



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 - Kaea Rei-Maynard, Lawson Burley and Sarman Kaur

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora koutou

September already - bring on Spring!

Value of RESPECT

This term the value of Respect has been at the forefront. We are focussing on - keeping our cloakbays neat and tidy, showing respect in the busbay by remaining quiet and seated, showing respect for our environment by taking responsibility for our belongings and the school's PE equipment, showing respect to others by using manners such as please and thank you. It would be great if these were reinforced at home.

Book Week is Here!

- Scholastic Book Fair: Discover new worlds and snag incredible reads all week long in the library. Open every day for families to wander through the book selection.
- Mystery Reader Takeover: Special guest readers - the teachers, dropped into classrooms for surprise storytimes!
- The Famous Book Character Day: students and teachers dressed up as their favorite book character on Wednesday. Well done to everyone for your efforts.

Grandparents/Special People Day

Our Grandparents and Special People In Our Lives Day is on tomorrow, Friday 4th September.

Timetable for the day:

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| 8.30 - 9.00 a.m | Scholastic Bookfair is open in the school's multipurpose room |
| 9.00 a.m | Classrooms open for visitors |
| 10.30 a.m | Morning tea for visitors and students - morning tea supplied by school |
| 11.00 a.m | Performance showcase - Kapa Haka, Jump Jam, guitar group |

Speeches

Congratulations to our four finalists that competed in the WFPS speech finals - Ella Wen, Hugo Hodgson, Cohen Harris and Heidi Viljoen. Special mention to Ella Wen for coming second and progressing to the next competition on 16 September.

Student Achievement

It is always with a touch of pride that I read about current and past student's success outside of school hours. If you know of someone that has done well please let me know so that we can all celebrate their accomplishments. I recently received an email from Paige Robinson-Hastings parents about her sporting achievement a few weekends ago. Paige travelled to Wellington for a major national cheerleading competition. The competition was incredibly fierce, with amazing athletes performing from all over the country.

This season, Paige took on a massive personal challenge by stepping up into a much older and higher skill level team called 'Impact'. Paige loved the challenge, gave it 100% and worked hard - as Paige always does! The team gave the performance of a lifetime, pulling off their best routine and successfully took out the gold medal in their division. Paige's parents and the staff at Rotokauri are incredibly proud of her bravery, dedication and team spirit. An awesome achievement Paige.



Some Reminders

Birthday treats - please keep treats (lollies etc) 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.

Carpark Behaviour - staff work extremely hard at both exits in the afternoons to get children safely into vehicles for their journey home. It is therefore, really disappointing to hear about incidents where staff have been spoken to rudely, not had instructions followed or been ordered to go get children as parents do not want to get out of their vehicles. This type of behaviour is unacceptable. Please be tolerant and respectful of staff at all times. Remember -

- Drivers must remain in their vehicles in the busbay - this is a quick pickup area.
- Children should be entering vehicles from the kerbside and should not be walking around the vehicle in the busbay.
- Adults and students should be using the pedestrian crossings at all times, there should be no walking across the carpark.
- Follow the directions of the staff when finding a carpark.

Have a great fortnight everyone. A special mention to all our dads as they celebrate Father's Day on Sunday - hope you all get spoilt as recognition for all that you do for your families.

Also, good luck to our AIMS Games representatives from Rotokauri School that will be competing from Sunday to Friday this coming week -

Cross Country - Thomas Warner

Hockey - Keani Kingi, Miley Fraser, Bella Kelemete-Vaniqui, Kaylee Quinlan, Indi Payne, Ashleigh McLaren, Harry Gyde, Carter Moka, Noxx Rogers, Archer McFall, Riley Glover and Hugo Hodgson.

Thank you also to the parent helpers that are supporting the team - Le Rogers, Aimee Fraser and David Gyde.

Nga mihi
Desiree Smith

BOT NEWS

We'd love to hear from you!

Our quick annual survey is your chance to tell the School Board what's going well and where we could do better. Think of it as a snapshot of how our school is feeling right now. Your feedback will help guide future planning and improvements.

The survey is anonymous, and the Board will look at all responses together. Please share your thoughts honestly and constructively, and remember not to name individual staff members, students or families.

You can access the survey via the following link: <https://forms.gle/P31yGexi6QHch3rx5> or by scanning this helpful QR code below:



Our policies are getting a refresh too!

We're nearly finished updating all school policies and moving them to SchoolDocs. They'll be available to view over the coming weeks. If there's something you'd like to share that isn't covered by this survey, take a look when the policies go live or get in touch with any Board member. You'll find their email addresses on the school website.

PTA NEWS

A reminder that **Gumdrops Desserts** that have been pre-ordered should be collected today from the front of the MPR between 3 and 4pm. Thank you to everyone that supported the PTA.

Our **next meeting** is coming up on the 8th September at 6.30pm. New members are welcome to join; we would love some extra hands as we prepare for our big event coming up in November.

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★ **CASH PRIZES FOR BEST VEHICLE** ★

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Jar Toss

Students can now bring in **filled jars and cuddly toys** in exchange for **housepoints**! Students should pass these onto their teachers, who will then award the housepoints.

Please ensure that jars are clean and avoid using jars that have contained strong-smelling food. If you are filling jars with lollies, please make sure the lollies are **individually wrapped**. Alongside treats, jar-filling ideas could include craft supplies, stickers, or small toys.

Thanks in advance - these popular events can only take place with your support.

Help on the day

If anyone is able to offer hands on help for the full day of the car show please get in touch. The more help we have, the more stalls we can run, and the more fun we can offer the kids and community 💙

Sponsorship for the Car Show & Gala

We are looking for some businesses to be our special sponsors for the event. Do you know any that might be interested? Please reach out to us at pta@rotokauri.school.nz if so! We are currently looking for gold, silver and bronze sponsors - for more information please read this letter.

We also are also currently asking businesses for:

- Prize donations
- Raffle items
- Goods or services
- Food or beverage sponsorship

Thanks in advance for all your support as we prepare for our biggest fundraiser of the year.

GENERAL NOTICES

Agricultural Day - 14 October 2026

Just a reminder, if you have not already done so, to put your entry in by **Monday, 21st September** <https://forms.gle/kUKoAQyAFZ4JJzyR7>



Sunhats

The school policy is that during Terms 1 & 4 all Rotokauri School students and staff must be wearing a Rotokauri sunhat whilst outside. These are for sale on your Kindo app for \$21.00 and can be collected from the school office. If you are unsure of the size you can try the hat on your child on collection.

These hats need to have no graffiti or embellishments, and must have a working toggle. Please ensure that students have these or they will have to play under the shade area at the top of the school.

Team / Group Photographs

- Team Photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 16 September. We will be using the on-line ordering system so payment details will come home at a later date.
- **Remember to send your child with their sports uniform on the day of the photo and if necessary, to have black leggings or shorts and white socks so that the photographs look tidy with everyone looking like a team.**
- Team coaches and managers are welcome to come along to school and be in the photo. For an idea of the timetable on the day, please contact Sharon in the school office.
- Teams / Groups to be photographed are:
 - Room 5
 - Netball
 - Hockey - summer and winter
 - Touch (Term 4 2025 and Term 1 2026)
 - Futsal (Term 4 2025 and Term 1 2026)
 - Ki-o-rahi
 - Jump Jam
 - Lit Quiz
 - Student Council
 - Peer Mediators
 - Cultural Ambassadors
 - House Captains
 - Road Patrollers
 - Kapahaka Performance Group
 - Cluster Cross Country
 - Cluster Swimming
 - EPro8
 - Enviro Group

From the Electoral Commission regarding the General Election in November

Work for us!

Thousands of people across the country are needed to deliver this year's general election. Rotokauri School will once again be a voting facility. Applicants can register and apply for roles through work.elections.nz. Jobs are listed by electorate.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3?

Monday 31st August - Friday 4th September	Scholastic Bookfair at Rotokauri School
Friday 4th September	Grandparents/Special People Day
Monday 7th September	Tech - Years 7 & 8
Sunday 6th - 11th September	AIMS Games tournament
Tuesday 8th September	6.30 pm PTA meeting
Monday 14th - Friday 18th September	Maori Language Week
Monday 14th September	Tech - Years 7 & 8
Tuesday 15th September	5.30 p.m BOT meeting
Wednesday 16th September	Team Photos
Thursday 17th September	Waikato Full Primary School Cross Country at Rotokauri School
Friday 18th September	Waikato Full Primary School Cross Country postponement date
Monday 21st September	Tech - Years 7 & 8
Thursday 24th September	Arts Festival at Rotokauri School
Friday 25th September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 12th October	First day of Term 4
Wednesday 14th October	Agricultural Day

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Class Certificates - Week 4 - Term 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Dylan MacDonald-Hooper	For showing confidence in presenting your nursery rhyme in front of the class.
Rātā Room 1	Toby Boswell	For showing confidence in presenting your nursery rhyme in front of the class.
Mānuka Room 2	Roman Cronin Boyle	Showing such growth in your confidence and ability to present your speech - you should be very proud of yourself!
Mānuka Room 2	Harasses Kaur	Showing such growth in your confidence to present your speech - you should be very proud of yourself!
Tōtara Room 3	Amelia Ogle	For your awesome participation in class discussions, keep it up!
Tōtara Room 3	Holley Emerson	For working hard in your writing. Well done!
Ponga Room 4	Eliza Jenkins	For the work you put into your speech. You listened and took on feedback to improve. Well done!
Ponga Room 4	Kaylee Wen	For your courage to present your speech in front of the class. You did so well!
Rimu Room 5	Roman Rakena	For sharing his maths knowledge with the class. Well done Roman!
Rimu Room 5	Shiloh Clayton	For being a respectful member of Room 5, by following the instructions the first time. Well done Shiloh!
Pūriri Room 6	Vivaan Patel	Your effort in home reading, well done!!
Pūriri Room 6	Atlas Williams	Being a great producer recording speeches.
Mataī Room 7	Alex Oldham	For working hard in his handwriting.
Mataī Room 7	Taj Judge	For always working hard in all areas of her learning.
Nīkau Room 8	Chloe Moka	For doing a super job of presenting your speech!
Nīkau Room 8	Poppy Sadler-Singh	For doing a super job of presenting your speech!
Kahikatea Room 10	Heidi Viljoen	For stepping up and leading game time with our buddy class. They had such fun. We appreciate you!
Kahikatea Room 10	Ella Wen	For a fun and interesting speech. Also, thank you for stepping into leadership roles around the school. We appreciate you!

Class Certificates - Week 5 - Term 3

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Kylo Orchard	For showing good progress with learning his sounds.
Rātā Room 1	Thiya Patel	For showing excellent progress in your sentence writing.
Mānuka Room 2	Hudson Gibbison	For being a positive member of the class and consistently making good choices.
Mānuka Room 2	Aoife Parkes	For being a positive member of the class and consistently making good choices.
Ponga Room 4	Dil Judge	For taking care with your writing. Keep it up!
Ponga Room 4	Ayla Maile	For taking pride around the class. I appreciate you being a tidy kiwi!
Rimu Room 5	Clay Moyle	For making a great start to school. Well done Clay!
Rimu Room 5	Everly Cleland	For showing respect, by looking after our class environment. Well done Everly!
Mataī Room 7	Louie Baker	For showing the value of courage this week.
Mataī Room 7	Alice McGowan	For always stepping up and showing the value of respect.
Nīkau Room 8	Ayaan Kotte Godage	For his commitment to presenting his speech, even when he was at home sick!
Nīkau Room 8	Cody Calnan	For being an Active Learner while I've been in R8.
Kauri Room 9	Druvi Patel	For always striving for excellence in everything she does!
Kauri Room 9	Aston Burt	For being an active learner and thinking carefully about his choice of descriptive language in his writing!
Kahikatea Room 10	Mahi Sharma	For completing her work neatly and bringing a cheery disposition to Room 10 in the mornings.
Kahikatea Room 10	Mackenzie O'Rourke	For completing calculations for a tech project and continuing to grow his active learner skills. Keep it up Mackenzie!

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JUNIOR CRICKET PROGRAMME

**Registrations are
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Junior Cricket!**

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When: Year 1-6, Softball,
Friday Nights and
Year 5-8, Hardball,
Saturday Mornings

Cost: \$60



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