



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 - Reign Rakena, Razian Sami, Harasses Kaur, Melo Clark, Nivaaz Badesha, Josiah Preest, Sione Maile and Abby Hippolite

Room 7 - Evie Bourne

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora Rotokauri School whaanau

Yesterday we celebrated Principal Appreciation Day throughout New Zealand. I was overwhelmed with the kind words from staff and students, the wonderful morning tea that was shared, along with the heartwarming card and gift of my very own Principal sign for a designated carpark. However, at Rotokauri School we are a TEAM and I take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students and families for their support and contribution to making us an awesome place to be.

The third term is always dictated by the weather, cold mornings but beautiful days, wet days with limited hard surfaces and a busyness as we head into the second half of the year. It is so exciting to start the term with the cover on our shade structure up and looking fine! Please put these term dates in your diaries -

Week 3	31/7/25	School cross country
Week 4	4/8/25	Positive Puberty Parent Evening
	8/8/25	Daytime disco - Sports theme
Week 5	15/8/25	Cluster cross country
Week 6	18/8/25	Junior speech finals
	20/8/25	Senior speech finals
Week 7	27/8/25	Year 5 & 6 Cluster speech competition
	30/8/25	AIMS Games starts in Tauranga
Week 8	3/9/25	Year 7 & 8 Cluster speech competition
Week 9	9/9/25	Waikato Full Primary Speeches
	10/9/25	Team Photos
	11/9/25	Kapa Haka Noho
	11/9/25	Waikato Full Primary Cross Country hosted by Rotokauri
Week 10	17/9/25	Production practice
	18/9/25	Production matinee and evening performance
	19/9/25	Term 3 finishes

Along with the changeable weather, inevitably comes sickness. If your child is feeling unwell please keep them at home and notify the school, especially regarding sickness such as chicken pox.

I look forward to catching up with lots of parents/caregivers as they support and cheer on the children at our upcoming cross country. Keep warm everyone.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith
Principal

BOT NEWS

Employment changes

As our school gets bigger, we have now opened our 10th classroom, our needs for staffing also change and increase. We would like to welcome to the Rotokauri staff Brooklyn Winikerei and Cary Viljoen as teacher aides.

Ballot

Just a reminder that this year the Board of Trustees has decided that the ballot for children wishing to enrol in 2026 will be for 20 Year 1 students. This means that according to the enrolment criteria, in zone, siblings of current students and children of past students are likely to be the only enrolments for 2026.

BOT Elections

Don't forget that nominations for the BOT close on 6th August at 12 noon. If you have not received information about the elections via your email please notify the returning officer sdyer@rotokauri.school.nz as we may not have your most up-to-date details on file. If you have a question about being on the BOT please let me know and I can give your details to a current committee member to contact you to answer your query dsmith@rotokauri.school.nz

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews were held on Wednesday 16 July and Thursday 17th July. Thank you to those families that were able to attend or rescheduled an appointment. To receive your child's report can you please contact the classroom teacher.

Speeches

Juniors

Year 1-4 children are working on speech writing and delivery in class. Year 1 students are learning to recite a nursery rhyme. Years 2-4 students are writing a persuasive speech. During Week 5, 11-15 August, the children will be presenting their speeches to their classes. By Friday 15 August, finalists from each year group will be notified. The Junior Speech Competition will be held on Monday 18 August at 9.15 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Room. Parents and whānau are welcome to this event.

Seniors

Year 5-8 children are working on speech writing and delivery in class. We have an open category, therefore students are able to choose from entertaining, informative or persuasive topics. Our speeches need to be between 3:00 - 3:30 minutes long and are rated on content and delivery. During Week 5, 11th-14th August, the children will be presenting their speeches to their classes. The finalists from each year group will be progressing to the Senior Speech Competition to be held in our Multi Purpose Room on Wednesday 20th August, starting at 9.15 a.m. Parents and whānau are welcome to this event.

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.

The next event 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.

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).

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 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. Orders will close on Monday 4 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!

<https://logou2.com/product/rotokauri-school-hoodie/>



School Cross Country 2025

On Thursday, 31st July, our school will be hosting its cross-country event. All children need to participate unless they have a signed medical note. Races begin at 9:45 a.m., starting on the bottom field.

We ask that spectators please remain behind the ropes in the spectators' area to ensure the safety of the students and staff during the races.

All children will need to bring appropriate covered shoes (not crocs or gumboots) for running, a change of clothes, a drink bottle and warm clothing between their races. Any child who does not bring appropriate footwear will not be allowed to run on the farm.

There will be a sausage sizzle on the day. More information will come early next week.

If you have any questions, please contact sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz

Race Number	Age Group
1	12 & 13 year olds
2	10 & 11 year olds
3	9 year olds
4	5 year olds
5	6 year olds
6	7 year olds
7	8 year olds

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
BYO for \$5 pp
Nibbles supplied



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GOLD

To secure your team please contact the PTA on
pta@rotokauri.school.nz

REGISTER YOUR TEAM BEFORE THE 23RD AUGUST

\$200 REWARD

For the Winning Team



CELEBRATIONS

Our year 1&2 netball team who finished up their season at the end of last term- they showed so much improvement over the season and they won best dressed on the last day, playing in their onesies! Thank you for sharing this gorgeous photo Cary Viljoen.



Westgate Students Past and Present - Ada & Nate

Ada and Nate played in the biggest NZ Futsal Competition in the holidays (Hawkes Bay Futsal Competition with 70 teams across 6 divisions). Both of their teams won their division finals. Nate was also the MVP of the tournament. Well done to the Westgate family.



Values

Week 8 and 9 No values vouchers collected in Week 8 due to 3 day week		
Willow MacCulloch	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Coby Harker-Ferguson	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Shay Gill	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Logan Beer	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Arlo Clarke-Gray	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Paige Robinson-Hastings	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Shepard Cairns-Eade	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Bivanch Chand	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Aniket Raju	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of courage.

Week 1 - Term 3		
Hudson Gibbison	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Ziggy Macdonald-Hooper	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect.
James Davison	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Tyler Lester	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Nivaaz Badesha	Room 5	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Ryan Bhagat	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Ruby Wilson	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Conor Emerson	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Aston Burt	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Isaac Stegar	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning.

Class Certificates

Week 9 - Term 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Delilah Andrew	For showing courage when she is dropped off at school.
Rātā Room 1	Zack O'Brien	For working hard to learn his heart words. Keep it up!
Mānuka Room 2	Harjot Sidhu	For your effort in your literacy learning this week. Keep it up.
Mānuka Room 2	Lukas Sims	For your active learning in your reading. Great effort Lukas!
Tōtara Room 3	Kash Wiseman	For your awesome reading, you are showing great confidence. Keep it up!
Tōtara Room 3	Karlo Devicich	For your great job with your reading! You are trying hard and getting better at sounding out words.
Ponga Room 4	Izzy Ryan	For showing great thinking and working hard during maths!
Ponga Room 4	Teagan Russell	For your amazing attitude towards learning in maths.
Mataī Room 7	Ashleigh McLaren	For working hard in your writing and starting to use appositives and complex sentences. Well done.
Mataī Room 7	Jayden Day	For working hard in your writing and starting to use appositives and complex sentences. Well done.
Kauri Room 9	Whole Class	For having a fantastic term and having successful business ventures. Well done Kauri!

Week 1 - Term 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Flynn Smith-Thorpe	For his great counting. Flynn loves numbers and can see number patterns. Well done Flynn.
Rātā Room 1	Ryker Wenzlick	For his enthusiasm towards all outdoor activities and demonstrating good hand-eye coordination.
Mānuka Room 2	Eva Lu	For showing the value of empathy and being a great friend.
Mānuka Room 2	Sienna Bain	For showing the value of empathy and being a great friend.
Tōtara Room 3	CJ McNabb	For being a motivated learner who gives everything a go.
Tōtara Room 3	James Davison	For being a focused learner and always putting in your best effort in class.
Ponga Room 4	Penny Clarke-Gray	For always helping others and showing empathy.
Ponga Room 4	Everly Baker	For having a growth mindset when learning new things.
Rimu Room 5	Sione Maile	Showing good mat manners in the class.
Rimu Room 5	Abby Hippolite	Showing courage in the first week of school.
Pūriri Room 6	Ayaan Kotte Godage	for fantastic work in both art and maths!
Pūriri Room 6	Stefan Booyens	for being a thoughtful and helpful class member in Room 6 Puriri.
Nikau Room 8	Te Aria Kingi	For her confident attitude towards trying new things.
Nikau Room 8	Avneet Sangha	For her positivity and helpfulness in school.
Kauri Room 9	Keani Kingi	For being an active learner and always striving for excellence.
Kauri Room 9	Talia Hefferon	For being an active learner and always striving for excellence.
Kahikatea Room 10	Koby Rose	For always showing the REACH values in all that you do!
Kahikatea Room 10	Nihil Maharaj	For always showing the REACH values in all that you do!

Community Notices and Advertising



Clothe our Kids - Waikato

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We hate to be constantly asking for help but we are really struggling this winter to keep up with requests. We have sent out 777 packs in the 6 mths to the end of June - this is 20% more compared to same time last year and so many of our bins are empty.

There is still so long left of the cold winter and so many kids needing our help.

We are currently desperate for the following:

Boy 2,3,4,5 and 10 - everything for winter including Pjs, pants, jerseys

Girls 2,3,4 Pjs, jerseys

Jackets- all sizes (our racks are empty)

Socks - ages 4-7 and 8+

Beanies - boys 4-7 and 8+, girls 8+

Blankets - cot and single size

If anyone can help us please drop off to Little Split P

If anyone has kids clothes lying around that you don't need or your children have grown out of please consider giving it to this organisation. We will have a collection point in the Multipurpose Room for any donations and these will be taken by one of our parents to the collection point.

Thank you for your help.



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Join Our Junior Cricket Programme

Does your child love cricket or want to give it a try?

Marist Suburbs Cricket Club is recruiting for our Junior Cricket program. If your child is in Years 2-8, loves sports, or wants to give cricket a try, we've got the perfect opportunity for them.

Details:

When: Years 2-5, Softball, Friday nights, | Years 6-8, Hardball, Saturday Mornings

Cost: From \$45.00

Who: Boys and girls in Years 2-8



Contact us at
juniors@maristsuburbs.com
to sign up or for more information.

Junior Muster –

Join us at our upcoming Junior Muster: 4:30 PM on Friday, 15 August 2025 at Hamilton Marist Rugby Club.

It's the perfect chance to meet the team, ask questions, and give cricket a go. We look forward to seeing you there!