Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou

Tena koutou raurangatira ma
Kaumatua ma, mātua ma
Ngā mihi ngā mate
Tena tatou katoa

It was brilliant to see all of us developing our reo and acknowledging the importance of language in understanding our culture. We started te Wiki o te Reo in our Wharenui - Te Manu Korohi te Atapo, and we thank Matua Paraone Pirika for sharing his wonderful stories and for re-connecting with our wharenui. Many thanks to our staff for their hard work, Ms Lucille Yates-Wright, Head of the Māori Department for sharing Whakataukii (Maaori proverbs); and to Matua Jason Va'a for the wonderful hangi today. It was a great week for our staff and students. (further details on page 2).

The Rotorua Lakes High School Senior ball was a tremendous success last weekend. Students all looked amazing as they arrived to the Distinction Hotel for an evening of eating, dancing and awards. A big thank you to the student led Ball Committee – well done; and a special mention to Mrs Hodge for her outstanding organisational skills. (further details on pages 5 - 6).

We are very nearly at the end of another busy and productive term; therefore, this is the last newsletter for Term 3 – time certainly flies by! There has been a lot of hard work and learning during the last weeks, and I am proud of our student achievements, as are the teaching staff.

All the best to our NCEA students who will be sitting our Prelim Exams next week. These will give both students and teaching staff a clear picture of what they need to work on to ensure positive outcomes in the real NCEA exams to come. For some, it will have been an affirmation of the hard work being put in, for others it will affirm the need to up their game a little. The Prelim week will also give those of our students completing practical courses, the opportunity to develop work and gain vital NCEA credits. (See timetable on page 9).

For our seniors, term 4 is short in length, so it is very important to maintain progress now regardless of how long the end of the year seems away. Please let the school know if there is anything we can do to assist. It is my hope

that our senior students understand that the school break gives them a great opportunity to spend time preparing for the exams in term 4. They also need a chance to recharge their batteries and reflect on what still needs to be done.

Thank you all for your support of the school this term and the students in their learning journeys, and thank you to our staff for going above and beyond to consistently provide quality education.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable break. For those travelling, keep safe. I look forward to seeing everyone back, well, energetic and focused at the start of Term 4.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

A SELECTION OF WHAKATAUKII (MAAORI PROVERBS)

Thank you to all our staff for organising our celebrations of te Wiki o te Reo. It was a great week for staff and students at Lakes High. Our Head of Māori Department, Ms Lucille Wright shared a selection of Whakataukii/ Maaori proverbs with our school whānau, which are so inspiring we thought we would share them with you. 😍😍

Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro Noonaa te ngahere Ko re manu e kai ana i te maatauranga noonaa te ao The bird that consumes the miro berry own the forest The bird that consumes knowledge owns the world	Poipoia te kakano Kia puawai Nurture the seed and it will blossom
Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mohio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama. Seek and discover, Discover and know, Know and become enlightened.	Ka mahi tahi mātou kia ohoka te pitomata hai puananī We will work together In order to awaken potential to freely travel in any chosen direction.

FORMER STUDENTS OF ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING FROM TE HERENGA WAKA — VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

It is with pleasure that we announce our former pupils who have graduated from Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington between June 2022 and May 2023. We join with you in acknowledging and celebrating the students' wonderful success. 😍😍

NAME	Qualification	Majors
ADAM JACKSON	BA – Bachelor of Arts	Film
ANNA INGRAM	BCOM – Bachelor of Commerce	Management; Population Health, Policy & Service Delivery
BENJAMAN SIESICKI	BAS – Bachelor of Arch Studies	Architecture
CONOR SHANAHAN	BDI – Bachelor of Design Innovation	Media Design
EMMA LAIDLOW	BCOM – Bachelor of Commerce	Human Resource Management & Industrial Relations; Management
JAIME THORBY	BCOM – Bachelor of Commerce	Human Resources & Employment Relations; Management
JESSICA SIESICKI	BSC – Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
LEROY NURKKA	BAHONS – Bachelor of Arts	Film – First Class Honours
MADISON NURKKA	BA – Bachelor of Arts	Classical Studies
PARTIBHA KHOKRA	GDTCSC – Gdip Teaching (Secondary)	
TINA LARSEN	EMBA – Exec Master of Business Admin	Passed with Merit

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 4 2023	
9 OCT	START OF TERM 4
13 Oct	Junior & Senior Reports issued
19 Oct	Report Evening (3.30 pm – 6 pm - school closes early at 2.55 pm)
23 OCT	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
24 – 27 Oct	Spirit Week
26 Oct	Sports Prizegiving (2 – 3.15 pm)
6 - 30 Nov	NZQA Exams
21 – 22 Nov	Junior Exams
29 Nov – 1 Dec	Year 10 Camp
30 Nov – 1 Dec	Electives
2 Nov	Senior Prizegiving (6.30 pm – 8.30 pm)
4 Dec	Top Town
6 Dec	Leavers Dinner (7 pm onwards)
8 Dec	Junior Prizegiving (11.30 am – 12.30 pm)
8 Dec	Junior Reports out
11 Dec	Junior Course Confirmation (Students will be notified who needs to attend)
11 DEC	END OF TERM 4

ENROL NOW FOR 2024

- We are currently taking enrolments for 2024. Enrolments forms are available from our school website https://www.rotorualakes.school.nz/ and from our office which re-opens on Monday 9 October 2023.
- Please note we have an enrolment scheme in place. For further information please see page 10 below or contact the office 07-3456124 / office@rotorualakes.school.nz

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of items in lost property. Please check at student reception. Items will be re-sold or given to charity if not collected by the beginning of Term 4.

TERM 4 BUS PASSES

- Juniors $250
- Seniors $125
- Payable at student reception and online by end of week 1 Term 4.

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	DCAT (Digital Technology Common Assessment Task)	91886	18 October
1	Drama	91000	16 – 27 October
2	Drama	91220	16 – 27 October
3	Drama	91519	16 – 27 October

VISUAL ART SENIOR PORTFOLIO DUE DATES

Early in term 4 portfolios are due for Visual art subjects.

The following dates are final as they are external assessments. No extensions are available, this is in accordance with NZQA examination rules.

PORTFOLIO DUE DATES:

Year 11 Mixed Media and Photography	18th October 8.45 am
Year 11 Paint and Print	18th October 8.45 am
Year 12 Painting and Photography	25th October 8.45 am
Year 13 Painting and Photography	2 November 8.45 am

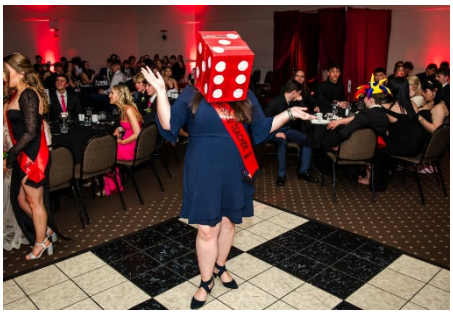
Next week Visual art subjects are running 2 hour workshops to support students in completing their Portfolios, it is strongly recommended that Photography, Painting, MMP and Paint and Print students attend. The times of these workshops are:

Year 11 Mixed Media and Photography	22 September Friday afternoon 1.15 - 3.15
Year 11 Paint and Print	22 September Friday afternoon 1.15 - 3.15
Year 12 Painting	Monday 18th 9 .15 - 11.15
Year 12 Photography	Thursday 21st 1.15 - 3.15
Year 13 Painting	Friday 22nd 9.15 - 11.15
Year 13 Photography	Thursday 21st 9.15 - 12.15

RLHS SENIOR SCHOOL BALL 2023

The Rotorua Lakes High School Senior ball was a great success last weekend. Students all looked amazing as they arrived to the Distinction Hotel for an evening of eating, dancing and awards. A big thank you to the Ball Committee: Niah Kitchener, Hannah Weinberg, Stella Weston, Caitlin Fleming, Jacob Waites, Ewan McLeod, Elrie Bosch, Anja Crombie, Uenuku Malcolm-Papworth and Mrs Hodge for organising the Casino themed evening - awesome work🤩🤩

Awards winners were: Queen: Niah Kitchener, King: Rupert Lewis, Princess: Stella Angus, Prince: Logan Agnew, Cutest Couple: Caitlin Fleming and Connor Waites, Best Dressed Teacher: Mrs Hamilton and Joker: Aiden Duncan.



2023 YEAR 10 CAMP

Year 10 Camp has been announced to students. This year we will hold our camp at Totara Springs near Matamata from the 29th November to the 1st December. The cost is $240 and the deposit of $80 needs to be paid by 13th October. Students have been given a letter with all details and a permission slip that they also need to return at this time. There are spare copies at the front office. Some parent helpers will be required so please contact hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz if you are available to help.

INTERHOUSE WEEK

Interhouse Week was held this week instead of the Interhouse Day that was cancelled due to weather. It was great to see so many students taking part in lunchtime activities to earn house points. We included activities for those that are sporty and those that are not: Chess, Capture the Flag, Kahoot Quiz, Handball and Table Tennis. A fun week with the overall House points being.... (Leave that last sentence out if you like - I won't have points until after lunch on Friday)

SPIRIT WEEK 24 – 27 OCTOBER 2023

Spirit Week will be held in week three of next term. This will largely be led by Prefects but all students will get involved. The Tuesday will be Aotearoa Histories day with prefects running quizzes, Wednesday will be Cultural day where groups are invited to showcase their cultures via food, dress and performance, Thursday will be Sports day with prefects running activities at lunchtime, and Friday will be House Spirit day where students will be encouraged to come dressed in amazing house coloured costumes. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks and start getting your costumes sorted!

Here are the timetables for pre-lim exams next week.
Good luck and all the best to our students👍👍
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WEEK 10	Monday 18th Class (# of Students)	Length Hrs	Room	Tuesday 19th Class (# of Students)	Length Hrs	Room	Wednesday 20th Class (# of Students)	Length Hrs	Room
Morning 9am- 12pm	11ENG (100)	3hrs	AUD	11MSC (67)	2.5 hrs	AUD	11DGT (10)	3 hrs	A6
	12ACC (6)	2hrs	Mus	12ECO (17)	3hrs	UDL	12ENG/12ENV (64)	3 hrs	AUD
	13 CLA (12)	3hrs	Mus	13MAS (31)	3hrs	AUD	13ENG (13)	3hrs	AUD
	13ENI	2rs	C9						
	12AOE	2hrs	A20	12TFD	2Hrs	C5	NZTA	All Day	off site
	13PPE	2hrs	A3	12SPS	2hrs	G1			
	12ART	3hrs	C3	12DVC	2hrs	C1			
	13DVC	2hrs	C1						
	SAC Computer 18 students 17 Eng, 1 Acc			Sac Computer 20 Students 5 MAS 10 MSC 5 ECO			Sac Computer 19 students 4 12Eng 11 Env 4 13Eng		
Afternoon 1:15pm- 4:15pm	11 TRM (15) 12 TRM (15) 13 TRM (2)	2hrs	AUD	11 HIS (17)	3hrs	AUD	11 SCI (78)	2 hrs	AUD
	11 DRA (1) 13 DRA (1)	2 hrs	AUD	11GEO (17)	3hrs	AUD	12 CHE (21)	3 hrs	AUD
	12 HED (6) 13 HED (8)	2hrs	AUD	12GEO(15)	3hrs	AUD	13 CHE (12)	3 hrs	AUD
	12 HIS (18)	3Hrs	AUD	13 HIS (15)	3hrs	AUD	12 DRA (5)	2Hrs	Mus
	13 ECO (13)	2Hrs	AUD						
	11 SPS	2hrs	G1	11ENI (1)	2hrs (Periods 3 and 4)	C9	12 ENI	2hrs	C9
				12CRP	2hrs (Periods 3 and 4)	C7			
	SAC Computers 19 Students 1 TRM 3 DRA 7 HED 1ECO 7 HIS			Sac Computers 9 Students 4 11HIS, 4 Geo 1 13HIS			Sac Computers 15 Students 11 SCI 4 CHE		

WEEK 10	Thursday 21st Class (# of Students)	Length Hrs	Room	Friday 22nd Class (# of Students)	Length Hrs	Room
Morning 9am-12pm	11 HED (18)	3hrs	MUS	11ECO (13)	3hrs	AUD
	12BIO (24)	3 hrs	AUD	12 PHY (31)	3 hrs	AUD
	13 BIO (13)	3 hrs	AUD	13 GEO(9)	3 hrs	AUD
				13 PHY (12)	3 hrs	AUD
	11 TFD	2Hrs	C5			
	13CRP	2Hrs	C7	13 ART Cover: Period 1 MM in 9Art	2hrs	C3
	13PHO	2hrs	C3			
	Sac Computers 8 Students 3 HED 5 Bio			Sac Computers 14 students 3 ECO 8 12PHY 2 13 PHY 1 13 Geo		
Afternoon 1:15pm-4:15pm	11ACC (11)	3hrs	AUD			
	12MAT (38)	1.5hrs	AUD			
	12MSC (45)	3 hrs	AUD			
	13 ACC(5)	3hrs	AUD			
	13 MAC (4)	3 Hrs	AUD			
	13 TFD	2 Hrs (Periods 3 and 4)	C5	11 MMP/PAINT	2 Hrs	C3
	12 PHO	2 Hrs	C3	12 MUS	2 Hrs	MUS
	11 SPS	2 Hrs	G1			
	11 ENI	2 Hrs	C9			
	Sac Computers 15 Students 6 MSC 9 MAT					

PRELIM EXAMS / 18 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2023

Our students who are entered into NZQA externals in November will be sitting Prelim exams. These exams are very important and students are expected to attend in full school uniform. The results from these exams are to help inform students/parents/teachers on the level the student is currently at and what needs to be worked on. They are also used for class placings and a derived grade for NZQA if needed. A derived grade is requested by NZQA in a situation where a student is unable, because of a medical or traumatic event, to sit their November exam(s). As we did last year, we will also be having timetabled slots for non-exam subjects. Please see the timetables below. For any queries please email: sturmej@rotorualakes.school.nz.

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

NCEA EXAMS 2023

The 2023 Examination Timetable for current NCEA standards and New Zealand Scholarship will run from: **Monday 6 November to Thursday 20 November 2023**

Students can access their personalised timetable through their login on the NZQA site.

www.nzqa.govt.nz

SHOUT OUT TO OUR ROWING CLUB

What a way to spend a lunchtime! Thanks to the Rotorua Rowing Club and the Heads of House for organising the senior and junior house rowing comp🤩🤩

ENROLMENT SCHEME FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The board invites applications from caregivers who wish to enrol their children at Rotorua Lakes High School for next year.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Enrolment forms are available at the school office or online at www.rotorualakes.school.nz. Parents of students who live within the home zone should apply by **Friday 17 November 2023** to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

The board has determined that 70 places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

For the 2024 school year, there will be four enrolment periods. The first enrolment period runs from **Monday 14 August to Friday 22 September 2023.**

For students seeking enrolment within the first enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **Friday 22 September 2023.**

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on **Tuesday 17 October 2023**. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Details relating to the second enrolment period are as follows:

- Length of enrolment period: from **Friday 20 October 2023 – Friday 17 November 2023**
- Deadline for receipt of applications: **Friday 17 November 2023**
- Date of ballot: **Wednesday 22 November 2023**

Details relating to the third enrolment period are as follows:

- Length of enrolment period: from **Friday 24 November 2023– Friday 19 January 2024**
- Deadline for receipt of applications: **Friday 19 January 2024**
- Date of ballot: **Wednesday 24 January 2024**

A final ballot will be held if required and if space available for any applications received by **Friday 23 February 2024.**

No out of zone enrolments for the 2024 school year will be accepted after this date.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Our school Environmental Group, led by Year 12's **Adifaah Jalil & Bella Shaw**, ran an engaging and fun scavenger hunt. We had a solid turnout of students keen to participate and our overall winners were **Mackenzie Holland, Sam Hutton, and Issy Morey** - Congratulations to all participants and our amazing leaders 🤩

NORTH ISLAND EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

It was a massive week of competition for the Secondary Schools Equestrian Championships on 28-31 August. Four days of competitions at the National Equestrian Centre Taupō, over 400 students and horses, 4 disciplines plus off horse activities and a whole lot of fun. **Grace Burborough** (riding Mr Wonderful) and **Tyla Talbot** (riding Deep Secret) had a successful week competing in Competitive Trail Riding, Dressage, Arena Evening and Showjumping.

Thank you to the school for supporting this event. 🤩

SENSATIONAL FOOTBALL

Another lovely write up for our students from Carolyn Katu from RGHS and Allan Price girls football coach.

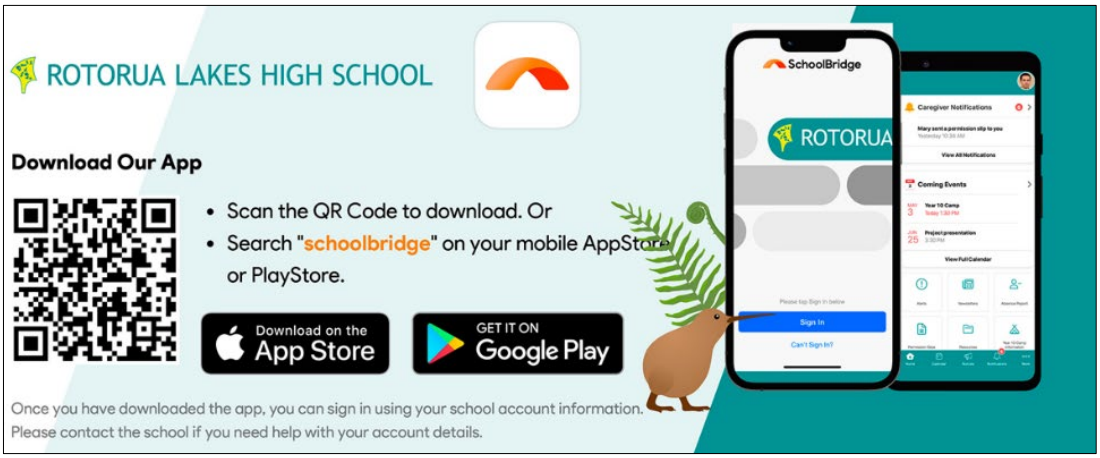
Please share our gratitude for the 3 RLHS students who played for Rautāwhiri RGHS 1st X1 Football in the Maurice Hulme Winter Tournament held in Rotorua last week.

*Emma Pol, Izzy Managh & Renee Price represented RLHS with pride as part of a composite girls football team with RGHS in the Maurice Hulme Tournament. The team placed 16th out of 24 teams. Such great sportsmanship shown by these girls, it's not easy to wear another school's uniform and step up to play for them. Some amazing football played resulting in **Renee & Izzy** being joint top goal scorers, Emma also got in on the goal scoring action. Thanks to RGHS for having these girls to play. Roll on next year when we plan to get our own team entered.* 😍🥹

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

RLHS JUNIOR NETBALL TEAM

RLHS Junior Netball competed in the Secondary Schools Kurungaituku Tournament this weekend. They played some fantastic netball and came 3rd in the Junior B grade. A big thank you to all the supporters who were there for the girls! 😍🥹



CAREERS / GATEWAY

GREAT GUEST SPEAKERS FOR CAREERS

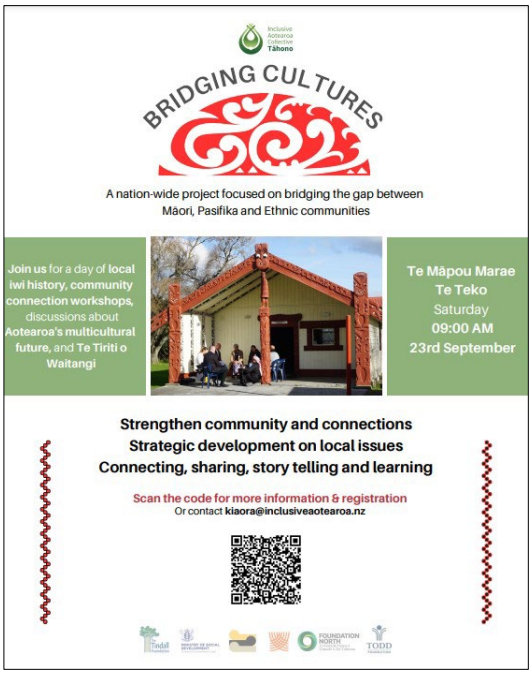
Career Navigator hosted two 'Inspiring the Future' events at Lakes High School. On Monday the year 12 assembly had three guest speakers - Braedyn Veysi from WisenUp, Sam Hulton from Mountain Jade and Zoe Mackness from Te Arawa River Iwi Trust.

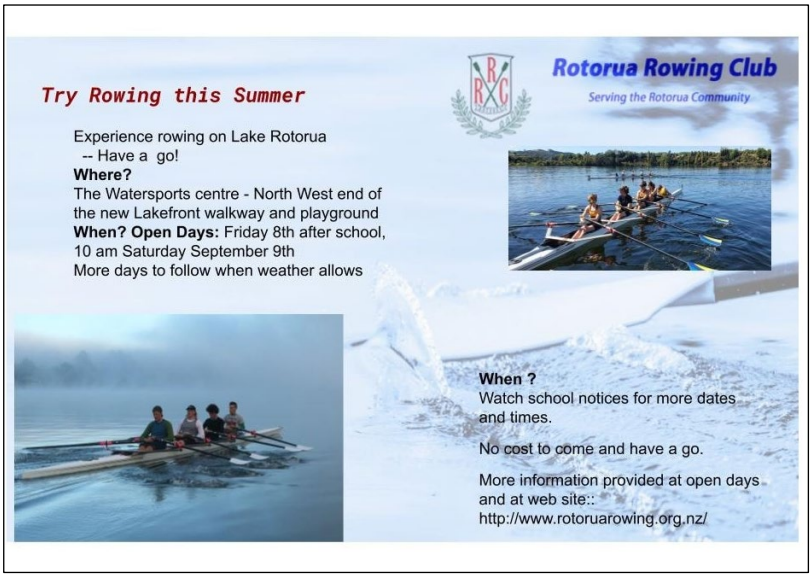
Then on Friday the year 11 assembly hosted Braedyn Veysi from WisenUp, Huia Mohi-Kearney from Te Waiariki Purea Trust and Kelley Marra from Graeme Dingle Foundation.

At the start of the session the ākonga don't know anything about who the guests are or what their role is - they need to ask closed questions in order to try to discover what they do. After the 'reveal', the students spend time talking to the guests in small groups.

The event is an engaging way for our ākonga to learn about a variety of career opportunities in a fun way

PANUI/PUBLIC NOTICES





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