Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

NEWSLETTER ISSUE #2 – 1 MARCH 2024

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Kia ora Koutou

It was a pleasure to see so many of our parents, caregivers and whānau at our Investiture Assembly last Thursday. Recognising and congratulating all our students who were endorsed with NCEA Excellence and Merit was a proud moment and acknowledging their hard work and dedication to achieve their results. Our NCEA Results for 2023 were extremely positive. When other schools have been reporting declines in academic performance across the country, I am pleased to see our strong results, not just maintained, but further improved in our 2022 figures. With With Level 2 and Level 3 results at 90% or over, we are significantly ahead of the national and regional norms. Thank you to our teaching staff who have put in a huge effort in helping and supporting these students to achieve. We had the chance to once again congratulate our 2024 school leaders and officially invest them in their roles as they received their badges. (further details on pages 2 - 5).

Regrettably, a minority of students have chosen to defy the values upheld by our school by resorting to fighting and violence to resolve disputes. As a result, these students have faced severe repercussions. It is disheartening to see such behaviour, as it does not represent the overall student body or the typically positive atmosphere within our school. I will end this comment with a simple statement:

Violence or disrespectful behaviour in any form will not be tolerated at Rotorua Lakes High School.

I appreciate the support of our wider community and parent body in reinforcing this message.

Back to the positives; It was great to hold our school athletics championships last week. It was an outstanding day filled with our students competing and participating in our track and field events. Very well done and my thanks to everyone involved for their participation and hard work. An awesome fun day with our students. (further details on pages 5 - 6).

We are looking forward to our Swimming Sports Day on 5 March. This is a fun day with Championship and non-Championship events and House points being awarded accordingly. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to join us on the day. We guarantee a great day out! (further details page 8).

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

CELEBRATORY/INVESTITURE ASSEMBLY

We held a special assembly to congratulate and acknowledge the successes of our students. The students who achieved their 2023 NCEA Certificates Endorsed with Excellence and Merit were congratulated. Our 2024 school leaders, BOT student rep and peer support leaders were also presented with their badges. A big thank you to all staff who helped to organize and of course, to all parents and caregivers who attended. It was a great assembly and great results for all our students.

Well Done!

NCEA LEVEL 1 EXCELLENCE	NCEA LEVEL 1 MERIT
Patrick Allen	Troy Backler
Alana Bennett	Kama Bava
Taleigha Cooke	Theo Bennett
Poppy Croucher	Apollo Cameron-Boot
Olly Garrood	Zayliah Campbell-Dillon
Zara Gray	Preston Cleaver
Liam Heighway	Yulia Corson
Lachlan Hoggard	Nakoda Davidson
Freya Kedian	Harriette Davies
Hannah Kiernan	Emma Downes
Siwan Lloyd-Jones	Shai Dyson
Amy Morgan	Grace Edhouse
Dane Napier	Lewis Edwards
Eirwen Robinson	Manawa Gates
Te-Aokapurangi Tikiwai Elisha Robinson	Amaro Gonzalez Diaz
Gabrielle Short	Nathan Graham
Tyla Talbot	Ferne Hannah
	Oliver Jones
	Robin Kim
	Lewis Lei
	Declan Lescheid
	Caitlyn Magee
	Madelin Maunder
	Ella McIlroy
	Brooke Mills
	Riley Moulin
	Avishneel Nair
	Michael O'Malley
	Tokoaitua Owen
	Ethan Partelow
	Emma Pol
	Manaia Raethel
	Ashleigh Randell
	Sol Rogers
	Isaac Sanderson
	Fletcher Saunders

	Teuila Schuster Meg Sherborne Te Hingawaka Shipgood Zandre Smit Terrence Teepa Raiha Teepa Tara Thaine James Walker Lidewij Zuidmeer

NCEA LEVEL 2 EXCELLENCE	NCEA LEVEL 2 MERIT
Rebecca Garmonsway Caroline Lemmens Grace McQuoid Matthew Parker Cameron Perry Kobe Smith Lauren Thompson	Brock Aitchison Joshua Belt Harry Cheesman Tai Cronin Finn Dempsey Maraea Dewes-Green Marissa Fafeita Dylan Fouracre Liam Fraser Jiaxing Geng Scott Heron Adifaah Jalil Sulis Lambdin Aliah Manuel Sara O'Driscoll Jack Rison Nakita Salter-Holmes Ryan Sanders Mary Schuster Lakshveer Singh Mia Vandy Matthew Watson Tomas Zuidmeer

NCEA LEVEL 3 EXCELLENCE	NCEA LEVEL 3 MERIT
Aston Dow Caitlin Fleming Lukas Joy Caitlin Lang Evangeline Lescheid Waiata Taikato Miyume Ueno Stella Weston	Elrie Bosch Samara Calvert Incke Conradie Anja Crombie April Durbin Keanen Dyson Alyssa Flight Paul Furstenburg Rupert Lewis Menna Lloyd-Jones Milla Phipps Hannah Santos Kya Stuart Kino Bailee Swinyard Tama Te Whau Katrina Weblin Hannah Weinberg

PEER SUPPORT LEADERS 2024

Adifaah Jalil	Lauren Thompson
Alicia MacDonald	Maddison Guptill
Amber Keown	Maia Corskie
Bailee Hutchison	Mary Schuster
Bella Shaw	Matthew Parker
Bella Wyatt	Mehek Abdul Rahman
Brock Aitchison	Mia Vandy
Cameron Perry	Nathan Ward
Caroline Lemmens	Rebecca Garmonsway
Christine Daniels	Ryan Sanders
Dylan Fouracre	Sara O'Driscoll
Eden Lynd	Scott Heron
Emma Dibley	Stella Angus
Emma Ramage	Sulis Lambdin
Gabriel Wright	Tai Cronin
Grace McQuoid	Tomas Zuidmeer
Harry Cheesman	William Bosma
Hayden Martin	Willow Parry
Isaac Sullings	
Kirtus Poole	

2024 SCHOOL PREFECTS

HEAD GIRL & BOY – 2024

MADDISON GUPTILL - HEAD GIRL
KOBE SMITH - HEAD BOY

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL & BOY – 2024

BELLA WYATT - DEPUTY HEAD GIRL
BROCK AITCHESON - DEPUTY HEAD BOY

2024 PREFECT CAPTAINS

CULTURAL CAPTAIN - Lauren Thompson
SPORTS CAPTAIN - Hayden Martin
ACADEMIC CAPTAIN - Adifaah Jalil
ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAIN - Christine Daniels

2024 PREFECTS

PREFECTS – GIRLS	PREFECTS – BOYS
Mary Schuster – Sports Prefect Sulis Lambden – Environmental Prefect Grace McQuoid – Environmental Prefect Mia Vandy – Cultural Prefect Mehek Abdul Rahman – Cultural Prefect	Matthew Parker – Academic Prefect Dylan Fouracre – Sports Prefect Tai Cronin - Academic Prefect

2024 HOUSE PREFECTS

ŌKAREKA
Sara O'Driscoll
Stella Angus

ROTOKAKAHI
William Bosma
Bella Shaw

TIKITAPU
Harry Cheesman
Bailee Hutchison

TARAWERA
Scott Heron
Aliah Manuel

2024 BOT STUDENT REP

Mary Schuster

ATHLETICS DAY

What a fantastic Athletics Day!!! Thanks to all the staff for running the events, and to the prefect team and junior house captains for the set up and pack up. Thanks so much to our photographer, Deputy Head Boy Brock Aitchison who took all of these great pics of our Athletics Day on Wednesday! Look at all our wonderful students in action.

Athletics Day Champion house is... drumroll please..... TARAWERA!! Well done to you all in the red machine.
In other HUGE news from Athletics Day, we had TWO records!!! We haven't had an athletics record broken officially in 10 years so these are pretty special.

Yr 9 student **Owen McGrath**, equaled the1998 Junior Boys Shotput record of 11.64m AND he absolutely smashed the 1980 Junior Boys Discus record which stood at 31.9m, with his HUGE throw of 37.85m. AMAZING THROWS OWEN!!!!

ATTENDANCE FOCUS

We are very focused on ensuring that all our tamariki are at school regularly. We know from studies and our own experiences that attendance and success at Kura are linked.

We remind our school whanau that the school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm. When absences occur, we ask you to support us by notifying us of the reason before 8.30am on the day using the SchoolBridge app.

Please also be aware that there are specific rules around absences and NCEA assessments. If the absence occurs on the day of the assessment please contact the subject teacher or HOD that morning.

We thank you for your support.

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 1 2024	
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
18 – 22 March	RLHS Summer Tournament
26 March	Road Safety Expo (Year 11)
29 March – 2 April	**EASTER HOLIDAYS**
12 April	Tracking Reports issued
12 APRIL 2024	**END OF TERM 1**

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

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
3	Physics	91172	Friday 8 March
1	Legal Studies	US27841	Friday 15 March
2	Legal Studies	US27842	Friday 15 March

FROM OUR HAUORA/HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE

The Asthma Nurse will be visiting our school on a fortnightly basis every Monday morning starting the 4th March, 2024. If your child has been marked on Kamar as having Asthma they will automatically be enrolled in this program, if you would like your child's Asthma reviewed or would like to opt out please email me, Kat Sanford at nurse@rotorualakes.school.nz.

SWIMMING SPORTS DAY

This is a fun day with Championship and non-Championship events and House points being awarded accordingly. **Parents and caregivers are most welcome to join us on the day. We guarantee a great day out!**

- More information about what to bring, age groups, events, timings, meeting spots etc are in the school notices.
- All permission slips should have been returned to house group teachers before the 1st March.
- Students will be transported by bus at no cost.
- They will be returned to school and released at 2.15pm.

HEADS UP – SCHOOL BALL 2024

This year the senior ball will be held on the 7th September. If you foresee any problems with this date (e.g a clash with a sporting tournament) please let Haley Hodge know on hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz by the end of March.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

INTRODUCING OUR FANTASTIC 2024 HEAD PREFECTS

Ko Tarawera te Maunga
Ko Puaraenga te Awa
Ko Apumoana te Mārae
Ko Tūhourangi - Ngāti Wahiao, Ngāti Whakaue nga Hapu
Ko Te Arawa te Iwi

Kia ora my name is Maddison Guptill and I have the honor of being your Head Girl for 2024. Some of my favourite subjects include photography, sport science and outdoor education. I currently work at Velocity Valley as a ride operator most weekends and during the school holidays. I look forward to what 2024 has to bring and working alongside the teachers, prefects and all students to ensure we have an inclusive and fun-filled year full of laughs and success. I will strive to be a positive role model and inspire future potential leaders within our kura. If you see me around school feel free to say hi, I am very friendly and approachable. Ngā mihi

Kia ora, my name is Kobe Smith, I am RLHS' Head Boy for 2024

I moved to Rotorua when I was 7 and have gone to Lynmore, Mokoia, and now Lakes. I have found myself enjoying both the artistic and sporting sides of our school. Some of my favourite things to do at lakes are music, playing squash, Designing houses in Design and visual Communication and also Geography. My past four years of schooling have helped me see the different leadership styles within the school. I found that the most inspiring thing about this was all the leaders who were constantly trying to get everyone to do their best! My goal for 2024 is to support every student to reach their full potential. Most of the leaders I have seen have been supportive and have cared about everyone's interests for them to succeed. The aspects that I will take from this are the values of perseverance and cooperation. Everyone has ideas and everyone has the right to be heard. I encourage students to talk to me and/or the prefect team about their ideas and I hope to have a positive impact on the younger students and students in my year in 2024. I enjoy being able to help others so that they can then get the best out of their time at school just like I did. I look forward to having a great year with everyone and I look forward to seeing you around the school!

Kia Ora my name is Bella Wyatt, Deputy Head Girl for 2024

I'm a well rounded individual that has huge compassion and empathy for others. I am relatable and down to earth. I am self motivated and a team player. My individual sport has taken me all over New Zealand running at both National and Provincial level. I work at Skyline Rotorua as a lugie, so you will probably see me biffing out luge carts or running the chairlift. I'm really looking forward to this year and giving back to Rotorua Lakes, but also I'm looking forward to being able to be a role model and a voice for those who are either overlooked or not confident enough to speak for themselves. I am grateful to Rotorua Lakes High for giving me the foundations of my passion for the outdoors and education to take into my tertiary study. I am honoured to take on the role of deputy head girl of Rotorua Lakes High School 2024. I hope to help create a positive uplifting environment where every student feels a sense of belonging and pride. Every student at RLHS has the potential for huge things.

Kia Ora, Ko Brock Aitchison ahau, Your deputy head boy for 2024.

I am proud to say that I am the great-grandchild of Desmond Price, the founding principal of Rotorua Lakes High School back in 1971. I have a passion for performing arts, with my commitment with Showquest leading us to second place back in 2022 and then to first in 2023 in the Bay of Plenty representing our school. I look forward to working with the students that are interested in performing in Showquest this year. Also being a part of the first EPIC Night Out then to hosting while also performing in the show last year. Some of my favourite subjects at school include, Photography, Dance, and English. As someone who is dedicated to our school I have seen the potential in every student and the importance of nurturing that potential. I will work to create an environment where each and every student can thrive, academically and personally. I will lead by example, promoting respect, kindness, and inclusivity within our school. I will be approachable and always willing to listen to concerns, ideas, and suggestions. I am excited to see what the year will bring and to be working with my fellow students. See you around 🙂 Ngā mihi

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

AMAZING TENNIS

We had 3 Lakes tennis players competing in the BOP Senior Secondary Schools Tennis Champs this week. Hayden Martin, Kobe Smith and Jessica Martin - all had great results on a very hot day. Top result was Hayden winner of Div 2 senior boys singles beating the BOP junior champ. Kobe won the Div3 boys' plate and Jessica lost her playoff in a super tie break. Well done team. 😍

GREAT CRICKET

We had combined girls cricket team (7 from Lakes) playing in the Venus Cup on Wednesday and came in 2nd! Lakes girls in the team are: Sadie Stewart, MacKenzie Holland, Sam Hutton, Issy Morey, Madison Orchad, Lilli Warren, Caylee Von Loggenburg. 😍 We batted first and got 85 off our 20 overs with Freya top scoring with 27. Chloe and Charli made handy contributions in the middle order to get us into the 80's.

The Mount batted very well and got our total after 13 overs. Charli completed a great all-round day with 2 overs, 1 for 6. Sam, Abigail and Maanani bowled tidily to make things difficult, but the visitors cruised past our total with the loss of 1 wicket. We did bowl 35 extras in 13 overs so something to work on. Next week we are on the road to Otumoetai College.

Many thanks to Crispian Stewart for the write up and pic.

- Rotorua XI 85 for 5 (20 overs)
- Freya Lord 27 (37)
- Chloe Carter 14 (29)
- Charli Parkinson 12 (24)

- Mount College 86 for 1 (13 overs)
- Charli Parkinson 2 overs 1 for 6
- Rotorua XI lost by 9 wickets

FANTASTIC ROWING

Congratulations to all the RLHS rowing crew who competed at the Regatta at Karapiro this weekend.
Our senior rower: **Ella-May McIlroy** finished in 3rd place for her singles event.
Our junior rowing crew: **Holly Thompson, Grace Gainsford, Ruby Parton, Jasmine Sieber, Amelia Heath** and our amazing coxin **Aurora Rogers-Scott** placed 2nd in the U17 girls quad and 4th in the U15 girls quad. Amazing efforts by all. Congratulations 😊 😊

MOUNTAIN BIKE OPPORTUNITY

Danial Shiels on Te Huinga

We rode two of the trails in the Enduro course plus a few others last week. Come along!!! We need more riders to join our school mountain bike club.

JOIN OUR ROWING TEAM!

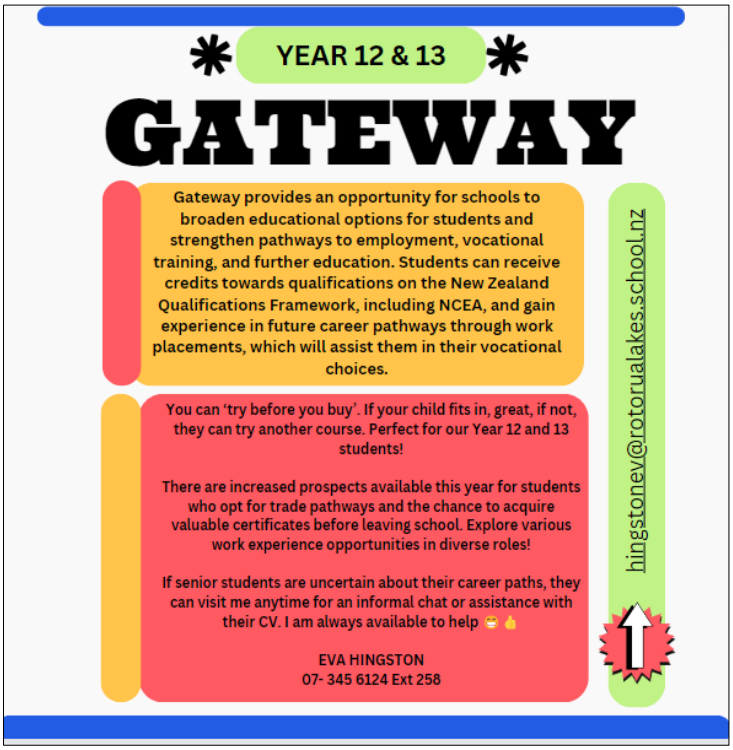
Come and have a go at rowing this Saturday. We have a great team of rowers at school and would love more students to join them. You will go out on the water weather permitting. Mrs Gainsford will meet you at the lake front or catch up either via email gainsfordh@rotorualakes.schoolo.nz or at school.

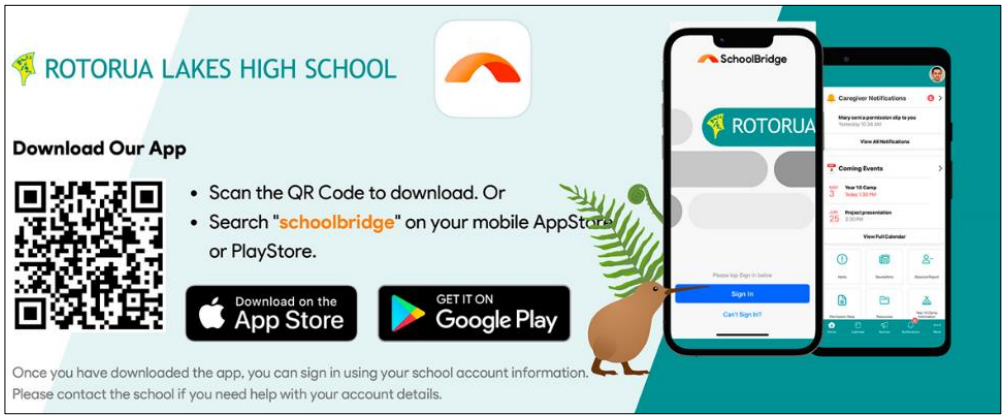
It's free to give it a go!

CAREERS/GATEWAY

MoneyHub has 10+ NCEA resources to help everyone attain merits and excellences - check it out and prepare for upcoming internals and externals with confidence.

https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/resources-for-ncea-students.html





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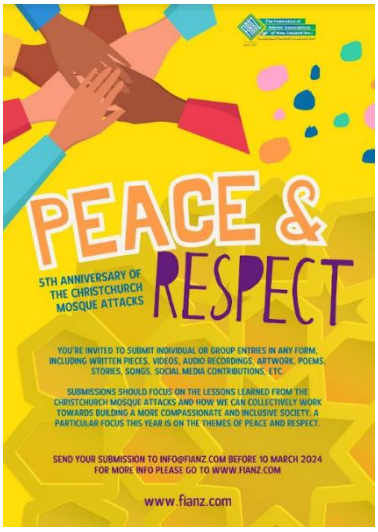

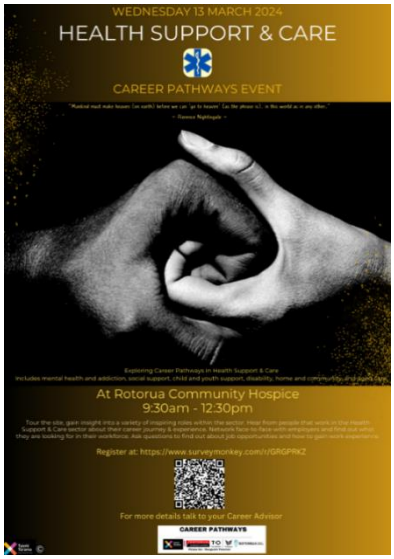

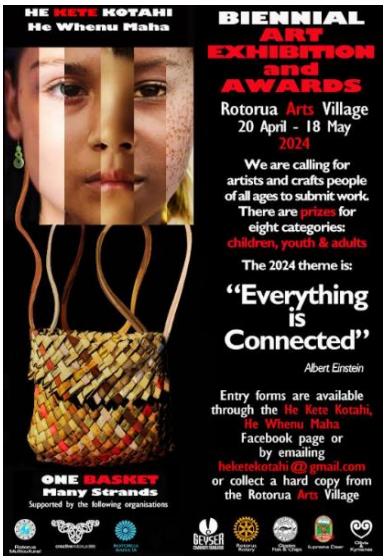

Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?
If so, GirlGuiding NZ is here:
Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds
Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old
Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old
Rangers: 12 – 17 years old

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