Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou

As we say goodbye to term one at the end of next week, this term has seen students from across our school participate in a great number of curricular and extra-curricular activities, through which they have demonstrated outstanding levels of engagement, creativity and team work. We thoroughly enjoyed our Year 13 camp, Athletics Day, Swimming Sports, Education Outside the Classrooms Trips and our Investiture Assembly; almost as much as the students did! All of which were so successful because of our wonderful students and dedicated staff. Thank you for a great term.

At the start of Term 2, the law banning cell phones during the school day comes into effect. We have had a number of assemblies and discussions with students about this. I will be sending you a letter today outlining the school's process regarding implementing this law. We appreciate your support with the phone ban, whether or not you agree with it. None of us want to become a cause of confrontation between staff and students.

I hope you are able to spend some time with your young person over the break and we look forward to welcoming them back for the start of Term 2 on Monday 29 April 2024.

From all of us at Lakes High, have a wonderful, safe and relaxing holiday.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

OUR FANTASTIC PREFECT LEADERSHIP TEAM

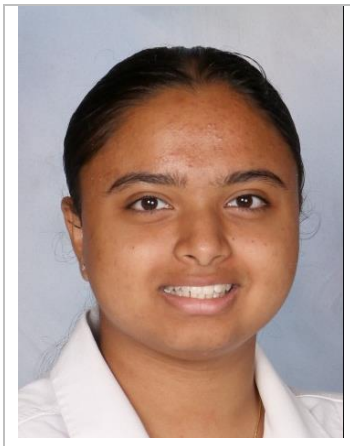
We would like to introduce you to the reminder of our wonderful RLHS Prefect Leadership Team over the next few weeks.

Kia Ora. I'm Sara O'Driscoll and I have had the privilege of being chosen by my peers to be Okareka House Prefect for 2024. I recently finished my fourth season of rowing as I competed in the Maadi Cup Regatta in Twizel. In previous years I've played hockey but decided to hang my stick up this year to focus on other commitments. I'm a dancer and actor and can't wait to compete in Showquest 2024. I had the honour of leading Rotorua Lakes' Showquest team to Second place in 2022 and then First place in 2023, both for the Bay Of Plenty regional competition. I am proud to say I am an Ambassador for the Forward Foundation, which, for the past three years I have spent getting more girls involved in sport and advocating a safe space for girls to feel comfortable being active. This year, I am focusing on my academic and creative subjects at school as well as training for my fifth season in rowing, my 'Challenge' Forward Foundation award and, hopefully, our third Showquest title. And, obviously, for Okareka to win House of the year. Go Okareka!

Kia ora my name is Stella Angus. I am proud to say that I am one of the House Prefects for Okareka this year. I was born and raised in Rotorua and have attended Lynmore Primary School, Mokoia Intermediate, and now Lakes High School. I am currently working at STOKEDNZ as a member of the marketing team producing content for all different social media platforms.
I have found myself enjoying both outdoor and creative subjects at our kura. My favourite subjects include Sport Science, Applied Outdoor Education and Photography. I am very much a people person, friendly and competitive by nature. I'm excited to get to know you and get everyone involved to help bring home the gold over the remainder of the year. Raising Okareka House spirit to new levels! Here's to Lakes High and the opportunities that it provides us.

Ko Tawhiuau taku maunga
Ko Rangitaiki taku awa
Ko Mataatua taku waka
Ko Rangatahi taku marae
Ko Ngati Manawa taku iwi
Ko Ngati Hui taku hapu
Ko Tangiharuru te tangata
No Murupara au

Kia ora, my name is Christine Daniels and I'm the 2024 Environmental Captain. I was born and raised here in Rotorua and went to Owhata, Mokoia and finally Lakes. Over my past four years here I've been given heaps of opportunities to gain and build leadership skills. I've grown up around nature being from Murupara and Ruatahuna, especially mara kai (veggie gardens) everyone in my family has one. I hope to have some mara kai in the school for whanau as it's a bit of a rough time. I look forward to working with the students, prefects and teachers and helping the school strive for greatness and supporting whanau. Nga mihi.



Kia Ora, my name is Adifaah Jalil, and I am the 2024 Academic Captain. I'm a first-generation New Zealander born to Indo-Fijian parents. My family moved around when I was younger, but we finally settled here in Rotorua. Moving around allowed me to attend schools in various cities and even in another country, enabling me to connect with different people. My last four years here at Lakes has allowed me to grow as a person, and has given me the opportunity to be involved with extracurriculars to find my passions. Lakes has also fostered my interest in the humanities, from Social Studies in year 9 to now with History and Geography, inspiring me to pursue a career in Humanities. A goal for this year is to encourage students to give something different a go. I would also like to help support students achieve goals they have set for themselves. I can be a bit introverted, but I am still approachable and keen to listen to any ideas or suggestions students may have about the school and to bring them to the student leaders. I am excited for whatever this year may bring and aspire to act as a role model and inspiration for the future leaders of our school.

Kia ora, my name is Harry Cheesman, and this year I am stoked to be one of the House Prefects for Tikitapu. I pride myself on my wide variety of extracurricular activities including cricket, hockey, mountain biking, and watersports. I have thrived throughout my schooling experience; not only at Rotorua Lakes High School, but also during my time at Lynmore Primary and Mokoia Intermediate. Some of my favourite subjects Lakes has on offer are History, Economics and PE. Earlier this year, I had the chance to get to know Tikitapu's year nine students and what an awesome group they are. I believe mixed in with the rest of TI, we're a winning bunch for 2024! At RLHS, where goals align, embrace the spirit of Tikitapu, let it shine. Nga mihi

Ko Hikurangi te Maunga
Ko Te Arai te Awa
Ko Horouta te Waka
Ko Rongowhakaata & Ngāti Porou te Iwi
Ko Ngati Kete te Hapu

Kia ora my name is Bailee Hutchison and I am proud to say that I am one of your house prefects for Tikitapu this year. I am very grateful to have been given this opportunity to work with the teachers and students. I have found myself enjoying science, maths and applied outdoor education this year. I have played netball in the past from primary all the way into high school, I enjoy athletics, am very active and love joining in and playing along. I am going to try my best to get everyone involved in all the activities we will have over the year. I love meeting new people so if you ever see me around don't be afraid to come and say hi, I am excited for what the year may bring and hope to be a role model for the up and coming leaders of Rotorua Lakes High.

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 2 2024	
29 APRIL	**START TERM 2**
9 May	Haka Competition
14 - 17 May	History & Economics Trip to Wellington
27 - 31 May	CAA Assessments – Literacy & Numeracy
27 MAY	**TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED**
30 May	Interschool Chess Regional
3 June	**KING'S BIRTHDAY holiday**

10 June	Showquest
12 June	Rotorua Chess Regional
21 June	Rockquest
25 – 26 June	Report Evenings Tuesday 4 – 6 pm/Wednesday 3.30 – 6 pm
28 June	**MATARIKI holiday**
3 July	Interhouse
5 July	Junior Reports out
5 July	Senior NCEA Reports out
5 July	**END TERM 2**

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2024	
Anzac Day	**Thursday 25 April**
King's Birthday	**Monday 3 June**
Matariki	**Friday 28 June**
Labour Day	**Monday 28 October**

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 3 May 2024.

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to please check out the lost property bin at student reception. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of term. Thank 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	Legal Studies	US27843	Friday 12 April
2	Health	91236	Wednesday 10 April
1	Health	92009	Friday 12 April
2	Physics	91168	Thursday & Friday 11/12 April
3	Tourism	24733	Monday 8 April
2	Tourism	24730	Wednesday 10 April
2	Music	91278	Wednesday 10 April
2	Maths	91264	Tues 9, Wed 10 & Thurs 11 April

ROAD SAFETY EXPO 2024

A thought provoking and entertaining day at the Road Safety Expo today for our Yr11 students. Thank you so much to all of the organisers that put this event on each year, it is hugely beneficial to our learner drivers.

GREAT VOLUNTEERS

Thanks so much to our RLHS swimmers; **Leonard, Daniel, Kate, Hannah, Anna, Lotti and Amelia** who helped out at the Central BOP Swimming Competition. Fostering the love of swimming in the younger students of Rotorua.

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES

Yr10 RLHS students have the opportunity to apply for a place on either the **Spirit of Adventure, or Hillary Outdoors Centre** this year. They were spoken to about these amazing opportunities at an assembly recently and asked to apply by detailed letter (why they want to attend, what they hope to get out of the experience etc), to hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz by Monday 8 April 2024.

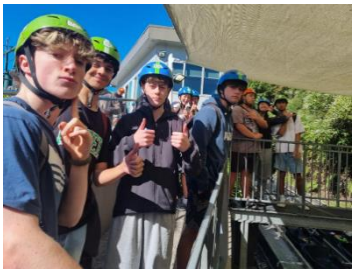
Spirit of Adventure is a 5 day discovery voyage for 5 RLHS boys and 5 RLHS girls who will join a crew of 40 to sail around the Hauraki Gulf from 15th-20th October.

Hillary Outdoors is a 5 day camp at the Tongariro Centre for 30 Yr10 students between 18th and 23rd August taking part in activities such as high ropes, caving, kayaking, abseiling and much more.

At this stage each of these experiences is priced at over $1200 but funding applications have been submitted and it is hoped this cost will be significantly reduced. Please do not let the cost put you off applying. If you have any questions, please contact Haley Hodge hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz

TOURISM CLASSES

Two fantastic days with 61 senior RLHS Tourism students being able to see our premiere tourism event (Crankworx) in action plus some fun at the Zorb, and at Skyline on the luge and Skyswing. Good to see the theory from class in practice, and be able to meet potential employers.



STUDENT SUCCESSES

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS MOUNTAIN BIKING

North Island Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Competition Results.
Absolutely fantastic results. Well done to all our students!😍😍

Cross Country

Nicole Wallace 1st (U16 Girls)
Noah Croucher 6th (U15 Boys)
Georgia Davies 3rd (U15 Girls)

Downhill

Colton Boardman 5th (U15 Boys)
Poppy Croucher 2nd (U20 Girls)
Daniel Cheeseman 12th (U16 Boys)
Cooper Angus 11th (U17 Boys)
Liam Hofman 13th (U17 Boys)
Noah Croucher 17th (U15 Boys)

Enduro

Colton Boardman 2nd (U15)
Noah Croucher 5th (U15 Boys)
Arlo Garden20th (U15 Boys)
Cameron Moore 7th (U16 Boys)
Jovarne Jury 19th (U16 Boys)
Josh Bowyer 38th (U16 Boys)
Nicole Wallace 3rd (U16 Girls)
Cooper Angus 15th (U17 Boys)
Daniel Shiels 55th (U17 Boys)
Lyla Alton 6th (U17 Girls)
Ashleigh Randell 10th (U17 Girls)
Hanna Smith 8th (U17 Girls)
Any Crawshaw 13th (U17 Girls)
Carter Aitchison 2nd (U14 Boys)
Poppy Croucher 2nd (U20 Girls)
Daniel Cheeseman 3rd (U16 Boys)

Overall Standings

Noah Croucher (2nd Boys)

Schools competition

Rotorua Lakes - 3rd School

SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK 2024

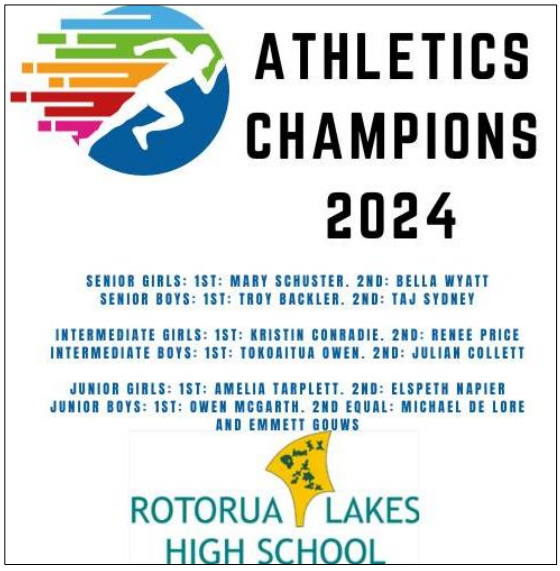
This year during Summer Tournament Week we had a girls J19 (under 19) team compete at Lake Tikiktapu with over 120 other schools present. The team selected after 5 weeks of trainings were; Zara Gray, Amy Morgan, Lia Sinisa, Teuila Schuster, Ava McGrath, Hunter Lewis, Stevie Lockwood and Te Aroha Joy Bennett. This was a very new team with only 2 having competed previously and no experienced steerers available so Zara Gray stepped up and took on the role with limited time to learn. With the help of coaches Maurice Pomare and Lorraine Hall our girls improved really well and exceeded our expectations in their races. Their best result being the 250m race where they qualified for the plate semi final beating some more experienced schools. The girls are now looking forward to growing and are looking forward to next years' event.

PASIFIKA NAVIGATORS OF TOMORROW

Great day at Mercury Arena for our Pasifika students today. We travelled to Mt Maunganui with other Bay of Plenty schools to experience a career expo with a uniquely Pasifika flavour. Our students enjoyed meeting a variety of exhibitors and meeting a few famous faces too. Thank you to Pacific Growth Services for running the event and Ministry of Education for their support to bring us there. As ex-Warrior Sione Faumuina said to us - "take every opportunity that comes your way" Lua Pati 👏🏾👏🏾

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 2024

Congratulations to all our fantastic athletes. 🥰🥰



OUR FANTASTIC EQUESTRIAN TEAM

A small but mighty team of Otto Neilsen and Jasmine Janson represented Lakes high school recently riding for the Equestrian team in the Central Plateau secondary school gymkana. Both brought home multiple ribbons including winning various classes. They gained the highest overall points out of all the schools competing and won the 1st place Trophy. Otto also took home the reserve champion ribbon for individual overall high points. A fantastic result for Lakes High! Well done to you both!🥰🥰🥰

Another hugely successful event for our Lakes High Equestrian team with a very successful show at the Central Plateau Secondary Schools showjumping champs recently. The team of **Jasmine Janson, Otto Neilsen** and **Tyla Talbot** won multiple placings and were awarded second place overall team! Individually, Jasmine won overall champion for the 90cm and Tyla won overall champion for the 80cm. Well done team and thank you to the parents and caregivers for your ongoing support.

BOP SWIMMING CHAMPS

We had 7 students attend the BOP Secondary Schools Swimming Champs held at Baywave, Mount Maunganui on 13 March with fantastic results.

Individual Event Top 8 placings:

- **Hannah Kiernan** (Senior Girls) placed 1st in the 50m Breaststroke, 5th in 50m Freestyle and 5th in 50m Backstroke.
- **Anna Shapley** (Intermediate Girls) placed 3rd in 50m Breaststroke, 5th in 50m Freestyle and 1st in 25m Freestyle.
- **Kate Staunton** (Intermediate Girls) placed 4th in 50m Breaststroke.
- **Leonard Rankin** (Intermediate Boys) placed 1St in 50m Butterfly, 1st in 50m Freestyle, 3rd in 50m Backstroke and 4th in 100m Freestyle.

Our Junior Swimmers were **Amelia Tarplett, Lotti Tarplett and Daniel Parker**, although no top 10 placings for these swimmers, they showed amazing skill, ability, and determination. This led to great improvements on their entry times.

- Amelia taking over 4 seconds off in the 50m Backstroke
- Daniel taking nearly 2 seconds off in the 50m Freestyle
- Lotti taking off 2.5 seconds in the 100m Freestyle

We had two Relay teams which required swimmers to swim up in age group. Lotti & Amelia joined up with Kate and Anna for the Intermediate Girls Freestyle relay, where they placed 4th. Amelia, stepped up to the challenge and joined, Anna, Kate & Hannah to take part in the Senior Girls Medley relay. With only two teams in the event, it was hard to hide, their opposition was strong, but the girls all raced hard to maintain a great pace throughout, doing themselves and the school proud. Thank you to Sport Bay of Plenty and Liz Van Welie Swimming Club for a well-run Swim Meet. 😎😎

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

Huge shout out to our ballerinas, orchestra members, actors, singers and dancers who performed at the Sir Howard Morrison Centre in "The Phantom of the Opera" which was presented by Rotorua Musical Theatre and "Cats" by Lakes Performing Arts Centre. To our stars: **Meliz, Charlee, Elena, Elsie, Caroline, Marissa, Yulia, Eirwen, Oscar and Declan – you were fantastic!** 😍

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

FUTSAL

The Junior Boys Futsal team played in the Northern Regional Tournament recently. There was lots of learning, fun and some tough competition. At all times they remained positive and had a never give up attitude. They placed 5th overall.

Thank you to the coach Jamie for supporting the team. Mauria te pono!

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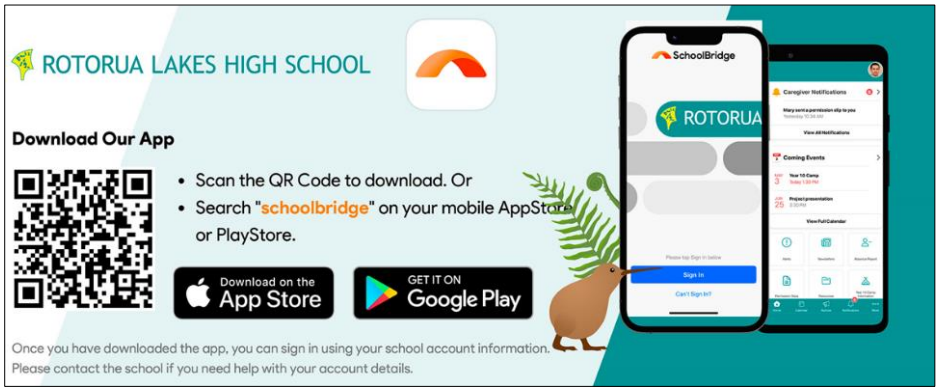
CAREERS/GATEWAY

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the very difficult decision has been made to cancel this year's Careers Expo. We are all gutted, but will refocus our energy onto bringing something back next year. Please reach out if there is anything we can do to assist.

From The Careers Expo Team

MoneyHub

Looking for quality NCEA preparation resources? MoneyHub offers over ten invaluable tools to guide students towards achieving merits and excellence. Perfect for gearing up for internals and externals. Explore now: NCEA Student Resources



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