



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 8 - Navraj Brar

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to Term 2. How exciting to return to school to find the turf laid and almost completed. The formal opening of the turf is scheduled for 21st May at 2.30 p.m. This will consist of a small ceremony and then a hockey game on the new turf. We are also making great progress with the Room 5 toilet block renovation.

With the autumn months, comes a change to the cooler weather many of us enjoy. Please encourage your children to 'dress to the conditions' in the morning and urge them to pick up their clothes when they take them off as the day warms up. Although the amount of lost property around the school has reduced a bit, we are trying to further reduce the 'losses' as far as possible.

This term we have 11 weeks and the days are filling up quickly.

Some reminders to start the term -

- **Birthday treats** - please keep treats and cakes for your child's birthday with friends and/or family. We have some children with allergies, it puts unnecessary pressure on some families and can be disruptive for the teachers. Thank you for your understanding.
- **Clothing** - needs to be comfortable and allows the students to move freely to participate in school activities, should be named.
 - No inappropriate language or pictures on clothing
 - No gang affiliations
 - No makeup
 - No false nails
 - Jewellery - studs and sleepers (no dangly earrings)
 - Tinted eyelashes need to get school permission.
 - High heel shoes are not appropriate for school
 - Limit dress up clothing to special days only
 - Smart Watches and Fitbits can be at school but if used for communication or gaming they will be removed
- **Mobile phones** - as we settle into the new term, a friendly reminder regarding the "away for the day" mobile phone policy now in place across all New Zealand schools. To help our students stay focused on their learning and engage with their peers, we require all phones to be handed in to the school office at the start of the day, rather than being kept in bags. Students can collect them again once the final bell rings. We know phones can be essential for coordinating after-school plans, so if you need to reach your child urgently during the day, please just give the school office a call - we will get the message to them. Thank you for keeping our learning spaces distraction free and our students safe.

- **Winter sports** - thank you in anticipation. It is nearly time for all our winter sports to start and there is a lot of sports practices already underway. Thank you to our staff and parents who have committed time, energy and expertise to assist with our teams.
- **Guitar lessons** - it was wonderful to see and hear the students at guitar lessons this week. Thank you to Rob Hooper for sharing your talent with our students.
- **Carpark behaviour** - we once again ask that parents/caregivers role model safe behaviour in the carparks at all times and show respect to staff when moving through the carparks.
 - Please do not park on yellow lines or block pedestrian crossings.
 - Walking across the carparks is strongly discouraged as we expect our students to use the pedestrian crossing appropriately.
 - The busbay is a drive-thru so adults should not be getting out of their vehicles - if students require assistance to get into the vehicle, put seatbelts on etc then drivers need to find a carpark.
 - Dogs are not allowed on school grounds so if picking up students please leave dogs in the vehicles.
- **Homework** - all classes have a homework programme which we encourage parents to work with their child to complete.

And finally, a reminder about a parent's responsibility whilst their child is at school -

- Get children to school by an appropriate time e.g by 8.45 a.m.
- Administer medication before school rather than relying on the school office to do this.
- Send children to school with all the necessary requirements e.g returning readers, library books, homework books on correct days.
- Ensure that children have enough morning tea and lunch for the day.
- Ensure that children are dressed appropriately.
- Ensure that children come to school clean and tidy.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith
Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

TERM 2	
Monday 4 May	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 5 May	EPro8 - Year 7 & 8 - 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Wednesday 6 May	EPro8 - Year 5 & 6 - 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Monday 11 May	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 12 May	6.30 p.m PTA meeting
Thursday 14 May	6.30 p.m Lit Quiz @ Berkley Intermediate
Friday 15 May	Junior Football Tournament Year 3 & 4
Monday 18 May	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 19 May	5.30 p.m BOT meeting
Thursday 21 May	Turf (COLA) Opening 2.30 pm
Monday 25 May	Tech - Year 7 & 8 Kindy Literacy Evening
Tuesday 26 May	Class Photos
Monday 1 June	King's Birthday - no school
Monday 8 June	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 9 June	6.30 p.m PTA meeting
Thursday 11 June	PTA Disco - PJ party
Monday 15 June	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 16 June	5.30 p.m PTA meeting
Friday 19 June	Tough Guy/Tough Gal
Monday 22 June	Tech - Year 7 & 8
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

GENERAL INFORMATION

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).

Junior Tough Guy/Gal

There are just 8 spaces for Y3-8 students left for the Junior Tough Guy/Gal challenge at Ngāruawahia Christian Camp on Friday 19 June.

If you would like to register your child for one of these last spots, please get in touch with Ms Jaimee Carter jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz for information on how to enter online.

Road Safety Awareness Week - Wear Yellow and BEEP BEEP Day

Next week is Road Safety Week. All students are invited to wear **YELLOW** on Wednesday 6 May to raise awareness of road safety for children and families.

Remember:

- be safe crossing roads, using pedestrian crossings when available and hold hands of younger children.
- ensure everyone in the vehicle have put on their seat belts and younger children are in the appropriate car seats and boosters.
- ensure correct parking and safety in our very busy bus bay and car park.

We are also inviting families to BEEP BEEP their horn in the bus bay and car park area when children have walked safely to their cars and clicked their seat belts. A reminder that children using the bus bay must be able to enter on the left side and put their seat belt on independently when being picked up from the bus bay for safety and traffic flow.

Our ROAD PATROL HEROES are welcome to dress up as super heroes on Wednesday and/or on their road patrol duty day.

Junior Football Tournament

The annual Junior School Football Tournament is being held on Friday 15th May at school on the bottom field. There will be four teams of Year 3 and 4 students. Complete the entry form on Kindo. This is a fun day and great for children who want to try football. The Junior Football newsletters with specific information has been handed out to **Year 3 and 4** children. There is food available to pre-order on Kindo.

CLASS SHARING

Rātā Room 1

In Room 1 we have learned about ANZAC day.
As an artwork we folded a Remembrance Cross and added a few Poppy flowers.



“LEST NOT FORGET”



Mānuka Room 2

This term Room2 is investigating light and shadow.



When we go outside we make a shadow. Our shadow follows our movements. Shadows are black because we block the sun.

By Jackson

When we went outside we blocked the sun and made shadows. Our shadow does everything we do. Shadows are black because we block the sun.

By Willow

When we go out of the house we go in the sun. Our shadow comes from the sun and it copies us.

By Delilah

When we go outside we block the sun and it makes a shadow. Shadows are dark because we are blocking the sun.

By Avyaan



Room 2 playing mini football games



CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Attendance

How many students regularly attended school in Term 1?

75%

(compared to 72% of students in Term 1, 2025)

Regular attendance = over 90% attendance

How many students were on-time to class in Term 1?

94%

of students are arriving on-time regularly (over 90% of the time)

Well done and keep it up.

AIMS Games Hockey Team

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent Rotokauri School at the AIMS Games this year -

- Harry Gyde
- Ashleigh McLaren
- Indy Payne
- Noxx Rogers
- Bella Kelemete-Vaniqi
- Keani Kingi
- Kaylee Quinlan
- Miley Fraser
- Carter Moka
- Archer McFall
- Hugo Hodgson
- Riley Glover

EPro8 Teams

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent Rotokauri School at the EPro8 competitions next week -

Year 5 & 6 team -

- Archer Crellin
- Paige Robinson Hastings
- Cohen O'Brien
- Van Macdonald Hooper
- Theo Winikerei - backup

Year 7 & 8 team -

- Cameron Emslie
- Hugo Hodgson
- Koby Rose
- Kaylee Quinlan
- Harry Gyde - backup

Values

Week 7 - Term 1		
Thiya Patel	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Josiah Preest	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Summer Martin	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of honesty .
Ameera Stevenson	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Karish Bhagat	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Avneet Sangha	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Isla Cowley	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Carter Turner-Thompson	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Mackenzie O'Rourke	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of respect .

Week 8 - Term 1		
Eknoor Kaur	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Sione Maile	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Mehreen Kaur	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Shay Gill	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Teagan Russell	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Alex Oldham	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of honesty .
Aroha Bhagat	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Cohen Harris	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Mahi Sharma	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning .

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Week 9 - Term 1		
Koa Phillips	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Jackson McConnell	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Maninder Pannu	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Addison Harris	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Penny Clarke-Gray	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Khloe Bennett	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Sophie Swain	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Aiden Nand	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Rangjot Dhaliwal	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning .

Week 1 - Term 2		
Reid Langeveld	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of honesty .
Mika Knight	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Theo Tipene	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Kian Chand	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Mia-Rose Storer	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Vincent Warner	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Zaylee van den Heever	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Zac Hoebergen	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Korbyn Fergus	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning .

Class Certificates - Week 1 - Term 2

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Reign Rakena	Working hard on learning to write his numbers and letters.
Rātā Room 1	Amara - Jayde Kelemete -Vaniqi	For settling good into school routines.
Mānuka Room 2	Sione Maile	For your hard work this week. You have been a focused, active learner.
Mānuka Room 2	Nivaaz Badesha	For your hard work this week. You have been a focused, active learner.
Tōtara Room 3	Brielle Cowley	For a positive start to the term and being ready to learn.
Tōtara Room 3	Zack O' Brien	For showing great effort and focus in writing.
Ponga Room 4	Ben Fyers	For being ready, focused and organised everyday this week!
Ponga Room 4	Psalm Rhind	For being helpful and respectful in class this week. Thank you!
Pūriri Room 6	Atlas Williams	Working so well through difficult math challenges.
Pūriri Room 6	Danilo Standring	Using some interesting adjectives in your writing.
Nīkau Room 8	Monik Prajapati	For active learning in math - completing work quickly and independently.
Nīkau Room 8	Cody Calnan	For making excellent choices in class and being an active learner.
Nīkau Room 8	Cleo Mackrell	For making excellent choices in class, being an active learner in reading and showing independence.
Kahikatea Room 10	Ella Wen	For consistently being an active learner and showing confidence in maths by using a range of strategies to solve problems
Kahikatea Room 10	Matiu Erueti	For staying focused on your work and consistently giving 100% effort.

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