



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 6 - Aditia Sharma

Kia ora koutou

Isn't it exciting coming to school to find BOT/MOE projects being worked on - the base concrete for the turf, the foundations for the new resource room and the renovations to the Room 5 toilets. It is definitely going to be a busy holiday period at school, as it is hoped that most jobs can be completed when there are no students at school.

Congratulations to the parents that were elected to positions on the PTA at the recent AGM - Chairperson: Brooklyn Winikerei, Treasurer: Cary Viljoen, Secretary: Toyah Langeveld. Also to the parents that have volunteered their time to be part of the PTA committee.

Tonight is the Kapa Haka group's noho at school. Thank you to the parents that have offered to assist with the evening and to Whaea Julie for organising this exciting opportunity for the students.

At the beginning of the month the whole school practised an emergency procedure for an event that could happen at the school - this was our fire drill. The staff and students coped extremely well. It is important to remember that if you are a parent helper or are visiting the school when an emergency happens you are expected to participate. Our next emergency practice will be on Thursday 2nd April and we will be staying safe when there is a lockdown (if we are in our classroom). The lockdown procedure is on display in all classes if you would like to familiarise yourself with it. If you are on-site when a lockdown is signalled (10 short bells) we secure ourselves in the area where we are working, meeting etc. Once the Principal is certain that everyone is accounted for and safe, then everyone will be released. Families will be notified via Facebook that we have gone into a lockdown and when we have been given the all clear.

Attendance - The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.

At Rotokauri School currently we have -

197 students (86%) that have had less than 5 days absence in a school term

26 students (11%) that have had up to 10 days absence in a school term

6 students (3%) that have had up to 15 days absence in a school term

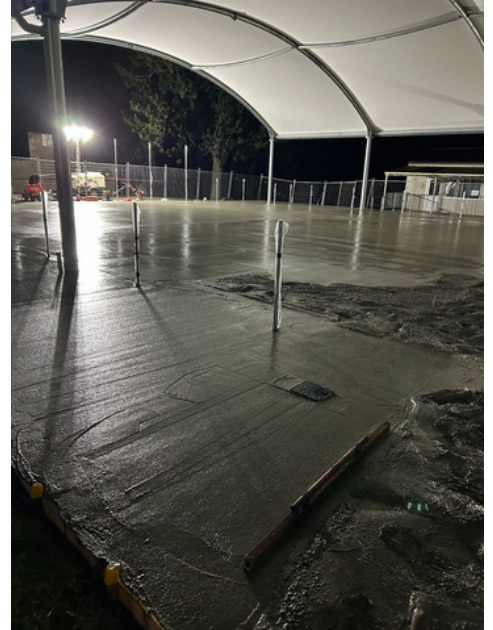
1 student (1%) that have had over 15 days absence in a school term

Remember we have two weeks until the end of the term. I know that these statistics can improve even more. Keep it up everyone. Also, keep trying to get to school before the 8.55 a.m bell.

A big thank you to all the families that have paid their school fees in full already and to those that have arranged part payments. We really appreciate your contributions as they assist the school to provide more opportunities for our students. The Ministry of Education funds only stretch so far and our budget gets tighter every year.

Two weeks to go everyone and then it is our Easter break and holidays.

Ngaa mihi
Desiree Smith
Principal



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

19th March	Kapa Haka Noho @ school
23rd March	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Kapa Haka (3.15 - 4.30 pm)
24th March	Cluster Swimming Sports (8 years +)
30th March	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
	Kapa Haka (3.15 - 4.30 p.m)
2nd April	Last day of school
3rd April	Good Friday

PTA NEWS

A massive thank you to all those families who have donated Easter goodies and sold raffle cards for our Easter fundraiser!

Donations for all our prize baskets will be accepted right up until Wednesday the 1st April so keep them coming in.

Raffle cards ALL need to be returned by Friday the 26th of March even if you haven't sold them. Please make sure all payments are done via KINDO before cards are returned.

Hot cross buns will be available for collection from the MPR room Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April after school.

As always we are always looking for new members to join our PTA so pop along to our next meeting on the 21st April at 6:30pm in the MPR.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Guitar Lessons

Rob Hooper (parent and guitar tutor) has offered to give free small group guitar lessons at Rotokauri School in Term 2 on Tuesdays after school for students in Years 5-8. The lessons are aimed at the beginner level and would start in Week 2 (Tuesday 28 April).

Children will need access to:

- A nylon stringed guitar (not from Kmart!) either ½ size or ¾ size
- A guitar tuner (starting around \$25)
- A copy of Play That Guitar by Paul Van Wering (\$45)

Please complete the survey by clicking on the link below by TUESDAY 31 MARCH to register your child's interest and secure a place in one of Rob's classes. Numbers will be limited and there may be more than one group session on Tuesdays.

<https://forms.gle/VwuCVB3WESgNKv7w8/>

Winter Sports Registrations

LAST DAY FOR ENTRIES 31st March 9am

Winter Sports are fast approaching and this year we are offering Hockey and Netball.

NETBALL - Games played after school at Minogue Park on Tuesdays for Years 3-4, Wednesdays for Years 5-6 and Thursday for Years 1-2. Years 7 and 8 play on Saturday mornings. Practices are often during lunchtimes or after school dependent on coach availability.

HOCKEY- Year 1-6 games played on Saturday mornings at Gallagher Hockey Centre and Year 7-8 games played on Friday nights at either one of the local Waikato hockey turfs. Practices are often during lunchtimes or after school dependent on coach availability.

Year 6's can play up a grade in the intermediate hockey grade.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

Sam Brinkworth - Teacher In Charge of Hockey - sbrinkworth@rotokauri.school.nz

Claire Walker - Teacher In Charge of Netball - cwalker@rotokauri.school.nz

[Winter Sports Registration Link](#)

Rotokauri School Hoodies

Rotokauri School hoodies are now available to order online for a limited time! These high quality navy Cloke hoodies are perfect for school sports events or everyday wear and come in a full range of sizes from kids through to adults. A sizing chart is available to help you get the right fit. **Orders will close on 2nd April (last day of Term 1)**, so don't miss out! We will not be doing a second order as we did last year.

All hoodies will be delivered to school for easy collection at the start of Term 2. Please note there is a minimum order of 20 hoodies required. If this isn't reached, all payments will be fully refunded. Get your order in today and show your Rotokauri pride in style!

<https://logou2.com/product/rotokauri-school-hoodie/>



CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Senior School Swimming Sports Results

Breaststroke

25m	1st	2nd	3rd
8 year old girls	Murphy Cairns-Eade		
9 year old girls	Ada Westgate	Shepard Cairns-Eade	Colette Griffin
9 year old boys	Archer Crellin	Theo Winikerei	
10 year old girls	Ruby Wilson	Mya Allen	
11 year old boys	Aston Burt		
11 year old girls	Indi Payne	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Heidi Viljoen
12 year old girls	Miley Fraser		
50m			
10 year old girls	Sophie Quinlan		
11 year old girls	Indi Payne	Ashleigh McLaren	Scarlett Swain
11 year old boys	Harry Gyde		

Open Medley

10 - 12 year old boys	Aston Burt	Harry Gyde	
10 - 12 year old girls	Miley Fraser	Scarlett Swain	Indi Payne

Backstroke

25m	1st	2nd	3rd
7 year old boys	Harry Martin	Shay Gill	
7 year old girls	Teagan Russell	Amaia Matenga	Lilly Finnerty-Mills
8 year old girls	Murphy Cairns-Eade		
9 year old girls	Colette Griffin	Layla Day	Shepard Cairns-Eade
9 year old boys	Archer Crellin	Louie Baker	
10 year old girls	Mya Allen	Paige Robinson-Hastings	Talia Hefferon
10 year old boys	Zac Hoebergen		
11 year old boys	Aston Burt	Harry Gyde	Cohen Harris
11 year old girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Keani Kingi	Ashleigh McLaren
12 year old boys	Riley Glover		
12 year old girls	Inshirah Hussain	Esme Gyde	Jasmine Lee
50m			
11 year old girls	Scarlett Swain	Ashleigh McLaren	
11 year old boys	Harry Gyde		
12 year old girls	Miley Fraser	Esme Gyde	

Freestyle

25m	1st	2nd	3rd
7 year old boys	Shay Gill	Harry Martin	
7 year old girls	Sienna Bain	Amaia Matenga	Teagan Russell
8 year old girls	Murphy Cairns-Eade	Georgia Esselbrugge	
8 year old boys	Archer Crellin		
9 year old girls	Shepard Cairns-Eade	Ada Westgate	Layla Day
9 year old boys	Theo Winikerei	Louie Baker	Alex Oldham
10 year old girls	Mya Allen	Talia Hefferon	Kayla van Rooij
10 year old boys	Zac Hoebergen		
11 year old boys	Aston Burt	Enzo Maresca-Allison	
11 year old girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Scarlett Swain	Heidi Viljoen
12 year old boys	Carter Moka	Riley Glover	Archer McFall
12 year old girls	Kaylee Quinlan	Inshirah Hussain	Esme Gyde
50m			
10 year old girls	Mya Allen	Talia Hefferon	
11 year old boys	Aston Burt	Harry Gyde	Enzo Maresca-Allison
11 year old girls	Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Scarlett Swain	Heidi Viljoen
12 year old boys	Carter Moka		
12 year old girls	Miley Fraser	Inshirah Hussain	Kaylee Quinlan

Juniors Swimming Sports 5 and 6 year olds

Congratulations to all of the students who took part in the Junior Swimming Sports. Despite the sudden arrival of some very chilly weather that day, the children showed fantastic resilience and enthusiasm as they demonstrated their swimming skills and competed in their races.

5 Year Olds Floating on Front	
1st	Mackenzie Russell
2nd	Conrad Ryan
3rd	Olivia Etheridge

5 Year Olds Floating on Back	
1st	Olivia Etheridge
2nd	Aoife Parkes
3rd	Lily Swain

6 Year Olds Floating on Front	
1st	Claire Smith
2nd	Jackson McConnell
3rd	Amelia Ogle

6 Year Olds Floating on Back	
1st	Flynn Smith-Thorpe
2nd	Coby Harker-Ferguson
3rd	Maninder Pannu

6 Year Olds Freestyle Length	
1st	Theo Tipene
2nd	Pippa Cloete
3rd	Edith Crellin

6 Year Olds Backstroke Length	
1st	Pippa Cloete
2nd	Edith Crellin
3rd	Reign Mackuch

Class Certificates - Week 5 - Term 1

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Quentin Gilbert	For being a very helpful class member.
Rātā Room 1	Aria Augustus	For showing courage in her swimming.
Mānuka Room 2	Jackson McConnell	For writing about the knowledge you are learning about polynesian voyagers.
Mānuka Room 2	Isla Hewitt	For being so helpful in the classroom, setting up for the day and looking out for Mrs O'Rourke.
Tōtara Room 3	Coby Harker-Ferguson	For being a great role model in class and your awesome writing about sea week.
Tōtara Room 3	Jordi Ngatai	For being an active learner with a positive attitude towards learning.
Ponga Room 4	Lukas Sims	For showing good engagement during maths. Thank you for helping with the class timeline.
Ponga Room 4	Arlo Hewitt	For being courageous during swimming sports. I was super proud of you.
Mataī Room 7	Max Green	For working hard in your reading today.
Mataī Room 7	Paige Davison	For being a generous member of room 7 and sharing fruit from home.
Nīkau Room 8	Zaylee van den Heever	For her courage and sportsmanship in the biathlon.
Nīkau Room 8	Seān Parks	An amazing story written this week. Very creative!
Kauri Room 9	Milos Standring	For being an active learner and taking risks with his learning.
Kauri Room 9	Ellie-Rose Anderson	For being an active learner and presenting her learning to a high standard
Kahikatea Room 10	Talia Hefferon	For demonstrating an awesome work ethic. You are a hard worker and an enthusiastic, active learner.
Kahikatea Room 10	Scarlett Swain	For your positive attitude towards your learning and your enthusiasm for extending your knowledge.

Class Certificates - Week 6 - Term 1

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Rātā Room 1	Koa Phillips	For trying your best to stay on task!
Rātā Room 1	Finn Nicol	For sharing your amazing ideas with the class!
Mānuka Room 2	Willow McCulloch	For showing growing confidence, independence and a positive attitude toward learning.
Mānuka Room 2	Mya McNabb	For growing confidence in reading words. It is wonderful to watch.
Tōtara Room 3	Edith Crellin	For working hard in class and always giving things a go.
Tōtara Room 3	Jameson Walker	For being eager to help and support others in class.
Ponga Room 4	Dil Judge	For always spreading respect and kindness. You always bring a lovely smile and energy to the class.
Ponga Room 4	Kian Chand	For showing good initiative in class. You never fail to be a good role model.
Mataī Room 7	Carter Cowley	For working hard on his fractions in maths this week.
Mataī Room 7	Taj Jiudge	For working hard on her fractions in maths this week.
Nīkau Room 8	Kyla Martin	For fantastic results in her reading test!
Nīkau Room 8	Jeffery Lee	Great results in his math test!
Kauri Room 9	Enzo Maresca-Allison	For being an active learner and presenting his work to a high standard
Kauri Room 9	Paige Robinson-Hastings	For being an active learner and thinking carefully about her word choice in writing.
Kahikatea Room 10	Archer McFall	For showing active learning. I am so proud on how you have been working during maths.
Kahikatea Room 10	Bella Kelemete-Vaniqi	You have had a great start to Rotokauri. You have settled in well and shown a fantastic willingness to get involved.

Values Vouchers 2026

Week 5		
Quentin Gilbert	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Abby Hippolite	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Harjot Sidhu	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Lukas Sims	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of honesty .
Karlo Devcich	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Evie Bourne	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Liam Lester	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Anthony Williams	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Hannah-Leah Warbrick	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of respect .

Week 6		
Zoey DeZoete	Rātā Room 1	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Myla-Rose Joyce	Mānuka Room 2	For demonstrating the value of respect .
Amelia Ogle	Tōtara Room 3	For demonstrating the value of honesty .
CJ McNabb	Ponga Room 4	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Oscar Hapi	Pūriri Room 6	For demonstrating the value of active learning .
Paige Davison	Mataī Room 7	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Te Aria Kingi	Nīkau Room 8	For demonstrating the value of empathy .
Sophie Quinlan	Kauri Room 9	For demonstrating the value of courage .
Archer McFall	Kahikatea Room 10	For demonstrating the value of active learning .

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