



# Rotokawa School

## TERM ONE Week 1

Nau mai haere mai, nau mai hoki mai ki te kura

Welcome back to Rotokawa school 2024, I hope you all had a great holiday with your whānau. Firstly, I want to welcome all of our new students to the Rotokawa school whānau. I am positive that you will thoroughly enjoy your learning journey with us. To our students who have come back this year, welcome back and I am sure you are looking forward to another year of learning experiences at our kura. Our staff have been working hard with their planning so that we can have a range of learning experiences throughout the year. We want to give our whanau and tamariki the best experiences so that when they grow older they will have fond memories of their schooling life. There will be sporting opportunities, camps, outdoor education, online learning, STEAM learning and many other great opportunities that we will be offering. To our whānau, please come into school and be a part of our kura as often as you can. If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions please share these with us. I am really looking forward to this year. Bring on 2024!!!!

Just a reminder, MONDAY 5th is a Teacher-only day. School is closed for students. Tuesday 6th is Waitangi day. We will be back at school from Wednesday 7th February for Week 2 of Term 1.

Please see below some of the key messages that will help us all get off to a good start this year.

“He waka eke noa”  
“We are all in this together”

### Skool Loop

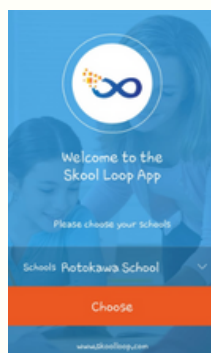
In 2024, Skoolloop will be our main method of communication with our whānau and community.

Head to the App store/Play store and download 'Skool Loop'.

This is an app where you can connect with our school in regards to:

Absentee, Calendar - school calendar/events, Notices, Newsletter , FORMS - Permission forms - Key form of permissions in 2024, Bookings - Interviews, Contact information

When you are in SKOOLLOOP, it is important to click the 3 lines in the top right hand corner and click 'GENERAL' to ensure that you receive all notifications.



### Change of details

We would like to welcome back our prior staff, along with introducing a few new staff members. Ms Roe (Shontelle Roe) will be working alongside Matua Shane (Thursday) and Whaea Rebecca (Friday), Whaea Frances (LSC) will be working alongside Pae-Maia, and Sarah Kinsella (LSC). In the coming newsletters, these members of our community will be formally introduced. When you see them, please give them a warm welcome.

Have you recently changed your contact details?

Have any circumstances changed at home that we need to be aware of? Does your child have new dietary requirements?

Please pop in/email and let either the administrator know (for contact details - contact numbers, addresses or emergency numbers) or the classroom teacher for changes at home that we need to be aware of.

Debbien@rotokawa.school.nz - Whaea Debbie  
Rebecca@rotokawa.school.nz - Whaea Rebecca  
shanes@rotokawa.school.nz - Matua Shane  
Oriwia@rotokawa.school.nz - Whaea Oriwia  
jamalt@rotokawa.school.nz - Matua Jamal  
John@rotokawa.school.nz - Matua John  
Josena@rotokawa.school.nz - Whaea Josie  
christinem@rotokawa.school.nz - Ms Masters  
admin@rotokawa.school.nz  
christina@rotokawa.school.nz (Senco matters)

### Seesaw

Head to the App store/Play store and download 'Seesaw Family'.

Seesaw provides an online learning portfolio that is specific to your child. It is a means in which home and school can have better communication via an online platform.

If you already have this app, you should be able to see your child's 2024 class. If you are new to our school or are not yet connected, your classroom teacher will be sending home a QR code and information for you to connect.





## Kōrero Mai

On Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February, we will be having our Kōrero Mai-Talk to me meetings from 3.15 p.m. These are parent/teacher discussions which allow you to share information about your child and allow us to support them even further in their learning this year. (see the next page for questions that may be discussed. Please allow 10 minutes each of your child's classes.

As a school, we value the relationships that we have with our tamariki/children and their whanau/family, so please ensure you book your child/ren's interview using SKOOLLOOP - Bookings. If you do not have access to a smartphone/device, please phone the office on 07 3456129 to book an interview.

We look forward to seeing you all!

### Kōrero mai - GUIDING QUESTIONS

- What does your tamaiti enjoy doing at home? What are their interests?
- Who lives at home? Who are the important people to your tamaiti?
- What are your Aspirations/Goals for your tamaiti for 2024?
- What would you like the school to do for your tamaiti?
- What skills/strengths/expertise do you and your whānau have? Is there anyone in the community that you know that has expertise in an area?
- What is the best method of communication for you?

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## Noho Marae

This term our school-wide Local Curriculum kaupapa/topic is around Ahurea/Culture. As part of this learning, every class in the school will be participating in a noho marae at Ruamata Marae. This will allow our kura to not only build tuakana/teina relationships but also to connect with our local area.

All students from across the school will be participating in one of two types of noho for this learning. For this noho, you could choose one of two options:

- A day experience - Students who are staying for the day will need to be at school on their allocated day and will be transported to Ruamata Marae for the day to learn alongside their class and then they will need to be picked up from Ruamata Marae at 6pm (after dinner). The following day they will need to be dropped back off to Ruamata Marae (at 8.30am) to enable them to be a part of welcoming the next classes. After this process, they will return to school ready for 3pm pick up.
- An overnight experience - where your child stays with us overnight at Ruamata marae. Students staying overnight will be required to fill in a health form and bring appropriate equipment. Parents staying overnight will be required to complete a police vetting form and/or a transport form.

**Dates:** Week 4, term 1 2024 - Proposed plan (number dependant)

- Monday 19th February to Tuesday 20th February - Pae Maia - Waikawa and Ōtauirā
- Tuesday 20th February to Wednesday 21st February - Room 9 and Room 2
- Wednesday 21st February to Thursday 22nd February- Room 10 and 3
- Thursday 22 February to Friday 23rd February- Room 11 and 5

**Please complete the BLUE or GREEN form that was sent home.**

## Lunches

Our School lunches are provided free of charge to all students within the school. The Catering company provide our lunches on a 3 weekly menu rotation. The menu is available on SkoolLoop, Facebook or in our office. Students can choose to bring their own lunch. All students need to bring their own morning tea and drink bottle to school.

## School Van

The School Van will not be in operation for possibly the first 5 weeks of the school term. This time will allow us to ensure that the van costs are covered and viable for this operation. Once the planning and organization process has been carried out, we will contact whānau who have expressed interest.

## Stationery & Uniform

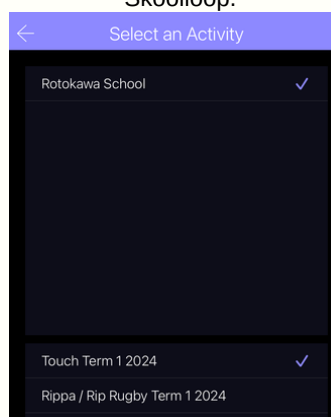
All stationery and uniforms can be purchased from our school office.

If you head over to Skoolloop, you will be able to find the 2024 stationery lists.

Students will be provided with school hats in term 1 and 4.

## Touch/Rippa Rugby Term 1

Touch registrations are now available on Skoolloop.



## Term 1 Swimming

As we progress into the term, all classes will be going swimming in our school pool.

Students need to bring along named togs and towels to engage in this portion of our curriculum. We encourage togs to come to school daily, as students not only have class swimming, but we open the pool at lunch time (Mon-Thur) too.

On the 28th of February, we will be hosting our Annual Rotokawa School swimming sports.

Save the date e te whānau!



## Revised Health Plans

Over the next week, and if your child has health needs on record, we will be sending home their 2023 Health plan for your review for the 2024 year. If any amendments can be made and the form is returned to school as soon as possible, that would be great.

If you have not yet received a form and your child does have health needs, please pop into the office or email us ([christina@rotokawa.school.nz](mailto:christina@rotokawa.school.nz)) and let us know

## Attendance



HOW CAN I LET THE SCHOOL  
KNOW THAT MY CHILD IS  
ABSENT?



Add an absentee on the Skool Loop app



Call the school 07 345 6129  
Press 1 for the absentee line



Email the school  
[admin@rotokawa.school.nz](mailto:admin@rotokawa.school.nz)



Text the absentee cellphone  
021 087 68998

# ROKOKAWA SCHOOL

## 2024 TERM DATES



<b>TERM 1</b> 2024	Thursday 1st February 2024	Friday 12th April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24/25/30/31 JAN 2024 - School Office open for new enrolments, uniform purchases, stationery and enquiries</li> <li>• 1 FEB 2024 - First day of Term 1.</li> <li>• 5 FEB 2024 TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION</li> <li>• 6 FEB 2024 - Waitangi day - School closed for instruction</li> <li>• 12/13 FEB 2024 Kōrero Mai Interviews - Meet the teacher (Bookings now open on Skoolloop)</li> <li>• 19-22 FEB - Noho Marae - whole school throughout the week</li> <li>• 28 FEB 2024 - Rotokawa Swimming Sports</li> <li>• 11 MAR 2024 - Rural School Cluster Swimming</li> <li>• 19-22 MAR 2024 - Year 5/6 camp - Ohope - (Permission Form is now open on Skoolloop)</li> <li>• Easter: Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 1 April, Easter Tuesday 2 April (a school holiday)</li> </ul> <p>Swimming is on this term. Please send along named togs and towel.</p>
<b>TERM 2</b> 2024	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mother's day celebration - MAY 10TH</li> <li>• King's Birthday - Monday 3 June</li> <li>• 4th june - Photo day</li> <li>• Fathers day celebration - 14th June</li> <li>• WEEK 9 TERM 2 - MATARIKI - event</li> <li>• Matariki - Friday 28 June</li> </ul>
<b>TERM 3</b> 2024	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mahuru Maori</li> <li>• Te wiki o te reo Māori September 16 to 23</li> </ul>
<b>TERM 4</b> 2024	Monday 14 October	Wednesday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 28 Oct - Labour day</li> <li>• Parent helper - Week 6</li> <li>• Monday 2nd December 2024 Te Hiwi o Toroa</li> <li>• 11th December - final assembly</li> </ul>

HOW ROTOKAWA WAS NAMED

HOW ŌWHATA WAS NAMED

HOW WAIKAWAU WAS NAMED

HINEMOA & TUTANEKEI

HOW PIKIRANGI WAS NAMED

HOW RUAMATA WAS NAMED

UENUKŪPAKO TE TANGATA

MEANING AND NAMING OF MOKOIA ISLAND

**Term 1:**  
**Ahurea**

**Term 2:**  
**Manaakitanga**

**Term 3:**  
**Kaitiakitanga**

**2024**  
ROKOKAWA LOCAL CURRICULUM