Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

On Anzac Day, our Year 13 Prefects attended the Dawn Service, Parade and Civic Service. Their show of respect honours those who have and continue to show service for our country. The service ended with our students laying a wreath in the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre. Thank you to our students, who did our school proud and a special thank you to Mrs K Goodrick. (pix page 2).

We have a Post Primary Teachers' Association Paid Union Meeting on Tuesday 14 May 2024. The school will close at 12.30 pm on that day. We thank you for your support. (further info page 2).

Please note that our school is closed on Monday 27 May 2023 for a Ministry directed Teacher Only Day. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time. I understand that this can be a hassle in keeping your child at home but these days are vitally important for the continual development of our school and staff. (further info page 2).

Thank you, as parents and caregivers, for your ongoing support regarding the new law banning cell phones during the school day. I can report anecdotally that we are seeing a significant increase in positive social interaction between students. As a school we are running increased activities at interval and lunchtime to provide opportunities for our students to engage in. My thanks to our Heads of House, Senior Students and our Sports Coordinator for helping to organise these.

I would also like to congratulate our students, who have been so successful in various competitions over the holiday break. Well done!

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

ANZAC DAY

Great turn out for the Dawn Service. Thank you to our prefects for joining us and for doing such a great job.

Warming up after the Dawn Service. Thanks Citron Cafe for a great breakfast.

PPTA MEETING

There will be a PPTA Union Meeting for all Rotorua Secondary teachers on **Tuesday 14 May 2024**, which is allowed for under the terms of their Collective Agreement.

- This means the school will only be able to have classes for periods 1, 2 and 3 on that day.
- Students will be required to go home at 12.30 pm.
- Charter bus and Ministry Bus will leave the school at the normal time.
- The school will remain open and non-union teachers will supervise any students who need to remain at school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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.*

CHARTER BUS

- A term pass for the charter bus costs $250
- A 10 ride pass costs $60
- Please pay by Monday 6 May 2024. Payments can be made at the school office or online. Thank you.

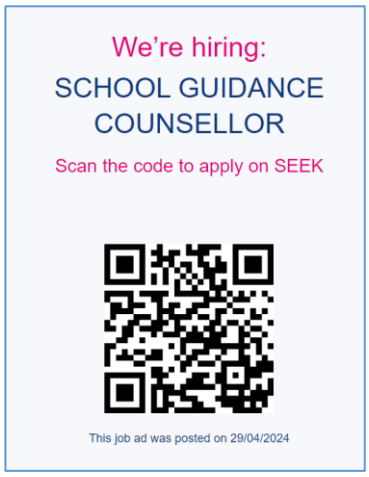
FACIAL HAIR RULE

During our most recent Board meeting, a decision was made to revise the regulations regarding students' facial hair rules. Moving forward, the school will permit boys having facial hair as long as they adhere to specific criteria.

We have changed the wording in our rule, effective immediately, as follows:

- Tidy facial hair is allowed.
- What determines 'tidy':
    - Neatly trimmed beard and moustache
    - Student's natural colour only
    - Short facial hair length
    - Meets Health & Safety requirements for given situations
- The final decision as to what looks 'tidy' is held by the school Principal. The Principal's decision is final.

Thank you to everyone for taking part in the survey.



COUNSELLOR POSITION

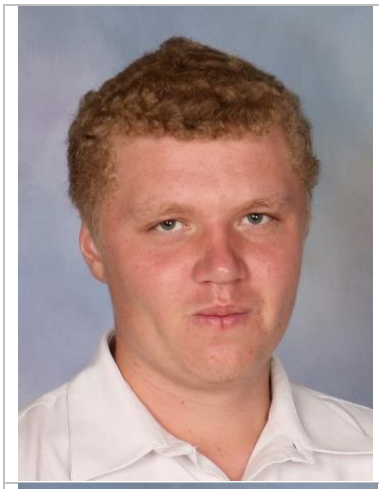
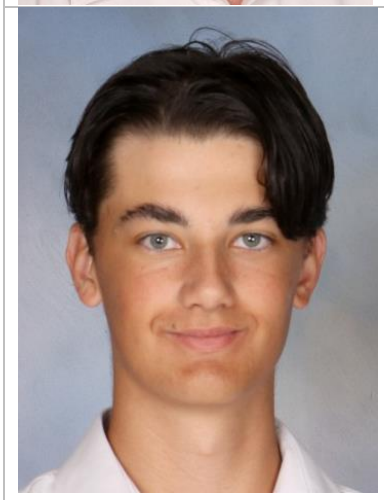
We are looking for someone who is passionate about working with young people, can build trusted relationships, has excellent interpersonal skills and can work calmly under pressure. If this sounds like you and you would like to join our dynamic and hardworking Wellness Team then please apply. Applicants should have or be working towards a New Zealand Association of Counsellors Membership or equivalent. Full time or hours can be flexible.

Position closes: 13 May 2024 at 9am

OUR FANTASTIC PREFECT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

Kia Ora, my name is **Bella Shaw,** and I am one of the Rotokakahi Prefects for 2024. I am interested in mountain biking, robotics/engineering and being in the outdoors. Over the past 4 years at Rotorua Lakes High School, I have learnt both academic and life skills/lessons for after school. I have been a part of multiple extracurricular groups at Lakes one being the environmental group, this group helped raise my awareness and passion for the natural environment. In the future I am planning to continue this passion for the environment through either environmental planning or forestry science. I am really looking forward to the adventures that this year has to offer; in June I am going over to the U.S to compete in the Aquabots International Competition in Washington D.C with Sage Engineering. I look forward to being one of the role models for the rest of the student body at Lakes throughout 2024. I hope to help create an enjoyable and fun environment within our school. My goal for this year is to encourage my peers to participate and enjoy the house days and events within RO.

	Kia ora my name is William Bosma and I am one of the two house captains leading the most prestigious and marvellous houses, Rotokakahi. Rotokakahi typically gets a bad wrap at Lakes High but this year I strive to change that and renew Rotokakahi to its former glory, which we haven't been able to achieve for many years. Due to this, I will strive to better the house and ensure that Rotokakahi strives to the best of our ability. I have been at Lakes High since Year 9 and have enjoyed each year along the way towards Year 13. Currently my favourite subjects at kura include Legal Studies, Advanced Outdoor Education and Cooking. I am a very caring, friendly and approachable person when in kura. I am also very excited to show what Rotokakahi is truly capable of this year and how with a little bit of motivation great things can be accomplished. Nga mihi
	Hello, my name is Hayden Martin and I am the Sports Captain for 2024. I have been at Lakes High for the past 4 years and have enjoyed every moment, I have built so many valuable friendships with teachers and other students. I have grown up a very sporty person as my family has always been involved with some kind of sport, tennis is my main sport but I play every racket sport and try as many sports as I possibly can. This year I am going to try to create as many opportunities for students as I can, as I believe sports are a very important part of our lives and without sports, I would be nowhere near where I am now. I am looking forward to an amazing year and hope everyone will take every opportunity that comes their way.
	Hiya! My name is Lauren Thompson, I am your Cultural Prefect for 2024! I have lived here in Rotorua for my whole life. I went to Lynmore Primary school and Mokoia Intermediate before I ended up here at Lakes. Some of my interests include singing (both opera and more contemporary styled), rowing, piano, squash and the occasional mountain bike ride when I can find the time. I aim to do everything I can to make our time at Lakes as enjoyable and as inclusive as possible. My dream would be for everyone at Lakes High to feel like they have found a place where they belong. I look forward to getting the ball rolling, new friendships forming, clubs growing, and overall a more positive school environment.

Kia ora, my name is Scott Heron and I am happy to announce I'm one of Tarawera's House Prefects for 2024! This year I'm currently in the middle of my competitive season for trampolining. Having already qualified for both double mini trampoline and standard trampoline for Nationals, I'm hoping to keep working hard to win some medals at competitions throughout the year and eventually try and earn a medal at Nationals in Palmerston North this October. This year I'm continuing with Showquest which I've done for the past 2 years - last year Lakes came first place for the Bay of Plenty Championships. I'm going to make sure that I'm doing the best I can to help my house strive for achievement and success as well as having fun along the way. As House Captain, I want to try and bring Tarawera to victory this year, for the third year in a row. GO TARAWERA!

Mai e te tipua
Mai e te tawhito
Mai e te kahui o nga ariki
Mai e tawhiwhi ki nga tua
O i ka takinga te mauri
Ko te mauri takinga mai a rongo
Ko rongo maraeroa
Ko rongo rowhare
Ko rongo taketake
Ko rongo pumau
Ko rongo ma tane
Ka tau te mauri ki runga ki enei taura
Ka tau te mauri ki runga ki enei tauira
Kia tiaho i roto
Kia marama i roto
Kia wananga i roto
Kia tau ko te rongo
Ko te aio no rongo tatau pounamu
Hau te rongo
Tu te ranga awatea
Horahia mai te kura
Kia tu tarewa ki te rangi
Whano whano
Haere mai te toki
Haumi e
Hui e
Taiki e

Kia Ora ko Aliah toku ingoa, he uri au tenei no Tuwharetoa me Te whānau-Ā-Apanui hoki. My name is Aliah Manuel and I have the privilege of being your Tarawera house captain for 2024. My current subjects I have chosen are relatable to my Passion which is, Te Ao Haka, Te Reo Maori, Te Waharoa, Outdoor ED, Tourism and TFD. During 2021 I took part in performing in Te Whakataetae O Nga Kura Tuarua alongside Te Kura O Nga Moana which took place at the Energy Event Centre as well as Performing in Te Whakataetae O Nga Kura Tuarua again alongside Te Kapa Haka O Nga Moana in 2023, which led to creating a bond with our roopu in both years and still having connections with each and every one of our performers still to this day. This year I aspire to be someone who is confident in leading our house group to our third victory in a row alongside supporting and encouraging our up and coming leaders to be

	inspired and take part in leadership roles for the many years to come. " Te piko o te māhuri. Tera te tupu o te rakau".Nga mihi nui

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 2 2024	
9 May	Haka Competition
14 - 17 May	History & Economics Trip to Wellington
27 - 31 May	CAA Assessments – Literacy & Numeracy
14 MAY	**PPTA PAID UNION MEETING – SCHOOL CLOSES AT 12.30 PM**
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	
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	Chemistry	91910	Mon 6 – Thurs 9 May
3	Chemistry	91393	Thurs 9 May
1	Maths	91945	Wed 8 – Fri 10 May
2	English	91107	Friday 10 May
2	Legal Studies	27849	Friday 24 May
3	Legal Studies	27848	Friday 24 May
3	Geography	91430	Wed 29 May

MURALS AT MOKOIA

A beautiful unveiling of murals at Mokoia Intermediate this week. Some of our top RLHS art students were able to head along to tautoko this special event which included each art piece being blessed by our ex-student Freddy-Ray Collier.

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/

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.

NEED TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENCE?

ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

REPORTING A STUDENT ABSENCE

SCHOOLBRIDGE

Do you need to report a school absence for your child?

Log into the SchoolBridge app. Login through the Google link on the app using the contact email address that you have registered with the school. Any problems please contact the school office:

07 345 6124

STUDENT SUCCESSES

LAKES PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

Huge congratulations to our Year 13 student Caroline Lemmens and our Year 11 student, Oscar Burns. Caroline and Oscar starred in the Lakes Performing Arts Centre production of 'Cats". Caroline played Grizabella and Oscar played Deuteronomy. Their performances were outstanding! 😍😍

ROTORUA ACCELERANDO PROGRAMME

This year's group from Rotorua Girls' High School, Western Heights High School, Rotorua Boys' High School, Rotorua Lakes High School and John Paul College.

Massive well done to our students, Grace Gainsford and Lauren Thompson for being accepted into the 2024 Accelerando Programme. Very well deserved! 😍😍

BRILLIANT ART CREATIONS

9Kowhai displayed their wearable arts creations today as part of their Project Day. Well done for the effort and presentations, team!

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

COMPETITIVE CHALLENGES

Our Term 2 House events kicked off this week with lunchtime Competitive Challenges. There will be a different activity each fortnight starting with touch rugby. Well done to Tikitapu for taking the win. Great to see so many supporters too. Who wants to see a student vs staff game after each round?!?!😍😍

Second house touch 'Competitive Challenge' for the week. Congrats to Tarawera on the win in front of a big audience of approx 150 supporters! 😍😍

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Senior Boys had their first game of the season last night. Up against a top performing Ruamata's team. Our boys performed above expectations. They fought hard in a very exciting, close game. Final score 40 – 41 to Ruamata. 👍👍

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

RLHS Jnr Boys basketball had their first game of the season last night against JPC Jnr Boys. After a slow first quarter start, our boys found their stride and used great defencwe to win the game by 74 - 11. The team displayed exceptional teamwork, particularly considering it was their inaugural game as a new team. 👍👍

GREAT RESULTS AT NZ ORIENTEERING CHAMPS

Rotorua Lakes High has had some great results recently with students competing in both the NZ Orienteering Championships held over Easter in Rotorua and more recently 10 students travelling to the North Island Secondary School Orienteering Championships held North of Auckland.

NZ Champs

Rotorua Lakes High School had **Oscar Burns, Elena Burns, Alfie Cochrane** and **Finn Griffiths** competing successfully in the sprint, middle and long events.

In M16A grade

Oscar Burns placed 2nd in the Sprint and Long events and 3rd in the Middle.
Finn Griffiths placed 17th in the Sprint and 16th in the Middle

In M14A grade,

Alfie Cochrane placed 7th in the Sprint, and 4th in the Middle in W14A grade,
Elena Burns placed 9th in the Sprint, 1st in the Middle and her club team was 2nd in the relay.

North Island Secondary School Orienteering Championships

Three events were held North of Auckland at the end of the school holidays and for over half of the team this was their first experience racing at this level. RLHS came away from the champs with some amazing individual and team results. The final day was the exciting 3-person Relay in the complex tracks of Riverhead forest. RLHS took 2nd in Junior Boys, 3rd in Junior Girls and 6th in Intermediate Boys. We finished the Championships as 4th overall Boys School and 6th overall Girls School. This was a great result considering the number of schools present. Well done team! 😍😍

Intermediate Boys

Oscar Burns, 6th Sprint, 1st Long and 6th Intermediate Boys Relay
Finn Griffith, 27th Sprint, 36th Long and 6th Intermediate Boys Relay

Intermediate Girls

Nicole Wallace, 21st Sprint, 23rd Long and 6th Intermediate Boys Relay
Holly Barclay, 39th Sprint, 28th Long and 9th Intermediate Boys Relay (composite team)

Junior Boys

Alfie Cochrane, 4th Sprint, 2nd Long, and 2nd Junior Boys Relay
Ryan Lei, 18th Sprint, 7th Long and 2nd Junior Boys Relay
Daniel Parker, MP Sprint, MP Long and 2nd Junior Boys relay

Junior Girls

Elena Burns, 10th Sprint, 2nd Long and 3rd Junior Girls Relay
Billie Griffiths, 21st Sprint, 5th Long and 3rd Junior Girls Relay
Elsie Papps, MP Sprint, 23rd Long and 3rd Junior Girls Relay

Fantastic results and thanks so much to **Rachel Smith** and **Georgie Griffiths** 😍😍

SUCCESS AT THE NI SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Fantastic success from our RLHS brother / sister team who competed at the North Island Secondary School Athletics Competition recently. **Ava McGrath** came 8th overall in a strong field of 15 in the Intermediate Girls Discus. **Owen McGrath** got bronze in the Junior Boys Discus with a PB of 39.77m and bronze in the Junior Boys Shotput with a throw of 11.54m.

Amazing results and thanks to **Amanda McGrath** for the photos! 😍😍

CAREERS/GATEWAY

MoneyHub

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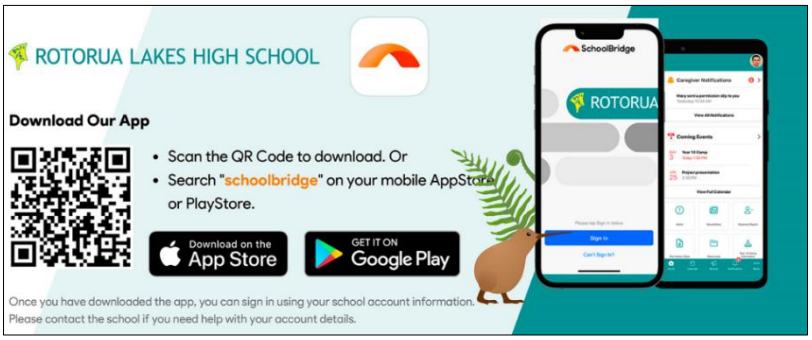

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