learning routines and expectations in the classroom. Thank you.
Ponga Room 4	Ryan Mackrell	For showing courage by sharing your mathematical thinking this week.
Mataī Room 7	Colette Griffin	For showing her active learning and courage to answer questions.
Mataī Room 7	Archer Crellin	For working hard in his spelling finding the blends and sounds.
Nīkau Room 8	Sophie Swain	For her fantastic swimming and helpful attitude in class. You are very courageous.
Nīkau Room 8	Te Aria Kingi	For her respectful attitude and empathy towards others.
Kauri Room 9	Kairo Sharma	For being an active learner and always having a positive attitude.
Kauri Room 9	Mya Allen	For seeing what needs to be done and doing it without being asked.
Kahikatea Room 10	Korbyn Fergus	For your focus and hard work in literacy today.
Kahikatea Room 10	Mackenzie O'Rourke	For working hard and contributing your ideas to our class discussion.

TE KOWHAI RUGBY MUSTER



Save the Date

Welcoming returning & new players

Sunday 1st March 2026 | 3pm - 5pm

Te Kowhai School Pavillion



Te Rapa Junior Rugby 2026



Weigh In Dates:

Saturday 7th March 2pm-3.30pm

Friday 13th March 5.30pm-7pm

**Fees: \$80 first child
\$40 per sibling**

Come down to the Te Rapa Rugby Club on Vickery St.
We look forward to seeing returning members and new families to the club.

To register your child/ren you need to sign up to Rugby Xplorer
(please find the links on our Facebook page if you need help to do this)

GIVE RUGBY A TRY!



SUNDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2026

11.00AM - 1.00PM



**HAMILTON OLD BOYS
RUGBY CLUB**

CNR RICHMOND AND
WILLOUGHBY STREET
HAMILTON

Are you looking for a new team sport for your child, or keen to learn more about Rugby (either Rippla or Tackle)? Come join us and give RUGBY a TRY!

- FUN RUGBY DRILLS
- FACE PAINTING
- MEET THE COACHES
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SIGN UP TO SECURE A SPOT
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