Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou,

We have had a hugely successful Youth Week organised by our Senior Prefect Team. The week was outstanding with students showing great enthusiasm in all events. A big thank you to all our students and staff and a huge thank you to Ara Taiohi and Sport BoP for their very generous funding which made the week possible. A special thank you to Lizzy Gaston from Sport BoP for her ongoing support and boundless enthusiasm. Full story on page 9.

Our House Group's competitive challenges were a great success. Close and exciting games across all codes. Well done to all our students. As always, we greatly appreciate our Heads of House for putting in the hard work in organizing these events and making them so enjoyable for our students.

Great to see our sports students getting settled into the start of our sporting season which have already begun with some very exciting hockey, netball, cross country, equestrian and football games. (see pages 12 - 14). A particular acknowledgment to all our parents who brave the elements to come and support their children. It is very appreciated.

It is always a pleasure to celebrate our student successes. We are showcasing our Year 13 prefect students and the outstanding job they are doing for the school. Check out their pictures and segments on pages 4 – 8.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully great weather.

Ngā mihi,

Jon Ward
Principal / Tumuaki

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 2 2023	
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 **(school closes early at 3 pm)**
22 June	Report Evening - 4 – 6 pm
26 June	BOP Rockquest Final
26 June	Showquest BOP Regionals
Friday 30 June	**END OF TERM 2**

NGA KORERO MAI I A TATOU KAIAKO
NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS

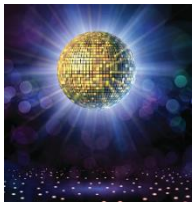
ASSESSMENTS

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.

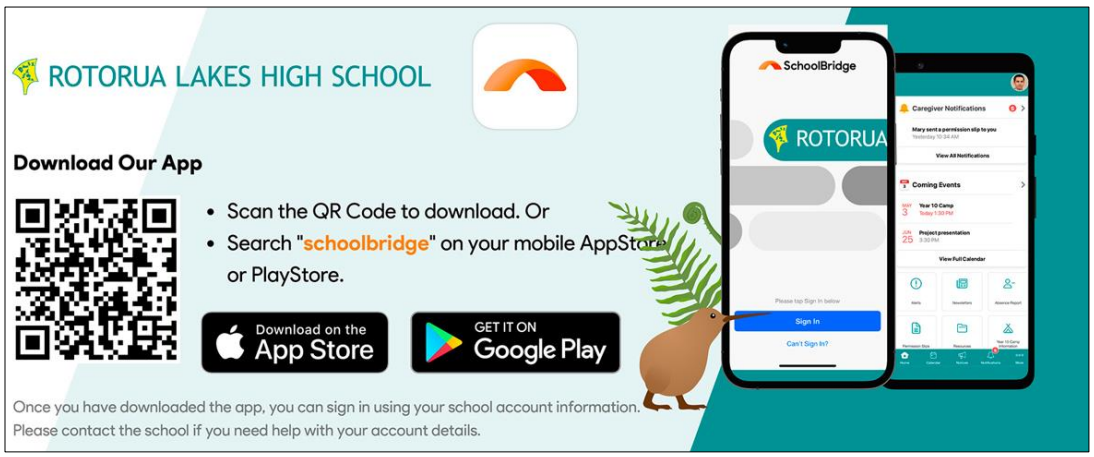
Level	Subject	Standard	Date
1	Drama	90997	6 to 13 June
2	Drama	91214	6 to 13 June
3	Drama	91513	6 to 13 June
1	AOE Day Trip	90968	* Friday 9th June, Rotorua Rafting experience
1	AOE Day Trip	32837	* Friday 23rd June, Adrenalin Forest experience

* Postponements may occur due to weather conditions

SCHOOL BALL INFO



The Rotorua Lakes High School ball is confirmed for the 9th September. Mrs Hodge and the ball committee are working hard to confirm suppliers and theme and all will be announced in coming weeks!



ANOTHER GREAT FIELD TRIP FOR OUR YR 13 STUDENTS

A great day out for the 13 Tourism students to see different tourism businesses in action in our city. Students were able to learn about development of Maori tourism at Whakarewarewa; how long-term attractions like Agrodome have continued over COVID; and they were able to have some fun on the rides at Velocity Valley and Zorb. Thanks to the operators and guides that hosted us. 😍😍

GREAT FIELD TRIP FOR OUR YR 12 STUDENTS

Yr12 Tourism students had their second field trip out last week. Agrodome Farm Show and Tour, Zorb rides and a guided tour through Whakarewarewa Village. Students will learn about different tourist types and the history of tourism in coming months so this was a great chance to see examples in action and also an opportunity for students to meet potential employers. (Hannes almost got a free hair cut on stage too!)

SHOWQUEST 2023

The students are working really hard rehearsing for our Showquest item. We are very lucky to have the opportunity to perform our item in the newly renovated Sir Howard Morrison Centre in Rotorua on Monday 26th June at 7pm.

Tickets are now on sale from Ticketmaster on the Showquest website.

https://www.showquest.nz/dates

$25 for an adult and $15 for a student or child

STUDENT SUCCESSES

STELLA WESTON

Stella Weston has, as one of only four students in the country, been awarded a NZ Society of Authors Youth Mentorship. This programme will foster and develop emerging writing talent around New Zealand with the support of established authors, and Creative NZ. Stella will hone her writing skills and develop her craft through the year as part of this programme - it is a very prestigious honour Stella, well done!
https://authors.org.nz/four-talented-secondary-school.../

SHOWCASING OUR PREFECTS

We are so proud to showcase our Y13 prefects. We have asked them to share what they have done so far in their role this year, and what they aim to achieve as the year continues. Well done to all for doing such an awesome job. 😍😍😍

HEAD GIRL, MYA BOTTOMLEY

Tena koe, ko Mya toku ingoa
Being the Head Girl of Rotorua Lakes High so far, I have been a part of opportunities I didn't think I would ever be a part of. Some of these include visiting various leadership conferences, one of them being at Waikato University in Hamilton, and another being at the Rotary club here in Rotorua. It has been a pleasure to network with our wider community, and other head prefects from other schools around the north island. Within the school we have contributed by leading student lead school assemblies, organising Youth Week 2023 with the prefect captains, and we have many more plans to come- one of them including the reestablishment of the Student Council after many years. This year I also have the greatest pleasure in becoming part of the Kapahaka Roopu, (Te Kura o Ngā Moana) and am practising towards the Secondary School Regionals in June. With this, I had the aim to contribute to our school on a cultural level, whilst embracing our culture also. Working with our juniors doing peer support, and taking a tuakana role during haka practice for the Okareka house group for our annual haka competition has also been insightful and a new experience for me, and I can't wait for all the opportunities to come!

HEAD BOY, SAMUEL TRASS

Hi, I'm Samuel and I am the Head Boy for 2023. This year so far me, along with the prefect team have run a number of student-led assemblies which inform the students about cool events and days that have been planned by students for students. This year so far has been very successful in terms of student spirit and involvement and I can speak for everyone in saying it's really cool to see. Heading into the next part of this year I aim to encourage the younger students throughout our school to be brave and come and join these cool activities we have going on regularly and help them get their wants and needs met to make them more comfortable coming to school every day because I know how tough it can be.

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL, KAIA RAETHEL

'Poipoia te kakano, kia puawai'

Being Deputy Head Girl so far this year has included being a peer support leader and helping out with our year 9 students, attending a leadership conference over at Waikato University with a whole heap of other kura, holding student led assemblies, as well as representing our kura at both the Dawn Service and Parade on Anzac Day. Kapa haka has become a huge part of my time, practising every weekend, as our kura will be standing in the Te Arawa Secondary Regionals on the 16th of June. This kaupapa is very important to me as it will be my final stand for Te Kura o Ngā Moana. As we move further into the year, I wish to gain more experience with our juniors, other kura and the community.

DEPUTY HEAD BOY, UENUKU MALCOLM PAPWORTH

"Ehara tāku toa I te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini"

My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

Kia Ora, ko Uenuku toku ingoa. During my time here as deputy head I have accomplished many different things, with all the help and support from each and everyone here, such as teachers, or other students. Such as participating in the anzac dawn service for our school, taking part in kapa haka for the second time, I have helped out Rotokawa in sporting events thanks to Ms Hodge, I took part in a leadership meeting at Waikato University with my fellow head prefects, and helped do our first student-led assembly. I look forward to further representing our school in many different ways with the help of my fellow head prefects and all the other prefect captains, so that we can further elevate Te Kura O Ngā Moana to the best of our abilities.

CULTURAL CAPTAIN, STELLA WESTON

My name is Stella Weston and I am the Cultural Captain at Lakes this year. Our cultural committee is focused on celebrating the diversity of our school, working to enhance the arts, and improving the school and student culture as a whole. We have worked to organise Youth Week along with the rest of the prefect team, and activities for our day in particular. We are working to support and lead the Rainbow Youth Group - a hugely important part of Lakes culture. We are also in the process of looking into the logistics of repairing the common room for our year group and future students after us. As well as this we are interested in setting up a lunchtime arts and crafts club and short story and art competitions across the school and potentially involving other schools. Finally, we would like to continue on the legacy that previous cultural prefects have left and organise both dance lessons for the seniors prior to the ball, and special mufti days (such as music and decades day) that work to bring the school together.

SPORTS CAPTAIN, KEANEN DYSON

Hi I'm Keanen and I'm the Sports Captain for 2023. As Sports Captain for 2023 I want to encourage students to get involved with sports and activities we have to offer at Lakes High this year. Last term was a very successful term for the sport prefects organising an in-school volleyball competition, and a teachers' vs year 13s volleyball game on the last day of school. This term we have Competitive House Challenges starting with basketball in week 3, followed by volleyball in week 5, indoor games in week 7 and netball in week 9. The sports prefects are also running an Amazing Race with the academic prefects as part of an activity for the prefect run Youth Week happening in week 4 of this term. I am also an active member of the Rotorua Lakes High School sports committee of teachers and students where we discuss and deliver ideas to improve sport as a whole for our school.

BAILEE SWINYARD, ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAIN

Hi I'm Bailee and I am the Environmental Captain for 2023. As the Environmental Captain, my goal for this year is to get more native trees planted in more areas around Rotorua Lakes High School such as outside the A block toilets as well as alongside the library. This year the environmental prefects along with the sports, academic, and cultural prefects organised the 2023 Youth Week. On the Tuesday of Youth Week my committee and I ran a chalk art competition on the netball courts with an alien landscape theme. It was really great to see the school having fun and getting involved with our project as well as the rest of the activities planned during the week by the other the committees.

ASTON DOW, ACADEMIC CAPTAIN

Tena koe, I'm Aston, and the Academic Captain for 2023. So far this year, I have been lucky enough to work on this year's Youth Week activities alongside our team of talented Academic Prefects. Over the course of the year, myself and the rest of the Academic team will be working closely with staff and the senior management team to make sure that we're able to help students with their academic achievement as best we can. As a committee we have several ideas that we would like to implement. These include quiz nights and tutoring sessions, as well a number of other activities. Being named Academic Captain has been an amazing privilege and I can't wait to get stuck in!

ELRIE BOSCH, TARAWERA HOUSE CAPTAIN

I am Elrie Bosch and I am one of the Tarawera House Captains for 2023. This year I have taken part in organising house events and encouraged the junior students to participate. Taking part in house events is one of the biggest things about being a House Captain as it sets an example to younger students. I admit that I am not a very sporty person and I often have to get out of my comfort zone to set an example. Being a House Captain means more than just organising house events and telling everyone what to do. Being a House Captain means to encourage my peers to work together as a team and have fun doing so. For the rest of the year I plan to continue encouraging my house members to participate while also setting an example for them.

ETHAN HOGGARD, TIKITAPU HOUSE CAPTAIN

Hi I'm Ethan Hoggard, one of the House Captains of Tikitapu for this year and although the year has only just started we have had some great results and are not far from moving from 2nd to 1st in the house competition. My main goal for this year is to keep the winning streak going from the previous two years of winning the house competition . I am very grateful to be a House Captain for Tikitapu and am looking forward to all the challenges that may come.

TAMA TE WHAU, OKAREKA HOUSE CAPTAIN

I am Tama Te Whau, the House Captain of Okareka. This leadership position has brought me out of my comfort zone so far this year, including teaching and leading the haka alongside the seniors in my house. I believe that I have learnt a lot about being a leader already, and I am confident in the students of Okareka. We may have started off slow, but I plan to start picking up more points in later events, and hope to end up winning alongside the talented students in my house. I am prepared to give my all as a proud leader and member of Okareka.

SAM REID, TARAWERA HOUSE PREFECT

Hello, my name is Sam Reid and I am one of the amazing House Prefects of Tarawera house. My goals for this year are to strive for excellence in every single student in my house and win all challenges. This will therefore make Tarawera victors leaving us Year 13s as legends! So far, we have won Athletics Day and Swimming Sports with more house events to come. I am proud of what my house has accomplished so far and wish we keep up the effort.

HARRISON SMITH, TIKITAPU HOUSE PREFECT

Hello, my name is Harrison Smith and I am one of the 2023 House Prefects for Tikitapu house. So far this year me, along with Ethan and the junior house prefects, have led Tikitapu to second place in Athletics Day and Swimming Sports, as well as starting off hot in the Competitive House Challenges by coming first place in basketball! I am more than proud of our performance so far, and I want to keep our foot on the gas, and I am very excited to keep trying our hardest in the upcoming events to eventually come out on top.

LUKAS JOY, ROTOKAKAHI HOUSE PREFECT

Hi, I'm Lukas, I am one of the 2023 Rotokakahi House Prefects along with Finn and the two Junior House Captains. We didn't start this year out with the best coming last in the first two house events but we managed to bring it back in the first Competitive Challenge with a second place in basketball. I believe we can keep this up for the Competitive Challenges yet to come and for the upcoming haka competition where I think we can take 1st place for the third time in a row. I am proud to be the Rotokakahi House Prefect for 2023 and hope that we can come out on top.

FINN FIRKIN, ROTOKAKAHI HOUSE PREFECT

Hi, I'm Finn House Prefect for Rotokakahi this year I've helped out with peer support and some house activities and have been trying to get to know all the new year 9s it's been such a blast getting to know all the new students and getting them more comfortable in our school. For all the new year 9s who are very nervous and finding it hard feel free to talk to me I had the exact same feeling. I aim to achieve getting all the year 9s comfortable being around our other students and make it one of the best years in school and I will always be open to talk to if any year 9s are feeling worried about anything. I will also do everything in my power to make Rotokakahi the most fun house out there.

WONDERFUL SONG & TALENT

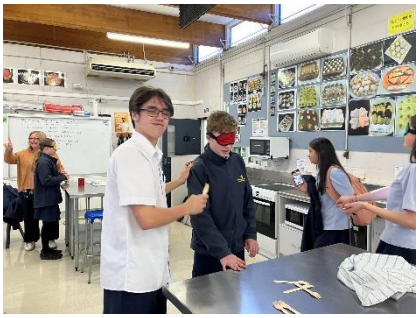
The single, Tōku Tuakiri, has been released by Nico Grace, from Girls High who won the Yr10 song writing competition. Elrie Bosch and Grace Gainsford lent their voices as the back-up vocals. Ex-student Tiana Hunter sings and features in the video. It's a fabulous song that has a great message... Amazing 😍
Copy this link:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcRQk9mhqBk

BRILLIANT YOUTH WEEK

We had a hugely successful Youth Week last week organised by our Senior Prefect Team which was a fantastic opportunity for Prefects and Senior Leaders to grow their confidence in their organisational skills, creating connections for students and managing a budget on a larger scale. Very well done!😍

- We had chalk art day on Tuesday with over 100 students taking part. Great artwork!
- On Wednesday and Thursday, it was the Amazing Race run by the sports and academic prefects. We had a fantastic 30 teams competing. Activities included blind folded taste test, general knowledge quiz, blindfolded puzzle, and learning a chord in the music room.
- On Friday we held our Pink Shirt Day – we had some great outfits and spot prizes and raised a terrific $510 for the Pink Shirt foundation!
- A huge thank you to Ara Taiohi and Sport BoP for their very generous funding which made this week possible.

The week was phenomenal! A big thank you to all students and staff and especially to Lizzy Gaston from Sport BOP for her ongoing support and enthusiasm. 😍🥰



OUR STUDENTS SHINE AT COUNCIL HEARING

Congratulations to students from JPC and Lakes High for presenting a submission at the council hearing on Thursday evening. Well done to Eva Leischeid and Kya Stuart for speaking to the full council, which was very daunting! Here's hoping we can help save the Education team from Rotorua Museum, who provide a hugely valuable resource to our students.😍🥰😍

BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR YR 9 KOWHAI CLASS

Our Yr9 Kowhai class has spent their Project Day time working on a Wearable Arts creation over the past few weeks. On Thursday they presented their pieces to music in a catwalk show.

Great work from all students! 😍😍

MUSIC TALENT

The year 10 & 11 Music students spent two days with New Zealand Musician Laughton Kora from the band Kora. We had so much fun learning how to compose original songs. Thank you Laughton, and to Angel at the New Zealand Music Commission for the amazing opportunity you gave to our students.
😍😍

SENIOR PATHWAYS CLASS

Our Senior Pathways Class had an awesome experience learning how to collect and identify native fern to house Koura at Lake Rotoiti. They also got to experience collecting Koura in the waka named (Koura) These experiences also underpins the Maturanga Maori approach and with Matariki looming we are working towards understanding Te Ao Maori in our local community. Thank you to Cory, Sarah, and Io for your awesome guidance for our rangatahi! We had an amazing day and are looking forward to our next adventure! 😍😍

REKA VISIT THIS WEEK

This week's REKA liaison visit was to Lynmore to help with their Cross Country, thanks so much to AJ and our team of RLHS marshals for supporting, encouraging and guiding the Lynmore runners. 😍😍

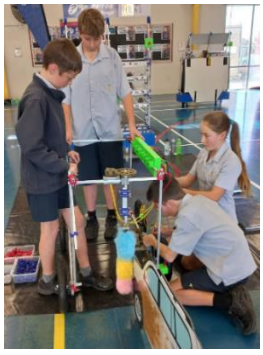
REKA VISIT LAST WEEK

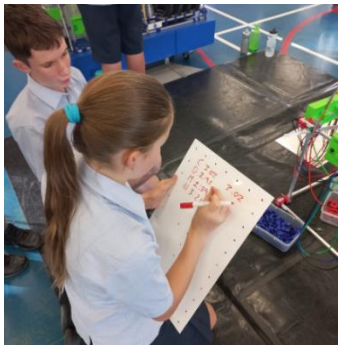
As part of our regular REKA visits to the Eastside Kahui Ako schools, five of our talented singers spent time with Lynmore's Choir group, helping students with breathing and volume techniques. Our singers were very impressed with the talent shown by the primary school students! 🤩🤩

Thanks to **Lauren, Mikaelah, Elrie, Grace and Melody** for sharing your expertise!

ANOTHER EPro8 TRIUMPH

Another awesome result from our EPro8 team who came first place in the BOP Inter school competition. Congratulations to: **Cameron Moore, Damon Heighway, Monty McQuoid, Nicole Wallace**, and to all the parents for supporting our students. We invite you again to join us in the semi-finals on the 8th of June at the University of Waikato. 😎😎😎





WAY TO GO GENESIS!

We had a lovely visit from one of Young Achievers and Yr13 students from 2021 today, Genesis Smith-Huriwai. She has just been named in the inaugural Ahi Kā Aotearoa Rugby League squad travelling to Australia this month. This Harvey Norman Women's Rugby League team will play four games and games can be followed via the link below. We wish you all the best in representing our country Genesis!!
https://nzrl.co.nz/inaugural-ahi-ka-aotearoa-squad-named/...

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR A GIRLS NETBALL

Our Senior A Girls Netball Team is pictured here after a great game against RGHS Premier 2 Team. Their dedication and preparation have paid off, as they won the match 41-23. The team displayed incredible perseverance and played an awesome game. 😍😍

CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday we had 4 students travel to Waipuna Park in Tauranga to take on the tough cross country course. They were Troy Backler, Bella Wyatt, Renee Price and Alex Malcolm (who raced in the earlier y9 boys race) Our best results came with Renee who came 5th in the y10 girls and Bella who came 7th in the Senior girls.

Well done to all of you for taking on the challenge.

😍😍😍

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS HORSE TRIPS CHAMPS

On 20 / 21 May our Lakes High Equestrian Team had a great weekend at the North Island Secondary Schools Horse Trials Champs. The girls competed over two days, starting with dressage and showjumping on the Saturday and cross country on the Sunday. Grace Burborough on Shadow Dancer competed in their first 80cm event and Tyla Talbot on Deep Secret competed in the 95cm event placing fifth in her class. The wet weather certainly added to the challenge and the girls did very well to reach their personal goals. Well done😍😍😍

GIRLS 2ND XI HOCKEY

Congratulations RLHS girls 2nd Xl. You have kicked off the season playing some fantastic hockey. Your work ethic and positive team attitude is commendable. In week one we had a win 5-2 against JPC 2nd Xl and in week two we eventually lost 3 - 2 to WHHS 2nd XI. Looking forward to a great 2023 hockey season.

Thanks also, to our supporters who are rugging up to come along and watch our games!😍

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our Girls football team played Taupo-nui-a-tia at home under our new lights! It was a great game for our girls coming away with an impressive 10-1 win. Goal scorers were Miyume Ueno, Renee Price, Olly Garroud and Izzy Managh. Well done to the team for an outstanding game.😍

BOYS FOOTBALL

A successful start to our Boys Football season playing Forest View High School, Tokaroa. The FVHS Boys persevered through the entire game but our boys played great football as a team, passing effectively, great defence and a strike force at the front to be reckoned with. The final result was 13-1 to RLHS. Looking forward to our next game at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College which will be a good test for our developing squad. Thanks to supporters who came down to the school on Wednesday night to cheer the boys along.😍

BOYS FOOTBALL

Boys Football Match Result: Wednesday 24th May. Taupo-Nui-a-Tia First Team vs RLHS 1 -2

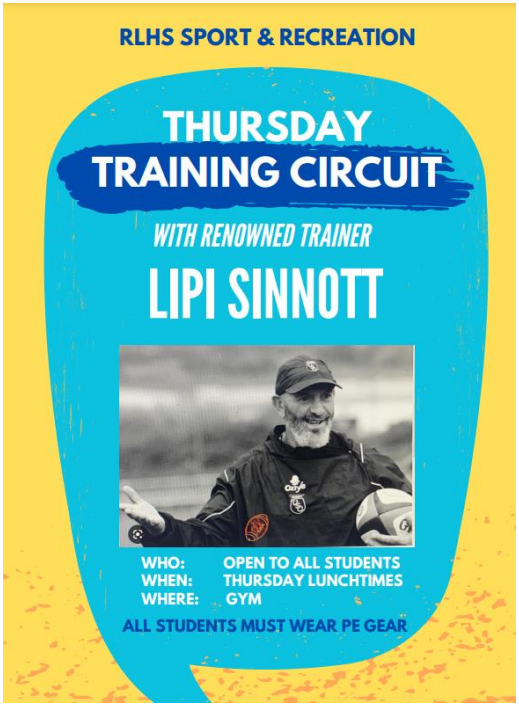
A strong performance from our boys to beat a well drilled TNT first team. All round positive performance from the whole team playing as a cohesive unit. 2 wins from 2 games so far…

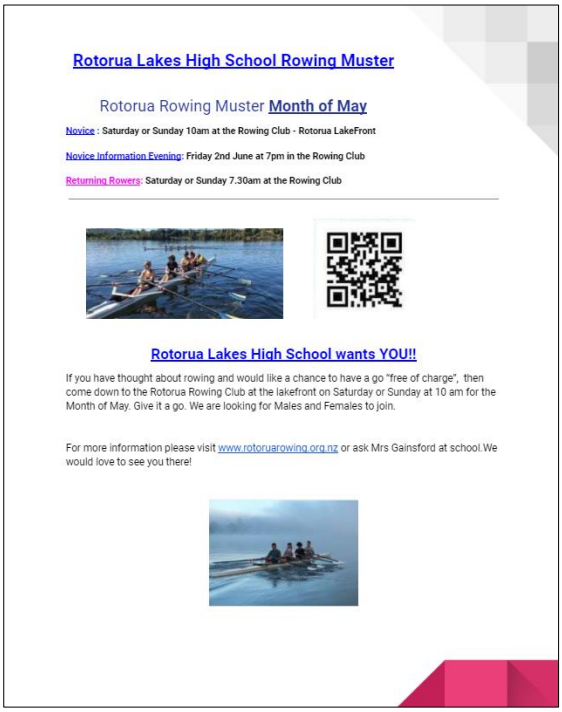
BOYS HOCKEY

The Boys 1st XI Hockey travelled to Taupo to play Taupo Nui a Tia in their 2nd match of the round. The result was a disappointing 3-0 loss in a match which should have been closer. Travelling with less subs due to injury and illness the boys still entered the match with confidence. In the first half we struggled to find connections and execution of basic skills let us down. Nui scored in both of the first 2 quarters with players unmarked on the far posts securing the goals. A much improved effort in the 3rd quarter and most of the 4th quarter see our boys control possession better and managed some good attacks but we didn't achieve our objectives when getting in the circle. Nui scored the final goal of the match in the last 5 minutes. Lakes Player of the Day was Sam Reid who worked hard in the centre of the turf and showed some classy footwork which confused the umpires at times. Tama Te Whau had some good breaks in attack and Ethan Hoggard showed some real grit and work ethic to play when not 100%. The boys retain a positive outlook and know that reducing the errors across all 4 quarters will bring the results that they are looking for. 😎😎

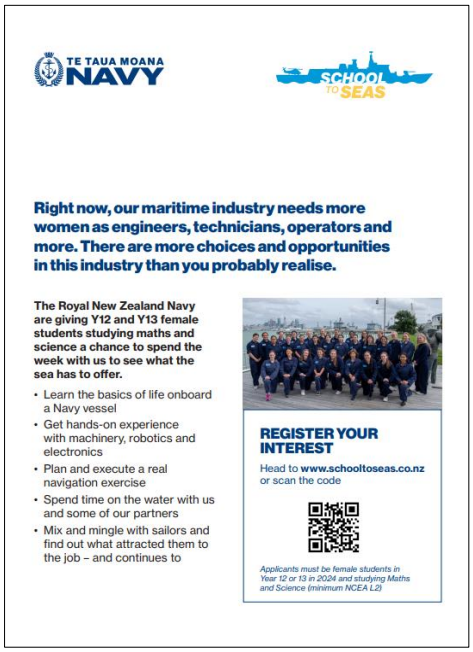
GREAT ARTICLE FOR ISSAC

A great write up in the Daily Post about Isaac Sanderson's upcoming international kayaking adventure - well done Isaac! 😎





CAREERS / GATEWAY



MoneyHub

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.

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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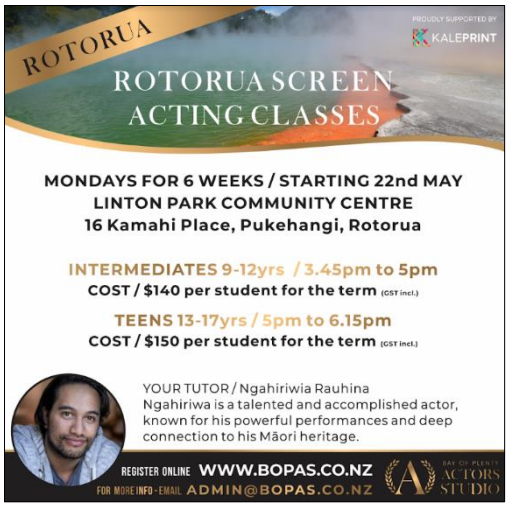

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