Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

NEWSLETTER ISSUE No. 04 – 17 March 2023

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Kia ora Koutou,

It was great to hold our full school athletics championships last week. It was an outstanding day filled with our students competing and participating in our track and field events. Very well done and my thanks to everyone involved for their participation and hard work. A great fun day with our students. (further details on page 7). From there, some of our top Athletes attend the BOP Athletics Competition in Tauranga on Wednesday. They represented the school with pride and success. Well done. (further details on page 8).

We are looking forward to our Swimming Sports Day. Please note the change of date to the 24 March. A reminder that unfortunately, due to restrictions and renovations at the Aquatic Centre, this year will be for competitive swimmers only and no spectators are allowed. (further details on pages 3 - 4). NB: All other students have a normal school day.

I understand that the strike action on Thursday will have caused disruption for whānau. Whilst no one wants to strike, it is important that we remember why teachers are taking this step. For the most part it's about ensuring that students get what they need, in terms of classroom support and high-quality teaching and learning. It's about ensuring teachers have at their disposal, the resources to meet every students' needs as they are expected to be 'all things to all people' – teacher, parent, social worker, counsellor, administrator, to name but a few. Community members have commented to me that the teachers are just after more pay, but from my perspective, this is a small part of a larger puzzle, where we have an ageing workforce and fewer and fewer people choosing the profession. The strike signals an unease within the teaching profession that we cannot continue to provide the quality of education that we should and want.

I hope and trust the Union and Ministry of Education can find an agreement, being fully aware of the financial burdens currently being placed on our nation, but also aware that approaches have to change to continue to deliver a world class education. Thank you for your support as we endeavour to deliver this.

Just a reminder that the Teacher Only Day is Thursday 23 March. We will be focusing on Relational Practice encompassing: Culturally Responsive Practice, Restorative Practice, Relational Pedagogy and are delighted to welcome back Matua Timoti Harris to our school to run these invaluable programmes. The school will be closed for instruction. Thank you for your continued support.

All the best to the nine Year 10 students who were selected to attend the RYPEN camp this weekend. These students will spend the weekend at Okataina Education Centre learning to develop their leadership and confidence skills through a myriad of activities facilitated by Te Waiariki Purea Trust. We look forward to reading their written report in the next newsletter. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Rotorua Passport for sponsoring these RLHS students to attend. No doubt they will have a fantastic time and will return happy and tired!

As always, have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi,

Jon Ward
Principal / Tumuaki

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 1 2023	
17 – 19 March	Yr 10 Rypen Camp
23 March	Teacher Only Day
22 – 24 March	Yr 13 Tongariro Trip
24 March	Swimming Sports
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
2	Chemistry	91910	20 March
13PPE	Tau Koura	US6143	*20 March
3	Health	91461	20 March
1	Health	90971	24 March
2	Chemistry	91910	24 March Pds. 1 - 4
1	Drama	90006	27 March to 4 April
2	Drama	91213	27 March to 4 April
3	Drama	91512	27 March to 4 April
2	Engineering	32055	30 March Pd. 5 (working towards this standard)
2	Biology & Science	91158	**3 April
3	Biology	90601	6 April

*Meet at school, then working alongside Te Arawa Lakes Trust for this kaitiakitanga activity for the day. Attending this activity is a requirement for US 6143.

**Students are going on a field trip to Maketu. This trip involves collecting data for their achievement standard. The cost for going on this trip is $30 per student. Payment and signed permission slips need to be returned to reception latest by Friday 24th March. Letters have been issued to students in week 7.

JUST A REMINDER

If your student has paid for a school magazine and has not collected it, please remind them to collect from reception.
Thank you 😀 👍

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Teacher only day Thursday 23 March 2023, school is closed for instruction.
Thank you for your cooperation.

SECRETARY & DEPUTY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION VISIT

Last week we had the pleasure of hosting Iona Holsted and Jocelyn Mikaere the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Education who came to meet our Senior Pathways Programme students. This innovative course is offering an approach to develop great outcomes for targeted students. During the visit our students received their first NCEA credit certificates personally awarded by the Secretary of Education. Our students were awesome and a great credit to the school and our community.

Thank you Iona and Jocelyn for making the time in your busy schedule.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

The Year 13 Art & Photography students will be holding a formal exhibition of their work on Monday 3rd April in our school Auditorium.

More information to come next week via Facebook.

😀👍

SWIMMING SPORTS DETAILS

- Competing students must go to the Auditorium at 8.40am on Swimming Sports day. Age group divisions are as follows:

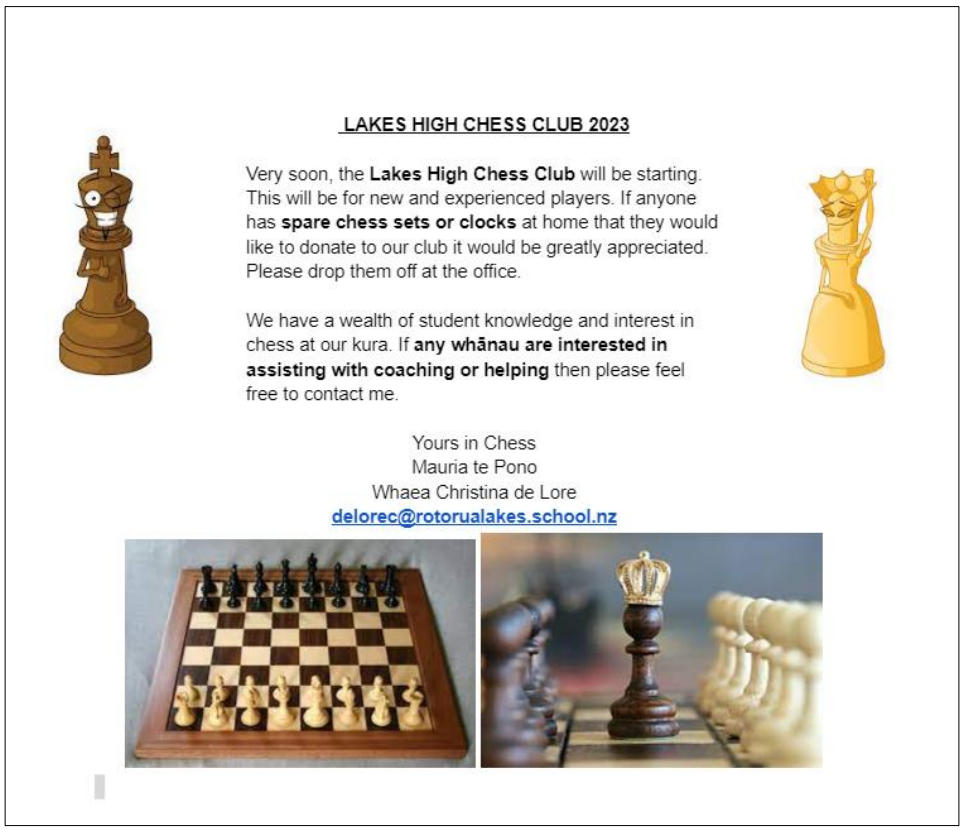
- Juniors – 12 or 13 years old on 1st January 2023
- Intermediate – 14 or 15 years old on 1st January 2023
- Senior 16, 17 or 18 years old on 1st January 2023

- 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.

- *Please note that the last day for permissions slips to be submitted is today 17th March - if your child still wants to enter today, please email hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz*

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



YR 11 STUDENTS & THE ROAD SHOW EXPO

A very thought-provoking, engaging and informative afternoon was spent by all of our Yr11 students today at the Road Safety Expo. Messages around driving free from distractions and alcohol were given, and personal stories were shared to help our students as they begin their driving journeys this year or next. A big thank you to the Rotorua Lakes Council, NZ Police, all of the facilitators, sponsors, transport providers and the RLHS staff that attended. Our students represented our school fantastically and were very respectful throughout.

PERFECT EDUCATIONAL ART DAY FOR OUR STUDENTS

Last week the Mixed Media, Photography and Paint & Print students went to look at Taonga from the Rotorua Museum Collections. They also spent time in the Government gardens drawing and taking photographs to use in course work back at school. Thank you very much to the Education and Collections staff from Rotorua Museum for making this opportunity possible. 😄😁😍

STUDENT SUCCESSES

THE ROTARY CLUB LUNCH

Our RLHS Head Prefects attended the Secondary Schools Rotary Club Lunch at Arikikikapakapa Golf club on Monday. RGHS, RBHS, JPC, WHHS & RLHS were represented and spoke well about their aspirations for the future. They mixed and mingled with Rotary members and made some great contacts. It is a great occasion to see all the Head Prefects shine and the first on the calendar where they all get to link up and share kai in a warm and inviting environment. Thank you to Rotary for the opportunity. 😍

GREAT DAY AT MOKOIA

Another opportunity for our Rotorua Lakes High tuakana to spend time supporting the students of our REKA contributing schools. Today, Samuel Trass, Poppy Croucher and Sadie Stewart supported swimmers from Mokoia Intermediate at their Swimming Sports event as timekeepers. Although it was a bit wet (in and out of the pool!), there were lots of smiles and some fantastic encouragement from our young leaders. Great for these younger swimmers to see themselves at Rotorua Lakes High as superstar swimmers like Samuel one day!😍😍🥰

ATHLETICS DAY

We held our first full school House Competition event - 2023 Athletics Day. It was a great day with students competing in javelin, high jump, shot put, triple jump, discus and long jump as well as having the choice to compete in many track events (100m, 200m, 300/400m, 800m, 1500m, house and year level relays). Well done to all of the students who participated, reached the finals and/or placed in an event. Once we have run the 3000m in coming days we will be able to announce the individual champions. 😍

Congratulations

to Tarawera house who took out the house points championship! It was a close race:

First: Tarawera (647 points)
Second: Tikitapu (619 points)
Third: Okāreka (553 points)
Fourth: Rotokākahi (549 points)

Thanks so much to the staff for running these events, and to Lexi Wigzell for the photos.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 12 STUDENT, MARY SCHUSTER

We are very proud of our Year 12 student, Mary Schuster, who received her #TolaAward from Ministry for Pacific Peoples. But even more special to be surrounded by amazing Pasifika role models and women in the new Minister Hon Barbara Edmonds and Secretary for Pacific People and Chief Executive for the Ministry Gerardine Clifford-Lidstone. 😍😍

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS HOCKEY TRIALS

Girls Hockey Trials will be held **Tuesday 21st March** at school turf starting 3:30pm. All girls are expected to be there and need to bring their own stick, shin guards, mouth guards and shoes.

BIG ROWING WEEKEND

Big Rowing Weekend at North Island Secondary School Champs. The Lake High rowing crew competed at the North Island Secondary School Champs (NISSC) at Karapiro last weekend. The top result was the Under 17 Double Sculls of **Ella-May McIlroy** and **Sara O'Driscoll** who placed 3rd in the B Final of the event. They were just pipped for second place in the last 200m of the race and finished with only half a second between them!

Other events we raced include **Lauren Thompson** in the U17 single Sculls (her first time racing in that event) and **Grace Haack** in the U18 single Sculls and the U18 Double Sculls with Sara.

Now two more weeks of training before the biggest regatta of the rowing season, Maadi. 😂😂😂😂

BOP ATHLETICS COMPETITION

The Bay of Plenty Athletics competition was held in Tauranga on Wednesday, some top results from our Rotorua Lakes High team include:

Ava McGrath came 4th in the Intermediate Girls Discus and has qualified for WaiBop athletic champs in Hamilton.
Frankie Ward Finished 7th in JB Long Jump.
Bella Wyatt qualified for the Senior Girls 1500and 800m in Hamilton
Troy Backler qualified for the Triple Jump event in Hamilton

Great work from all our school team members, there was some tough competition there but a great experience for all.😍😍🥳🥳🥳

MOUNTAIN BIKE SUPERSTARS

Another fantastic weekend of Mountain Biking results for our Rotorua Lakes High School students. This time at the Giant Gravity 2W Enduro MTB race:

- Lyla Alton 2nd under 17 yr old girls - short course(5 stage).
- Milla Phipps 1st under 21 yr old girls - short course (5 stage)
- Poppy Croucher 1st under 17 yr old girls - long course (8 stage) and 2nd Overall female

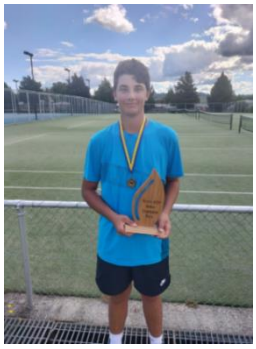
Congratulations to other RLHS students who competed too.

Also a shout out to Dylan Walton, an ex RLHS student who was awarded the Mark Dunlop Scholarship which comes from the proceeds of this event to go towards racing overseas.

Poppy Croucher also race in Dunedin two weeks ago at the "Emerson's 3 Peaks Enduro" where she came 1st under 17 yr old girls.

Well done RLHS Mountain Bikers! 😍

TENNIS CHAMPS



Hayden Martin, Jessica Martin and Incke Conradie competed in the recent BOP Residential Junior Tennis Championships. They all played great tennis – Jessica won the plate in her division, Incke came runner-up in the Girls Open Division and Hayden came away winning theU18s Boys division, taking the overall Junior Boys trophy. This event includes players from Taupo, Rotorua, Lynmore and Whakatane Tennis Clubs. 😍

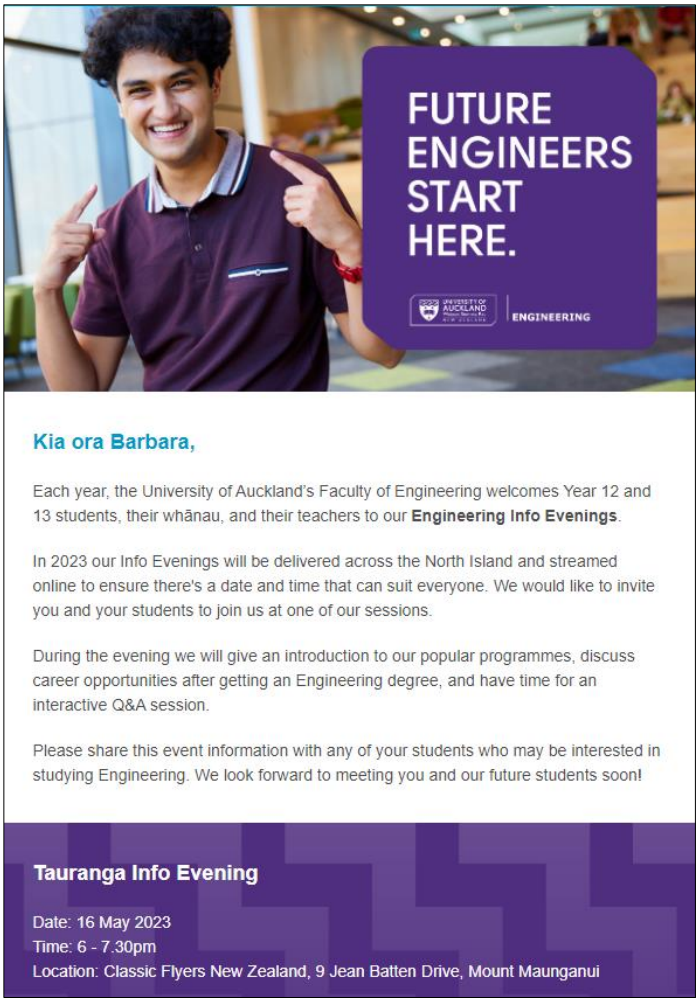
CAREERS / GATEWAY

MIND YOUR MONEY

MoneyHub has published a money guide for students to give you the tools and information so you can develop a great relationship with money. Check it out here: https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/money-in-a-nutshell.html

STUDYING HEALTH SCIENCE OR BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE NEXT YEAR?

MoneyHub has published a detailed guide for Year 13 students planning to study Health Science or Biomedical Science at Otago or Auckland University. Our detailed guide has been prepared by two top-performing 4th year Auckland Medical School students and is the first of its kind in New Zealand: https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/tips-for-studying-biomed-and-health-science.html



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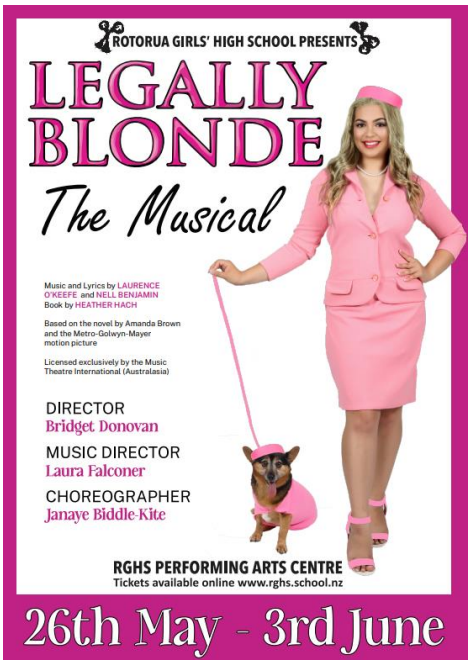

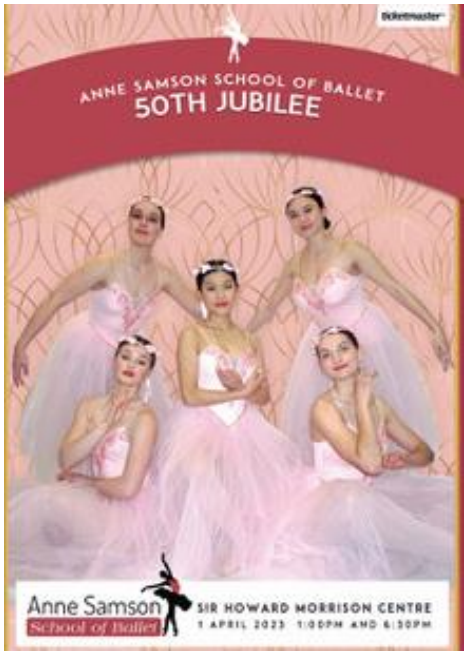

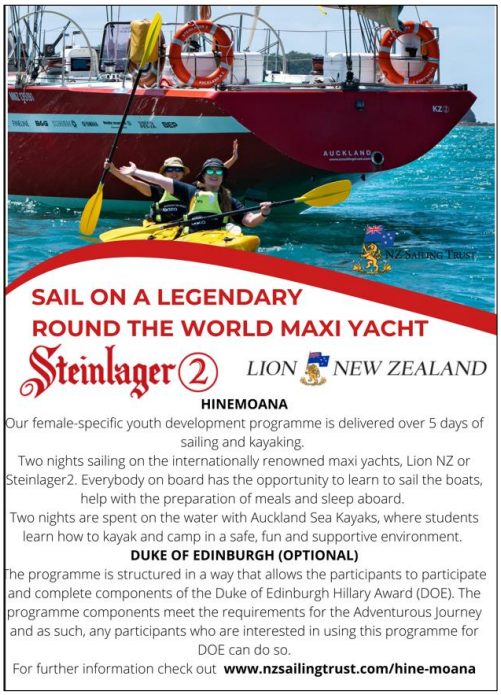

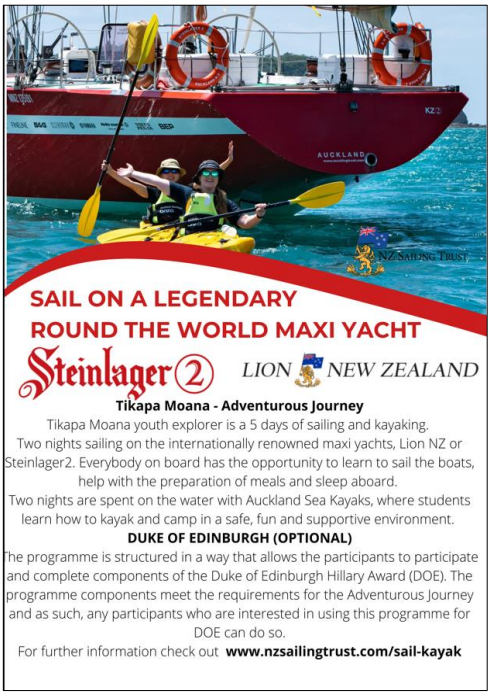

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