Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kua hinga he totara
i te wao nui a Tane
He totara i arohanui
ki a matou o te
Kura o Nga Moana
Moe mai ra Whaea Paula

It is with a heavy heart that we announce to our school community the sad loss of Paula Short. Paula spent nearly 20 years with us in her role as Guidance Counsellor and Truancy Officer, up until the end of 2021. Paula was the consummate professional, with an amazing strength that carried us all. She was a colleague and teacher who was well loved.

Paula's heart was large and she was always there with unwavering support for our students, whanau and staff to see us through difficult times. She had a common sense approach to situations and could see when someone needed to talk, to have their space or just a hug. Her laughter was infectious.

Throughout her time at Lakes High she was involved in so many aspects of the wider school life. She led the Friends of the School committee, attended camps and ran the kitchen and established the Peer Support and Travellers programmes to name just a few ways that she influenced the lives of our students for the better. Paula was a popular staff member who had a huge impact on the mental health of our students. She encouraged and promoted the importance of attending school regularly.

Her funeral is on Saturday at 12pm at St Mary's Catholic Church.

An exceptional woman taken too early. We miss her greatly. We send our thoughts, prayers and love to her whanau at this very difficult time.

Kia ora Koutou

It was an honour to attend the Young Achievers Ceremony on Thursday this week. Our Lakes High Young Achievers are, Samuel Trass, Bailee Swinyard, Kaia Raethel, Uneuku Malcolm-Papworth, Stella Weston, and Keanen Dyson. Our students were recognized for their outstanding contributions to community service, academia, sport, performing arts, culture and leadership. (for more see pages 9 - 11).

Our annual Sports Prizegiving was held yesterday in our school gym and it was an excellent occasion to celebrate our talented, successful and dedicated sporting students in their chosen codes. As always, a huge thank you and congratulations for an extremely successful year to our wonderful coaches and managers for their continued commitment and unfailing support. (for more see pages 3 - 7).

What a week! We are so proud of our students and in particular to our prefects for organizing such an amazing Spirit Week (full story on pages 15 - 16).

We have received six nominations so far for our Student Representative to the Board. This means we will be holding an election on Wednesday 1 November 2023. The role of student board representative is vital for the school and allows students to have a voice in how we govern and develop the school. All the best to our students.

We are in the final stages of NCEA preparation for our senior students, working through revision and finishing off standards before the students leave for exam study. I know that the stress will be building for many as we count down to the exams. As a staff, we are doing everything we can to prepare and support the students. I wish all of our students the very best.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

OUR AMAZING RLHS SPORTS AWARDS 2023 WINNERS

SPECIAL AWARDS

Jaydn Raureti	Contribution to Team Coaching
Te Rangi Tawhi	Contribution to Team Coaching
Hayden Martin	Contribution to Team Coaching
Samuel Trass	Contribution to Team Coaching
Caroline Lemmens	Contribution to Team Coaching

SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR

Oscar Burns	First Equal Junior Boy Sportsperson of the Year
Leonard Rankin	First Equal Junior Boy Sportsperson of the Year
Renee Price	Junior Girl Sportsperson of the Year
Milla Phipps	Senior Girl Sportsperson of the Year
Tokoaitua Owen	First Equal Senior Boys Sportsperson of the Year
Samuel Trass	First Equal Senior Boys Sportsperson of the Year

HONOURS BOARD - NZ Representation/Title

Oscar Burns	NZ MTB Orienteering - U16 Long Distance and Sprint Title NZ Secondary Schools Orienteering Team
Isaac Sanderson	NZ Junior Team NZU16 Slalom and U18 Freestyle Kayaking
Bellah Birchall	NZ U17 Crankworx Champion - Downhill, Dual Slalom NZ U17 Crankworx Champion - Pump Track and Air Downhill - 1st Place NZ U17 Girls National Downhill MTB Champion
Poppy Croucher	NZ Secondary Schools U17 Girls MTB Downhill Champion NZ Secondary Schools U17 Girls MTB Enduro Champion

EXCELLENCE AWARD

Milla Phipps	Sports Person of the Year

SPORTS AWARDS

Basketball - Junior Boys

Verdun Rolleston	Most Improved Player
Awanui Owen	Most Valuable Player
Niheta Paul	Player of the Year

Basketball - Senior Boys

Lewis Edwards	Most Improved Player
Hikairo Ua-Cookson	Most Valuable Player
Tokoaitua Owen	Player of the Year

Basketball - Senior Boys Development

Krishiv Chandra	Most Improved Player
Te Hingawaka Shipgood	Player of the Year
Uenuku Malcolm-Papworth	First Equal Most Valuable Player
Lane Coleman-Taurua	First Equal Most Valuable Player

Basketball - Girls

Tiraha Karakia	Player of the Year
Anja Crombie	Most Improved Player

Equestrian

Tyla Talbot	Achievement Award
Grace Burborough	Sportsmanship Award

Football - Boys

Shai Dyson	Junior Most Improved Player
Julien Collet	Junior Boys Player of the Year
Jordan Pol Senior	Most Improved Player
Kaspa Grunwell	Senior Most Valuable Player
Aston Dow	Senior Player of the Year

Football - Girls

Zayliah Dillon	Most Improved Player
Milla Phipps	Most Valuable Player
Izabelle Managh	Junior Player of the Year
Renee Price	Player of the Year

Futsal - Boys

Oliver Jones	Most Improved Player
Connor Swinyard	Most Valuable Player
Kaspa Grunwell	Player of the Year

Futsal - Girls

Chloe Managh	Most Improved Player
Renee Price	Most Valuable Player
Izabelle Managh	Player of the Year

Hockey - Boys 1st XI

Tomas Zuidmeer	Most Improved Player
Ethan Hoggard	Most Valuable Player
Harry Cheesman	Player of the Year

Hockey - Boys 2nd XI

Finn Griffiths	Most Improved Player
Ayden Atkinson	Most Valuable Player
Joshua Marshall	Player of the Year

Hockey - Girls 1st XI

Ashleigh Randell	Most Improved Player
Zara Gray	Most Valuable Player
Marissa Fafeita	Player of the Year

Hockey - Girls 2nd XI

Lidewij Zuidmeer	Most Improved Player
Grace Haack	Most Valuable Player
Bella Wyatt	Players Choice Award
	Player of the Year

Kayaking - White Water

Isaac Sanderson	Kayaker of the Year

Netball - Junior A

Ella Coxhead	Most Improved Player
Ava McGrath	Most Valuable Player
Bileigh Mikaere	Player of the Year

Netball - Junior Gold

Raiha White	Most Improved Player
Elizabeth Cooper-Galvin	Most Valuable Player
Sam Hutton	Player of the Year

Netball - Senior A

Brooke Christie	Most Improved Player
Stella Hughes	Most Valuable Player
Mary Schuster	Player of the Year

Netball - Senior B

Ferne Hannah	Most Improved Player
Bailey Leigh	Most Valuable Player
Ella Dalgarno	Player of the Year

Rowing

Holly Thompson	Most Improved Rower
Lauren Thompson	Contribution to Rowing
	Rower/Crew of the year
Sara O'Driscoll	Contribution to Rowing
	Rower/Crew of the Year

Touch

Tylar Andrews	Most Improved Player
Tokoaitua Owen	Player of the Year

Waka Ama

Jay Ward-Shaw	Most Improved Male Paddler
Zara Gray	Most Improved Female Paddler
Maraea Paul	Paddler of the Year

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletics

Julien Collet	Junior Boys Champion
Izabelle Managh	Junior Girls Champion
Renee Price	Intermediate Girls Champion
Marco Smit	Senior Boys Champion
Mary Schuster	Senior Girls Champion

Badminton

Jessica Martin	Junior Girls Champion
Hayden Martin	Senior Boys Champion
Incke Conradie	Senior Girls Champion

Mountain Biking

Nicole Wallace	Junior Girls XCO
Colton Boardman	Male Enduro
Bellah Birchall	First Equal Senior Girls Downhill
Poppy Croucher	Female Enduro

First Equal Senior Girls Downhill

Milla Phipps	Senior Girls XCO
Harry Lei	Senior Boys Downhill

Squash

Hayden Martin	Senior Boys Champion
Awanui Owen	Junior Boys Champion
Jessica Martin	Junior Girls Champion

Swimming

Awanui Owen	Junior Boys Champion
Tamzin Joy	Junior Girls Champion
Leonard Rankin	Intermediate Boys Champion
Kate Staunton	First Equal Intermediate Girls Champion
Hannah Kiernan	First Equal Intermediate Girls Champion
Stella Weston	Senior Girls Champion
Samuel Trass	Senior Boys Champion
	Swimmer of the Year

Table Tennis

Jessica Martin	Junior Girls Champion

Tennis

Hayden Martin	Senior Boys Champion
Incke Conradie	Senior Girls Champion
Jessica Martin	Junior Girls Champion

2023 SPORTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Bileigh Mikaere	Rotorua U14 Netball Team Representative
Waipunaarangi Hira	BOP Girls U16 Rugby Representative
Jessica Martin	CBOP U14 Tennis Representative
Manawa Gates	BOP Girls U16 Rugby
Stella Hughes	Rotorua U16 Netball Team Representative
Dylan Guptill	BOP Girls U16 Rugby Representative
Sadie Stewart	BOP Women's Cricket Team Representative
	Rotorua School Girls & Senior Women's
	Cricket Team Representative
Tokoaitua Owen	BOP & CBOP Boys U16 Rugby Representative
	Coastline U16 Boys Rugby League Team Representative
	Waiariki Maori Rugby League Team Representative
Awanui Owen	BOP U14 Rugby League Team Representative
	NZ Rugby League Secondary Runner up Team Member
	Pikiao U14 Rugby League BOP District Champions
Lachie Hoggard	BOP U16 Hockey Representative
Tyla Talbot	BOP Equestrian Representative
	NZ Pony Club High Performance Academy
Mary Schuster	Rotorua U18 Netball Team Representative
Nevaeh Hira	BOP Girls U16 Rugby Representative
Hayden Martin	BOP U17 Badminton Representative
	CBOP U16 Tennis Representative
	CBOP U18 Junior Tennis Championship Winner
Madyson-Manaia Martin	Rotorua U18 Netball Team Representative
Incke Conradie	BOP U18 Tennis Representative
Ethan Hoggard	BOP U18 Hockey Representative

ROTORUA YOUNG ACHIEVERS 2023

ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

Presented By Andrew Warner

BAILEE SWINYARD
Leadership, Community & Sports

KAIA RATHEL
Cultural & Leadership

KEANAN DYSON
Leadership

SAMUEL TRASS
Leadership, Community & Sports

STELLA WESTON
Academic & Sports

UENUKU MALCOLM-PAPWORTH
Leadership, Cultural, Community & Sports

Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board
Te Toroihi Matauranga
Rotorua Young Achievers
Rotorua Trust
SuperDooper design - print - make
artworks
PAKnSAVE Rotorua
Rotorua Lakes Council

WE ARE PROUD TO SHOWCASE OUR 2023 YOUNG ACHIEVERS

We are very proud to feature our 2023 Young Achievers in our newsletter over the last few weeks. A huge thank you to Rotorua Trust, Lee-Anne Thompson and Andrew Warner photography for all their hard work in organizing the young achievers event every year.

KAIA RAETHEL (Deputy Head Girl)

2023 Rotorua Young Achiever for Cultural leadership

Ko te whakaariki, ko te whakaariki, tukua mai kia piri, tukua mai kia tata. Ka heke mai ki runga i te paepae poto ā Houmaitawhiti." Kaia Raethel is a passionate and strong willed young wahine Māori. She has involved herself within different leadership roles this year including Deputy Head Girl and Kaitataki Wahine for Te Kura o Ngā Moana Kapa Haka group in the 2023 Te Arawa Secondary Kapa Haka Regionals. Whilst attending Rotorua Lakes High School, Kaia has achieved exceptionally well in her academics. Endorsing with Merit in Level 1, endorsing with Excellence in Level 2, and has passed Level 3. Although Kaia has maintained her achievements in her academics, she has a huge passion for Kapa Haka. This is because she believes it is a way of representing her tūpuna (ancestors), her hapu and iwi, her marae, her whānau and most importantly, her culture. Kaia has been kapa haka 4 times throughout her schooling life. Twice at Sunset Primary School, once at Mokoia Intermediate, and one final time at Rotorua Lakes High School. Te Ao Maori is also something that Kaia holds close to her heart. She was brought up among her culture, starting at kohanga-reo, where she first began a passion within her culture. Because of this, Kaia is also a fluent Te Reo Maori speaker, and has achieved tremendously over the years within each different Te Ao Maori subject. In 2024, Kaia wishes to gain life experience in different fields of mahi, travel the world and experience different cultures. She also wishes for extra experience within Te Ao Haka and aims to stand in Te Matatini with her whanau in future years to come.

UENUKU MALCOLM-PAPWORTH (Deputy Head Boy)

2023 Rotorua Young Achiever for Leadership & Community

"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini" My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective. Uenuku Malcolm-Papworth is an ambitious and courageous young Māori Leader at Rotorua Lakes High School, who is currently in his final year of Secondary School Education. He has fully embraced a number of roles such as, Deputy Head Boy, Captain of the Development Basketball team and Kaitiakitane of Te Kura O

Nga Moana haka group for 2023. Uenuku has been successful with his educational achievements whilst attending Rotorua Lakes High School. He has endorsed NCEA Level 1 with Merit and has passed both NCEA Levels 2 and 3.

While Uenuku's focus on academics has been strong, his main passion throughout High School has been his involvement in Sports and Kapa Haka. Since 2020, he has discovered his passion for basketball and volleyball, continuing to play basketball for the school for three years and now being a captain for the development team as well as taking part in the Bay of Plenty championship at Tauranga for the school. His passion for volleyball also is evident, being in the mixed volleyball team and will participate in their first game in the next couple of weeks. Aside from his love for sports his dedication towards kapa haka is also evident. Partaking in two campaigns for Te Kura O Nga Moana, performing on the Te Arawa Secondary Regionals stage, while also being Kaitiakitane for this year's campaign. In 2024, Uenuku aims to delve into the world of Tourism, wishing to attend the Queenstown Resort College of Tourism and study Adventure Tourism while also continuing his love for basketball, volleyball and Kapa Haka.

KEANEN DYSON (Sports Captain)

2023 Rotorua Young Achiever for Leadership & Community

Keanen Dyson has had the honour in holding the role as sport captain at Rotorua Lakes High School in 2023. Upholding this role has allowed Keanen to learn and grow as a leader and has opened up opportunities that he never thought he would have been offered.

Keanen moved to Rotorua from Whakatane when he was 10. He has chosen to represent himself in his photograph with his surfboard. Surfing is a passion Keanen has developed over the past years which has grown his love for nature and the environment.

Throughout his time as sports captain he has run lunchtime sports for students, and is in the school volleyball competition and an amazing race as part of the nationwide youth week. Running these events and activities has given Keanen the chance to promote sport and physical activity within the school, as well as creating a sense of community for students. As well as organising sporting activities, he has played football since year 12 and has been part of the RLHS X11 team.

Keanen was a peer support mentor, helping year 9 students settle into high school at the start of 2023. He has also been involved in the schools "Epic night out" to fundraise for the Art department.

Academically, Keanen has gained NCEA level 1 and 2 with a Merit endorsement and is working towards gaining University Entrance through subjects including Statistics, English, Economics, Geography and Photography.

Keanen is hardworking and driven to reach his goals and makes the most of every opportunity he is given. Being involved in leadership positions such as sports captain and sport teams and activities has been greatly rewarding; he is grateful for all the opportunities he has been given during this role and is thankful for everyone who has supported him.

Next year, he plans to study a Bachelor of Arts majoring in media studies at the University of Auckland. He has a growing interest in film, media and photography and is hoping to expand his knowledge in these subjects.

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 4 2023	
2 Nov	Senior Prizegiving (6.30 pm – 8.30 pm in the DC Price Auditorium)
6 - 30 Nov	NZQA Exams
15 Nov	Ministry led Teacher Only Day (school is closed)
21 – 22 Nov	Junior Exams
29 Nov – 1 Dec	Year 10 Camp
30 Nov – 1 Dec	Electives
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 involved will be notified)
11 DEC	END OF TERM 4

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

A great opportunity for our Senior Students.

NGA KORERO MAI I A TATOU KAIAKO
NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS

VISUAL ART SENIOR PORTFOLIO DUE DATES

The following date is final as it is an external assessment. No extension is available, this is in accordance with NZQA examination rules.

- Year 13 Painting and Photography 2 November 8.45 am

2023 LEAVERS DINNER

Leavers dinner is a semi- formal evening for families to celebrate with the Yr13s as they finish their schooling. This year our Leavers Dinner will be held at Rydges Rotorua on 6th December.

Yr13s have been given a letter with more information and permission slips can be returned when tickets are purchased before the 8th November. Spare letters are available at the school office.

2023 YEAR 10 CAMP

We're very excited to be taking the Yr10s to their end of year camp at Totara Springs from the 29th Nov - 1st Dec. Final payment of $160 for camp needs to be made by 10th November.

If your Yr10 student has chosen to not attend camp due to financial concerns, please contact Mrs Hodge as a kind parent has kindly offered to sponsor a couple of Yr 10 students. hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz

ELECTIVES 2023

Year 9s have been given a letter to make their choices for end of year electives. They will need to choose one of these options and have their forms handed back in (and payments completed if necessary) by the 3rd November.

A 30-50m plastic sheeting / silage wrap / or similar to replace our "slip and slide" that we use for Top Town days. If you have an old one that might be suitable, please contact Haley Hodge hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz

NCEA CHANGES FOR 2024 & 2025

You may know that NCEA is changing. As a student, the main thing you might notice is a stronger focus on Literacy and Numeracy (or te reo Matatini and Pāngarau). You might also notice changes in how you are assessed, with more assessments being done online or submitted to NZQA through our website.

What you need for NCEA in 2024 and 2025:

- 60 credits at the Level (or above) of the qualification you are working towards
- Literacy or Te Reo Matatini – 10 credits from Literacy or Te Reo Matatini standards, or from a list of specified standards in a range of subjects
- numeracy or Pāngarau – 10 credits from Numeracy or Pāngarau standards, or from a list of specified standards in a range of subjects.
- You only need to meet the literacy or te reo matatini and numeracy or pāngarau requirements once, and you do not need to attempt them again for other levels of NCEA. If you haven't quite finished your NCEA at the end of the year you can still start working towards the next level.

What else is changing

- Schools will use new standards when they develop courses for NCEA Level 1 in 2024, NCEA Level 2 in 2026 and NCEA Level 3 in 2027.
- There will still be exams at the end of the year, but you might also complete external assessments during the year, for example submitting reports, portfolios or kete manarua, or attempting Common Assessment Activities for literacy, numeracy, te reo matatini and pāngarau.More external assessments will be done online or uploaded to NZQA through their website.
- Literacy, numeracy, te reo matatini and pāngarau assessments may be offered at Year 10.

What is staying the same:

- Any credits you have already earned can be used towards the new NCEA.
- You can still use Unit Standards and Achievement Standards towards NCEA.
- Course and certificate endorsement requirements remain the same.
- You can still study at different levels of NCEA in the same year.
- If you met the literacy and numeracy requirements in 2023 or earlier, you do not need to attempt them again.
- There is still no time limit on completing NCEA. If you have part of a qualification, you can return to study at any time

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

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.

Details relating of the remaining enrolment periods 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

SPIRIT WEEK

What a week! We are so proud of our students and in particular to our prefects for organizing such an amazing event. There have been lots of memories made and fun around the school this week. And to our amazing staff for their hard work and enthusiasm. Here's what they did:

Tuesday: Aotearoa Histories day - quizzes and challenges 🥝🇳🇿

Wednesday: Cultural day - cultural dress, talent quest, shared kai 🌍🍣🥙🏌️‍♀️🥗

Thursday: Sports Spirit day - fun games and Sports Prizegiving ⚽🏈🏑🏀⚪

Friday: House Spirit day - house dress ups, parade, challenges and prizes 💙💚💛❤️

Tuesday

Great first day of Spirit Week! Today's theme was Aotearoa Histories and the prefect team organised a quiz at lunchtime in the library. Winners will be announced at our Spirit assembly on Friday. Tomorrow is Cultural Day with staff and students sharing kai from different countries and a talent quest at lunchtime.

Wednesday

Day two of Spirit Week was Cultural Day. The prefect team organised a talent quest at lunchtime and staff and students brought in a wonderful array of kai from around the world to give away to students. Thanks to the organisers, performers, cooks, and well-mannered students. It was a great way to celebrate the different cultures in our school.

GIRLS ON ICE

GIRLS ON ICE AOTEAROA

Congratulations to our year 11 student, Eirwen Robinson on being selected, 1 out of 10, for the Girls On Ice Aotearoa expedition. Girls on Ice Aotearoa (New Zealand) offers an experience that incorporates Earth science, art, and outdoor exploration. They are part of Inspiring Girls Expeditions and hosted by Te Puna Pātiotio (Antarctic Research Centre) at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University Wellington.

AWESOME!!

MTB NATIONALS – BLENHEIM 2023

The National Secondary Schools' Mountain Biking Competition took place in Blenheim over four days in the second week of the recent spring break. The Cross-country was the first event, held mid-week with the Downhill held over the following two days. The remaining event, the Enduro, was held over the weekend.

The school would like to acknowledge Poppy Croucher, Daniel Cheesman, Cooper Angus, Lyla Alton, Nicole Wallace and Milla Phipps, who travelled such a long distance to represent us. They showed courage and determination and can be proud of their efforts and achievements in their respective events. Overall Rotorua Lakes High School finished 11th out of the 49 secondary schools entered into the event.

Conditions were perfect for Nicole and Milla who participated in the Cross-country event and their siblings who were also racing (for Mokoia Intermediate). The course was dry and the air was warm. Whilst the course was short, it was not without challenges. There were two climbs and a long descent. However, the course lacked the technical sections that suit Lake's riders, who spend a lot of time riding in the more varied trails of the Redwood forest.

There were three timed Enduro stages. One was in the open whilst the other two were under cover of the bush canopy. These trails were dusty and very technical. Dusty trails can rob a rider of the traction required for braking and turning. There was also a lot of line choice (alternative ways to negotiate a turn or drop) and this was difficult for Lyla who turned up the day before. Poppy arrived earlier and so had more time to practise the trails in advance of the race.

The downhill course was also very challenging.

A special thank you to the parents who helped manage the riders, in particular Sarah Croucher and Raelene Phipps.

Results:

- Poppy Croucher - 1st in the U17 Girls Downhill and 1st in the U17 Enduro
- Nicole Wallace - 3rd in the U15 Girls Cross-country
- Milla Phipps - 2nd in the U20 Girls Cross-country

Milla Phipps 2nd step

Poppy Croucher on pink rocks

Nicole Wallace on the right

Lyla Alton on pink rocks

Nicole Wallace

Nicole Wallace squeezed out in the sprint

Poppy Croucher

NZ AQUABOT REGIONAL COMPETITION

Congratulations to our "Yellow Submarines"
First Place NZ AquaBot Regional Competition

Our junior students:

- Amelia Foote-Webb
- Shyamana Shors
- Nicole Wallace

Our junior students represented Rotorua Lakes High School Sunday, 15 October to compete for the NZ AquaBot Regional Competition. our students have given up their lunchtimes, and their weekends to complete all the requirements, to compete and represent our school. The team made us all proud. Well done team! All your efforts and hard work have paid off.

Congratulations also to two of our senior students who volunteered to help with the organisation and running of this event.

- Josh Belt for the compliance check of each competitor's bots and as the photographer for the event.
- Hannah Kiernan volunteered as one of the divers for the competition.

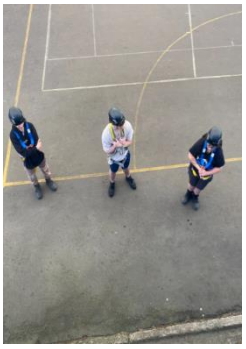
Thank you to the parents and caregivers of our Yellow Submarines team for allowing their children to be part of Rotorua Lakes High School AquaBot. Thank you to Jessica Cathro of the Ministry of Inspiration for organizing the Competition.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Duke of Edinburgh students had another great weekend in the forest. This time they did a 2-day tramp to Moerangi Hut, in Whirinaki Forest. Despite the slightly cloudy and drizzle weather the students were treated to native bird calls, a pig sighting and warm fire in the hut at the end of the day🥰😍

GREAT HEIGHTS COURSE

Recently our students had the opportunity to participate in a working at heights course where they learned about safety harness systems and the proper use of height safety equipment. This course provides a valuable certificate that is highly sought after in various trades. It equips individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge required to excel in the workforce. Well done everyone. 🤩



ROTORUA TEEN TURNS AI AGAINST PEST WALLABIES

We're very proud of our Yr 9 student Cameron Moore. Great invention that will really make a difference!

Thank you to the Daily Post for the following article:

A teenager from Rotorua has designed a pest trap that uses artificial intelligence to tackle the increasing threat of wallaby pests in Aotearoa's native forests. Cameron Moore, 14, who is a keen mountain biker, was concerned about the growing wallaby population in the Whakarewarewa Forest.

"I made a wallaby trap that kills wallabies in a humane way, and not any other wildlife or children," he told First Up. "The idea came when I was biking in the forest and I saw a wallaby eating some of the small shoots. I did some research and realised that this stops those small shoots from growing into larger trees in the future. I wanted to stop these wallabies so we could have a nicer forest with more biodiversity." Moore said the invasive species was all through the Whakarewarewa Forest, and rapidly multiplying.

He said the high-tech trap took three to four months to build. It was a box about the size of a wallaby's head."On the entrance of that box there's pretty much a door… There's artificial intelligence in a computer that has a camera and it tells a motor on the door when to open, so the wallaby can stick its head in. "After I did some research, eucalyptus oil and wheatgerm oil seem to lure them in.

"I spent a lot of time with the programming side of it, just lots and lots of error messages, and I'm fairly new to programming, so it was a big, big learning curve for me."I [entered] it in a competition and turns out the judges were very impressed because I ended up winning, which was really cool."

Moore won the Solve for Tomorrow Award, which included a $12,000 cash prize. Some has been spent on a tablet. "I would just like to say a big thanks to Goodnature for giving me one of their A12 traps. It allowed me to have something to start with in terms of the killing mechanism. "It was just really helpful and very kind of them to provide me with that."

Moore said he had always wanted to be an engineer, and doing something for nature was a vocation he would like to pursue. The Ministry of Primary Industries said wallabies were destroying New Zealand's native biodiversity and productive lands. It urged people to report sightings or signs of wallabies anywhere in the country.

UPDATE: This morning Cameron was interviewed LIVE on Breakfast TV!!

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

AMAZING FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Izzy Managh and Renee Price, who were selected for the Lakes Football Club u19 girls team to play in the National Tournament in Napier. They have also been selected in the initial training squad for the BOP U15 girls futsal team. This team will play in the national tournament in Wellington early December. Over the years many young players who have played in this tournament have gone on to gain international status. We wish these two all the best for these tournaments - awesome work!

GREAT REFS & UMPIRES

Thanks to seven of our junior students who stepped up as refs and umpires for Rotokawa's sports exchange with Ngongotaha. They represented our school well and were very impressed with the sporting talent at both schools!

Thanks again to: **Awanui Owen, Wiripo Paul, Sam Walker, Julien Collett, Zara Winiki, Lilli Warren and Dylan Gribble.**

VOLLEYBALL

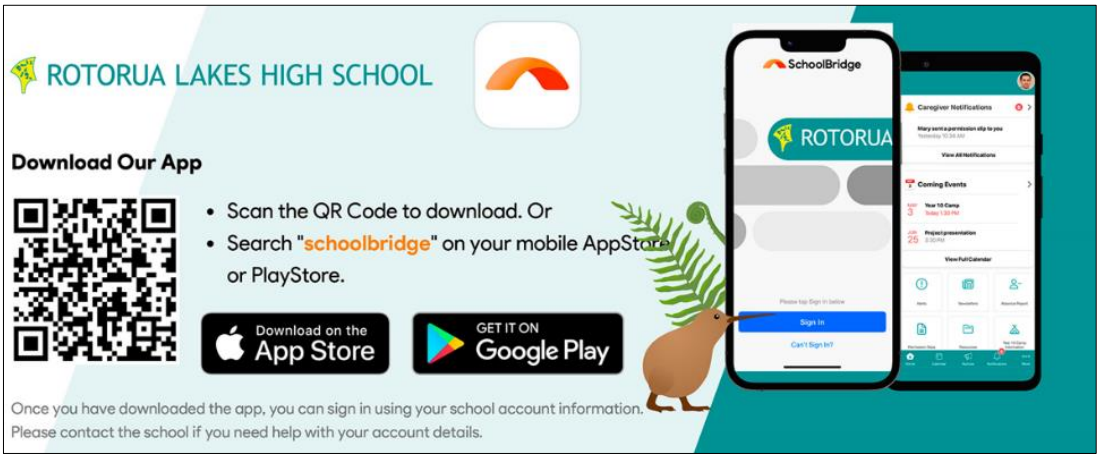
CBOP VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE - WEEK 3
Fantastic matches from both our Junior Girls & Boys teams today, which produced the following results:

RLHS vs WHHS Year 9's
Set 1: 25-21 (RLHS), Set 2: 25-12 (RLHS)
WIN RLHS

RLHS vs JPC Junior Boys A
Set 1: 25-22 (RLHS), Set 2: 25-23 (RLHS)
WIN RLHS

COME AND JOIN US!

Great Friday lunchtimes with Ivy - roller skating in the gym! Come along every Friday lunchtime in the gym for the next few weeks.



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Warm Pacific Greetings,

The POPO Foundation Programme is no longer running in 2024, which gives us the opportunity to re-evaluate our programme However, we still value support for students aiming towards a career in Health Sciences. Therefore, **we are offering 10 scholarships valued at $10,000 for Pathways!**

Pathway is perfect for students who want to give themselves the best possible chance at doing well in Health Sciences First Year. Whether students are worried about homesickness in their first year of university or may have not taken all 3 Sciences (Chemistry, Biology and Physics) in NCEA, Pathway gives students the opportunity to head into Health Sciences First Year with their best foot forward.

We understand this is late notice and it is a little later than usual for scholarships, so we encourage applicants to fill in applications ASAP, as we will select as soon as we have the suitable recipients.

NOTE: This Scholarship is for Foundation Year, not for Health Sciences First Year

Applications close 30th November 2023.

Students can apply and find more information on our scholarship website: https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/database/university-of-otago-pathway-popo-scholarship

What does the Scholarship provide?

- A guaranteed place in a University of Otago Residential College
- A subsidy towards the accommodation fees at a University of Otago Residential College

Please contact pfp@otago.ac.nz if you have any questions.

MoneyHub has updated its comprehensive directory of student jobs. With 60+ 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

Like our scholarship page, this guide is free to use, download and take action on. We have published a number of tips for job application success as well as a CV guide and interview tips, designed to make the application process less stressful for your students.

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