



TŪĪ ROCKET CHALLENGE

The purpose of the **Tūī ROCKET Challenge** is:

- To recognise the learning you already do outside of school, and to encourage you to extend yourself in these areas
- To challenge you to try new things
- To encourage you to contribute to your family, school and community
- To enable you to discover, develop and showcase your talents

Select from the following challenges and share your evidence with your teacher. Challenge yourself with how you present each **ROCKET** challenge. It could be a presentation to your class, poster, song, recount, booklet, diary, short video, Google Slides, PicCollage...

As you complete each challenge tick it on this booklet, collate your evidence, get it checked and ticked off by your parent. Bring the evidence to school to get it signed off. There is a comment line for your parents or caregiver to tell us a bit more about your learning if they want to.

Discuss any questions with your teacher. Before you start a "Design your own Challenge" - check that your challenge will meet the expectations.

But most importantly, remember that the learning you do as you work through the challenges is the most important part. We expect that you have completed the process of the challenge to the highest level you can.

We are looking forward to seeing your learning!



ROCKET AWARD



4 challenges = BRONZE



6 challenges = SILVER



8 challenges = GOLD



NGAIO SCHOOL ROCKET CHALLENGES

Challenge	Ideas and examples	Reflection, presentation, evidence	Approved by	Date
R esilient	Test your resilience! You could improve your fitness, explore the outdoors, participate in a sport, do Round the Bays, Tryathlon, go camping or on a sleepover, etc. You can do anything else that challenges you to keep going when it is tough or tricky.			
O pen-minded	Open your mind to creativity! You could design and build anything including games, books, movies, crafts, music, clothing, dance, toys, etc. You can do anything else that is original and creates value in the world.			
C urious	See where your curiosity takes you! You could learn about an artist, how a machine works, the life of a plant or animal, ask questions about politics and issues in the news, learn a language, study history, etc. You can do anything that engages your interest beyond what you already know.			
K ind	Show kindness! You could make a gift for someone, donate a book to the library, raise money for charity, prepare a meal for your family, clean up a local area, do chores around the house, make a new friend, etc. You can do anything that demonstrates your aroha for others.			
E mpathy	Be empathetic! You could help solve problems that you notice at school, be aware when others need help, become a peer mediator, buddy reader, research about emotions, write a diary, find out more about someone you don't know that well at school. You can do anything that shows you understand and respond to the feelings of other people.			
T rustworthy	Stand up as a trustworthy member of the class! You could plant and care for vegetables or fruit at home or school, train for Road Patrol, care for a pet, be a Sports Leader, take on a class job or be responsible for your family's emergency supplies. You can do anything that shows you can earn and keep the trust of others in your life.			

The rocket values are embedded school life. All the children know the rocket values and are expected to demonstrate them at school. We teach the values and give opportunities in school to develop and show the values as well.

The rocket challenge is our home learning programme. We think home learning has value and includes things like daily reading to learning your times tables. The rocket challenge is optional but has been designed so that all students can give it a go. We know that children are often more engaged when they can demonstrate their talents and activities they have outside of school, or getting invested in project based learning.

They can show their understanding of our values by using them in different areas of life away from school. The challenges have been rewritten so they align more closely with our values.

We expect that students can achieve one rocket challenge each term, and everyone who finishes four challenges by the end of the year earns a certificate. The completion of four challenges earns a bronze certificate, six challenges earns silver and eight or more challenges earns a gold certificate.

We enjoy seeing the children get excited about sharing their home learning, they don't need to present to class but we need a reflection, presentation or evidence to show what they have done. This can be shared privately with the teacher if needed although we enjoy the Ted talks as well.

At our school, we place a strong emphasis on our **Rocket Values**—they are embedded in everything we do. Every child knows them, and we expect our students to demonstrate these values in their daily school life. We actively teach these values and provide opportunities for students to develop and showcase them.

Alongside this, we have the **Rocket Challenge**, our home learning programme. We believe that home learning plays an important role in a child's education, whether it's daily reading, practicing times tables, or engaging in meaningful projects. While the Rocket Challenge is optional, we have designed it to be accessible for all students, encouraging them to give it a go.

We know that children are often more engaged when they can demonstrate their talents, explore their interests, or take on project-based learning. The Rocket Challenge allows them to do exactly that. It also helps them apply our school values beyond the classroom—whether in sports, hobbies, or community activities.

We've updated the challenges to align more closely with our school values. We encourage students to complete at least one challenge each term. By the end of the year, those who finish four challenges will receive a **bronze certificate**. Completing six challenges earns a **silver certificate**, and those who achieve eight or more will receive a **gold certificate**—a recognition of their hard work and commitment.

Our goal is to support students in becoming well-rounded learners who carry these values with them in all areas of life. We look forward to seeing their efforts and celebrating their achievements throughout the year.

Thank you for your support in making the Rocket Challenge a success!