Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou

WELCOME BACK TO ALL STUDENTS / WHĀNAU & STAFF

On behalf of the staff at Lakes High, I am happy to welcome you to the 2024 school year! We especially welcome all our new students and their families. I hope your summer has gone well and you are refreshed and looking forward to the beginning of school.

We had a very positive pōwhiri on Wednesday, welcoming our Yr 9's and new students. Thank you to everyone who attended, it was great to see our students so enthusiastic and engaged. A special thank you to our ākonga and kaiako for organizing this event and to the Puketāwhero students and prefects who were present to tautoko this important occasion. (further details on page 2).

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One of the key components of successful outcomes for students is being in school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind our community that school attendance is an expectation. We will be tracking absences this year to ensure students and whānau have support when needed. In some circumstances absence from school is unavoidable. We ask that if you have any difficulties please contact us early so that we can help support you to resolve those issues.

As teachers our job is to empower the students with the tools and resources they need to do great things and progress with their education and life skills. As we continue to develop the school to provide for the needs of our students, we will work to ensure that everyone receives the support needed. In turn, we trust that our students will take responsibility and ownership of their own learning and remember that, if in doubt, always ask for help.

We are delighted to welcome our new staff members to Lakes High:

CARLA MACPHERSON	ENGLISH
KRISTA MALEY	ENGLISH
STACEY ANDREWS	SCIENCE, MATHS, ESOL, YR12 TOURISM
MEREKARA GARDINER	RUMAKI
MEAD NORTON	DESIGN
MOLIMAU PAU POASA	TEACHER AIDE
TAMAKU McLEOD	TEACHER AIDE
KATHLEEN SIEBER-WRIGHT	TEACHER AIDE
KATHLEEN COLBERT	ECONOMICS/BUSINESS STUDIES
BRIDGET IMLIG	HOMEROOM TEACHER
TALESA ELLERY	SCIENCE

We look forward to working with you and to a very successful 2024 for our students.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

PŌWHIRI

A warm welcome was given to our Yr9 students and whānau during our pōwhiri on Wednesday. Past student and new staff member, Matua Molimau spoke on behalf of the manuhiri, and Matua Paraone, Mr Campbell and Mr Ward welcomed the new members of our school whānau. Thanks to the Puketāwhero students and prefects who were present to tautoko this important occasion, and Whaea Santi and Matua Justin for their organisation. Mauria te pono!

LAKES DAY

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BRIEF LOOK – TERM 1 2024	
6 February	**PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Waitangi Day**
17 & 18 March	Senior Volleyball - Tauranga
21 February	RLHS Athletics Day
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**

NCEA RESULTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED

As you may be aware the NCEA results are now available on their website - NZQA. This can be a challenging time for students (and their families), so we've included a few links below that might help.

- How NCEA works (Ministry of Education) - https://bit.ly/48E8Pqc
- How to talk about: NCEA results (Parenting Place article) - https://bit.ly/4aTd3My
- Managing the pressure of assessment results (NZQA) - https://bit.ly/47ukgiQ
- Does your child need a few more credits to pass NCEA? Te Kura Summer School is an option – https://bit.ly/3kIN3YW

NZQA

You can now access your assessed digital and scanned paper exams online via your student login. Take a look at your answers and consider them against what was required to meet the standard. The marks for each question can be found immediately under the button called 'access marked exam'. The review and reconsideration process is immediately below that if you believe there are some issues with the marking. You might like to have a chat with your teacher if you want a second opinion. If you need help understanding your online results check out this page explaining the layout of the results screen: https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/.../guide-to-online-results/ These will be available to view until June. Please note that paper-based exam booklets are no longer returned by post.

BEGINNING OF TERM 1 2024 INFO:

OUR HAUORA/HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE

Here is some information about our Hauora - Wellness Center. The Hauora - Wellness Center is a safe and confidential place where students can come to talk about problems and concerns with someone who will support them.

Counselling

Counselling is available to all students at Rotorua Lakes High School. In the Hauora – Wellness Center there are two counsellors:

- Kris Osborne and Geoff Moore

NO PROBLEM IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL TO DISCUSS WITH OUR COUNSELLORS

Medical

Our school nurse Kat Sanford works Monday – Friday and is available for students from 9 am to 2.30 pm. Come in to see her during intervals or lunchtime, or with a note during class times, or make contact by email. There is a Doctor who visits for 2 hours on Thursdays, please see our nurse if you want to make an appointment.

Appointments

There are different ways that you can make an appointment:

- Come into the Hauora - Wellness Center, fill in an appointment form, and put it in our letterbox during interval or lunchtime
- Email – osbornek@rotouralakes.school.nz - Kris Osborne (counsellor)
  mooreg@rotorualakes.school.nz - Geoff Moore (counsellor)
  sanfordk@rotourualakes.school.nz - Kat Sanford (nurse)
- Book via the Schoolbridge App
- Use the QR code which is outside the wellness center, located at reception and around the school
- Knock on the door
- Ask a teacher/staff member or whānau to refer you

SCHOOL BELL TIMES

The organization for the school day is:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY	
Warning Bell	8.40 am
House Group	8.45 – 9.05 am
Pd. 1	9.05 – 10.05 am
Pd. 2	10.05 – 11.05 am
INTERVAL	11.05 – 11.30 am
Pd. 3	11.30 – 12.30 pm
Pd. 4	12.30 – 1.30 pm
LUNCH	1.30 – 2.15 pm
Warning Bell	2.10 pm
Pd. 5	2.15 – 3.15 pm

UPDATES

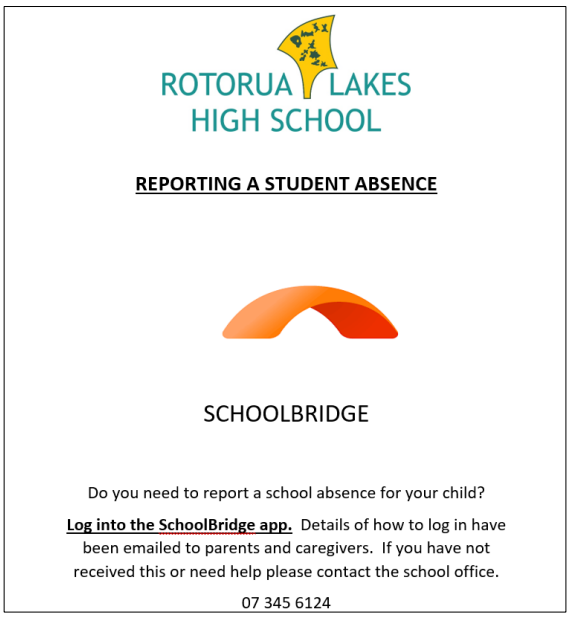
So that we can keep all parents informed on school matters, please make sure the school has your correct email address. For any updates/changes please contact Mrs McLeod mcleodd@rotorualakes.school.nz or Mrs Walker walkerb2@rotorualakes.school.nz

PUNCTUALITY

It is very important that students arrive at school on time for House Group at 8.45 am to be marked present at school on the attendance register and to hear the daily notices so they are aware of what is happening around the school.

STUDENT ABSENCES

- To report your student absences e.g. medical, appointments, late for school etc. please log on to our schoolbridge app: https://rotorualakes.bridge.school.nz



SIGNING OUT OF SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

The system is:

- Report using the Schoolbridge app https://rotorualakes.bridge.school.nz or the student brings a note written and signed by parent / caregiver
- The House Group Tutor signs the note at House Group time in the morning
- The student presents the note to leave class
- The student presents the note to the Duty Dean in the Duty Dean's office next to the Canteen to sign out of school
- The student signs back into school at the Duty Dean's office when they return.
- Please only ring the office if it is necessary/emergency.

LUNCHTIME

All students are expected to remain at school for lunch, they are not permitted to leave the school grounds at lunchtime. If for any reason there is an occasion that a student must leave school at lunchtime, they will need a written note from home to excuse them and sign out as above.

SCHOOL STATIONERY / WORKBOOKS

It is very important that students get their stationery as soon as possible for the start of the school year so that they do not fall behind in their learning and their books are up-to-date right from the start of the year. Stationery lists are available from the school or on our website. https://www.rotorualakes.school.nz

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Some reminders about uniform:

- Shoes and laces must be completely black.
- Sandals must be completely black with back straps so they do not look like jandals.
- NO jandals/boots/gumboots/slippers.

- Only white singlet/top under shirts.
- Shorts/trousers/skirts must not be rolled up.
- To order skirts, shirts and shorts: go to www.argyleonline.co.nz and select Rotorua Lakes High School under Shop ArgyleOnLine. Orders can be placed at any time online. Customer service is available 24/7 via phone 0800 110059 or the online Answer Bot (click the help button on the bottom right of the page) Argyle's live chat team is also available to assist Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.
- To find the correct size, follow the size guide online www.argyleonline.co.nz/ measuring-tips. Rotorua Lakes High School holds stock for sizing purposes only. Please contact 07 345 6124 to arrange a time for sizing.
- Jerseys, jackets and hats can only be purchased at school. (Plain black or navy caps – no emblems except for the school logo).
- For more information about ordering online, WINZ quotes, sizing, delivery and returns, check out the FAQ page www.argyleonline.co.nz/faqs 0800 110059 (available 24/7) aolhelp@argyleonline.co.nz

PARKING AT ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

We appreciate your cooperation with the following parking regulations at the school:

- Please note that there will be bollards across the main gate between 3.15 pm and 3.45 pm. The addition of the bollards have considerably reduced traffic congestion at the school.
- Please do not park at the bus stop near the school main gate between 3.15 pm and 3.45 pm. It is illegal to park or briefly stop as this is a designated bus area only which is regularly enforced by the Police and tickets have been issued before.
- Always single park (double parking causes accidents and traffic jams).

We thank you for your help and cooperation.

CHARTER BUS

- A term pass for the charter bus costs $250
- A 10 ride pass costs $60
- Please pay either online or at student reception by Friday 9 February

Year 13 Camp 2024 from the 27 February – 1 March

Cost $250 (approx.*)

Camp is an amazing opportunity for students to develop leadership skills, build and foster school and house spirit, team building, personal challenges, and adventures. ***prices may be subject to change***

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	
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

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS

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!

STUDENT SUCCESSES

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ROWING REGATTA

Another amazing long weekend at Lake Karapiro Regatta. Rain and wind didn't put off our team who came away with some great placing. Congratulations to **Ruby Parton & Jasmine Sieber** for placing 1st in your final.

GREAT ROLE MODELS

What a great turn out of the year 13s learning to be positive role models for the years 9s. They are working hard to experience new challenges as a collective and to produce memories for their future as well as empowering our year 9s for their future with Lakes High School. Awesome mahi from Geoff Moore, one of our counsellors here at Lakes High.

OUTSTANDING ROWING

The RLHS rowing students have been busy over the holidays. They attended a week long training camp at Lake Mangakino. The new skills were put into action over the weekend at the Dewer Shield Rgatta at Lake Tikitapu. 18 other clubs attended the regatta and our students came away with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the event. Congratulations to all our rowers. Seniors: **Sara O'Driscoll, Lauren Thompson, Grace Haack, Ella-May Illory. Juniors: Ruby Parton, Grace Gainsford, Holly Thompson, Jasmine Sieber, Aurora Roger-Scott, Layne Murray, Marko Andric, Ayden Atkinson.**

EX-STUDENT SUCCESS

Born in Rotorua, **Bailee Murphy** moved to Hamilton last year to begin her first year in a Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Biodiversity Bailee's conscious efforts for the environment are what motivate her in her studies. "The human impact on our environment has been major, so I'm doing what I can to learn more about sustainability to help mitigate the problems we are facing now and in the future." Working with our Waste and Climate Change team at council, Bailee has been able to get hands on experience in a field that she is passionate about. "Working as a summer intern has given me an insight into the work that council does and how everything that we do has an impact on our environment. Bailee believes university has been a great experience so far, and encourages other rangatahi to have a plan in place to keep on top of the workload. "I would recommend planning out your weeks in advance to stay on top of your workload, as it's not as structured as high school. You also have to be your own motivator, you can't expect that from your tutors." Spending time outdoors, especially in the redwoods, and enjoying time with her friends and family is what she enjoys most when she returns home *Article from Rotorua Lakes Council*

SPORTS

2024 SENIOR VOLLEYBALL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Head Volleyball Coach has had a very difficult time making her final selections for both the Senior Boys A & Senior Girls A teams. She has been very impressed with the all the talent on display and commitment shown. All students have done very well, however, a decision had to be made for the teams.
Congratulations to all participants!

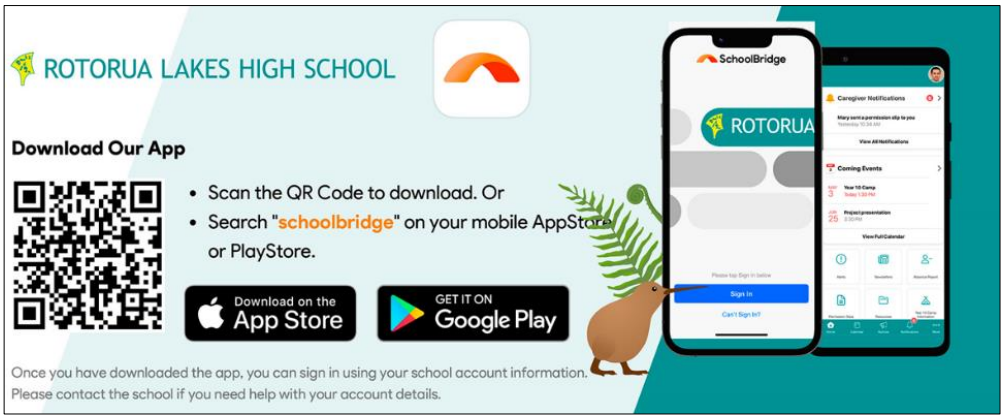
Moving forward:
- Both Senior A Teams train Tuesday's after school
- Seniors not attending BOP Champs train Wednesday's after school.

CAREERS/GATEWAY

GREAT JOB OPPORTUNITY

Lee Brothers have a position open for an afterschool job - cleaning the lunchroom, sweeping the factory, putting timber away and generally helping out. Hours 3:20/3:30 – 5:00 Monday to Thursday. There is the possibility for work in the holidays as well. Ideally they would love to have someone with an interest in cabinetry and joinery as a trade as this can be a great stepping stone into an apprenticeship. Please contact:

Paul
07 348 0620
120 View Road, Mangakakahi, Rotorua 3015
www.leebrothers.co.nz



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