Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou,

WELCOME BACK TO ALL STUDENTS / WHĀNAU & STAFF

On behalf of the staff at Lakes High, I am happy to welcome you to the 2023 school year! We especially welcome all our new students and their families. I hope your "summer" has gone well and you are refreshed and looking forward to the beginning of school.

We had a very positive Mihi Whakatau on Wednesday, welcoming our Yr 9's and new students. Thank you to everyone who attended, it was great to see our students so enthusiastic and engaged. A special thank you to our Kapa Haka group for their wonderful performance and to our teachers for organizing this event. (further details on page 2).

We were also delighted to meet many of our new parents and students at our Meet the Parents evening on Thursday. It was a very enjoyable and encouraging evening and a great start to the year.

Our school is proud to acknowledge and congratulate students who have been successful in their NCEA studies in 2022. We will be presenting certificates at the Celebratory/Investiture Assembly on 16 February 2023. We are also taking this opportunity to again congratulate our 2023 school leaders and will be presenting them with school badges at this assembly.

One of the key components of successful outcomes for students is being in school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind our community that school attendance is an expectation. We will be tracking absences this year to ensure students and whānau have support when needed. In some circumstances absence from school is unavoidable. We ask that if you have any difficulties please contact us early so that we can help support you to resolve those issues.

At the start of a new school year, all students have the opportunity to build on the successes of the previous year, while also having the opportunity to reset if things did not go quite as planned. Our job as teachers is to empower the students with the tools and resources they need to do great things and progress with their education and lifeskills. As we continue to develop the school to provide for the needs of our students, we will work to ensure

that every student receives the support needed. In turn, we trust that our students will take responsibility and ownership of their own learning and remember that, if in doubt, always ask for help.

We are delighted to welcome our new staff members to Lakes High:

Christina De Lore	- PE & Health
Moe Tansey	- Senior Pathways Programme
Kris Osborne	- Guidance
Erykha Levae	- Dance
Tim Hounsell	- PE
Stephanie Brackstone	- PE/Science

We look forward to working with you and to a very successful 2023 for our students.

Ngā mihi,

Jon Ward
Principal / Tumuaki

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 1 2023	
6 February	**PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Waitangi Day**
13 February	Teacher only day **(the school is closed)**
16 February	Investiture/Celebratory Assembly - 2 pm in the gym
28 Feb – 3 March	Year 13 Camp
6 March	Athletics Day
8 March	BOP Athletics
9 March	School Photos
10 March	Junior/Senior Reports issued
14 March	Road Safety Youth Expo (**For all Year 11's**) (11:40am - 2.30pm)
16 March	Swimming Sports
27 – 31 March	Waka Ama Nationals
6 April	Junior/Senior Reports issued
7 APRIL 2023	**END OF TERM 1**

NOTICE ADVERTISING BALLOT FOR OUT-OF-ZONE APPLICATIONS

The Board advises that a number of vacancies have become available at RLHS. Since the last ballot for out-of-zone places on 25/1/23 the Board has received a number of enquiries from parents of out-of-zone students seeking to enrol their children at the school this year.

Because the board operates an enrolment scheme, it is required to fill any vacant out-of-zone places by ballot in cases where there are more applications for enrolment than there are places available. The board has determined that 30 places are likely to be available to out-of-zone students for immediate enrolment.

The Board is prepared to receive applications, in addition to those it already holds, so long as they reach the school by 8/2/23. If a ballot is required it will be held on 10/2/23.

MIHI WHAKATAU

Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Te Kura o Nga Moana - Ko te tumanako ka koa o ra, o tau ki to tatou Kura.

On Wednesday we welcomed our Yr9 students to our Rotorua Lakes High whanau. It was fantastic to see so many whanau and eager, excited and nervous students ready to join our Kura.

Ngā mihi nui to our senior leadership, staff, student leaders, and speaker, Tamati Coffey.

We look forward to building on the house group relationships that were fostered this week, as the academic year begins.

INTRODUCING OUR FANTASTIC 2023 SENIOR PREFECTS

Mya Bottomley
2023 Head Girl

Kia ora koutu, my name is Mya Bottomley and I am honoured to say that I have been given the role of Head Girl for lakes 2023.

I was born and raised here in Rotorua, and have attended Lakes High since the start of high school. One thing that Lakes High has helped me with is my career path and my personal journey for my future after school. Throughout my years at Lakes I've been introduced to the subject of legal studies- a subject including all things government, New Zealand law and history, and tikanga. This is a subject I haven't heard many other schools offer, and it was a subject that has resonated with me and manifested my interest in studying law at university in the future.

The school has offered me many opportunities. Academically, Culturally, and physically within all of our departments. It's made me learn more about myself, and has shown me I can find my place in the school, as well as develop relationships with people that have got me to where I am today.

I look forward to leading our school and working with the other heads, captains and prefects. This year is going to be a big year of development and success!

Ngā mihi

Samuel Trass
2023 Head Boy

Kia ora, I'm Samuel Trass and I'm the Head Boy for Rotorua Lakes High School for 2023. The reason I attended this kura is because of all the amazing people I have seen produced by this school and all the exceptional things I have heard from parents and students who attend/attended Lakes High.

This school has offered me many amazing opportunities. The teachers at Lakes High have supported me with not only my academic work but also with my leadership and sporting goals. This has enabled me to compete at the national level in multiple sporting fields.

I am really proud of how inclusive our school is. We are really welcoming and supportive of everyone and we are known for celebrating diversity.

I look forward to seeing what the year brings us, and what we can achieve as Rotorua Lakes High School.

Kaia Raethel
2023 Deputy Head Girl

Whaititiri ki te rangi, ko Te Arawa ki te whenua, tihei mauri ora. Tena ra tātou katoa, he uri tenei nō Tuhourangi - Ngāti Wahiao, Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Whakaue me Tainui hoki.

My name is Kaia Raethel, and I am the Deputy Head Girl for 2023. I am the third generation of my whānau to come to this kura, and am proud to be following in their footsteps. During my time here so far, I have participated in two secondary regional kapahaka campaigns and going for my third, many roadshows, representing our school at different tangihanga and whanau events, and all sorts of other leadership roles within our kura.

The inclusivity and whanautanga within our school and wider community is the reason I know our school is awesome. Our kaiako are very helpful when it comes to creating different pathways for our student's future, and are always there whenever you need someone to talk to.

I am looking forward to what this year has to bring, and seeing new faces around our kura.

No reira, ngā mihi maioha kia koutou katoa

Uenuku Malcolm-Papworth
2023 Deputy Head Boy

Ko Matawhaura te maunga
Ko Rotoiti-i-kitenga-a-ihenga te roto
Ko Te Arawa te waka
Ko Ngati Pikiao te iwi
Ko Tamateatutahi Ngati Kawiti te hapu

Kia Ora my name is Uenuku and I am your Deputy Head Boy for 2023. I came to Lakes High because a lot of my family went here when they were young, when I first came to Lakes I was able to experience what type of community they have here. A comfortable, fun environment, while also having some of the best role models to look up to.

So, I hope I can be a good and positive role model that everyone can look up to.

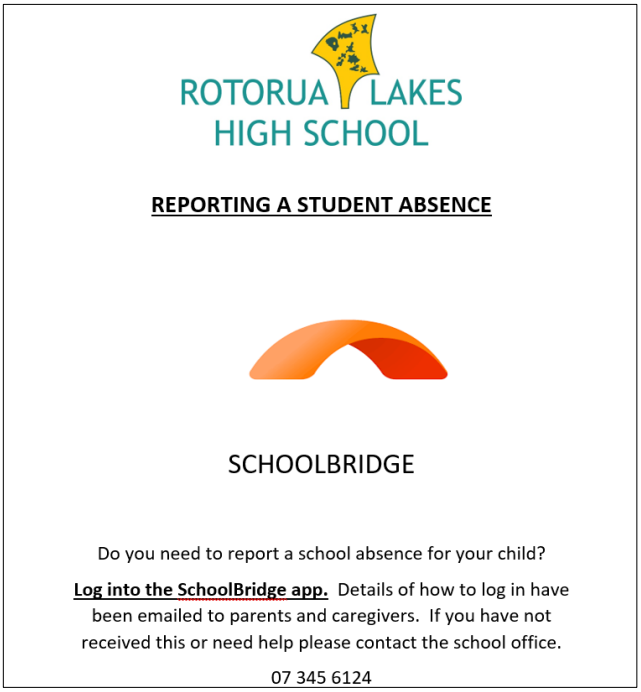
STAFF CULTURAL & RELATIONAL DAY

All staff at Lakes High had a fantastic start to the year yesterday. The day began with a Cultural and Relational Practice session by Matua Timoti Harris in our School Auditorium. Matua Harris gave a brief history of our country and the history and meaning of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It was a very thought-provoking and compelling presentation appreciated by all staff.

In the afternoon staff visited Owhata Marae where Kaumatua Paraone Pirika invited the school into the Marae. Kaumatua Paraone gave a brief explanation of the meanings behind the stunning carvings and Māori philosophy. The day ended with a walk along the lakefront to Waikawau/Hannah's Bay Reserve. Kaumatua Paraone shared some wonderful personal stories of growing up in the area and the importance of continuing to build relationships with our students. A perfect end to a really great day.

A huge thank you to Kaumatua Paraone Pirika and Matua Timoti Harris for their insights and for sharing their stories with us. Tēnā koutou.

BEGINNING OF TERM 1 2023 INFO:



ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

REPORTING A STUDENT ABSENCE

SCHOOLBRIDGE

Do you need to report a school absence for your child?

Log into the SchoolBridge app. Details of how to log in have been emailed to parents and caregivers. If you have not received this or need help please contact the school office.

07 345 6124

SCHOOL BELL TIMES

The organization for the school day is:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY	
Warning Bell	8.40 am
House Group	8.45 – 9.05 am
Pd. 1	9.05 – 10.05 am
Pd. 2	10.05 – 11.05 am
INTERVAL	11.05 – 11.30 am
Pd. 3	11.30 – 12.30 pm
Pd. 4	12.30 – 1.30 pm
LUNCH	1.30 – 2.15 pm
Warning Bell	2.10 pm
Pd. 5	2.15 – 3.15 pm

UPDATES

So that we can keep all parents informed on school matters, please make sure the school has your correct email address. For any updates/changes please contact Mrs McLeod mcleodd@rotorualakes.school.nz or Mrs Walker walkerb2@rotorualakes.school.nz

FROM OUR HAUORA/HEALTH & WELLNESS STAFF

Kia ora parents and whānau,

Here is some information about our Hauora – Wellness Center. The Hauora - Wellness Center is a safe and confidential place where students can come to talk about problems and concerns with someone who will support them.

Counselling

Counselling is available to all students at Rotorua Lakes High School. In the Hauora – Wellness Center there are two counsellors:

- **Rachel Schuster** who works Monday – Thursday
- **Kris Osborne** who works Wednesday - Friday

Medical

Our school nurse **Hayley Fisher** works Monday – Friday and is available for students from 9:45 -2:45 pm. Come in to see her during intervals or lunchtime, or with a note during class times, or make contact by text or email. There is a Doctor who visits for 2 hours on Thursdays, please see Hayley Fisher if you want to make an appointment.

Appointments

There are different ways that you can make an appointment:

- Come into the Hauora - Wellness Center, fill in an appointment form , and put it in our letterbox during interval or lunchtime
- Email us – schusterr@rotorualakes.school.nz Rachel Schuster
  osbornek@rotorualake.school.nz Kris Osborne
- Nurse - fisherh@rotorualakes.schoolz.nz Hayley Fisher
- Use the QR code which is outside the wellness center, located at reception and around the school
- Knock on the door
- Text us - counsellors 027 414 2396 (Rachel and Kris)
- Nurse - 021 0899 4100 (Hayley)
- Ask a teacher/staff member or whanau to refer you

PUNCTUALITY

It is very important that students arrive at school on time for House Group at 8.45 am to be marked present at school on the attendance register and to hear the daily notices so they are aware of what is happening around the school.

SIGNING OUT OF SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

The system is:

- ✔ The student brings a note written and signed by parent / caregiver
- ✔ The House Group Tutor signs the note at House Group time in the morning
- ✔ The student presents the note to leave class
- ✔ The student presents the note to the Duty Dean in the Duty Dean's office next to the Canteen to sign out of school
- ✔ The student signs back into school at the Duty Dean's office when they return.
- ✔ **Please only ring the office if it is necessary.**

STUDENT ABSENCES

To report your student absent please log on to our schoolbridge app: https://rotorualakes.bridge.school.nz
Upon your student's return, all students must bring a note from home explaining the absence. Please contact our Attendance Officer if you have any concerns, Kerryn Bowler 07 345 6124 or email bowlerk@rotorualakes.school.nz

STUDENTS LATE TO SCHOOL

If students are late to school they must either bring a note from home to explain the lateness, or an appointment card from their Doctor/Dentist/Optician, etc., or parents may phone the school to explain lateness. All late students must report to the Duty Dean in the Duty Dean's office on arrival to sign in and be issued a late pass.

LUNCHTIME

All students are expected to remain at school for lunch, they are not permitted to leave the school grounds at lunchtime. If for any reason there is an occasion that a student must leave school at lunchtime, they will need a written note from home to excuse them and sign out as above.

SCHOOL STATIONERY / WORKBOOKS

It is very important that students get their stationery as soon as possible for the start of the school year so that they do not fall behind in their learning and their books are up-to-date right from the start of the year. Stationery lists are available from the school or on our website. https://www.rotorualakes.school.nz

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Some reminders about uniform:

- Shoes and laces must be completely black
- Sandals must be completely black with the backs up so they do not look like jandals
- NO jandals/boots/gumboots/slippers
- Only white singlet/top under shirts
- Shorts/trousers/skirts must not be rolled up
- Plain black or navy caps – no emblems except for the school logo
- To order, go to www.argyleonline.co.nz and select Rotorua Lakes High School under Shop ArgyleOnLine. Orders can be placed at any time online. Customer service is available 24/7 via phone 0800 110059 or the online Answer Bot (click the help button on the bottom right of the page). Argyle's live chat team is also available to assist Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.
- To find the correct size, follow the size guide online www.argyleonline.co.nz/ measuring-tips. Rotorua Lakes High School holds stock for sizing purposes. Please contact 07 345 6124 to arrange a time for sizing. Jerseys, jackets and hats can only be purchased at school.
- For more information about ordering online, WINZ quotes, sizing, delivery and returns, check out the FAQ page www.argyleonline.co.nz/faqs 0800 110059 (available 24/7) aolhelp@argyleonline.co.nz

PARKING AT ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

We appreciate your cooperation with the following parking regulations at the school:

- Please do not drive into the school to drop off or pick up your child at peak times as this causes significant traffic jams. There have been accidents as it is very difficult to see traffic coming where buses and other vehicles are on the main road. Please arrange with your child to meet further down the road.
- Please do not park at the bus stop near the school main gate between 3.15 pm and 3.45 pm. It is illegal to park or briefly stop as this is a designated bus area only which is regularly enforced by the Police and tickets have been issued before.
- Always single park (double parking causes accidents and traffic jams).

We thank you for your help and cooperation.

CHARTER BUS

- A term pass for the charter bus costs $250
- A 10 ride pass costs $60
- Payable online and at reception
- All students must be in possession of a valid pass before Friday 10 February 2023.
- *Please also note that any Mokoia students who require a charter bus pass - a reminder that the cost is $350 per term.*

NGA KORERO MAI I A TATOU KAIAKO
NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS

YEAR 13 CAMP – OHOPE CHRISTIAN CAMP 2023

The camp for year 13 students will be at Ohope Christian Camp from **28 Feb – 3 March.**

The aims of the camp are to:

- Develop unity in the Senior School
- Develop leadership and initiative skills
- Motivate students to set goals and work towards achieving them.
- Review their year 12 progress and set targets for Level 3 (or where appropriate Level 2) NCEA
- Identify and meet key competencies
- Start the House Spirit ethos for the year

28 Feb – 3 March Leaving school @ 11 am Return to school @ 1.30 pm (approx.)	Cost = $250 approx. *(cost subject to change)* Bus travel provided **Open to all Year 13 Students**

Activities will include Motivation and Goal Setting, Careers, Leadership, Team Building and House Spirit activities, Time Management and Beach Education. A letter with further details will be sent to all Yr 13 parents shortly and forms have been sent out during course confirmation.

NEW TO NCEA?

New Zealand's National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA) are national qualifications for senior secondary school students. Students who will be sitting NCEA assessments this year will be issued an information booklet that helps to explain key areas. NZQA also has made a video to help parents understand NCEA. Go to their website (www.nzqa.govt.nz) and search for "How NCEA works video".

2023 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Exams available digitally shown in blue					
Date	**Time**	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Scholarship**
Mon 6 Nov	9.30 am	Japanese	Latin	Te Reo Māori	Calculus
	2.00 pm		French	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Latin
Tue 7 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	Drama
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	
Wed 8 Nov	9.30 am	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thu 9 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics		Chemistry	Geography
	2.00 pm	Korean	Drama	Samoan	Statistics
Fri 10 Nov	9.30 am	English	Lea Faka-Tonga	Media Studies	Physics
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music		Accounting
WEEKEND					
Mon 13 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Economics	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Biology
Tue 14 Nov	9.30 am	Science	Chemistry		English
	2.00 pm	Samoan Spanish	Geography	Biology	Art History
Wed 15 Nov	9.30 am		English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	Cook Islands Māori History	Chinese	Accounting	German
Thu 16 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	History	Physics	Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Drama	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	Health	
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 17 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 20 Nov	9.30 am	Art History Te Reo Māori	Japanese	Latin Psychology Te Reo Rangatira	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tue 21 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Te Reo Rangatira	Drama Lea Faka-Tonga	History
	2.00 pm	Chemistry	Classical Studies	Art History	Economics
Wed 22 Nov	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics	Korean	Media Studies
Thu 23 Nov	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance	Earth & Space Science		
Fri 24 Nov	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm		German	Home Economics	
WEEKEND					
Mon 27 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
	2.00 pm	Chinese	Media Studies		
Tue 28 Nov	9.30 am		Business Studies	French	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		
Wed 29 Nov	9.30 am	Health	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
	2.00 pm			Music Studies	Spanish
Thu 30 Nov	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance		Earth & Space Science

TERM DATES

2023

Please note the following term dates for 2023:

	TERM DATES 2023		
TERM 1	Tuesday 31 January 2023	Thursday 6 April 2023	**10 weeks**
TERM 2	Monday 24 April 2023	Friday 30 June 2023	**10 weeks**
TERM 3	Monday 17 July 2023	Friday 22 September 2023	**10 weeks**
TERM 4	Monday 9 October	Tuesday 12 December 2023	**9.4 weeks**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2023	
TERM 1	Friday 7 April to Friday 21 April 2023
TERM 2	Monday 3 July to Friday 14 July 2023
TERM 3	Monday 25 September to Friday 6 October 2023
END TERM 4	Starts Wednesday 13 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2023	
Waitangi Day	**Monday 6 February**
Good Friday	**Friday 7 April**
Easter Monday	**Monday 10 April**
Anzac Day	**Tuesday 25 April**
King's Birthday	**Monday 5 June**
Matariki	**Friday 14 July**
Labour Day	**Monday 23 October**

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

EASTSIDE SUCCESS

Starting in mid January Te Arawa Whanau Ora/ Healthy Families have been providing a fantastic opportunity for our Eastside Community to utilise our local reserves through fun & free activities for all.

In addition to the Rotorua Lakes Council, Plunket and Tatau Pounamu - RLHS 2023 student leaders have been supporting this kaupapa by taking up Play Activator roles. The students are required to organise and implement fun and engaging activities that encourage connection and participation through positive play. School Prefects, Kya Stewart & Capryce Proctor are joined by our

Year 10 House Prefects, **Hunter Lewis, Rowen McAlpine, Ava McGrath & Chloe Managh**. Our student leaders have performed amazingly well and are representing our school with pride in our community.

The Eastside Initiative runs until the **23rd of March, every Tuesday & Thursday from 3:30 pm-6 pm** rotating across six Eastside reserves. So, come along after school to have fun and connect with our community. 😍🤗🥳

ROWING

Congratulations to our Lakes High rowers that competed together for the Rotorua Rowing Club at the Blue Lake Regatta over the weekend. Amazing results and good experiences to reflect on.

Check out the great opportunities to learn from passionate coaches and crew at: www.rotoruarowing.org.nz

CAREERS / GATEWAY

LAKES HIGH SCHOOL GATEWAY PROGRAMME
YEAR 12 & 13

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce our Gateway Programme to our new Yr 12 & 13 students and whānau. Gateway is designed to support school students' transition into the workforce by offering them workplace learning while at secondary school. Each Gateway placement is a formal arrangement between a school, a student and an employer; for a student to spend time learning in an employer's workplace. The opportunities on offer are enormous; coming onto the Gateway Programme allows each student to be mentored by an employer in their chosen work placement, whilst gaining both valuable experience and credits along the way. There are no costs involved for our Gateway employers – always a bonus!

Our placements are usually one day a week for a period of between 6-10 weeks – however, we are able to arrange any schedule that suits you. Below there are a few little bullet points into Gateway and how it helps our students.

Benefits for Students

- Reality check – invaluable!!
- Apply and gain skills
- Gain insights into working life
- Help to set clear career and life goals
- Try out potential careers
- Provides structured workplace learning that can lead to nationally recognised qualifications
- Helps prepare for future employment and being more independent
- Makes school meaningful
- Builds links with workplaces and gives you the opportunity to prove yourself, and gain experience
- Develop soft skills, which are related to personal attributes, behaviours and attitudes.

We value all our Gateway employers and would be delighted for you to join our team. If you think this is something you would like to be involved in and could offer our students a placement, don't hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to a great year and to meeting all our senior students.

EVA HINGSTON
Gateway Coordinator
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PANUI/PUBLIC NOTICES

Football Coaching Opportunity – Junior Level 3 Coaching Course

Together with NZ Football, WaiBOP is running a Junior Level 3 (JL3) Coaching Course on Friday February 10th – Sunday February 12th in Cambridge.

Course Overview
This course is aimed at coaches looking to provide a comprehensive programme for Junior Footballers (grassroots / talented players aged 9-12 years), allowing them to flourish both as young players and as young people. Focusing on skill acquisition, it will provide coaches with the knowledge, tools, and ability to create a development programme that ensures that all players are involved in appropriate activities and the appropriate times.

From a club perspective, having NZF Junior Level 3 qualified coaches will allow you to better support the development of junior players within your community and also position your club to be able to participate and benefit from being involved in future WaiBOP and NZF junior player development programmes (such as NZF Accredited Skill Centres).

If any of you or your coaches are keen to attend, please register below.

- **Venue: John Kerkhof Park, Cambridge.**
- **Dates: Friday February 10 to Sunday February 12, 2023.**
- **Price: $575 + GST.**
- **Register: HERE.**
  https://www.waibopfootball.co.nz/get-involved/COACHES/Junior-Pathway-1

For further information and any enquiries feel free to contact Nat Broadhead at WaiBoP

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