



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

Kia ora koutou

And that is almost a wrap for the term, our final day being Friday 3rd July. We have had a busy term with many things achieved that we can reflect upon, as individuals, as classes and as a whole school - Anzac Day assembly, immunisations, Give Hockey A Go Day, EPro8 competitions, SMART testing for Reading, Writing and Maths, Lit Quiz competition, Junior Football Tournament, Covered Outdoor Learning Area official opening, visit from Ruben the Road Safety Bear, Kindy Literacy evening, PTA disco, Tough Guy and Gal, Matariki rotations, Ki-o-Rahi tournament and to finish the term our parent interviews. We will not be finishing early on Friday 3rd July, however if you are able to pick up your child/children on Wednesday and Thursday next week at 1.30 p.m it would be appreciated, so that parent interviews can start before the end of the school day. Those students that remain at school after 1.30 p.m will be supervised in the MPR with those staff members that are not holding interviews.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 1 July and Thursday 2 July, from 1:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

These interviews provide an opportunity to receive your child's mid-year report, celebrate their progress and discuss learning goals for the remainder of the year.

As interview times are limited, we ask families to book one interview slot per child wherever possible. This helps ensure all families have access to an appointment and allows teachers to share consistent information about each child's learning and progress.

To help keep the focus on your child's learning, we kindly ask that preschool-aged children do not attend the interviews. Please make alternative arrangements for their care.

Please follow the link to the School Interviews website
<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/9fh6k>

Matariki Celebrations

What a wonderful way to start our 2026 Matariki celebrations with a shared breakfast yesterday morning. Thank you to the senior students that began our day with mini speeches about what they are grateful for (Heidi and Hannah-Leah) and Jasmine for a brief introduction about Matariki. Thank you to our guest speaker Mr Isaac Warbrick, lots of learning about the significance of Matariki and the stars. Thank you to the staff, parents and students that shared kai with us. Breakfast was followed with two days of workshops led by our senior students.

- In the MPR there was soup making
- In Room 2 there was kite making
- In Room 3 there was origami
- In Room 4 there was poi making or harakeke weaving
- In Room 6 sewing tukutuku designs on headbands
- In Room 7 carving onto soaps
- In Room 8 lots of music with rakau and waiata
- Traditional Maaori games on the turf
- In Room 10 delicious smells from baking fry bread

A wonderful two days of celebrating and learning, with senior students showcasing their leadership and organisational skills.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone and we welcome all the children back on Monday 20th July.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith
Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

TERM 2	
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

PTA NEWS

Thank you for your recent support of the PJ discos, which raised \$1024. We also were able to support the Kind Collective, which focuses on keeping kids warm over winter. The "wear your pjs to school" day raised \$144.50 for the charity, which equates to 14 pairs of pyjamas for kids in need.

A reminder to please join the **Rotokauri School PTA Facebook** page for updates on fundraisers and events.

Entertainment Books - treat yourself and support our school!

Enjoy meals out, family adventures, shopping and more with an Entertainment Membership. This gains you **up to 50% off thousands of offers across New Zealand**. A 12-month membership costs **\$75**. Every membership purchased helps support our school, so if you decide to join, please remember to select **Rotokauri School** as your fundraiser.

Find out more and join today at Entertainment NZ:

<https://www.entertainmentnz.com/>

Save the date: our much-loved car show and gala is making a return on the **14th November**. Start saving your **empty jars now** for the jar toss! We'll also be collecting donations of **cuddly toys and books** closer to the event. If you're planning to do some decluttering between now and November, it would be great if you could hold onto those items for us.

The next **PTA meeting** will take place at school on 11th August at 6.30pm. We always welcome new members.

For more information you can contact us at pta@rotokauri.school.nz

GENERAL INFORMATION

As mentioned in our last newsletter we have invited filmmaker, author and speaker Rob Cope to deliver a humorous, eye-opening evening talk for our parent community. Please see details below from Rob:

Subject - Parenting in an Online World 101 - Parents Evening

Kia ora, e te whānau

We all want our school and community to be a safe place for our tamariki. But in a rapidly changing digital world, the risks our children face online are growing—more frequently and more seriously.

Rob's talk will cover:

- **Cyberbullying** - How bullies can reach our kids 24/7
- **Social media** - How social media is affecting the mental health in 3 out of 5 children. FOMO, depression, anxiety
- **Gaming and the developing brain** – An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy
- **Naked Selfies** - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school
- **Online predators** - The methods they use, how to spot them
- **Online porn vs healthy sexuality** - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry.
- **AI** - Growing concerns around Companion bots, Deepfakes, Voice Cloning, Algorithmic Radicalisation

Solutions

- **Filters** - Which filters are best and how to install them
- **Smartphones** - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone
- **Boundaries** - How to put good boundaries in place around device use
- **3 golden rules** - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe
- **Talking to your kids** - How to have difficult conversations with your kids
- **Challenging our own phone and device usage** - Reconnecting as a family.

Here is a promotional video for you to watch [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).

The talk will be held at Rotokauri School on Monday 27 July from 6:30pm. Please note this talk is for **adults only** and is **not suitable** for children or teens to attend.

We request that at least one representative from each family attend and hope you are able to prioritise this within your busy lives. This topic is too big for us not to pay attention.

"We have now reached the point where it is irresponsible of us as parents, teachers, health professionals and policymakers to continue to put these devices, which are designed to elicit addictive-like qualities, in our kids' hands and then expect them to be accountable for their own wellbeing." Dr Samantha Marsh - University of Auckland Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, July 2023

Included in your ticket is a one-year complimentary subscription to Parenting in an Online World 101 valued at \$99. Created by Rob and Zareen at Our Kids Online, this practical, no-nonsense course is designed specifically for kiwi families and is already being used in thousands of homes across the country.

Please note: simply buying a ticket does not give you access to the course—you must attend on the night to receive it. So don't miss out!

You can check out the course here: [Parenting in an Online World 101](https://www.ourkidsonline.co.nz/parenting-in-an-online-world-101)

Tickets available at <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/rob-cope-understanding-our-kids-online-world/hamilton>

"We need to tackle this as a community so that all of our kids are safe. When I protected my kids online, I also protected yours, so please, please protect your kids online so that you are also protecting mine"

Rob Cope

THE ULTIMATE
PARENT'S GUIDE
to.....
UNDERSTANDING OUR KIDS'
ONLINE WORLD
AND HOW TO KEEP THEM SAFE

ROB COPE
FILMMAKER & AUTHOR

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope for what promises to be a straight-talking and hilarious presentation.

TOPICS COVERED

- CYBERBULLYING
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- GAMING
- ONLINE PREDATORS
- ADULT/HARMFUL CONTENT
- SMARTPHONES

PLUS SOLUTIONS - FILTERS - BOUNDARIES

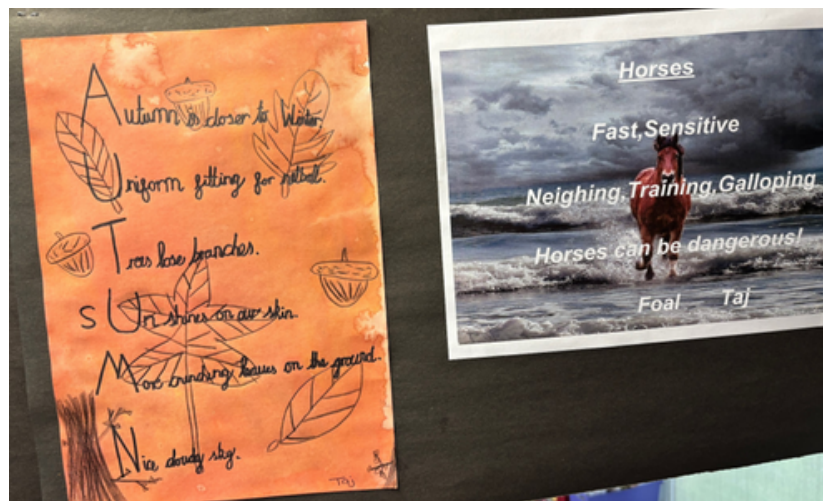
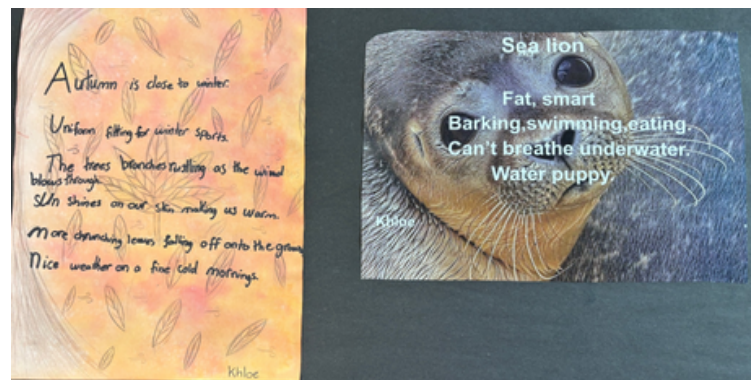
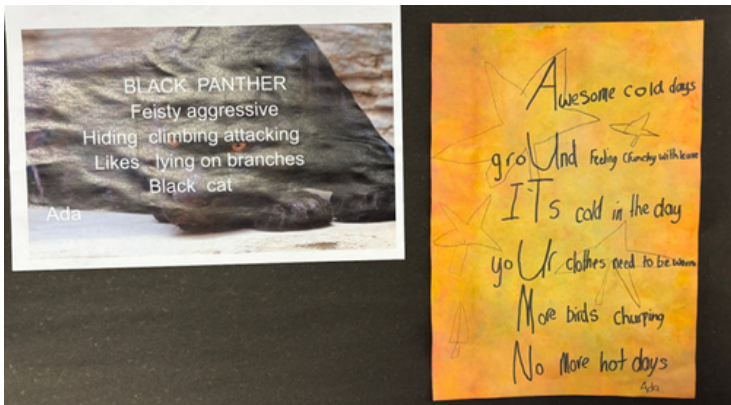
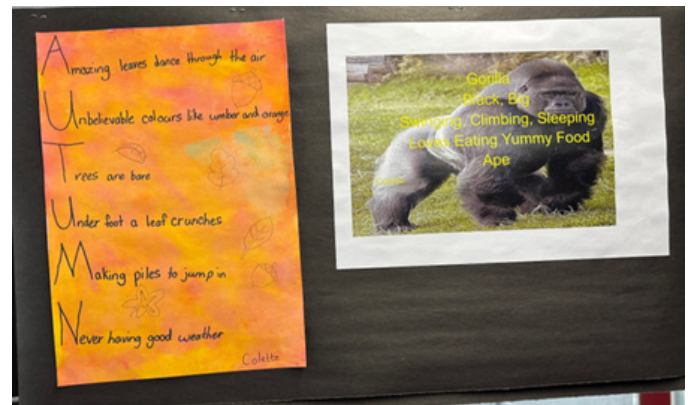
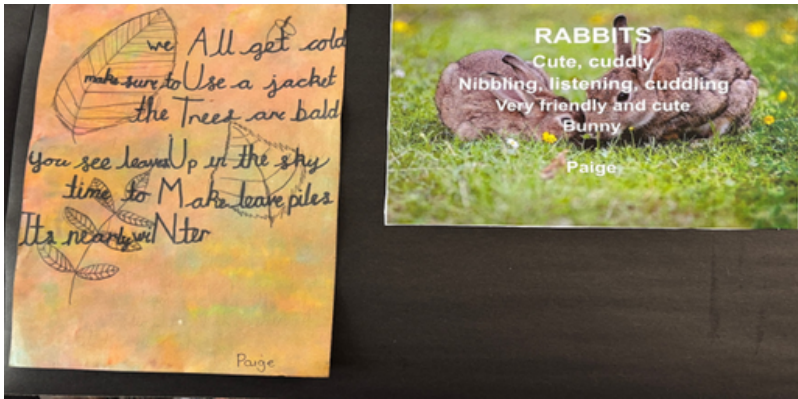
MONDAY 27TH JULY - 6:30PM
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18+ ADULTS ONLY

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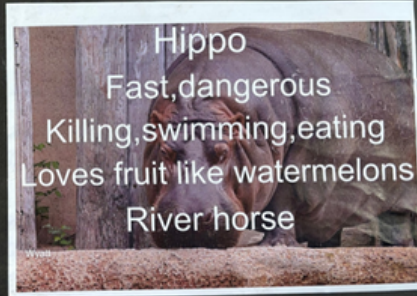
CLASS SHARING

Matai Room 7

Room 7 have been learning about poems. They have created acrostic and cinquain poems.



A leaf crumpled underfoot
 fuzzy socks are warm
 trees lose green
 yum hot chocolate
 the r m ometer for cold
 foas feq n umb on concrete
 Vincent



Hippo
 Fast, dangerous
 Killing, swimming, eating
 Loves fruit like watermelons
 River horse

It starts to get cold
 Under trees is shade
 trees lose their leaves
 Full with friends
 birds migrate because it gets food
 No more hedges until spring
 Vincent



Kiwi
 Little, fast
 Hiding, sleeping, eating
 Eats food usually worms
 Furry bird
 Vincent

All the wind blowing at our faces
 Using time to pick up leaves and branches
 The cold weather
 Up high the clouds are taking over the sky
 Messy but very pretty
 No COLDS please!
 Vincent



PUPPIES
 Cute, Playful,
 Running, Growing, Loving,
 They eat and drink,
 Whelp

Animals when A te like bears
 Shake Under beautiful trees
 T raveling through snow
 m Um makes his character
 M uti covers his hands
 N uts drop down on the ground
 Archer



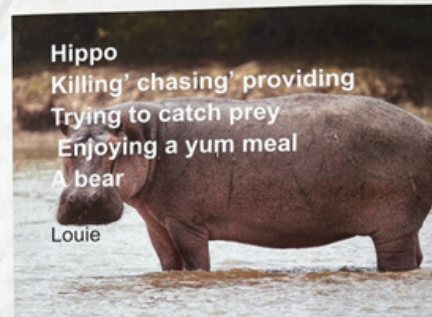
Snail
 Slippery, hard
 Sliding, slinking, eating
 Snails are very happy
 Garden tank Archer

A cold blizzard comes
 Our coats come out
 Trees losing lives to blossom
 Our feet get cold on the car
 Makes the wind blow hard on our faces
 No bias come out in the morning
 Evie



Puppies
 Furry, cuddly
 Barking, playing, eating
 Running around the room
 Small dogs
 Evie

Autumn is a color season
 falling up leaves in the morning
 put a thermal on
 m um makes hot chocolate
 wear warm clothes
 these o warmth in the air
 Louie



Hippo
 Killing, chasing, providing
 Trying to catch prey
 Enjoying a yum meal
 A bear
 Louie

Kahikatea Room 10

Kahikatea Poetry

At the beginning of the term, we completed a novel study on Love That Dog, a book all about poetry. We read and explored different poems from the story, talking about what they meant and the techniques the poets used. The students then used these poems as inspiration to write their own poems and share their creativity through writing.

Fan

So much depends upon
The silver spinning fan
Gently cooling you off
On a hot summers night



By Scarlett Swain

Our Creative Stories

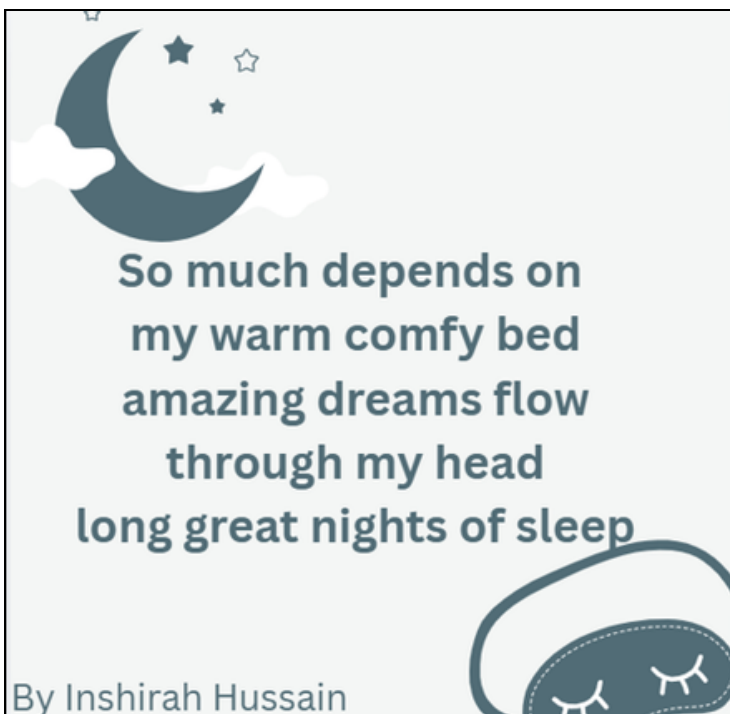
Stories rise and stories fall
Some may rise against them all
So whatever they shall bring
Forever they shall ring
Cause stories are written from a call

By Ella Wen



So much depends on
my warm comfy bed
amazing dreams flow
through my head
long great nights of sleep

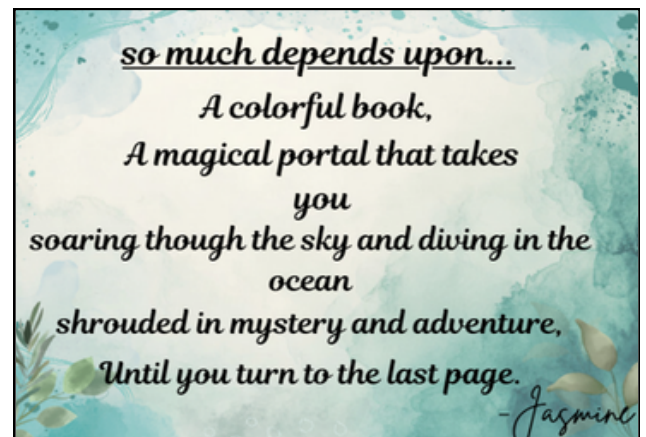
By Inshirah Hussain



so much depends upon...

*A colorful book,
A magical portal that takes
you
soaring though the sky and diving in the
ocean
shrouded in mystery and adventure,
Until you turn to the last page.*

- Jasmine



Sketch book poem

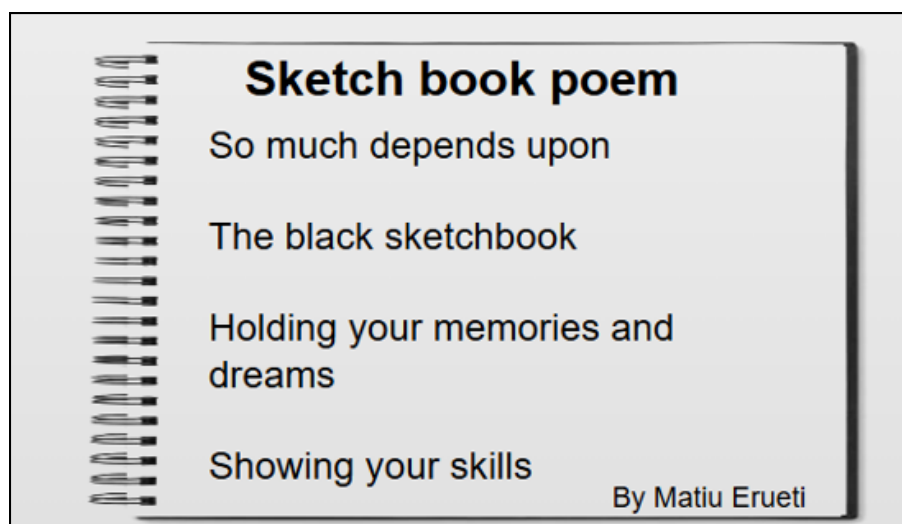
So much depends upon

The black sketchbook

Holding your memories and
dreams

Showing your skills

By Matiu Erueti



CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Congratulations to our students who participated last Friday in the Junior Tough Guy and Gal Mud Run!

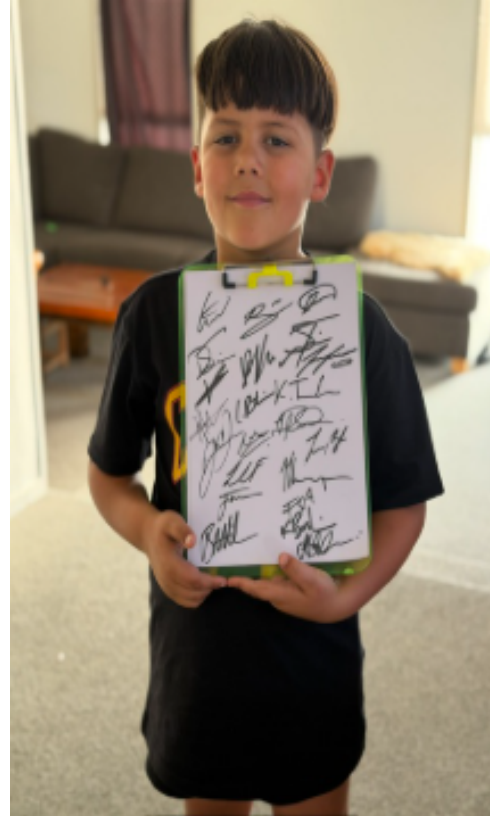
There was plenty of mud around! Thank you to all our parents who helped with transport, supervision and support.





Congratulations to Jordi Ngatai

Jordi got to spend a day with the Chiefs and had the opportunity to do some training with them too. He even featured on the Chiefs Facebook page. He had photos with the players, did some training with them, saw their locker rooms and had a turn holding their trophies.



Values

Week 8		
Reign Rakena	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Olivia Etheridge	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Jordi Ngatai	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Ayla Maile	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Vivaan Bhagat	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Louie Baker	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Cooper Wiseman	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Ella Boswell	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Matiu Erueti	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning.

Week 9		
Aubrey Harper	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Nivaaz Badesha	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Layla Tremayne	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Isabelle Paki	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning.
Lily Finnerty-Mills	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of respect.
Casey Mancer	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of courage.
Evie Hippolite	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of empathy.
Luke Vann	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of respect.

Class Certificates - Week 8 - Term 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Dylan MacDonald-Hooper	For being a friendly and helpful member of Rata Room 1.
Rātā Room 1	Aubrey Harper	For showing confidence with her independent writing.
Mānuka Room 2	Claire Smith	For being an active learner with lots of progress in your heart words.
Mānuka Room 2	Sione Maile	For being an active learning class member, making lots of progress reading heart words.
Tōtara Room 3	Summer Martin	For working hard across all areas of learning. Well done!
Tōtara Room 3	Edie Crellin	For always showing great pride in your learning. Keep it up!
Ponga Room 4	Saydee Winikerei	For your focus and dedication towards your learning. Keep it up!
Ponga Room 4	Reign Makuch	For being an active learner during maths and completing your tasks. Well done.
Pūriri Room 6	Lily Finnerty Mills	Always demonstrating REACH values.
Pūriri Room 6	Anaiyah-Lee Kelemete-Vaniqi	Always demonstrating REACH values.
Mataī Room 7	Alice McGowan	For working really hard on her cursive writing.
Mataī Room 7	Theo Cowley	For working really hard on his cursive writing.
Nīkau Room 8	Evie Hippolite	For being a positive role model and helping others in literacy.
Nīkau Room 8	Grayson Ireton	Showing a real improvement in his attitude to reading.
Kauri Room 9	Kaira Sharma	For consistently working to a high standard and showing determination in all aspects of learning.
Kauri Room 9	Ashleigh McLaren	For being a role model to others by showing respectful behaviour, positive attitudes and excellent choices.
Kahikatea Room 10	Anna Haldane	For great use of directional language in maths today.
Kahikatea Room 10	Miley Fraser	For great team work and problem solving when building cars.

Class Certificates - Week 9 - Term 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Isla Matenga	For making great progress with your letters and handwriting.
Rātā Room 1	Raaya Sami	For making great progress with your letters and handwriting.
Mānuka Room 2	Thomas Playford	For demonstrating growing confidence and courage by taking risks in your learning and giving new challenges a try.
Mānuka Room 2	Olivia Etheridge	For showing courage in your learning and achieving great success.
Tōtara Room 3	Jordi Ngatai	For consistently working hard in writing and acting on feedback to improve.
Tōtara Room 3	Theo Tipene	For showing perseverance and hard work to complete your learning.
Ponga Room 4	Caleb Hippolite	For your out of the box thinking. I have enjoyed listening to your thoughts and ideas around our earth and sun topic.
Ponga Room 4	Addison Harris	For your focus and effort you have put into your learning. Keep it up.
Pūriri Room 6	Vivaan Bhagat	Writing such an interesting story today.
Pūriri Room 6	Danilo Standing	You excellent effort in writing today.
Matai Room 7	Shepard Cairns-Eade	For always helping others in the classroom and taking on responsibility.
Matai Room 7	Liam Harrison	For working really hard on his space story.
Nīkau Room 8	Sophie Swain	Writing some really interesting sentences, using adjectives.
Nīkau Room 8	Shia Paterson	Excellent work in spelling and dictation!!
Kauri Room 9	Aiden Nand	For the amazing progress you have made this term. Well done!
Kauri Room 9	Van MacDonald-Hooper	For your positive attitude and excellent effort in all learning areas. Well done!
Kahikatea Room 10	Kenai Kingi	For quietly working hard and always giving 100% in your learning. Well done!
Kahikatea Room 10	Ariesha Nand	For being a hardworking learner who always gives things a go and does it with a smile.

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World of Science

FREE FUN

The Science Roadshow is back at Chartwell these School Holidays!

Monday 6 July - Friday 17 July
10am - 4pm daily

Located in Centre Court on Level 1, near Life Pharmacy.
Find out more at chartwellshopping.co.nz

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Recommended for ages 5+ and all children under 16 must be supervised. Entry is conditional and subject to availability.