# Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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**Kia ora Koutou**

This week students have been focused on our junior exams and the ongoing NCEA external exams. I hope that the results they develop give a fair summary of their efforts through the year.

While exams are never "fun" the junior exams give our students a tangible perception of what they are heading towards in Year 11. It also provides students and whānau with clear feedback about their learning successes and areas that need more attention. We often wish students luck going into exams, but in all honesty, it doesn't come down to luck, it comes down to effort, hard work and focus. I look forward to congratulating our students on the hard work they have put in.

Good luck to our Kapa Haka Rōpu who are performing at the Rotorua Eastside Kahui Ako Ahurei. It is great to see our Eastside schools coming together in this celebration.

We have our electives coming up on the 30 November and 1 December and I know that our students are really looking forward to these events. This is an awesome opportunity for our students to get out and about and just have a great time. Enjoy. (further details page 4).

All the very best to our students attending the Year 10 camp on 29 November to 1 December. Have a wonderful time.

Hopefully, we have not tired out our junior students too much this week and I hope that they will have enough energy to enjoy an active weekend.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

| BRIEF LOOK – TERM 4 2023 | |
|---|---|
| **On going until 30 Nov** | **NZQA 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) – students released after prizegiving** |
| **8 Dec** | **Junior Reports out** |
| **11 Dec** | **Junior Course Confirmation (students involved will be notified)** |
| **11 DEC** | **END OF TERM 4** |

A new waterslide has been sourced thanks to one of our dads, Bruce Rankin and AT Cook Contracting Ltd. Thanks so much!!

- 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 6 - 7 below or contact the office 07-3456124/ office@rotorualakes.school.nz

## TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2024

| START OF TERM 1 2024 | |
|---|---|
| Monday 22 January **(admin only)** | Office opens hours: 8.30 am to 3.30 pm |
| Monday 29 January | Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 30 | Course confirmation Days –<br>Year 12 & 13 students must attend either Tuesday or Wednesday to confirm options and also those Yr 11 students who have not confirmed options.<br>9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 3 pm (drop-in) |
| Wednesday 31 January<br>PŌWHIRI | PŌWHIRI 8.45 am<br>• All Year 9 students to attend – parents & whānau welcome<br>• Prefects, House Captains, Kapa Haka students are required at the Pōwhiri 8.45 am (can leave approx. 10 am)<br>**Yr 9** - 8.45 am to 3.15 pm<br>COURSE CONFIRMATION DAY<br>• 9.30 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 3 pm (drop-in)<br>• Course Confirmation begins 9.30 am to enable all staff to attend the Pōwhiri |

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|---|---|
| Thursday 1 February | **Yr 9 & 13** students 8.45 am to 3.15 pm<br>Meet the new whānau session 4 – 6 pm – all staff |
| Friday 2 February | **ALL** students 8.45 am to 3.15 pm |

## TERM DATES 2024

| Term | Date Start | Date Finish | Days | Weeks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| One | Tue, 30 Jan 2024 | Fri, 12 Apr 2024 | 50 | 11 |
| Two | Mon, 29 Apr 2024 | Fri, 5 Jul 2024 | 48 | 10 |
| Three | Mon, 22 Jul 2024 | Fri, 27 Sep 2024 | 50 | 10 |
| Four | Mon, 14 Oct 2024 | Fri, 13 Dec 2024 | 44 | 9 |

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2024

| | |
|---|---|
| **Auckland Anniversary Day** | **Monday 29 January** |
| **Waitangi Day** | **Tuesday 6 February** |
| **Good Friday** | **Friday 29 March** |
| **Easter Monday** | **Monday 1 April** |
| ***School Holiday** | **Tuesday 2 April *note this is a school holiday only - not public** |
| **Anzac Day** | **Thursday 25 April** |
| **King's Birthday** | **Monday 3 June** |
| **Matariki** | **Friday 28 June** |
| **Labour Day** | **Monday 28 October** |

## NGA KORERO MAI I A TATOU KAIAKO
## NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS

### YEAR 10 CAMP

Te Arawa Lakes Trust is looking for a senior student to work with them over the summer to run out their Check Clean Dry programme. This role involves travelling around our lakes and chatting to the public about the need to Check Clean Dry their gear. A suitable candidate will need to have a full drivers licence, be confident speaking with public and able to work independently. If one of our senior students would be keen on reading the job description, please contact hodgeh@rotorualakes.schoolnz

## YEAR 10 CAMP

We have 100 Yr10 students heading to camp at Totara Springs from Wednesday 29th November to Friday 1st December. Students have been given a gear list with timings and details (if they don't have one, they can collect from Mrs. Hodge). We would like to thank the four parent helpers and staff members who are attending this camp and the anonymous donors who allowed a number of our students to attend by subsidising their camp costs.

We are looking forward to a fun three days where students push themselves out of their comfort zone and have fun with their peers.

Reminders from the latest letter students have been given:

- Students should be at school with their bags no later than 8.30am on Wednesday 29th Nov. They will need a packed lunch and drink bottle.
- Please check the gear list carefully, for unusual things like an empty 1.5l plastic bottle, linen and pillow, packet of biscuits etc, as well as the standard clothing required. It is recommended gear be named.
- No lollies, chips, fizzy drink, snack, vapes, cigarettes, alcohol, personal speakers, aerosol deodorant etc to be brought to camp
- Phones are brought to camp at the students own risk and will be taken in at night time. It is recommended they do not bring them due to the shared room situation and the many water activities.
- If students break school rules, they will need to be collected by parents.
- They will be back between 2.30-3pm on Friday 1st December and can be collected from school at that time.

YR10 STUDENTS NOT GOING TO CAMP:

- Those students who are not going at camp are expected to attend regular classes on Wednesday 29th November. They will then take part in electives on Thursday 30th Nov and Friday 1st Dec with the Yr9s. Please contact Haley Hodge if you have any questions: hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz

## YEAR 9 ELECTIVES

On the 30th November and 1st December, Yr9 students will take part in Education Outside the Classroom within their interests, and have chosen an Elective activity to have fun with their peers. All Yr9s will be involved in these Electives over the two days.

Students have had the past six weeks to choose their Elective and pay (if required). Last week an assembly was held where teachers in charge of each elective gave specific information about what to bring, where to meet etc. If you have any questions, please see the contact details below and get in touch with that teacher directly.

At that assembly, students who hadn't chosen an Elective were told which ones still had space, and to bring their forms back at that stage. For those that have not, they have been put into one of the free, school-based Electives.

If a student does not know what elective they are involved in, they can see Mrs Hodge by the deans' offices.

- Mount Water Challenge - Mrs Hodge - hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz
- Motion Plus - Ms Beaumont-Gill - beaumont-gills@rotorualakes.school.nz
- Craft Corner and Jigsaws & Bookworms - Ms Hingston - hingstonh@rotorualakes.school.nz
- Golf - Mr Campbell - campbellc@rotorualakes.school.nz
- Sailing - Mr English - englishs@rotorualakes.school.nz
- Lake Okareka Adventures - Mrs Yates Wright - yatesl@rotorualakes.school.nz
- Sports Overload - Mrs Savage - savages@rotorualakes.school.nz

- Work Experieence - Mrs Wallace - wallaceg@rotorualakes.school.nz
- Christmas Creations - Mrs Hamilton - hamiltons@rotorualakes.school.nz

## 2023 LEAVERS DINNER

Yr13 Leavers Dinner is Wednesday 6th September at Rydges Hotel, Tryon St. Ticket sales have closed and an email will be sent home next week with more details. We look forward to celebrating the end of your son/ daughter's Lakes High education with you.

**Today is the last day to order and pay for your leavers gear (hat, sweatshirt or hoodie). Please check your WNS google classroom for details and order at the school office. Any questions, email 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<br>Making Music<br>Spanish | Latin |
| **Tue 7 Nov** | 9.30 am | Agricultural & Horticultural Science | Art History | Statistics | Drama |
| | 2.00 pm | Geography | Spanish | Cook Islands Māori<br>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<br>Chinese<br>German | Biology |
| **Tue 14 Nov** | 9.30 am | Science | Chemistry | | English |
| | 2.00 pm | Samoan<br>Spanish | Geography | Biology | Art History |
| **Wed 15 Nov** | 9.30 am | | English | | Religious Studies |
| | 2.00 pm | Cook Islands Māori<br>History | Chinese | Accounting | German |
| **Thu 16 Nov** | 9.30 am | Business Studies | History | Physics | Te Reo Rangatira |
| | 2.00 pm | Drama | Cook Islands Māori<br>Social Studies | Health | |
| **CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 17 Nov)** | | | | | |
| **WEEKEND** | | | | | |
| **Mon 20 Nov** | 9.30 am | Art History<br>Te Reo Māori | Japanese | Latin<br>Psychology<br>Te Reo Rangatira | Chemistry |
| | 2.00 pm | Classical Studies | Health | Economics | |
| **Tue 21 Nov** | 9.30 am | Media Studies | Te Reo Rangatira | Drama<br>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<br>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:

now to
Thursday 30 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.

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 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

## FANTASTIC ROWING

Congratulations to our students, **Grace Haack and Ella-May McIlroy** who raced at karapiro this weekend. They won:

- Women's Intermediate double sculls - 1st place
- Women's Intermediate coxed quad scull - 1st & 2nd place
- Women's Intermediate single scull - 4th equal.

Well done girls. 😍😍

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Four of our junior girls performed beautifully during Diwali celebrations at the Rotorua Night Market. Thanks to Miss Kaur for the opportunity and the choreography. Well done **Jiya, Chloe, Aava and Nikita!** 😍

## COME AND SUPPORT OUR TALENTED SINGERS

RLHS students **Elrie Bosch and Grace Gainsford** will be part of the free concert Sir Howard Morrison Centre on November 30. Singing as part of the Rotorua Accelerando Programme. Come and support for a fun festive night.

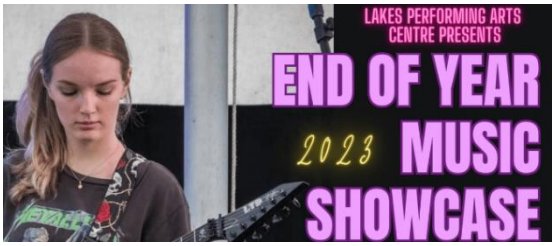
## GREAT FUN BAKING FOR OUR YR 10'S

Yr10 FNT getting into the Xmas spirit with a "kiwi camping Xmas edible scene" ( some are more Halloween versions 🤣)

## FUTSAL CHAMPIONS

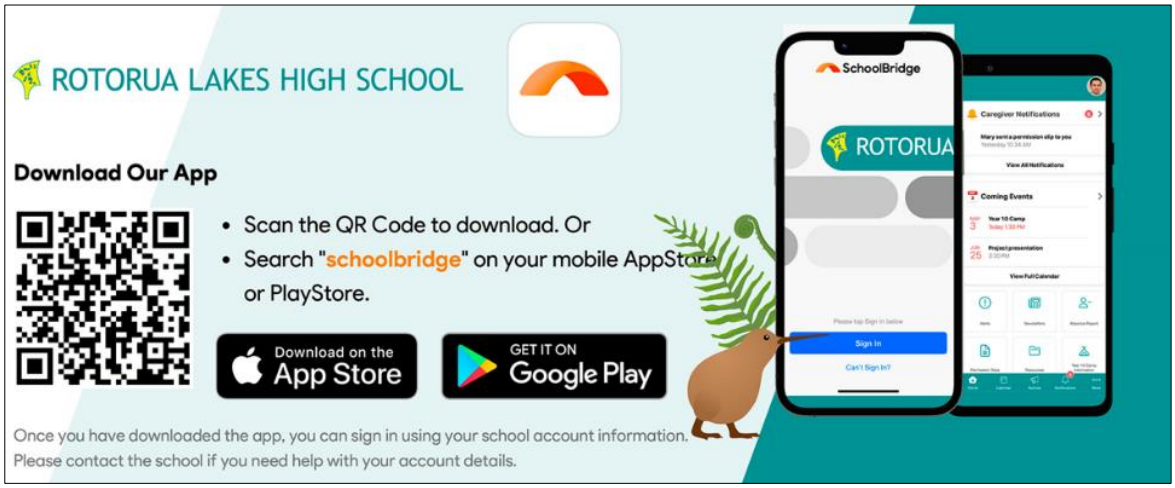
Izzy Managh and Amaro Gonzalez Diaz have been selected for the U15 BOP girls' team and in the Under 15s Bay of Plenty team for the upcoming Youth Futsal Championships. This is a National competition to be held in Wellington from the 14th to 17th December, which requires much time and dedication. Amaro and Izzy have worked very hard to get there and Amaro is the only boy in the team selected from Rotorua. We are very proud of them.😍😍😍

## MUSICAL SHOWCASE




We have our wonderful school band "Last Minute" performing at the Lakes Performing Arts Centre end of year showcase on 1 December at 7.30pm at the Equippers Church. Grace Gainsford, Corey Auld, Kyan Ah Che-Poole, Sam Walker and Ben Mowry are such a talented group and sure to entertain.

Thank you to Ian Pirrie, for providing an amazing opportunity for our students to perform. 😍



# CAREERS / GATEWAY

Toitū Kaupapa Māori Mātauranga

**MĀORI EDUCATION TRUST**
**2024 SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

| Scholarships and Criteria |
|---|
| **Edward Carlton Holmes Memorial Scholarship**<br>Open to those who whakapapa to a hapū or marae of the Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui a Rua Rohe and are registered to the Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui-A-Rua Settlement Trust. |
| **Māori Education Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship**<br>Available to Māori boarding students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability, and aptitude, enrolled at Māori secondary boarding schools. |
| **Māori Education Trust Years 10 to 13 Scholarship**<br>Available to Years 10 to 13 Māori students with demonstrated financial need. |
| **Ōtaki and Porirua Trusts Board Scholarship**<br>Open to beneficiaries registered with Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Toa or Te Atiawa. |
| **RJ Graham Scholarship**<br>Available to Years 12 and Year 13 Māori students with academic merit studying Te Reo Māori. Priority will be given to students also studying mathematics, information technology or science. (Science is defined as physics, chemistry or biology.) |
| **Rose Hellaby Scholarship**<br>Available to Year 9 Māori students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability and aptitude. |
| **Sister Annie Henry Scholarship**<br>Available to Māori students who are a direct descendant of Reverend John George Laughton or of Tūhoe descent. |
| **Tangiharuru Apa Trust Secondary Scholarship**<br>Available to secondary tauira who are descendants of Tangiharuru or Apa. |
| **Ti Maru Māori Trust Secondary Boarding Scholarship**<br>Available to Year 9 Māori students with demonstrated financial need, academic ability and aptitude, who attend a secondary boarding school. |
| **VW & LM Rosier Scholarship**<br>Available to Year 13 Māori students with demonstrated financial need and NCEA Level 2 with Merit or Excellence Endorsement. |

The link to the online application is available at the Māori Education Trust (MET) website. Alternatively, email the office and an application form will be sent to you.

Applications close:
**4.00 pm, Sunday, 31 Poutū-te-rangi (March) 2024.**

Feel free to contact the office for further information.

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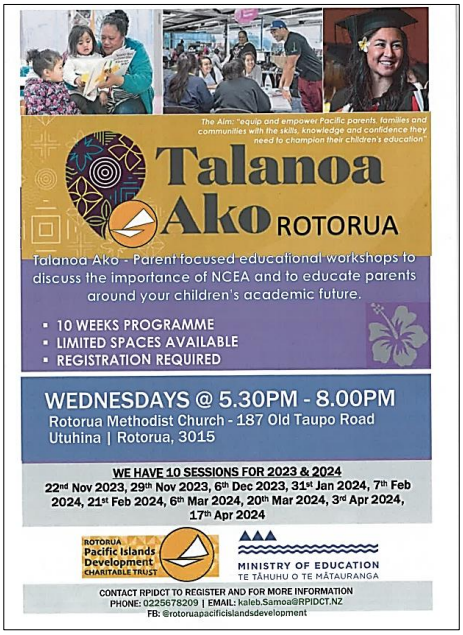

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