Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou

At school we are developing positive routines for learning, working to support our students back into school after the summer break. Our key focus at this time is supporting students to build strong and positive relationships both with peers and staff ensuring they feel comfortable and safe, to support their learning.

It was a very enjoyable evening greeting our new parents/caregivers at our recent Meet the Teachers evening. Certainly, a great turnout and a very positive hui. Many thanks to everyone for attending and of course to our teachers for their hard work and enthusiasm.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new International Students who have started at the beginning of this term and also to thank those families who offer a wonderful, welcoming homestay environment. It really is a great opportunity to embrace other cultures, be part of our wider school community and for students and families to form positive international connections.

For the most part, the students are looking great in their uniforms. They show a sense of pride in themselves and our school environment. A gentle reminder to a minority of students that it is important to have the correct uniform for school. Over the past 2 weeks we have been gently reminding students about appropriate uniform and hope that this will resolve any irregularities. As we move forwards, repeat reminders will start to come with consequences. Thank you for your support in ensuring that our students reflect pride in our school and also the pride we have in them.

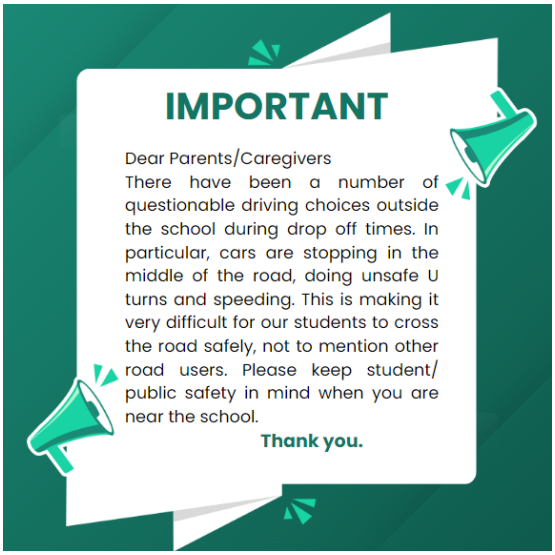
We are looking forward to events coming up at the school, in particular our Investiture/Celebration of school Achievement Assembly this Thursday 22 at 2 pm. This is a very special occasion where we will recognise and congratulate all our students who were endorsed with NCEA Excellence and Merit in 2023 and to inaugurate and welcome our 2024 School Leaders and Prefects. Invitations to those parents involved are being sent out.

We are also pleased to remind you of our Athletics Day on 21 February, (page 3), our Swimming Sports (page 3), and our Year 13 Camp in the next few weeks (page 2). Not forgetting that our very successful Kahui Ako School visits will resume shortly. (page 3).

It is always great to see our students out and enjoying themselves. No doubt, we will have some great pixs to share with you shortly.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki



BRIEF LOOK – TERM 1 2024	
17 & 18 March	Senior Volleyball - Tauranga
21 February	RLHS Athletics Day
22 February	Investiture/Celebration/School Achievement
27 Feb – 1 March	Year 13 Camp
28 February	Senior Tennis Champs
2 & 3 March	Senior Volleyball - Tauranga
4 March	School Photos
5 March	RLHS Swimming
6 March	BOP Athletics
13 March	BOP Swimming Champs
14 March	BOP Touch Champs - Papamoa
17 – 19 March	MTB Champs North Island - Rotorua
20 – 22 March	RLHS Summer Tournament
29 March – 2 April	**EASTER HOLIDAYS**
12 APRIL 2024	**END OF TERM 1**

Year 13 Camp 2024 from the 27 February – 1 March

All parental consent/risk disclosure forms & payment should have been completed for your student to attend camp.
Please contact the school if you have any difficulties

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 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	
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**

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS

ATHLETICS DAY

Athletics day is Wednesday 21 February. This is the first big House event to earn House points so make you are present and participating!

- Students are to wear junior PE gear or house colours, they need to bring water, snacks, hat, sunblock (no paint).
- Students will compete in all field events with their age group and can choose to compete in track events.
- Everyone needs to be at house group at 8.45am - don't be late! School will shut at 2:15pm, students can be supervised onsite until 3.15pm if necessary.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Swimming Sports is the Tuesday 5th March. All students will be transported to the Aquatic Centre by bus. There is no cost for this day. Students were given a letter this week and need to bring their permission slip back to their House Group Teacher as soon as possible. All information regarding what to bring etc is on that letter and updates will be posted on our school Facebook page, and in our school notices in coming weeks

KAHUI AKO SCHOOL VISITS

Throughout the year our school will be able to show their support and enthusiasm with students from our Rotorua Eastside Kahui Ako schools (Lynmore, Owhata, Rotokawa and Mokoia) by volunteering to help out at school events. They might be able to use their expertise in an EPro8 training session, or a choir practice, our students might be marshals or timekeepers for Swimming Sports or Athletic events, they might help with reffing basketball at an Interhouse competition etc. Students who are keen to help out just once a year are encouraged to see Mrs Hodge.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Are there any students interested in joining the RLHS Duke of Edinburgh Team, or would like to find out more?

Come along to a meeting at lunchtime, in S2, on Friday 16th February.
Or email Mrs Milner for further details - milneri@rotorualakes.school.nz

Don't forget to come and support our students, Bella Shaw and Siwan Lloyd-Jones tomorrow😊

STUDENT SUCCESSES

OUTSTANDING TENNIS

Last Sunday Hayden Martin competed in the Tennis BOP Boys Open Champs, he came runner-up in a very close final- - 2-4, 4-2, 7-10. Awesome job Hayden👍👍

2024 FORWARD FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS WINNERS

HUGE Congratulations to our 2024 Forward Foundation Ambassadors:

- **Sara O'Driscoll**
- **Lauren Thompson**
- **Lilli Warren**

Forward Foundation is a New Zealand registered charity. Founded in 2012, the charity's mission is to empower girls through sport & active recreation, helping to create contributing community members who are confident, resilient and independent. Forward Foundation achieves this by making sport & active recreation a positive experience for all girls, increasing the number of girls participating in sport and allowing them to use the experience to develop life skills in their own time and unique way.

Well done, we are very proud of you😊😊

WELL DESERVED WINNERS AT THE NATIONAL RACKETLON EVENT

Hayden and Jessica Martin competed in the Secondary Schools National Racketlon event in Palmerston North last Friday. Racketlon is a multi-sport event where competitors compete against each other in multiple matches of Table Tennis, Badminton, Squash and Tennis. Hayden won the boys junior title and Jessica came second place to one of New Zealand's top senior girls squash players.

Hayden and Jessica also competed in the National Racketlon Open Championships over the weekend, playing excellent matches against some of New Zealand's top players. Congratulations – well done to our Rotorua Lakes High juniors!

FANTASTIC COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Well done to some of our students for participating on the big stage at the Rotorua Multicultural Lakeside Festival recently alongside our teacher Navreet Kaur. It was lovely to see our students' involvement in the community🥰

SPORTS

2024 RLHS SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

First weekend of the BOP Championships this weekend. Both teams were able to apply their team rotations regarding their game play and both showed improvement each game and each day.

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHT:

Our Senior Girls faced a well oiled Otumoetai College Team, who were relentless with their game play. The girls were down 2 hard fought sets to nil, then in the final compulsory third set, our girls dug deep and pulled off a "come from behind" win to wild applause from the crowd!

Next round of the Championships: Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd March

BRILLIANT MOUNTAIN BIKING

Coulton Boardman on a Friday afternoon school ride.👍👍👍

Come and have a go at Water Polo this Sunday 4.00-5.30pm in the outdoor pool at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre, just pay at the door, no other cost.

U12s and U14s = age at the 31/12/23.

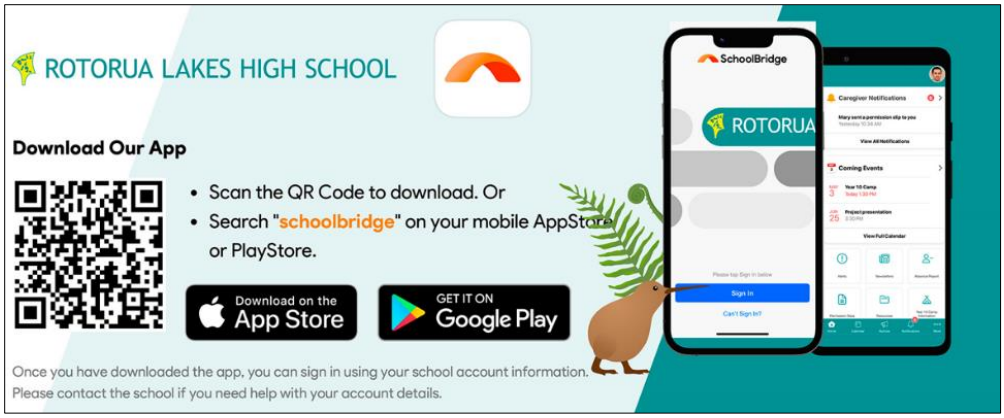
Come along and throw a ball around in the water with your friends.

Water Polo Rotorua

JOIN OUR ROWING TEAM!

Come and have a go at rowing this Saturday. We have a great team of rowers at school and would love more students to join them. You will go out on the water weather permitting. Mrs Gainsford will meet you at the lake front or catch up either via email gainsfordh@rotorualakes.schoolo.nz or at school.

It's free to give it a go!



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

GHA Chartered Accountants & Management Consultants

BFA BUSINESS ADVISORS AND ACCOUNTANTS

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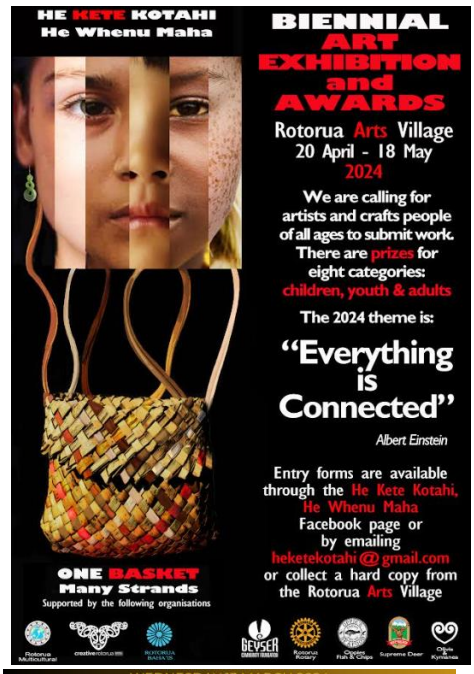

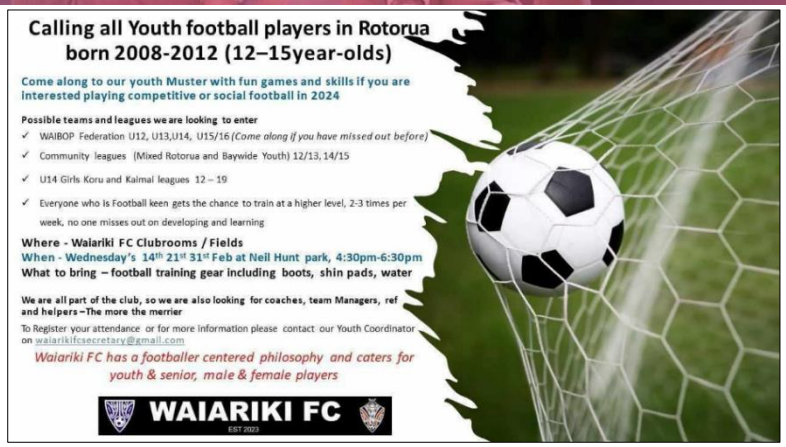

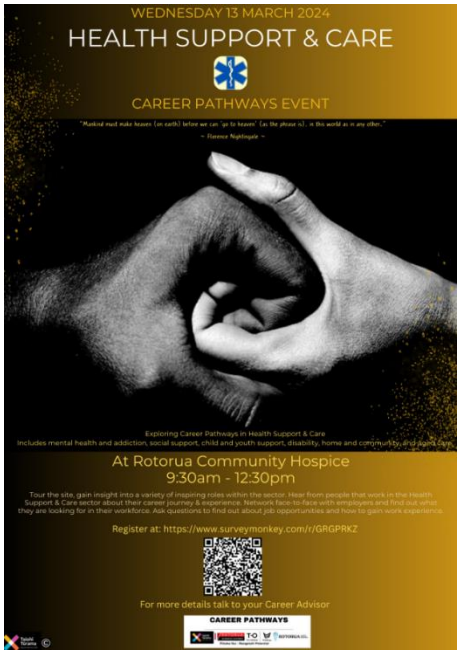

Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?
If so, GirlGuiding NZ is here:
Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds
Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old
Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old
Rangers: 12 – 17 years old

For further information please contact: GirlGuiding New Zealand
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