Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

NEWSLETTER ISSUE #7 – 31 MAY 2024

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Kia ora Koutou

I had the pleasure of attending the Secondary Schools Principal's Conference in Queenstown recently. Amongst other topics, there were interesting discussions about how to ensure best use of Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security in Education. This will be an exciting ongoing challenge as we develop how to maximise the benefits of these tools. Thank you to Deputy Principal Ms J Sturme for stepping in as Acting Principal and all our Senior Leadership Team. The school was in very safe hands.

We had a fantastic few weeks with our 2024 Rotorua Lakes High School Haka Competition. All of our houses participated and showcased exceptional talent. It is really great to see how well our students have done and the hard work has been put into their Haka performances. A big thank you to our Heads of Houses for coordinating this event and to our ex-students for their expert judging skills. Further details on page 2.

We are pleased to announce that we have received some excellent sports news and student achievements lately. This is a result of the dedication and effort put in by our students, with a special acknowledgment to our managers, coaches, and teachers.

I hope you enjoy the long weekend coming up.

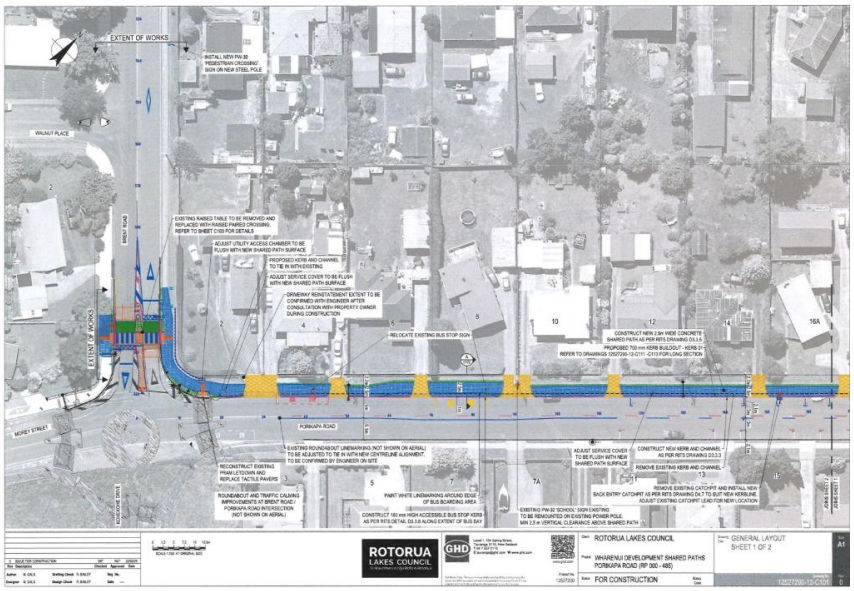
Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

HAKA COMPETITION

An amazing House Haka Competition was held recently. The level of effort and performance has been getting better and better every year and this year showcased our school culture perfectly. The four past-students who came in to judge found it very difficult but selected Tikitapu as the overall winners. Well done to the student leaders, all students who participated, and the Heads of House for all the practice. 😂😂

UPCOMING ROAD WORKS – PORIKAPA ROAD



Started **Wednesday (29/05/24)**, Campbell Infrastructure Ltd will be beginning the construction of a shared path/pedestrian crossing works on Porikapa Rd under the 22/015 Minor Works contract. Shared path works will be starting at the Brent Rd end and will take about 8 weeks to complete (approx. 500m long), with Campbell's to do the section outside RLHS frontage during the school holidays. Following completion of the shared path, 3 pedestrian crossings will be built at Brent Rd, Wharenui Rd end of Porikapa Rd and RLHS crossing to be upgraded.

Simplified work programme:

1. Shared Path – Approx. 8 weeks
2. Brent Rd crossing – Approx. 2 weeks
3. Wharenui end crossing – Approx. 2 weeks
4. RLHS pedestrian crossing – Approx. 2 weeks

Total = 14 weeks.

Please note the above work programme is only an estimate and may be shortened/extended. Parking may be restricted, in places, on Porikapa Rd during this time, and that people who drop off or pick up their children may find that congestion is worse during this time.

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 2 2024	
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

PINK SHIRT DAY

Winner winner!

Ngā mihi nui Whaea Christina for entering RLHS into this competition for Pink Shirt Day!

Thank you to all the schools/kura across Aotearoa who shared with us their celebrations using the #PinkShirtDayNZ hashtag! These are our four winners, each scoring themselves a $500 voucher from our mates at @bunningsnz. These funds will be used to help with property maintenance and contribute to the outdoor education of our rangatahi and tamariki. Mīharo!

WOMEN IN SPACE

Our students had a unique experience recently when the school was fortunate to have two speakers; Elizabeth Cammell, Software Engineer, Rocket Lab, supporting builds, launches, and operates rockets and spacecraft; and Dr Betina Pavri, Principal Systems Engineer, Paihau-Robinson Research Institute, supporting development of high-temperature superconducting magnet technologies for space applications and has worked for NASA on the Mars Curiosity Lander project. An absolutely fascinating insight to the intricate world of space engineering. Many thanks to Trevor Johnson from Taiohi Tūrama and TechStep for this great programme.

YEAR 12 TOURISM

Great day out with the Year 12 Tourism students. We watched the Agrodome Farmshow, took a Farm Tour, went Swooping, Freefalling and Jetboating at Velocity Valley and raced around a hedge maze at AMazeMe. We were also privileged to have Paradise Valley open just for us after their flood, and for our students to provide the afternoon feed-out for the animals. A good experience seeing different tourist types and work roles within the Tourism industry. Thanks to all the operators.

CHESS CLUB

Our house competitions are not all sport or arts related - this week's Competitive Challenge is chess! Well done to those from each house who competed today. Anyone can come along to G1 at lunchtime tomorrow for the next round.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

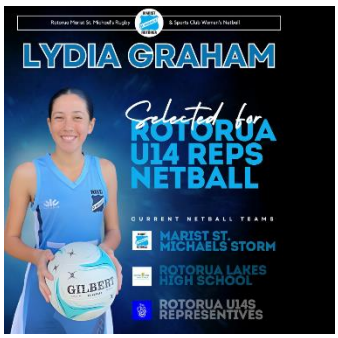
CHESS SUCCESS

This week, the Lakes High Chess Team went to the regional interschool event in Taupō. They had a fantastic tournament placing 2nd team overall. Our top individual player Michael de Lore placed 5th out of 37 players closely followed by our first time events players Jamie Bennett & Jack McGuire. Waihuia Te Whata won badges for winning in under 10 seconds and increasing her rating by a massive 142 points. They look forward to the local Regionals in two weeks. Mauria te pono!

AN OUTSTANDING TEAM EFFORT

RLHS students Poppy Croucher, Alana Bennett, Harriette Davies, Grace McQuoid, Oscar Burns, Lewis Lei, Liam Heighway and Isaac Sanderson biked, ran and navigated their way round the 6hr Hillary Challenge North Island Qualifier race in Taupo on Sunday 19th May and were SUCCESSFUL in qualifying the team into the prestigious Hillary Challenge National Final in October! The final involves the top 12 school adventure racing teams from around New Zealand competing over an intense week at the Tongariro Hillary Outdoors Centre. The first two days of team building exercises are followed by two full days of expedition racing around Mt Ruapehu and the final day involves a 50km multisport race.

With over 20 teams from throughout the North Island vying for the top 4 NI spots (and an entry into the final) it was always going to be a tough day out. Teams started early in Taupo and had a short orienteering rogaine in Spa Park, before jumping on their bikes and heading north for 10km, past Huka Falls to the Stage 3 trek rogaine on a private farm. The team spent two hours on this section, before biking 20km to Whakaiapo Bay. The team then had to complete a wordfind using answers to questions they had gathered during the bike stages, before heading out for the final orienteering stage and a mad dash for the finishline as the penalties were harsh for any late teams. Now that the team has qualified, they can celebrate and put their focus into training and fundraising for the finals week. A huge WELL DONE to all the parents that helped transport and coach, and the amazing students who have reached this level!! 😎😎



WELL DONE LYDIA!

Article from Marist St Michael's Rugby & Sports Club:

We are very fortunate to have new players join our club. This year, we have the privilege of having Lydia Graham play for one of our Senior Netball Teams. She has not only been excelling on the court and earning her spot but also applying her netball skills to other endeavors outside of Marist. Recently, Lydia trialled for the Rotorua Netball U14 Representative team and was selected as one of the 12 players on the team. You can now catch her playing for Marist, Rotorua Lakes High School, and the Rotorua U14 Reps Team. Our club would like to congratulate her on her achievements. Ka Mau Te Wehi, Lydia! 😎😎

GREAT SUCCESS AT THE NORTHERN AREAS SKATING COMPS

Recently the Rotorua Artistic roller skating club hosted the Northern Areas skating competitions. The following skaters all received medals either in individual and or team events. They have all been selected to represent New Zealand in the World Skate Oceania Continental Artistic Championships/Pacific Cup being held in New Plymouth in June. Congrats and well done to you all. 😎 🤩

Georgia Davies – Year 9
Harriet Davies – Year 12
Liam Fraser – Year 13
Kate Taylor – Year 10
Jessica Christensen – Year 9

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

BOP CROSS COUNTRY

Year 11 student Renee Price, competing in the BOP Cross Country recently. Racing for the first time in the senior girls' division she came in 6th place in a very strong field. Awesome result, Renee! Emmett Gouws is also pictured from the same event finishing in the Yr9 boys' division.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Lakes Girls 2nd XI played a well fought game against Whakatāne High School 2nd XI this week. It was an even matched game & the girls held their own & played well as a team to not let WHS score. Each week we are seeing this team grow from strength to strength. Awesome team work girls!! A huge thank you to their dedicated coach 💪 Cabin Leishman & the great whanau support! 👍

Lakes Girls 1st XI continue their winning streak!!! After a 5-0 win against Whakatāne 2nd XI last week, Player of the Day was Paige Mills for her relentless attacking. This week the girls followed it up with a nail biting 3 – 1 win against Taupō-nui-a-Tia 2nd XI. Player of the Day this week went to Brooke Barry for her tireless, strong defence. Awesome work girls!!!! Next week they take on RGHS 1st XI. Thanks again to all the family support at the games.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

THURS 23 MAY

The first round of basketball has begun and our Senior Boys have started with a convincing win. They played Te Wharekura o te Kaokaoroa o Patetere who, once again, pushed us to the very end and didn't drop their intensity throughout the whole game. A bit of a shakey start with some awesome defense to break into the game. Our boys slowly found their rhythm on the offensive end and started to sink their baskets and pushed out the score further as the time went on. The boys finished with a blow out, winning 85 -41. We now move on to our next game in a couple of weeks. Strong game boys.👍

THURS 30 MAY

Our Senior Boys came away with another massive win this week, against MAS (Murupara Area School). A fast tempo start to our game saw the boys establish a 20 point lead after the first quarter. Subs were made and the boys kept up that high tempo the whole way through the rest of the game. We now move into a 3 week break where our boys will be putting in the work to prepare for some tough competition ahead. 👍

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

THURS 30 MAY

Another big win for RLHS Jr Boys Basketball 63-19 over JPC. After a bit of a slow start again, and missing a couple of players the boys got stuck in with good defence to pull away with the win. Another strong team effort!!!

THURS 23 MAY

What a game by RLHS JR Boys against Boys high, winning 40 - 23. After a slow start our boys came on strong from the 2nd qtr through the rest of the game. Holding Boys High scoreless in the 3rd qtr, which turned the game in our favour. A real team effort.

Well done boys👍

BOYS 1ST XI HOCKEY – THURS 23 MAY

After 2 narrow 1 goal losses the Boys 1st XI Hockey side got in the win column with a solid 4-0 victory over TNT 2nd XI. All of the goals came from Penalty Corners with Harry Cheesman scoring the first 3 and then Player of the Day Riley Moulin finishing a well worked option on full time. With the loss of 8 boys from the 2023 side and Yr 13 Dylan Fouracre out injured at present this is a very new and young 1st XI. Each game this season has seen improvement and we are looking forward to continuing progression. The boys are excited and will be fizzing on Sprite Zeros for the trip back to Taupo next week.

THURS 30 MAY

Lakes 1st XI Boys Hockey team had another successful visit to the Taupo Turf taking out a 3-0 victory over Whakarewa. The boys started well in the first quarter with **Noah Croucher** beating 2 defenders and setting up **Krynu Sassenberg** for the opening goal. The 2nd and 3rd quarters produced plenty of opportunities but we struggled to finish once we got in the circle. The 4th quarter saw Lakes down to 9 men on the turf after two quick cards for infringements, this motivated the boys and **Player of the Day Finn Griffiths** picked up his first goal of the season with a deflection to beat the goalie. **Harry Cheesman** finished off the scoring to add to his tally for the season. Well done lads!

NETBALL

Our **Junior Gold Netball team**, their umpire, Kalani and manager/coach, Theresa before their first game which they drew 4-all. 👍

Congratulations to our **Senior A Netball team** who played Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Huiarau and came away with the win: 38-22👍

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Pic of our girls football game this Thursday against Tauhara College, no win but a great game. 👍 3-6 to Tauhara.

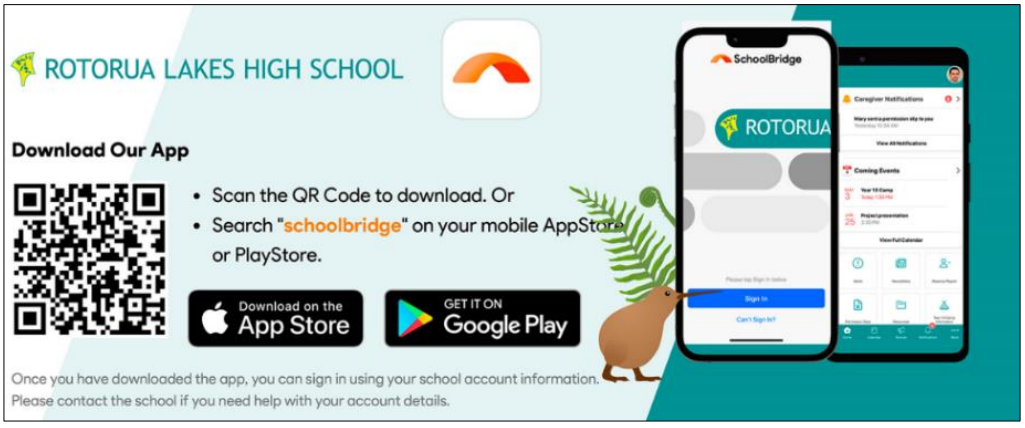
BOYS FOOTBALL

Great game for our 1st XI Football team on Wednesday against Forest View High School. There was some free flowing play with great passing. Our tactics worked well to move the ball around and generate goals. Players of the game were **Oliver Jones**, who played in goal, but then switched out part way through the second half to score five goals, and **Robin Kim** who constantly pressured the goal keeper in his role as striker. I could go on to mention every other player in the team as all played really well, developing opportunities and controlling the ball. A massive result and great defence to keep a clean sheet. Score: 15-0 👍

CAREERS/GATEWAY

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS

MoneyHub has compiled a comprehensive guide to scholarships for students planning to start university in 2025. Available at MoneyHub Scholarship Guide, this resource lists scholarships from all universities, along with exclusive opportunities for Maori, Pacific, and International students. The guide, updated regularly, includes application tips and deadlines, helping students easily navigate the scholarship process.



NOTICE BOARD

Matariki Drone Light Show

Rotorua Lakefront, Lakefront Drive, Rotorua

Thursday 27 June 2024 5:00pm and Friday 28 June 2024 5:00pm

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Dates for 2024:
9 & 10 July
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3 & 4 December

Venue:
OffRoadNZ, 193 Amoore Road, Mamaku

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