Rotokauri
PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our positive environment will actively engage us all in learning.

TOGETHER WE GROW TOGETHER WE LEARN

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.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Led Conferences

Thank you to all the families that were able to come along to our student led conferences last week. We hope you enjoyed listening to your child/children sharing their progress and achievement this year.

Junior Athletics Day Wednesday 11th November

5, 6, 7 and 8 year old children will be competing in the Junior School Athletics on Wednesday 11th November. Events will run from 9:30am. The High Jump Competition will be held at different times, please check times below.
Please make sure children come dressed appropriately for running, jumping and throwing, as well as for the weather conditions. They should also bring a water bottle.
A message will be posted on SkoolLoop if this event is postponed due to weather by 8:30am. The postponement date is the following day, Thursday 12th November.

Junior Athletics Day Timetable

	Shotput/Softshot	Sprints	Long Jump	Vortex Throw/ Discus
9:30am 1st Rotation	5 year olds	8 year olds	7 year olds	6 year olds
10:15am 2nd Rotation	6 year olds	5 year olds	8 year olds	7 year olds
11:00-11:20	Morning Tea Break			
11:30am 3rd Rotation	7 year olds	6 year olds	5 year olds	8 year olds Discus
12:30-1:20	Lunch Break			
1:30pm 4th Rotation	8 year olds Shotput	7 year olds	6 year olds	5 year olds
2:15pm	8 year olds: High Jump competition			

Junior High Jump Competition

Monday 9th November on the Turf
9:00 am: 7 year olds
11:30 am: 5 year olds
1:30 pm: 6 year olds

Senior Athletics Day Friday 6th November

9-13 year old children will be competing in the Senior School Athletics on Friday 6th November. Events will run from 9.30 a.m. until 2.30pm. Students will be competing in discus, shotput, high jump, long jump and sprints. Keep an eye on Facebook for possible postponement due to weather. The postponement date for the Athletics Day is Tuesday 10th November.

Senior Athletics 2026 Friday 6th November (P.D Tuesday 10th November)						
Approx Times	Shot Put)	High Jump	Long Jump	Discus	Sprints - 100m & 200m	800m
9:15 - 10:00		9 Year Olds	10 Year Olds	11 Year Olds	12+13 Year Olds	
10:00 - 10:45	12+13 Year Olds		9 Year Olds	10 Year Olds	11 Year Olds	
10:45 - 11:15	Morning Tea					
11:15 - 12:00	11 Year Olds	12+13 Year Olds		9 Year Olds	10 Year Olds	
12:00 - 12:45	10 Year Olds	11 Year Olds	12+13 Year Olds		9 Year Olds	
12:45 - 1:15	Lunch					
1:15 - 2:00	9 Year Olds	10 Year Olds	11 Year Olds	12+13 Year Olds		
2:00 - 2:30	House Relays					

Calendar Fundraising

Kia ora families,
Your child has been busy creating artwork as part of our Calendar Art fundraiser and it's now ready to view and order online. We're turning their art into beautiful personalised products including calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads. These make wonderful gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

To place your order:

1. Go to kidsartworks.com
2. Enter your school code: KZ1385
3. Select your child's room and name, view their artwork and place your order.

Orders are open until 4 November. Payment is made securely online by credit card or bank transfer directly to Kids Artworks.

Wool In Schools

How exciting to have our Campaign For Wool NZ Wool Shed container arrive at school this week. This is an interactive experience for our students as they discover the incredible world of natural fibres, sustainability and the science of wool.

BOT NEWS

Pool Helpers

The BOT would like to open the school swimming pool over the summer season. However, in order to do this we need volunteers for the swimming pool committee (subsidized key) please leave your name and phone number at the school office if you can help out for 2 weeks over the Christmas holiday period on a roster basis.

Gaga Pit

Thank you to Brooklyn Winikerei, Cary & Henri Viljoen and their families for all their hard work with constructing and sourcing materials for the Gaga Pit for the children. Also thank you to Brad and Olly Kells from Laser Plumbing for all the ground work. We were fortunate to have ITM provide a significant discount for the materials as well. It has been used extensively by the students since coming back to school.

Support Rotokauri School Through Our New Sponsorship Signage Package

Rotokauri School is inviting local businesses to support our school community through our annual signage and sponsorship package.

This is a great opportunity for businesses to show their support for our students, while receiving visible recognition within the school community.

Sponsorship contributions help support school sport, outdoor education, student opportunities, sports equipment, facilities, teams and wider school projects.

The package includes:

- A sponsor sign displayed inside our covered turf area
- One dedicated sponsor thank you post on the school Facebook page
- Recognition in the school newsletter for one term
- Sponsor logo or advertisement displayed on the school digital sign
- Sponsor logo included on the Rotokauri School website sponsor page

The annual sponsorship investment is $500 + GST, plus a one-off signage production cost of $169 + GST.

We are grateful for the support of local businesses who help create more opportunities for our tamariki.

For more information or to secure a sponsorship space, please contact Sue Esselbrugge sesselbrugge.bot@rotokauri.school.nz



PTA NEWS


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JUST 2 WEEKS TO GO! LET'S MAKE OUR GALA AMAZING!

Our school gala is only TWO WEEKS AWAY, and we're getting excited!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated items, offered their time or helped behind the scenes. We really appreciate it.

Now we need one final push from our school community! Every donation, big or small, helps us create a fantastic day for our tamariki and families.

If you've been meaning to contribute, now is the perfect time!

🎁 Our four gala donation requests: can every family help?

If possible, please consider contributing to the following four areas:

🍬 Filled jars

Fill a jar with little treats, stationery, small toys or other goodies. These are always popular and you can earn house points for bringing them in!

🧸 Pre-loved cuddly toys

Do you have any good-quality soft toys looking for a new home? We'd love to give them a second life at the gala. Please bring in before 6 November as we wash all cuddly donations!

🛒 Grocery items

We're building a giant grocery gift basket for our raffle. Any suitable grocery item would be gratefully received.

🎀 Classroom themed gift baskets

Each classroom is creating a themed basket for our grand raffle, and we'd love every family to get involved if they can. Even one small, budget-friendly item from Kmart or the dollar store makes a difference.

- Room 1: Movie night
- Room 2: Kids' pack (girls)
- Room 3: Kids' pack (boys)
- Room 4: Art and craft
- Room 5: Movie night
- Room 6: Summer fun
- Room 7: Gardening
- Room 8: Baker's box
- Room 9: Women's self-care
- Room 10: Men's self-care

🎁 LAST CALL FOR LARGER RAFFLE PRIZES!

Could you or your business donate a larger prize for our gala raffle? We'd love to hear from you! Past donations have included bikes, scooters, chilly bins, wheelbarrows, meat packs, speakers, kayaks, event tickets and experience vouchers.

Could your business help? Please email pta@rotokauri.school.nz. We'd love to hear from you!

🙌 Can you spare an hour to help?

A successful gala takes a team effort. We still need helping hands with:

- Set-up: 7:00–10:00 am on gala day
- Pack-down: Helping tidy up at the end of the event
- Classroom stalls: Please look out for details from your child's teacher
- Food preparation and cooking: A couple of adults with access to suitable cooking equipment are needed. Ingredients will be provided.

If you can lend a hand, please get in touch by email - pta@rotokauri.school.nz

❤️ Let's pull together for our school! ❤️

Two weeks to go... let's make this gala one to remember.



Whats Happening in Term 4

30th October	A & P Show day
2nd November	**NO TECH (Year 7 & 8)**
3rd November	PTA Meeting 6.30 p.m
6th November	Senior Athletics (9+ years)
9th November	Year 7 & 8 Tech
10th November	Senior Athletics postponement date
11th November	Junior Athletics (5 - 8 year olds)
12th November	Junior Athletics postponement date
14th November	Car Show and Gala
16th November	Year 7 & 8 Tech
17th November	Board meeting 5.30 p.m
17th - 20th November	Year 7 & 8 camp at Camp Adair (Hunua)
20th November	Cluster Athletics
22nd - 24th November	Year 5 & 6 camp at Finlay Park (Cambridge)
23rd November	Year 7 & 8 Tech
30th November	Year 7 & 8 Tech
3rd December	PTA disco - Christmas theme
8th December	Board meeting 5.30 p.m
9th December	School Prizegiving - on the field
10th December	Students visit class for 2027 Reports home
11th December	Last day of term - normal day - 3.00 pm finish
14th December	Teacher Only Day
2nd February 2027	First Day of Term 1 2027

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Kapa Haka Festival

Congratulations to our Kapa Haka performance group for their outstanding effort presenting their showcase of waiata and haka at the festival at Whatawhata School last week. To the parents that attended to support the students - thank you, you must have been beaming with pride as I was when the children were on stage. The children looked amazing and performed with confidence and enthusiasm. Special thanks to Mary Evans, Rachel Warbrick and Julie Bradshaw for their encouragement and dedication working with this group on a weekly basis.











Group Day Results

Congratulations to all our students that competed with their animals at Group Day in Gordonton last week.

Calves

- Lotti Phillips - 3rd in Leading, 1st in Rearing, 6th in Beef Type

Goats

- Alex Oldham - 2nd in Most Obvious Pet, Reserve Champion Most Obvious Pet, 1st in Leading, Champion Leading, 1st in Rearing, Champion Rearing

Lambs

- Isla Hewitt - 2nd in Leading, 2nd Most Obvious Pet, 3rd in Rearing
- Edith Crellin - 3rd in Leading, 1st Most Obvious Pet, Reserve Champion Most Obvious Pet, 1st in Rearing
- Sienna Bain - 2nd in Leading, 5th in Rearing
- Archer Crellin - 6th in Leading, 1st Most Obvious Pet, Champion Most Obvious Pet, 1st in Rearing, Champion Rearing
- Arlo Hewitt - 4th Most Obvious Pet, 4th in Rearing













Class Certificates - Week 1 - Term 4

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Raaya Sami	For growing confidence in your reading.
Rātā Room 1	Isla Matenga	For growing confidence in your reading.
Mānuka Room 2	Abby Hippolite	For your excellent progress in reading. Keep up the great mahi.
Mānuka Room 2	Conrad Ryan	For your active learning in maths. Keep up the great effort.
Tōtara Room 3	Brielle Cowley	For your hard work and active learning in your reading.
Tōtara Room 3	Zack O'Brien	For your awesome efforts you have put into your writing.
Ponga Room 4	Harry Martin	For how well you have returned back to school with a positive attitude. You have settled back in class so respectfully!
Ponga Room 4	Yuvaan Narayan	For your participation during Ag Day. I loved seeing you work independently and put care into your exhibits.
Rimu Room 5	Kaea Rei-Maynard	For her creativity and focus during Ag Day activities. Well done Kaea!
Rimu Room 5	Lawson Burley	For his creativity and focus during Ag Day activities. Well done Lawson!
Pūriri Room 6	Anaiyah-Lee Kelemete-Vaniqi	Demonstrating awesome active learning.
Pūriri Room 6	Lotti Phillips	Being such a good friend to others.
Mataī Room 7	Evie Bourne	For working hard on her Ag Day activities and with her animal.
Mataī Room 7	Cohen O'Brien	For working hard on Ag Day in class on his farm and cupcakes.
Nīkau Room 8	Aroha Bhagat	For her creative and expressive ideas during Ag Day.
Nīkau Room 8	Cody Calnan	For his creativity and resilience when making Ag Day creations.
Kauri Room 9	Evie Hodgson	For showing Respect and Active Learning despite all the changes in R9 this week.
Kauri Room 9	Teagan Mancer	For showing Respect and Active Learning despite all the changes in R9 this week.
Kahikatea Room 10	Keani Kingi	For stepping up and helping out at Ag Day and for being an active learner in her literacy this week. Awesome work!
Kahikatea Room 10	Talia Hefferon	For stepping up to help out at Ag Day and for all the fantastic creations that made you Room 10 indoor champion, Well done!

Class Certificates - Week 2 - Term 4

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Toby Boswell	For showing Rotokauri School Values on our school trip.
Rātā Room 1	Aubrey Harper	For showing Rotokauri School Values on our school trip.
Mānuka Room 2	Hudson Gibbison	For showing all the Rotokauri School values while on a school trip.
Mānuka Room 2	Myla-Rose Joyce	For showing all the Rotokauri School values while on a school trip.
Tōtara Room 3	Ivey Griffin	For your active learning when solving fraction math problems.
Tōtara Room 3	Flynn Smith - Thorpe	For working so hard in your writing, you have written some great pieces.
Ponga Room 4	James Davison	For having a postitive attitude when tackling tricky maths problems this term.
Ponga Room 4	Kash Wiseman	For being an active learner during your independent work time in maths. Keep it up!
Rimu Room 5	Taylor Griffin	For amazing progress in her reading and writing. Keep it up Taylor!
Rimu Room 5	Shiloh Clayton	For amazing progress in her reading and writing. Keep it up Shiloh!
Mataī Room 7	Ruchika Minhas	For doing an awesome job at the Kapa Haka festival.
Mataī Room 7	Carys Land	For doing an awesome job at the Kapa Haka festival.
Nīkau Room 8	Ayaan Kotte Godage	Excellent improvement in reading.
Nīkau Room 8	Ryan Bhagat	For confidently showing his work at student led conferences - very respectful and brave.
Kauri Room 9	Aston Burt	For being an incredible role model for how to show respect.
Kauri Room 9	Enzo Maresca-Allison	For doing an incredible job of leading the boys in our Kapa Haka performance yesterday.
Kahikatea Room 10	Inshirah Hussain	For taking an active role in her literacy.
Kahikatea Room 10	Miley Fraser	For taking an active role in her literacy.
Kahikatea Room 10	Talia Hefferon	For doing outstanding creations in her indoor Ag Day and being the Room 10 winner. Congratulations!

Values

Week 10 - Term 3		
Thiya Patel	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of **respect.**
Hudson Gibbison	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of **respect.**
Ziggy MacDonald-Hooper	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of **empathy.**
Arlo Hewitt	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of **active learning.**
Sarman Kaur	Rimu Room 5	For demonstrating the value of **respect.**
Leo Hefferon	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of **active learning.**
Evie Bourne	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of **active learning.**
Chloe Moka	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of **honesty.**
Ruby Wilson	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of **active learning.**
Mahi Sharma	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of **honesty.**

Week 1 - Term 4		
Raaya Sami	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of **respect.**
Mya McNabb	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of **respect.**
Holley Emerson	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of **respect.**
Ryan Mackrell	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of **courage.**
Shiloh Clayton	Rimu Room 5	For demonstrating the value of **respect.**
Calista Baker-Smith	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of **empathy.**
Violet Short	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of **active learning.**
Cleo Mackrell	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of **courage.**
Thomas Warner	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of **active learning.**

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