



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 - Aria Augustus and Thiya Patel

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora Rotokauri School whaanau

Week 4 already. Thank you to all the families that have organised the appropriate sunhat for our summer term. It is a school rule that Rotokauri sunhats must be worn for Sunsmart behaviour. Hopefully the warmer weather will be with us soon as the school swimming pool is on schedule to open on 1st December. Keys will be available for sale for the season, so stay tuned for further details in the coming weeks.

The ballot for students wishing to attend Rotokauri School has now been decided and we welcome all the families that were successful. For most, they are families that already have siblings attending but we also have some more in-zone students. We look forward to having some new faces in 2026. Thank you to the families that have indicated that their child/ren will not be returning next year. This is extremely important as we finalise classes for 2026.

Last week we held the Scholastic Bookfair in the multipurpose room. Over \$3,000 of books were purchased. The school received \$942.80 to purchase new reading material for our library. Thank you to all the families that purchased items from the Bookfair.

On Thursday last week we hosted a large number of grandparents and special guests at Rotokauri School. Thank you to everyone that attended and to those families that provided food for the morning tea. There was such a wonderful buzz around the school as the students shared their learning with family members. Congratulations to Rooms 2 & 6 for presenting their Jump Jam items and to the Kapa Haka performance group for an outstanding item. A proud moment for many adults present on the day.

To finish the week we held a Book Character Day. What an amazing assortment of book characters that came to school that day and what creative families we have. The class results are -

Book Character Day - Class Results

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	Highly commended
Room 1	Eloise King Cat in the Hat	Ryker Wenzlick Simba	Myla-Rose Joyce Rapunzel	Edie Crellin Mog the Cat Zack O'Brien Darth Vader
Room 2	Jordi Ngatai Captain Underpants	Jameson Walker Gruffalo	Jordy McKinnon Dogman	Madeline Littleford Frozen 2
Room 3	Saydee Winikerei Padman	Lexi Viljoen Andrew Sheep	Reign Makuch Where's Wally?	Isabelle Paki The Witch of Maketu
Room 4	Calista Baker-Smith Little Bo Peep	Lily Finnerty-Mills Slinky Malinky	Isabelle Ryan Rapunzel	Tyler Lester Miles Morales
Room 5	Lily Swain Rainbow Fish	Thiya Patel Very Hungry Caterpillar	Aria Augustus Snow White	Roman Cronin Boyle Cat Boy (PJ Masks)
Room 6	Zaylee van den Heever Pippi Longstockings	Grayson Ireton Dogman	Casey Mancer WW1 Army soldier	Isla Cowley The Little Mermaid
Room 7	Ruby Wilson Gangster Granny	Theo Winikerei Darth Vader	Elijah Sinclair Grim Reaper	Teagan Mancer Queen of Hearts
Room 8	Sophie Swain Charlotte from Charlotte's Web	Te Aria Kingi Moana	Cohen O'Brien Maverick from Top Gun	Dot Warbrick Hermione from Harry Potter
Room 9	Ammon Hippolite The Joker	Riley Glover Dumbledore	Billie-May Murphy Puss 'n' Boots	Talia Hefferon Heidi Viljoen Hannah-Leah Warbrick Teletubbies
Room 10	Elsie van Rooij Blue Troll	Scarlett Swain Stickman	Cavalier Kingi Mya Hoebergen Minions	Hugo Hodgson Koby Payne Thing 1 & 2

As mentioned previously we have a full term ahead of us so please keep checking the school calendar and pencil in your diaries the following dates -

Friday 31st October	Junior Tabloids (Year 1 & 2) at Te Uku School Senior Athletics
Monday 3rd November	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Thursday 6th November	Junior Athletics
Friday 7th November	Gumboot Friday
Monday 10th November	Year 5 & 6 leave for camp at Raglan
Wednesday 12th November	Year 5 & 6 return from camp at Raglan
Monday 17th November	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 18th November	Year 7 & 8 leave for camp at Raglan BOT meeting 5.30 p.m
Friday 21st November	Year 7 & 8 return from camp at Raglan Cluster Athletics at Bremworth (8+ years)
Monday 24th November	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Monday 1st December	Tech - Year 7 & 8
Saturday 6th December	PTA Twilight Gala & Market(4 - 7 pm)
Monday 8th December	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Tuesday 9th December	PTA meeting 6 p.m
Thursday 11th December	PTA Disco - Christmas theme
Monday 15th December	Prizegiving 6 pm on the school field
Tuesday 16th December	Meet the new teachers/classes (2026) BOT meeting 5.30 p.m
Wednesday 17th December	Last day for the year

Good luck to the juniors attending the Tabloids Day at Te Uku tomorrow and to the students participating in Athletics over the next few weeks.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith
Principal

BOT NOTICES

The School Board would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Jane Rickman (Room 10) for being successful in being awarded a scholarship for study in 2026. This means that Jane will be teaching for one day a week in Room 10 next year, to enable her to complete her study. We wish you the best of luck Jane.

GENERAL NOTICES

Calendars

Final week for calendar art orders! Orders close at 11:59pm on Monday night! The students have been busy creating artwork that can be made into affordable calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads.

Each product is made from your own child's art.

These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

Follow these instructions to view your child's art and/or place an order online:

- 1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
- 2/. Use the Entrance Code: KZ1385
- 3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

The order is open from Monday 13 October until Monday 3 November.

Payment can be made over the Kids Artworks website via credit card or account2account. (not via our school Kindo system)

Got a family photo or other artwork you would like to use instead?? No worries - follow the prompts on the website for uploading your own artworks.

If you have any questions, please contact Jaimee Carter - jcarter@rotokauri.school.nz

Junior Athletics Day Tuesday 6th November

5, 6, 7 and 8 year old children will be competing in the Junior School Athletics on Thursday 6th November. Events will run from 9:30am. The High Jump Competition will be held at different times during the week, 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 Facebook if this event is postponed due to weather by 8:30am. The postponement date is the following day, Friday 7th 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

5 year olds at 1:40pm Tuesday 4th November

6 year olds at 11:30am Wednesday 5th November

7 year olds at 1:40pm Wednesday 5th November: 7 year olds

CELEBRATIONS

Hannah-Leah's Art Exhibit

Over the past few months, Year 6 student, Hannah-Leah Warbrick has been working hard on her designs for the Making Changes Arts Competition. This competition is open to local artists (adults and children) and their designs are displayed for a month at Artspost in Hamilton.

On Thursday, 23rd October, the opening night of the arts exhibition, Hannah-Leah showcased her exceptional talent. On top of that, one of her pieces of art was sold on the opening night.

Well done Hannah-Leah for your amazing achievement. We look forward to following your arts journey.



Group Day Results

Congratulations to all the Rotokauri students that participated in this cluster event. Good luck to those students that will be participating in the Waikato A & P show on tomorrow.

Calves

Senior Early Leading - 3rd - Rebecca Cameron

Lambs

Sub Junior Most Obvious Pet - 4th - Edie Crellin

Junior Most Obvious Pet - 2nd - Archer Crellin

Intermediate Most Obvious Pet (Early) - 1st - Sophie Swain

Intermediate Most Obvious Pet (Late) - 5th - Ruby Wilson

Sub Junior Leading - 7th - Edie Crellin

Junior Leading - 4th - Archer Crellin

Intermediate Leading (Early) - 6th - Sophie Swain

Intermediate Leading (Late) - 7th - Ada Westgate

Senior Leading - 6th - Scarlett Swain

Sub Junior Rearing (Late) - Edie Crellin

Junior Rearing (Early) - 1st - Archer Crellin

Intermediate Rearing (Early) - 4th - Sophie Swain

Intermediate Rearing (Late) - 5th - Ruby Wilson

Senior Rearing (Late) - 5th - Scarlett Swain

Goats

Senior Most Obvious Pet - 2nd - Alex Oldham

Junior Leading - 7th - Liam Harrison

Senior Leading - 1st - Alex Oldham

Champion Leading - Alex Oldham

Junior Rearing (Early) - 5th - Liam Harrison

Senior Rearing (Late) - 1st - Alex Oldham

Reserve Champion Rearing (Late) - Alex Oldham



Alex competed at the Matamata A and P show on 11 October 2025.
His placings are as follows -

1st in Calling
Champion Calling
1st in Leading
Champion Leading
1st in Rearing
Champion Rearing
Supreme Champion kid goat



Class Certificates

Week 2 - Term 4

Rātā Room 1	Delilah Andrew	For working hard to learn the correct technique for long jump. Well done Delilah!
Rātā Room 1	Myla-Rose Joyce	For being engaged and asking interesting questions when the police officer visited.
Mānuka Room 2	Ziggy MacDonald-Hooper	For confidently participating in Keeping Ourselves Safe.
Mānuka Room 2	Harjot Sidhu	For your hard work and progress in your learning.
Tōtara Room 3	Harry Martin	For working with confidence and always showing our school values in everything you do.
Tōtara Room 3	Lexi Viljoen	For being a great role model and always showing determination to do your best.
Ponga Room 4	Izzy Ryan	For your hard work on Ag Day exhibits, they were amazing.
Ponga Room 4	Teagan Russell	For your hard work in maths. You always want to grow your brain.
Rimu Room 5	Melo Clark	For his creative recycled animal at Ag day.
Rimu Room 5	Reid Langeveld	For showing courage in athletics.
Mataī Room 7	Paige Robinson Hastings	Doing a fab fact finding on earthquakes.
Mataī Room 7	Kairo Sharma	For researching awesome facts on earthquakes
Nīkau Room 8	Kyla Martin	Showing courage in athletics.
Nīkau Room 8	Aiden Nand	For his imaginative work for Ag day.
Kauri Room 9	Billie-May Murphy	For working hard in all areas of her learning. Well done!
Kauri Room 9	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	For working hard in all areas of her learning. Well done!
Kahikatea Room 10	Archer McFall	For being an active learner in Algebra
Kahikatea Room 10	Cavalier Kingi	For making good progress in your reading.

Week 3 - Term 4

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Tom Playford	For making outstanding progress in literacy and reading fluency. Well done Tom!
Rātā Room 1	Olivia Etheridge	For making outstanding progress in literacy, especially sounding out words. Well done Olivia!
Mānuka Room 2	Ayla Maile	For being an Active Learner in all areas.
Mānuka Room 2	Mehreen Kaur	For your strong maths knowledge. You are making good progress.
Tōtara Room 3	Kash Wiseman	For working hard and showing improvement in your writing.
Tōtara Room 3	Malachi Buckle	For trying your best in maths and showing more confidence and improvement.
Ponga Room 4	Maia Langdon	For demonstrating good reading skills. Super proud, keep up the hard mahi.
Ponga Room 4	Lotti Phillips	For demonstrating good reading skills. Super proud, keep up the hard mahi.
Rimu Room 5	Aria Augustus	Showing courage in the first week of school.
Rimu Room 5	Thiya Patel	Showing courage in the first week of school.
Nīkau Room 8	Alex Oldham	For always leading the way with the chromebooks.
Nīkau Room 8	Avneet Sangha	For her courage at the book character day.
Kauri Room 9	Ammon Hippolite	For being an active learner in all areas.
Kauri Room 9	Heidi Viljoen	For being an active learner in all areas.
Kahikatea Room 10	Carter Moka	For being an active learner in maths.
Kahikatea Room 10	Ella Wen	For always consistently working hard in all areas of your learning.

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