Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou

Our House Group's competitive challenges have been a great success. Close and exciting games across all codes. Well done to all our students. As always, we greatly appreciate our Heads of House and House Prefects for putting in the hard work in organizing these events and making them so enjoyable.

The Prefect Group did an excellent job leading the full school assembly last week. They introduced the Prefect Leadership Teams and discussed our four pou/school values; Whanaunatanga, Whakapapa, Wairuatanga and Manaakitanga. Their performance was very impressive - well done.

I want to briefly focus on Manaakitanga. One descriptor of manaakitanga is caring. I specifically want to draw attention to caring for our environment. Our environmental prefects are working on ways to reduce litter in our school, which at present is at unacceptable levels. Our environment is suffering with plastic wrappers being dropped everywhere. As a result, our school is looking a mess! It's time that all our students step up and make sure litter goes in the numerous bins around the school and not on the ground. This will be a focus in the coming weeks.

It's good to see our school teams getting settled into the start of our sporting season which have already begun with some very exciting hockey, basketball and football games. A particular acknowledgment to all our parents who come and support their children. It is much appreciated.

Our Year 12 students have travelled to Wellington for the History & Economics Trip this week. It is a unique opportunity for our students to experience firsthand our parliament at work in the Beehive. They also had the chance to spend a day visiting the exhibitions at Te Papa. Thank you to our teachers, Ms J Chemis and Ms H Howard for accompanying our students on this trip which brings learning in the classroom to life. (pics on page 2-3)

On page 2 you will see the timetable for the Numeracy & Literacy Co-Requisite Exams that are coming up next week. We cannot stress the importance of these exams enough and it is vital that students take the opportunity to achieve a positive result. I wish all the best to those participating in these exams.

It was great to see so many of our students and staff dressed in pink today to celebrate Pink Shirt Day. It certainly added a vibrant and at times eye watering visual impact! Well done to our students who organised the bake sale. We will share pictures of all the events that occurred in the near future.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

NUMERACY & LITERACY CO-REQUISITE EXAMS TERM 2 2024

With the changes to NCEA students need to gain Literacy and Numeracy in order to achieve a NCEA Certificate. There are 2 opportunities a year for this requirement to be achieved through a digital assessment. Class teachers (English and Maths) have entered students who are ready to sit this exam.

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	**Thursday 23rd May**	**Friday 24th May**
Session 1 9am - 10..15am					Reading
Session 2 11.30am - 12.45pm				Reading	Reading
Date	TOD	Monday	**Wednesday 29th May**	**Thursday 30th May**	**Friday 31st May**
Session 1 9am - 10..15am			Numeracy	Writing	Writing
Session 2 11.30am - 12.45pm			Numeracy	Writing	

Students entered will be assigned a session slot and MUST attend that timeslot. Their teacher will confirm with them the session they are assigned to. All exams are digital and will take place in the school auditorium. If students miss their session due to a genuine reason, whanau will need to contact Ms Sturme asap. There is also another opportunity in Term 3.

WONDERFUL WELLINGTON TRIP

Our History and Economics students and two staff travelled to Wellington this week. This trip is taken annually and allows students to visit places of national interest as well as to explore possible career pathways. Our students made the most of their visits to Parliament, Government House, the Reserve Bank and Victoria University, just to name a few! A great trip and our students were absolutely fantastic. 🥹😍😍😍

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Please note that our school is **closed on Monday 27 May 2024** for a Ministry directed Teacher Only Day. These days are important for the development of our school and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation of keeping your child at home. *Please note our charter bus will run as normal for those students attending Mokoia Intermediate.*

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 2 2024	
27 - 31 May	CAA Assessments – Literacy & Numeracy
27 MAY	**TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED**
28 - 31 May	Numeracy & Literacy Co-Requisite Exams
30 May	Interschool Chess Regional
3 June	**KING'S BIRTHDAY holiday**
10 June	Showquest
12 June	Rotorua Chess Regional
21 June	Rockquest
21 June	Junior Reports out
21 June	Senior NCEA Reports Out
25 – 26 June	Report Evenings Tuesday 4 – 6 pm/Wednesday 3.30 – 6 pm
28 June	**MATARIKI holiday**
3 July	Interhouse
5 July	**END TERM 2**

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

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
2	Legal Studies	27849	Friday 24 May
3	Legal Studies	27848	Friday 24 May
3	Geography	91430	Wed 29 May

EPro8 STUDENTS

Thanks so much to our RLHS EPro8 students who supported Rotokawa with their competition as part of our REKA liaison visits. It's so fantastic for our students to be able to shine and help others in their areas of strength. And well done to the tauira from Rotokawa, you were amazing!

WRITE UP FROM ROTOKAWA SCHOOL

The EPro8 Challenge is an inter-school science and engineering competition that has over 25,000 students from throughout New Zealand taking part yearly! This year, 70 of the Rotokawa School students were able to take part and explore problem-solving, ingenuity, teamwork, resilience, and an enduring passion for maths and science! In the finals, 6 teams from across the school battled it out over 2 hours for the top spot, with 3 Epro8 members (Siwan, Jordie, and Alana) from Rotorua Lakes High School judging. After the final buzzer sounded, a group of 4 students became victorious - Richard, Leighton, Kory and Vinnie. Over the coming weeks, 15 students from across the school will work to delve deeper into measurement, questioning, and the use of basic electrical circuits, building materials and everyday objects to solve problems and prepare for the inter-school competition. Congratulations to all tamariki who took part in both the class event and the school-wide event. A huge mihi must go out to Siwan, Jordie, Alana and Rotorua Lakes High School for sharing their Epr8 expertise with our community! Our tamariki cannot wait to see you and your Epro8 team going at it!

SHOWQUEST VISIT

Two of our head choreographers / organisers for our RLHS Showquest group visited Mokoia Intermediate to support their rehearsal. As part of our REKA liaison visits, Brock and Mia were able to watch two run throughs and give praise and feedback based on their knowledge of Showquest. We were very impressed with Mokoia's Showquest item and look forward to seeing it on the big stage in Tauranga in the coming weeks!

Showquest and Toi, Aotearoa's Biggest Performing Arts Competition is being held on 10th June in the Mercury Arena, Baypark, Mount Maunganui. Our amazing cast are rehearsing every day. Tickets are now on sale on the Showquest website. Come and support our talented students. https://www.showquest.nz/

STUDENT SUCCESSES

TE ARAWA KURA TUARUA NGĀ MANU KŌRERO A RŌHE 2024

Ngā Manu Kōrero is about honoring the special and unique existence of being Māori and of sustaining our connections to the Māori world in all its glory. The speech contests are intended to encourage the development of skills and confidence of Māori students in spoken English and te reo Māori. It has been a few years since our Kura has had a participant in the Te Arawa Manu Korero Regional competition. On Tuesday the 14th of May, a group of student s from our Rumaki class supported by some of our tuakana

attended the Manu Kōrero regional competition to support one of our year 9 students Priya Raethel who entered the Sir Turi Carroll junior English section along with 6 other participants from other Te Arawa Kura. With only days to prepare, Priya delivered an exceptional speech and made us all so proud. Our Kura was well represented looking very sharp and smart. We look forward to developing a pathway for future kai kōrero and hope to enter more participants in the near future. 😍 😍

"Ko te paetawhiti, whaia kia tata! Ko te paetata, whakamaua kia eke ki te pae o angitū!"

DOUBLE GOLD

HUGE congratulations to Patrezcija Vuletic-Petch who recently won DOUBLE GOLD at Oceania Champs Jiu Jitsu tournament and gold at the New Zealand Māori Nationals in New Plymouth!!! Massive success, Patrezcija, well done! 😍

OFF ROAD RACING CHAMPS

Congratulations to Sareena Patterson on some amazing results from racing at the 2024 Short Course Off Road Racing Champs in Palmerston North. Sareena came 1st overall in the challenger class and 3rd overall for the short course champs (by 0.1 of a second!) and wanted to thank the Palmerston North Offroad Racing Club - PNORC for the amazing day. 😍

AWESOME COOKING

Yr11 students learning to poach perfect eggs for eggs benedict.

Well done! 😍 😍

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

COMPETITIVE CHALLENGE

It was great to see so many students supporting this week's first Basketball Competitive Challenge in the gym at lunchtime today. It was a tight battle between RO and TA with Tarawera taking it out in the final quarter. OK vs TI tomorrow and then finals on Friday! Well done to all the players, supporters and referees Molimau and Sam.

NETBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Mary Schuster, Teuila Schuster, Ella Coxhead and Lydia Graham. on being selected for Rotorua's representative netball teams 😍 😍

GIRLS 1ST XI HOCKEY

RLHS Girls 1st XI had a chilly, but extremely successful start to the hockey season in Whakatāne last night, coming away with a hefty 8 – 0 win against Trident 2nd XI. The team played exceptionally well for their first game together. 'Player of the Day' was an awarded to Mehek Abdul Rahman for her amazing efforts throughout the game. We are looking forward to a home game against Whakatāne High School next week. A big thanks to the parents who were able to come over and support the team.

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Another great game last night with our Junior Boys Basketball team. 64 to 18 against JPC. Well done boys!👍👍

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Our RLHS Senior Boys Basketball team had their first win for the season coming up against a strong school from Putāruru - Te Wharekura o te Kaokaoroa o Patetere. We started off a bit shakey on defense but as the boys got into the motion of things they started to put the pieces together with ALL players contributing on the scoreboard. The boys came away with a massive win 72 - 26. We now move forward to keep working hard to stay in the winning circle.

PICKLE BALL

Thank you so much Rotorua Pickleball Club for the donation of paddles. We now have enough paddles to learn how to play in our PE classes as well as lunchtime games. 😍😁

Our students are really enjoying playing and are improving very quickly.

BOP HOCKEY

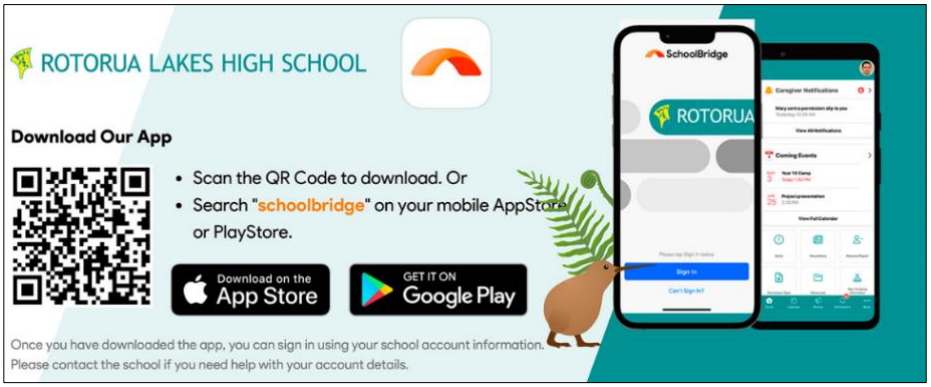
Congratulations to Harry Cheesman and Lachie Hoggard who have been selected for the BOP U18 Men's Hockey team. Harry and Lachie will compete in the National U18 Men's tournament which is being hosted in Hawkes Bay this season. In preparation for the National Tournament they will also be playing in the King's Birthday Tournament in Rotorua on the 2nd and 3rd June. Well done to these Young Men. 🎉🏑

Congratulations to Dylan Fouracre, Preston Cleaver and Zara Gray who have been selected for the BOP U18 Development teams. Dylan, Preston and Zara will all compete in the King's Birthday Tournament in Rotorua on the 2nd and 3rd June. Well done🎉🏑

CAREERS/GATEWAY

GREAT COURSE FOR GATEWAY

Students enjoying a 2-day Mobile Elevated Work Platform Course (MEWP). Learning Safety Harness system while working at Heights and how to operate a Scissor Lift and Knuckle Boom. Students gained a Qualified certificate to operate in the workplace along with Level 3 credits. 👍👍



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