Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

NEWSLETTER ISSUE #3 – 15 MARCH 2024

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Kia ora Koutou

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am writing today to inform you of some sad news. On Thursday 14th March, Sharon Harris, our long serving drama teacher of 12 years, passed away.

Sharon has been ill for some time with cancer, and had officially retired at the end of 2022. However she was always there to support the school and mentor other staff. Her humour and grounded nature was infectious and despite her official retirement, she was available to cover classes and support our students. Her love of drama was evident to all, and as a school community we will greatly miss her.

We do not yet have a day indicated for Sharon's funeral. There will be a number of staff who will want to attend this service. I am signalling now to our community that, if this falls on a week day, we will likely have a more limited ability to provide tuition to all students. This will necessitate either rostering home a year level or closing the school for a period of time. I will communicate the details as they become clear. Thank you for your understanding with this.

We will do our absolute best to minimise disruption to teaching and learning. If you are aware of any distress that your child is experiencing due to this situation, our guidance counsellors, Kris and Geoff, are available to provide them with support.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jon Ward
Principal – Tumuaki
Rotorua Lakes High School

We held our annual Rotorua Lakes High School Swimming Sports at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre recently. It was a great day and the students were highly competitive and showcased their many talents in all events. Thank you to all our students and to our Heads of House for organizing and a very special thank you to Ms Hodge for all her hard work and Mr Norton for the great photos. (further details on pages 3-4).

We had an amazing Year 13 Camp this year at Ōhope Christian Camp. Students enjoyed swimming, surfing and many workshops. They have developed a great cohort and we look forward to seeing how the skills students have been working on are brought back into Lakes High for the benefit of the entire school community. A special thank you to our staff for making it such a success: Ms Howard, Mrs Hodge, Ms Chemis, Mr English, Mrs Milner, Mr Hounsell and our parent volunteer, Mr Wyatt who was a perfect addition to the team. (further details on page 3).

We have had some great sporting tournaments. The BOP Secondary School Athletics, NZ National Enduro MTB Champs and the Senior Volleyball BOP Champs. It was so rewarding reading all of our students' achievements at these events. Thank you so much to all our students and staff involved. Your hard work has certainly paid off!

We look forward to our Summer Tournament next week (18 – 22 March).

The end of the week brought some very sad news, with the passing of our drama teacher, Sharon Harris. Please see my letter above.

Due to the Easter break, the next newsletter will be Friday 5 April 2024. On that note, I wish everyone a very happy and restful break.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

YEAR 13 CAMP

We had a fantastic four days at Ōhope Christian Camp last week, surfing and learning leadership skills through team building tasks and house challenges. It was a successful camp with a great bunch of Yr13s. We look forward to seeing this amazing cohort lead our school this year. 🤩

SWIMMING SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to Okareka house for winning Swimming Sports last week and to each of our 2024 Individual champions (see image below). It was great to see so many students getting involved (despite the odd shower!) and for students to show their talents - we are proud of you! 🤩

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 1 2024	
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**

We want to hear from our past students about their successes. Please email hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz if you are an ex-student who has gone on to do something amazing - we want to celebrate you!

NGA KORERO MAI I A TATOU KAIAKO/ 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	Chemistry	91388	Thurs 21 March

ROAD SAFETY YOUTH EXPO

Rotorua Lakes Council is holding a Road Safety Youth Expo on Tuesday 26 March 2024 at Energy Events Centre. Our Year 11 Students will be attending this course from approximately 11.30 am to 2.30 pm. The school will provide transport to and from the venue. We expect our students to be in the correct uniform for this day and they will need to bring a packed lunch. If you have any queries please contact the Year 11 Dean Ms Blackmore blackmoreh@rotorualakes.school.nz

WELCOME BACK TO OUR REKA VISITS!

This year we're continuing our regular REKA visits. These are to build relationships and support the students from our Rotorua Eastside Kahui Ako schools; Owhata, Rotokawa, Lynmore and Mokoia. Some of our top swimmers gave their time to be timekeepers at Mokoia's swimming sports. Lovely to see past students giving back to their schools and supporting future swimming champions. Thanks Leonard Rankin, Kate Staunton, Teuila Schuster and Hannah Kiernan.

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.

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

BOP SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Recently a team of 13 athletes travelled to Tauranga to compete in the BOP Secondary Schools Athletics Championships which consisted of teams from all over the BOP with a team from as far away as Te Kaha competing. On a hot day competing on a synthetic track our students came away with some very good results.

Owen McGrath was a standout with a 1st in Junior boys' discus (throwing 4m further than 2nd place) Also 2nd Junior Boys Shot Put and 3rd place Junior boys High Jump.

Ava McGrath took out 3rd place in a strong field in the Intermediate Girls discus and was top 6 in the Shot Put.

Tokoaitua Owen was 2nd place in both Long Jump and Triple Jump in the Intermediate Boys.

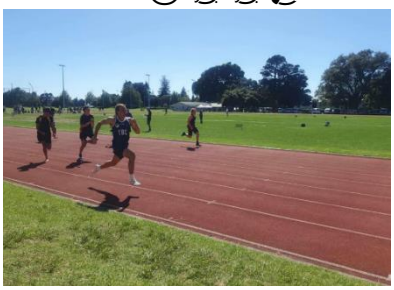
Bella Wyatt was 2nd in the Senior Girls 800m and 400m(tbc)

Others to come close were Michael Cannon who was 5th in the Junior Boys 300m, 8th 200m final.

Ameila Tarplett was 4th in the Junior girls 300m

Mary Schuster was 4th in the Senior Girls 100m.

Julian Collet finished 7th in the Intermediate Boys 200m and 5th in the Long Jump . Others who competed hard all day were Tiffany Ten Haaf, Elspeth Napier, Lotti Tarplett, Renee Price, Taj Sydney (11th) Senior Boys 100m. Well done team. 😎😻😻😻



NZ NATIONAL ENDURO MTB CHAMPS

Our Year 12 student, Poppy Croucher won U19s in the Cycling NZ National Enduro MTB Champs in Nelson recently! It was a massive event with 7 timed technical downhill stages but over 55km riding around the course to get to the stages and a total of 2,750m elevation! The day before Poppy rode the course to have one practice run down each track; that is dedication for sure! There were a few competitors who dropped out because it was so physical. An example of a full Enduro race here is 35 km and 750 m elevation. Huge win Poppy, we are very proud of you! Congratulations 😎😻😻😻

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS HOCKEY INFO….

Wed 20th March, fitness session @ lunchtime in gym.
Tues 26th & Thurs 28th March @ 4pm we hold Girls HOCKEY TRIALS at Rotorua Turf for 2 hours each night.

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL – BOP CHAMPS 2024

What an experience at this tournament that our students have had, and it all wrapped up on the afternoon of Saturday 9th March. After three weekends of intense matches, our Senior A Boys & Girls teams left with huge pride in their performances and new connections with other Volleyball mad students!

THANK YOU to our Head Coach, Jacqueline Lemmens-Douven, and to our amazing parents and whānau that supported our teams the whole way through!

Final Placings in the Bay of Plenty region:
Senior A BOYS - 26th
Senior A GIRLS - 33rd
😍😍

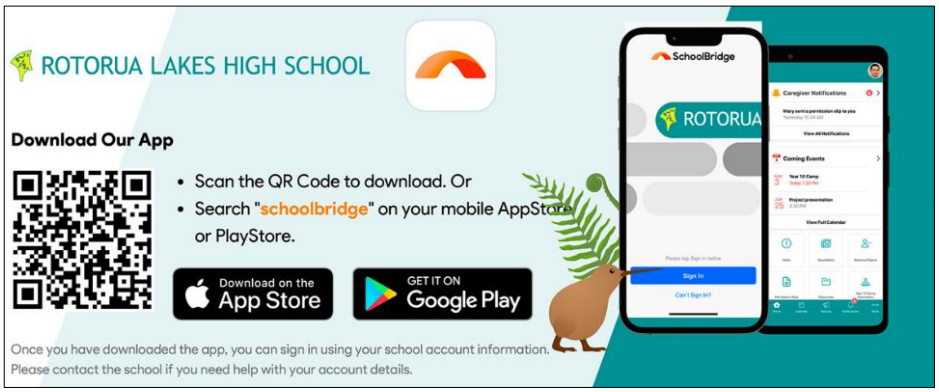
RLHS SENIOR A VOLLEYBALL

It was another good weekend away for our teams for the second round of the BOP Championships. Both teams displayed growth and improvement throughout their games. Our Head Coach's efforts with the teams is really showing in their game play, making for some entertaining and highly contested sets. Well done to all our Lakes High Volleyballers 🙌 Final round: Friday 8th & Saturday 9th of March - Tauranga. 😍

CAREERS/GATEWAY

MoneyHub

Looking for a part-time job? Check out MoneyHub's newly updated Student Jobs guide! With over 60 employers and valuable job application tips, find your next opportunity here: https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/student-jobs.html



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

GHA Chartered Accountants & Management Consultants

BFA BUSINESS ADVISORS AND ACCOUNTANTS

PANUI/PUBLIC NOTICES

CAPE EGMONT VIRTUAL HALF MARATHON 2024

Want to walk or run in your own time, but also be part of a fantastic event? Then we would love you to join us.

The Cape Egmont Virtual Half Marathon offers three distance options - 5 km, 10 km and 21 km. Which can be completed any time anywhere from the 1st to the 31st of July 2024. Simply record your time via Strava, Map my run, Fit Bit or screenshot and upload through our website. Every finisher receives a medal and all money raised goes to the Taranaki Cancer Society and the Taranaki Men Can Exercise Group. To help those in our province affected by cancer.
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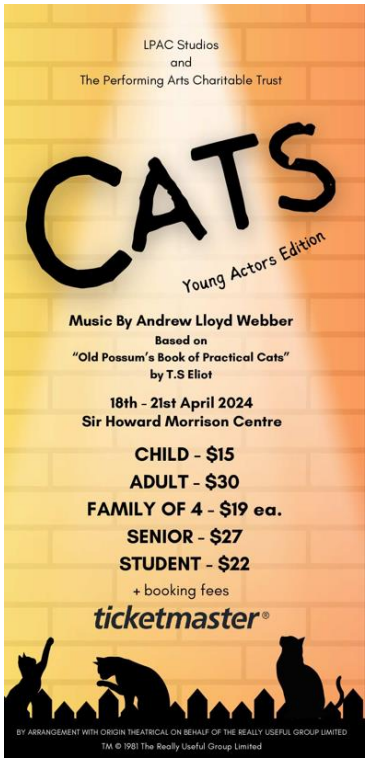

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