Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou,

On Friday last week we had our annual Rotorua Lakes High School Swimming Sports at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre. Due to the Aquatic Centre's upgrades we had our competitive swimmers only but that didn't dampen the students' enthusiasm. We had a great day and the students were highly competitive and showcased their many talents in all events. Thank you to all our students and to our Heads of House for organizing and a very special thank you to Haley Hodge for all her hard work. (further details on page 4).

We are so proud of our Waka Ama team who are competing at the Waka Ama NZ Secondary Schools Nationals at Lake Tikitapu this week. It was great to see our students so excited and ready to do their best. A huge thank you to Ms Lisa McFarlane, Mr Maurice Pomare and all staff who dedicated their time and mahi to help at the many practices and of course our focused students. We will share all results on our Facebook page when they are released. (further details on page 6).

All the best to our rowing team who are competing this week at the Maadi Cup in Cambridge. This year there are 2267 rowers from 113 schools, making it the second biggest NZ Secondary Schools Rowing regatta on record. We will share all results on our Facebook page when they are released. (further details page 7).

We say goodbye for now to our Assistant Principal, Erina Butterworth, who will be on maternity leave for the reminder of the year. All the best to Erina.

As we say goodbye to term one next week, we have seen students from across our school participate in a great number of curricular and extra-curricular activities, through which they have demonstrated outstanding levels of engagement, creativity and team work. We thoroughly enjoyed our Year 13 & Year 10 camps, Athletics Day and our Swimming Sports; almost as much as the students did! All of which were so successful because of our wonderful students and dedicated staff. Thank you for a great term one.

I know students and staff will be welcoming a break at last. It feels like it has been one very long term from late January to now. I hope you are able to spend some time with your young person over the break and we look forward to welcoming them back for the start of Term 2 on Monday 24 April 2023.

Have a wonderful relaxing Easter break.

Ngā mihi,

Jon Ward
Principal / Tumuaki

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 2 2023	
25 April	**ANZAC DAY**
27 - 28 April	Sports Science Trip
1 May	Ministry lead Teacher Only Day **(school will be closed)**
2 - 5 May	History & Economics Trip to Wellington
11 – 12 May	EPro8 Junior Heats
17 May	Rotorua Careers Expo
27 May	Rockquest BOP Heats
31 May	HAKA Competition
5 June	**KING'S BIRTHDAY**
16 June	Junior Reports Issued
16 June	NCEA Summary Report
16 June	Te Arawa Kapahaka Regionals
21 June	Report Evening - 3.30 – 6 pm
22 June	Report Evening - 4 – 6 pm
26 June	BOP Rockquest Final
26 June	Showquest BOP Regionals
1 July	School Ball
Friday 30 June	**END OF TERM 2**

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	Biology & Science	91158	*3 April
1	Geography	91013	5 April
2	Geography	91246	6 April
3	Biology	90601	6 April
3	Science	91601	**Week 2 Term 2
3	Biology	91607	6 April – students working on this in class and home
3	Geography	91430	28 April

*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 should have been returned to reception by Friday 24th March. Letters have been issued to students in week 7.

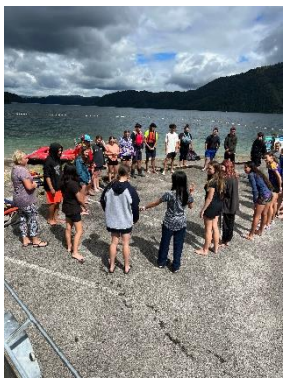
**Students have their second in-class assessment for 4 periods in Week 2 of Term two. Students must have all the information collected in their Log book.

NGA KORERO MAI I A TATOU KAIAKO
NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS

RYPEN CAMP

Written by Tayla Bell and Oscar Burns

From the 17th to the 19th of March 2023 nine Year 10 students from Rotorua Lakes High School attended the RYPEN camp along with 40 students from other schools such as JPC, Reporoa College, Western Heights High School, Rotorua Girls High School, and Rotorua Boys High school. Once we arrived at the Okataina Outdoor Education Centre we were split into teams with complete strangers and thrown onto the lake doing activities such as kayaking, rafting, waka ama and ABL in the freezing cold rain. One group even got stuck on the waka ama for over an hour in the middle of the lake because someone fell in the water. However, as bad as it sounds, it was actually lots of fun and we went from strangers to cooperative teammates in a matter of hours. The first night was quite eventful with guest speakers including Rotorua legend; Tuhoto-Ariki Pene and a pretty big earthquake at 4:30 in the morning. The next day we split into different groups and did the same rotations except the weather was a lot better. Some groups got to have a look at the caves on Te Koutu Pā and even have a "history lesson" with Matua Nei. The second night was just as eventful as the first with a blindfolded Burma trail and sleeping in bivvies in the bush which was really fun and luckily, we had no rain or cold wind. Even though there was no rain on the “survival night” there was some dew and it got very cold. A few of us had to sleep on top of a tarpaulin under the stars because we didn’t fit in our shelters. It was very tough sleeping on lumpy ground and using a log as a pillow, so this night definitely pushed some of us past our limits, but we all got through it in the end. The third day was pretty relaxed compared to the others. We had a massive clean-up and pack down in the morning and then we spent the rest of the day playing games such as pukana and street fighter. We also did some activities such as Chinese whispers but with knots, skit making, and chant making. After a long weekend of team building, doing activities, and making friends we headed home and said our goodbyes. Overall, we learnt a lot from this weekend and met some pretty amazing new people while also pushing ourselves out of our comfort zones and proving to ourselves what we are capable of. So, a big thank you to the Rotary Club of Rotorua Passport who paid for us to go and ran the weekend for us and also a huge thanks to Mrs Hodge who organised for us to go.



Students who attended RYPEN 2023:
Tayla Bell, Verdun Rolleston, Nirai Raureti-Mikaere, Stevie Lockwood, Shari Hayward, Mokoia Raethel, Oscar Burns, Kristin Conradie and Joshua Marshall.

OUR ACTORS FOR MOANA JUNIOR

A big congratulations to our RLHS actors, Caroline, Oscar, Declan and Ryder who have spent hours in rehearsals ahead of the school holidays production of Moana Junior, the Musical - break a leg!

TONGARIRO TRIP

The Yr 13 Geography class had a great time in Tongariro National Park last week. Students worked together to collect data for the 'geographical research' assessment. Many thanks to our staff for organising and to Ms Stephanie Beaumont-Gill for taking our students. Awesome 🥰

ALL THE BEST TO OUR BALLERINAS

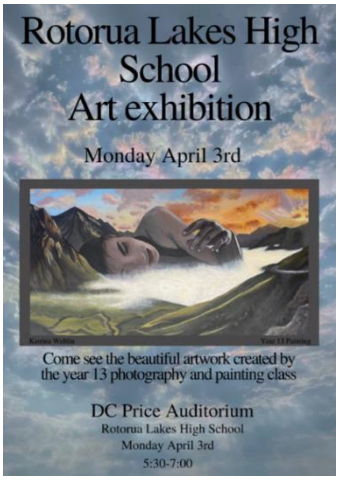
We would like to wish our eight ballerinas from RLHS all the best as they perform in Anne Samson's 50th Jubilee concert at the Sir Howard Morrison Centre tomorrow. They have been practicing hard and will all shine on stage.

All the best to Siwan, Ella, Maisie, Hazel, Marissa, Mia, Yulia and Alannah (and all the younger ballerinas on stage who will be students at RLHS in the future!). 😍

NUMERACY IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Just a reminder to keep working in a low-key way with your teenager on times tables and division facts. Do just one times' table at a time - these are vital basics if students want to be able to work towards numeracy based career options and senior school algebraic Maths. If you want any ideas be in touch with Mrs Kelly at kellyk@rotorualakes.school.nz Any queries about the junior school start of year Numeracy testing results are also welcome at the same email address. Thanks all

YR 13 ART EXHIBITION



We would like to formally invite you to the Rotorua Lakes High School Year 13 Art Exhibition on **Monday 3rd April.**
This exhibition is a chance for Year 13 Art and Photography to showcase their mahi from the past term in a formal setting in our school Auditorium.

We welcome you from **5.30pm** for the students to introduce you to their artworks and then share some drinks and nibbles while you view their pieces.

We look forward to your attendance at this inaugural event and thank you in advance for supporting our rangatahi with this initiative.

E SPORTS

NZ Secondary Schools E-Sports competition starts week 2 of term 2.

- Rocket League (3v3), Fortnite (solo, duo, trios), eFootball.
- Waikato Uni High School E-Sports competition starts May 3rd for Fortnite (at 2-6 players)

For registration information please join the Google Classroom with your school email address.
Class code is d7czzgv

REKA VISIT THIS WEEK

This week's REKA visit was back to Rotokawa. Our four RLHS leaders were referees and points scorers for the Interhouse Basketball and Rounders competition. It was great to see so much school spirit and encouragement from the younger students and our leaders did our school proud.

Thank you to **Uenuku, Teuila, Rowen and Ruby**. Brilliant job!😍🥰😍

REKA VISIT LAST WEEK

Last week's visits to REKA schools were for our senior EPro8 students to supervise and judge at the semi-final and final of Lynmore's EPro8 event.

A big thanks to **Siwan, Jordie, Alana and Dane** who were able to be objective judges and encourage Lynmore students to complete interesting tasks in an allocated time. Our RLHS students found this experience enjoyable and a challenge too - to give encouragement without giving away any answers! This was a great opportunity for younger competitors to learn from our RLHS students who have, themselves, reached high levels in EPro8 competitions; city-wide and regionally. 🤩

STUDENT EXHIBITION AT ROTORUA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Congratulations to the year 11 Visual Arts students who have work in the student exhibition on level 2 of the library. This opened last Friday afternoon, and was very well received by education staff and the general public. Very well done to all our students 😊

RLHS CHESS CLUB

It was a great turnout to our first day of Chess Club with over 20 students turning up. Chess club is on every Tuesday at 1:30 in G1.

All students are welcome, beginners and experienced players. 👍👍😁

TRAILS TRUST – A GREAT DAY OUT

Great to see some of our Yr 9 boys giving back in our community. Well done Jeppe, Monty & Colton!

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TV STARS!

Jenny Suo, a TVNZ reporter, recently came across our students spending five nights on their own in the Whirinaki bush, and she thought it was pretty cool to see our tamariki trusted to spend time in the great outdoors without adult supervision. She spent the night in the bush with this group of intrepid adventurers. What a fantastic bunch of Lakes High students! Well done Sam, Lewis, Theo, Poppy, Grace, Oscar and Alana! This story showed on Seven Sharp last Friday and the link can be found on our FB page

STUDENT SUCCESSES

OUR SWIMMING SPORTS DAY

We held our annual Swimming Sports last Friday and it was a fantastic day to showcase our house culture and school spirit. Unfortunately, due to Aquatic Centre renovations, we could only hire half of the pool, this year we made the call to invite only swimmers rather than the full school.

All swimmers that attended got involved, earned house points and had a great day entering a range of events. The vibe was really encouraging and the swimming talent was outstanding - some future Olympians amongst our students for sure!

Special mention to the following amazing swimmers who broke school records at this event:

Junior Girls: **Tamzin Joy** broke the 100m Freestyle record held by Hannah Kiernan since 2021, she also broke the 100m Breaststroke record held Anna Shapley since 2022

Intermediate Girls: **Anna Shapley** broke the 100m Breaststroke record held by Hannah Kiernan since 2022, she also broke the 50m Breaststroke record held by Hannah Kiernan since 2022.

Intermediate Boys: **Leonard Rankin** broke 4 records; 50 Fly held by Samuel Trass since 2021, 100 Back held by Matthew Gray since 2022, 100 Fly (no record set last year)100 Breast held by Matthew Gray since 2022

Senior Girls: **Stella Weston** broke the 50m Breaststroke record held by Tegan Fookes since 2019, she also broke 2 of her own records: 100 Fly and 100 Breaststroke previously set in 2022

Senior Boys: **Samuel Trass** broke the 50m Fly record held by Paddy Baylis since 2017, and he also broke 2 of his own records - 100m Backstroke and 100m Breaststroke previously set in 2022

We can't wait to have Swimming Sports as a full school event in 2024!

Photos taken by Lexi Wigzell who did an amazing job 😊

And a huge thank you to the staff that made the day a success, and our two mums, Rachel Aratema-Owen, and Claire Baylis for your expertise! 😀

WAKA AMA

This week our waka ama team took on the competition at the Waka Ama NZ Secondary Schools Nationals, held at Tikitapu. Our paddlers began their campaign on Tuesday.

A full write up and pics will be on our FB page when scores come out. 🥰😍😍😍

Our team being interviewed by the Daily Post - A great write up on our waka ama girls representing RLHS this week - tau kē, ngā kōtiro!!!😍😍😍

Many thanks to the Daily Post😍

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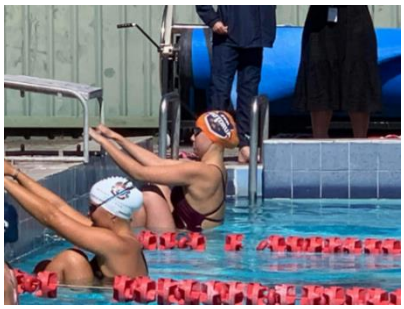
BOP SECONDARY SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION



Last week 7 RLHS swimmers attended the BOP Secondary School Swimming Competition held at Memorial Pool in Tauranga with outstanding results.

Individual Event top 8 placings were as follows:

Seniors:

· Samuel Trass placed 1st in 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke and 4th in 50 fly and 50 breaststroke;

· Stella Weston placed 2nd in 50 Breaststroke, 3rd in 50 free and 100 free and 5th in 50 fly.

Intermediate:

· Anna Shapley placed 1st in 25m free, 2nd in 50 free and 50 breaststroke and 8th in 100 free;

· Leonard Rankin placed 2nd in 50 back, 3rd in 50 fly and 5th in the open age 200 Individual Medley (IM);

· Hannah Kiernan placed 5th in 50 breaststroke and 50 free and 8th in 100 IM;

· Kate Staunton placed 2nd in 25 free and 6th in 50 back.

Juniors:

· Tamzin Joy placed 3rd in 25m free and 6th in 50 free and 50 Breaststroke;

Kate, Hannah, Tamzin and Anna joined together for the 15 & under girls relays winning the 200 free relay and placing 2nd in the 200 medley relay. RLHS placed 5th overall in the competition out of 19 schools, beating all the other Rotorua High Schools.

Congratulations to these swimmers and many thanks to parents Claire Baylis and Lynne Kiernan for supporting the swimmers at this competition😍

YOUTH OPERA IN THE PĀ CHOIR

Congratulations to our two wonderful singers - **Elrie Bosch and Lauren Thompson** (and our Yr13 leaver from 2022, **William Davies**), for their performance last night at Opera in the Pā as part of the Youth Opera in the Pā choir. It was a beautiful community event for these students to be a part of. 😍

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Another fabulous tramp for RLHS Duke of Edinburgh students. This time students completed 3 days of adventuring as part of their silver level award. We started with a very wet Friday but had fantastic weather for the other 2 days.

Around 40km of walking! Well done team! 😍

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

BOYS 1ST XI HOCKEY

The Boys 1st XI Hockey side got underway early this season with a trip to Hamilton to play St Pauls Collegiate 1st XI. St Pauls have a strong Hockey team finishing 3rd in NZ last season. With a number of returning players this season it was a great opportunity for us to test ourselves against quality opposition. St Pauls opened the scoring in the 1st Quarter with a well taken goal off a Penalty Corner. For large parts of the game we matched up well, but we did struggle to string the pass and plays to convert on opportunities. St Pauls managed to score in the 3rd and 4th quarters to close out the match 3-0. For our first game, we are really proud of this start, particularly given the level of the competition. Congratulations to **Preston Cleaver and Tomas Zuidmeer** for playing their 1st XI debuts. 😍😍

MAADI CUP FINAL

All the best to our rowing team who are competing this week at the Maadi Cup in Cambridge. This year there are 2267 rowers from 113 schools, making it the second biggest NZ Secondary Schools Rowing regatta on record. The students also participated in the Maadi Parade Banner competition and made a RLHS banner.

Awesome students well done😍🥰🤩🤩

A write up and pics will be on our FB page once the results have been released.

The MAADI Cup race week highlights:

Grace Haack finishing her under 18 single race - looking strong Grace!

Great shot of Lauren Thompson in the U17 single race

Grace and Sara O'Driscoll in the U17 double

Quad under 17 yrs going out on Monday

UPCOMING SCHOOL SPORTS "SEASON OF PLAY" – TERM 2

Most of our RLHS Winter Sport teams have already had their trials ready to begin next Term. There are still a variety of Sports that allow students to sign up, as the events will either be run at school to determine School Champions or are one off regional events, such as those for Cross Country and Rock Climbing. If you have any questions regarding Term 2 Sports Codes, please see the Teacher in Charge (TIC) or our Sports Coodinator, Lisa Mc Farlane.

- Basketball - TIC: Matua Tamihana Gardiner
- Cross Country events - TIC: Lisa McFarlane
- Football - TIC Boys: Mr Ward, TIC Girls: Mr Allen
- Golf - TIC: Mr Morgan
- Hockey - TIC Boys: Ms Blackmore, TIC Girls: Mrs Anaru
- Netball - TIC: Whaea Christina de Lore
- Racquet Sports - TIC: Lisa McFarlane (Badminton & Squash)
- Rock Climbing events - TIC: Lisa McFarlane
- Rugby - TIC: Ms Curtis

GOLD AT JUJITSU CHAMPS

In the weekend Patrezcija Vuletic-Petch competed at the ADCC Brazilian Jujitsu competition in Taupo.

Patrezcija won Gold to add to her 2022 National title.

Huge congratulations Patrezcija😍😍

ON THE PODIUM SUCCESS AT CRANKWORXS

Bella Birchall:
1st Taniwha Down Hill, 1st dual slalom, 1st air DH and 1st in the pump race.

Poppy Croucher:
Competed in the Air Down Hill and Taniwha Down Hill 3rd in both.

Fantastic results, well done to you both. We are proud of you😍🥰😍

HANNAH KIERNAN

On Sunday 19th March **Hannah Kiernan** (15 yrs) came 2nd in the Female U19 age group swimming the 5 Bridges River Swim - 7.1kms in the Waikato River through Hamilton. Way to go Hannah!😍🥰😍

Xterra Rotorua was held on Saturday 11th March at Tikitapu. In the Individual Short Course event (Swim/MTB/Run) **Hannah Kiernan** placed 3rd overall for Women & also came 2nd in her age group (13-19 yrs).

Congratulations **Hannah**🥰🥰😍😍

OUTSTANDING SENIOR TENNIS

RLHS competed in the recent BOP Secondary Schools Senior Tennis Championship, held at Western Bay of Plenty courts in Papamoa. **Incke Conradie, Hayden Martin** and **Kobe Smith** represented our school. A very high level of tennis across the day. All three of our team played some very tough tennis matches and **Incke** came third in the girl's Division 1, while **Hayden** won the Plate in the boys Division 1. Well done, Team!😍🥰😍😍

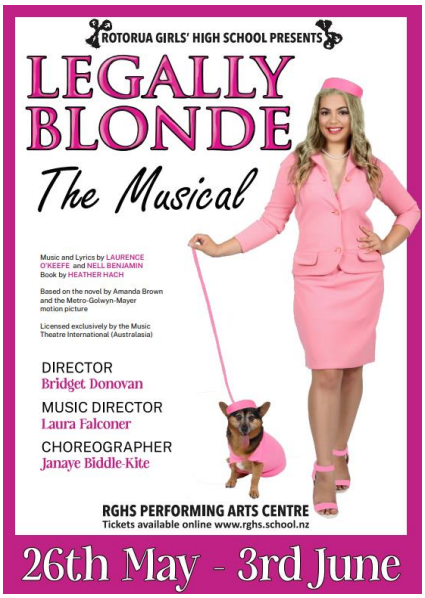
CAREERS / GATEWAY

NCEA EXAM HELP & JOB HUNTS

MoneyHub has 10+ NCEA resources to help everyone attain merits and excellences - check it out and prepare for upcoming internals and externals with confidence. https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/resources-for-ncea-students.html

MoneyHub has updated its comprehensive directory of student jobs. With 50+ well-known employers listed and links to their student job application details, getting a part-time job is a lot easier with this guide: https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/student-jobs.html

PANUI/PUBLIC NOTICES



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