Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou,

A busy and tiring week for many of our students who attended the Year 13 Camp. Students have been enjoying swimming, surfing and our many workshops. We look forward to seeing how the skills students have been working on are brought back into Lakes High for the benefit of the entire school community. A huge thank you to the students and to our staff and other volunteers who have worked so hard to make it a success. (further details on page 5).

The majority of our students have settled into school routines, whilst enjoying the numerous activities available to them. I have also talked at assembly about the small minority of students who are not getting it right all the time. Whilst not going into specifics, as a school, we are working to support changes in their outlook. I do not wish to dwell overly on the negative aspects but would like to comment that it takes our whole community to support all our students, especially those who are struggling to find a positive pathway. I look forward to developing specific programs that will help us engage every student.

We are looking forward to our Athletics Day on 6 March and our Swimming Sports Day on 16 March (further details on pages 6-7). Unfortunately, due to restrictions and renovations at the Aquatic Centre, this year will be for competitive swimmers only and no spectators are allowed.

A very positive time at Lakes High this week. Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi,

Jon Ward
Principal / Tumuaki

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 1 2023	
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) – **(details on page 8)**
15 March	Boys Hockey Trials – 5.30 pm – Rotorua Hockey Turf **(details page 9)**
16 March	Swimming Sports
17 – 19 March	Rypen Camp
23 March	Teacher Only Day
27 – 31 March	Waka Ama Nationals
6 April	Junior/Senior Reports issued
7 APRIL 2023	**END OF TERM 1**

ASSESSMENTS

The following assessments have been set down. There may be times where, due to unforeseen circumstances, changes will need to occur. This will be done in consultation with the class(es) concerned.

Level	Subject	Standard	Date
1	Maths	91035	First half: 7 March Second half: 10 March
1	Applied Outdoor Education (AOE)	19671	9 March - trips to Lakes Tikitapu & Rotokakahi
2	Physics	91168	10 March Pds. 3 & 4
2	Tourism	24728	9 & 10 March
2	Biology	91160	10 March
3	Science	91411	10 March
3	Biology	91607	13 March
3	Chemistry	91388	14 March Pd. 2
1	Sports Science	90964	Currently working on improving our skills and results for Athletics Pentathlon
1	Legal Studies	27841	17 March
3	Legal Studies	27840	17 March
3	Health	91461	17 March
2	Chemistry	91910	20 March
1	Health	90971	24 March

RLHS CYCLONE RELIEF APPEAL

Supporting Te Karaka Area School & Community

Special mention must be made of the NZEI-TeRui Roa - Waiariki members who have added their donations to the appeal. Thank you all so much for your huge contribution and support.

Thank you to our Parents, students and School Community for the huge support shown over the last week. We have had lots of fun and been amazed by our students and their efforts. We acknowledge the following:

- Student School Mufti Day, record breaking total of $1,069. 70c

- Student Barbecue & Cake & Cookie Stall $472.00.
- Thank you to the Whanau Chefs for their efforts.
- Thank you to Mandy for the baking.
- Staff Raffle $250. Thank you to Staff who contributed to the prizes and supported the kaupapa.
- Monetary Koha of $180. Thank you Eva, Whaea Lucille and thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Items listed for the appeal. The list of contributors is endless. You are absolutely fantastic. Thank you for being so generous and caring.

The APPEAL has now CLOSED and we are working at packing everything ready to go to TE KARAKA. Students have done the sorting. Many thanks.

Thank you to Josh Morley & to Mainfreight for helping with transport.

No reira tena koutou! Tena koutou! Tena tatou katoa.

ATTENDANCE FOCUS

We are very focused on ensuring that all our tamariki are at school regularly. We know from studies and our own experiences that attendance and success at Kura are linked.

We remind our school whanau that the school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm. When absences occur, we ask you to support us by notifying us of the reason before 8.30am on the day using the SchoolBridge app.

Please also be aware that there are specific rules around absences and NCEA assessments. If the absence occurs on the day of the assessment please contact the subject teacher or HOD that morning.

We thank you for your support.

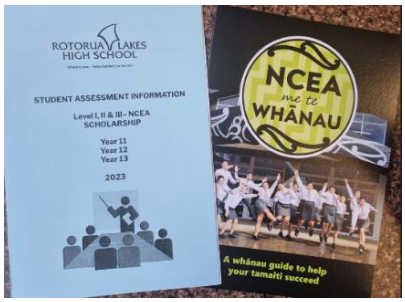
NGA KORERO MAI I A TATOU KAIAKO
NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS

NUMERACY TESTING

Numeracy testing for Year 9 has now been completed. This tests the number knowledge students have and the strategies they use. Many students have minimal knowledge of fractions and proportions generally, so anything you do at home will be useful - cutting up fruit and vegetables, measuring in the kitchen and around the home and talking about the fractions involved (quarters is particularly poorly known). Sharing things equally between different numbers of people and so on. Most of our Junior students also need to keep working on times table and associated division facts - this knowledge is vital for moving forward to more academic Maths. Just pick one times table at a time and celebrate even small victories.

If you would like to know more about your students' results please be in touch with Mrs Kelly at kellyk@rotorualakes.school.nz

NCEA PARENTS EVENING



Some great information was provided for whanau at Rotorua Lakes High about NCEA. If you missed the workshop and have any questions, please refer to the blue booklet your Yr11-13 student has been given, contact the Deputy Principal in charge of Curriculum, Jo Sturme at:

sturmej@rotorualakes.school.nz
or check out the video on this NZQA
link: https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works/

TE MATATINI

On Saturday the 25th of February, a group of tauira from Puketawhero house group travelled up to Te Matatini Festival's final day as a reward for their hard work and achievements during the 2022 school year. These tauira were selected for academic achievement as well as community involvement. Te Matatini is the biggest Kapa Haka festival in the world, showcasing the best of the best from every rohe of Aotearoa. We were very proud as Te Arawa tangata to see 5 out of the 6 Te Arawa roopu that performed make it to the final day. Te Arawa were almost 50% of the final day as there were only 12 roopu that advanced to the finals.

Favourites roopu for the tauira were, Ngāti Rangiwewehi who our previous Head Girl Kahurangi Dewes-Green performed for and Te Kapa Haka o Ngāti Whakaue who to me were the deserving winners of the Festival. No matter our opinions the judges saw things differently awarding Runners Up to both Whangarā mai Tawhiti and Te Kapa Haka o Ngāti Whakaue. Awarding overall winner to Te Whanau-a-Apanui. 😍

It was a great hot day and hopefully in the future can be just as brilliant. Looking forward to seeing Te Arawa on the Matatini stage again in Taranaki.

Whaititiri ki te rangi, ko Te Arawa ki te whenua. Nā Matua Tamihana rāua ko Matua Justin Puketāwhero 🤩

2023 YEAR 13 CAMP

This year's Yr 13 Camp was happily exhausting, and hugely rewarding. From 6.30 in the morning until after the sun set, students were active with everyone enthusiastic to give everything they had. Bonds were established and students gained a greater understanding of their peers and expressed what the true Lakes High culture meant to them. It is our hope that this feeling of support and team work will prove invaluable as seniors of the school.

Thankfully, the weather was on our side, which made the camp even more special for our students. Over the four days students took part in various team-building activities, surfed, took part in social and teambuilding challenges; they swam and performed with a wealth of talent at night time. Thank you to the staff who came along; Haana Howard, Simone Hamilton, Shaun English and A.J. Harris. Lizzie Gaston from Sport BOP also joined us, and it was fantastic to be able to share some of her professional knowledge as well as her great sense of fun. Also, a big thank you to Adrian Trass who came along as our parent help and who proved to be an integral part of the team.

We are very lucky to have such a fantastic team and an amazing skillset of talents to share with our students. The staff particularly enjoyed watching the annual Beach Team Building activity and were delighted with the sportsmanship and spirit shown throughout the entire week.

The year 13's have built a foundation on which they can grow as a group. Now it is up to them! We are thankful to all the teaching staff who took time out to have this experience and in particular to Ms Haana Howard for her hard work in effortlessly putting this all together. Well done to all!

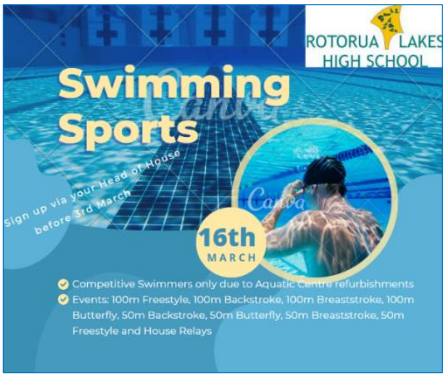
REKA

This week we began our formal, weekly, student interactions between RLHS students and students of our fellow Rotorua Eastside Kahui Ako schools (Mokoia, Lynmore, Rotokawa and Owhata).

Today three of our competitive swimmers attended the Rotokawa Swimming Sports and managed the race placings. They were fantastic role models; giving out high fives and encouragement to the younger swimmers. A wonderful chance for whanaungatanga and for our younger students to see themselves at Rotorua Lakes High in the future.

Thanks so much to Hannah Kiernan, Kate Staunton and Leonard Rankin for your support with this new initiative. 😎😎😎😎

SWIMMING SPORTS DAY



- There will be an assembly for students who have signed up for Swimming Sports, on Wednesday 8th March, where they will be given a permission slip that needs to be returned by 13th March.
- Students must go to the Auditorium at 8.40am on Swimming Sports day (16th March).
- Age group divisions are as follows:
    - Juniors – 12 or 13 years old on 1st January 2023
    - Intermediate – 14 or 15 years old on 1st January 2023
    - Senior 16, 17 or 18 years old on 1st January 2023
- Swimmers will be released to go home when the bus returns them to school at approx 2pm
- Students are to wear togs and house coloured mufti, and bring food, water, towels, hat, sunblock. There will be a fundraiser sausage sizzle.
- If students are allowed to leave directly from the Aquatic Centre at the completion of the event, they must have a note from home on the day.

ATHLETICS DAY

RLHS Athletics Day is Monday 6th March. School will finish at 2.15pm. However, there will be teachers available to supervise those students who need to stay until 3.15 pm. Buses will run at normal times.

- Students are to come to school in house colours - juniors in PE gear OR house coloured costume, seniors in house colours OR house coloured costume (no paint).
- Bring a drink bottle, hat, sunblock and lunch (or money for the sausage sizzle)
- Students will compete with their age group in all field events and can choose to compete in the track events also.
- Field events include: Long Jump, High Jump, Discuss, Shot Put, Javelin and Triple Jump. Track events include: 100m, 200m, 300m (juniors), 400m (intermediate/seniors), 800m, 1500m, relays

- More information (programme for the day, age groups etc) was given to students in house group.

- **Parents are more than welcome to come down on the day to watch. Just sign in at reception.**

$1 ice blocks and $2 drinks for sale & sausage sizzle on the day!!
Don't forget to bring your $$ for the sausage sizzle😋

ROTORUA MUSEUM EDUCATION CENTRE

This week, all Year 9 Social Studies classes visited the Rotorua Museum Education Centre (currently based at the Rotorua Library). Students experienced a two hour lesson on the journey of Te Arawa to Aotearoa and the explorations of Ihenga around Rotorua. This learning sets the scene for the first Social Studies unit of the year entitled "Local Area". These sessions were a fun, interactive way of sharing the pūrakau of our area.

We would like to acknowledge the support of Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust which has allowed funding for free transport by Ritchies Coachlines.

ROAD SAFETY YOUTH EXPO

Rotorua Lakes Council is holding a Road Safety Youth Expo on **Tuesday 14 March 2023** at Energy Events Centre. Our Year 11 Students will be attending this course from approximately 11.40 am to 2.30 pm. The school will provide transport to and from the venue. We expect our students to be in the correct uniform for this day and they will need to bring a packed lunch. If you have any queries please contact the Year 11 Dean Ms M Kairaoi kairaoim@rotorualakes.school.nz

STUDENT SUCCESSES

GREAT DAY AT THE GRIP CONFERENCE

It was a fantastic day last week for all our senior student leaders who attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Rotorua Energy Events Center. The GRIP team are specialists in the area of student leadership and presenting sessions that are highly interactive and directly applicable to the situations that students face at school every day. The conference is a one-day event held in numerous cities across several countries and is enjoyed by tens of thousands of students each year. The central focus of the conference is equipping student leaders with practical ideas and skills which will allow them to make a significant contribution to their schools.

Our students were amazing and did us proud for sure. 😎😄🤩

SUCCESS AT THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Meiken Bradbury (Year 9) and **Renee Price** (Year 10) were selected to participate in the FIFA Women's World Cup Play-off tournament as flag bearers.

They have been participating all week bearing the FIFA Living Flag and the highlight of the tournament has been being able to meet the New Zealand Football Ferns team.

Watching women from all around the world compete has been a great experience for both girls and we are very proud of them.😍😍😍😍

If you have a child who has done something exciting outside of school in the sporting, cultural, arts or academic fields, please get in touch with details hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz

SOME MORE PICS OF OUR PEER SUPPORT STUDENTS ENJOYING THEIR DAY - AWESOME😍😍😍🥰

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

BOYS HOCKEY TRIALS

Boys Hockey trials **Wednesday the 15th March, 5.30 pm at the Rotorua Hockey turf**. They will need mouth guards, shin pads, hockey sticks. Any more boys that want to add their name to the trial list can see Ms Blackmore in the junior dean's office.

BRILLIANT RESULTS AT MOUNTAIN BIKING DOWNHILL NATIONALS

Milla Phipps placed 2nd in the Under 19 Elite Class XCO

Bella Shaw placed 8th in the Under 17 XCO

Bellah Birchall was 1st in the Under 17 Downhill and is now **NZ1 Under 17 National Champion!!**

We are very proud of these young ladies!😊😊😊

We also had ex-RLHS students achieving highly:
Congratulations to **Ruby Ryan** (3rd Elite/Under23 Female XCO and 2nd in Under 23 Short Course XCO)
Joe Millington (2nd in Under 19 Downhill)
William Harvey (11th in the Under 19 Downhill)
Daniel Self (1st in Sports Mens XCO)

OUTSTANDING AT THE AON JUNIOR REGATTA

Congratulations to **Sara O'Driscoll and Ella-May McIlroy** who were placed third in the Girls U17 Double Skulls A final at the weekend. **Lauren Thompson and Lizzie Avis** also made it to the A Final in that race - it was awesome to have both Lakes teams there 😊 😊 😊

Also representing the school were **Holly Thompson** (our fabulous coxswain in the G U17 coxed quad) **with Lauren Thompson, Ella-May McIlroy, Sara O'Driscoll and Lizzie Avis**, **Grace Haack** (G U18 single skulls and the G U18 double skulls with **Sara O'Driscoll**). Thank you to **Locky Haack** who came along to support.

Many thanks to Rowing Pictureshow for providing the water shots.

CENTRAL PLATEAU SECONDARY SCHOOLS GYMKHANA

A seven strong team of riders competed at the Central Plateau Secondary Schools Gymkhana - Tuesday 28th Feb against six other schools from around the region. Our riders did extremely well, starting with placing third in the best presented category, and many of our riders placed in their events during the day. One of the many highlights was seeing three out of four placings go to our Lakes High team in the 'Best Rider' class. Congratulations riders on a very successful day.😍😍😍😍😍

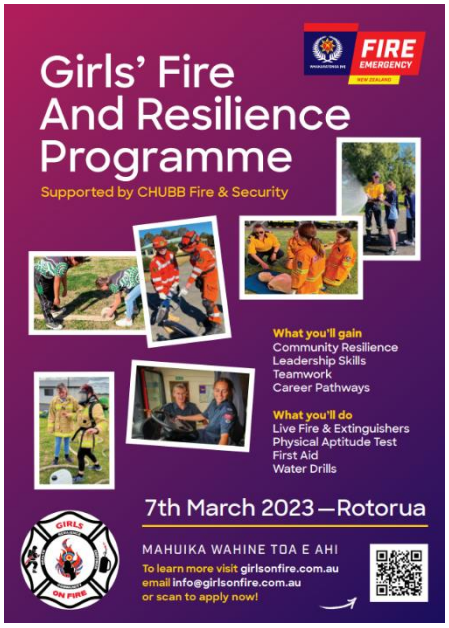
FABULOUS NUMBERS AT OUR FIRST SKILLS BASKETBALL TRAINING THIS WEEK

CAREERS / GATEWAY

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS

- MoneyHub has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2024
- https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html is the link.
- The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students.
- A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list
- Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available.
- MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

PANUI/PUBLIC NOTICES



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