Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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Kia ora Koutou

Our students showcased their incredible talent on Monday at the Mercury Baypark Arena in Mt Maunganui, Tauranga at the 2024 Showquest event. Their performance was truly exceptional. We would like to extend our gratitude to the teachers in charge, the dancers, the lighting and props team, the costume and backstage students, and most importantly, the student leaders who transformed this concept into a remarkable production. We would also like to give a special recognition to our dedicated performing arts teachers, Ms M Stunell, Ms Z Matthews and Mr J Flitton for their unwavering commitment to our students. Further details page 6.

I wish to extend my appreciation to our Environmental Students for their hard work during environmental week. The Lakes High environmental committee organized an upcycled materials art competition to promote eco-friendliness, along with various spot prizes and competitions. Also, a big well done to our Year 12 Health students for coordinating a Health Hauora week, featuring movie Monday, a sausage sizzle, gym sports, a scavenger hunt, and a Kahoot game. Kudos to everyone involved!

We are looking forward to competing against Morrinsville College in the annual Inter-School Sports Exchange next week. Our school has the honor of hosting the event this year, and we are thrilled to welcome Morrinsville to our campus. With the advantage of being on home turf, we strive to deliver another outstanding programme and, hopefully, defend our title as the Sports Exchange Champions. I extend my thanks to the staff and community coaches for their hard work in organizing this great event, with a special acknowledgment to Ms S Savage and Ms L McFarlane for their exceptional coordination. Details on page 2.

Attendance is a hot topic at present for education at a government level. A reminder to our caregivers that "Regular Attendance" criteria is 90% or above, or 1 day a fortnight. With winter illness setting in, it's vital that students are in school as much as possible. There are clear statistical links between regular attendance and achievement. Many of our students are struggling to reach that 90% criteria. I also notice there are a significant number of students who are leaving regularly in Pd. 5 on any given day with endorsement from caregivers. Whilst the individual reasons may be valid, the cumulative affect on time out of class is concerning.

We have been focused on ensuring students are tracking towards the outcomes they need to have a successful year academically. We are sending tracking reports out next Friday (21st) that give an indication of how students are going. These are a snapshot of where they currently sit.

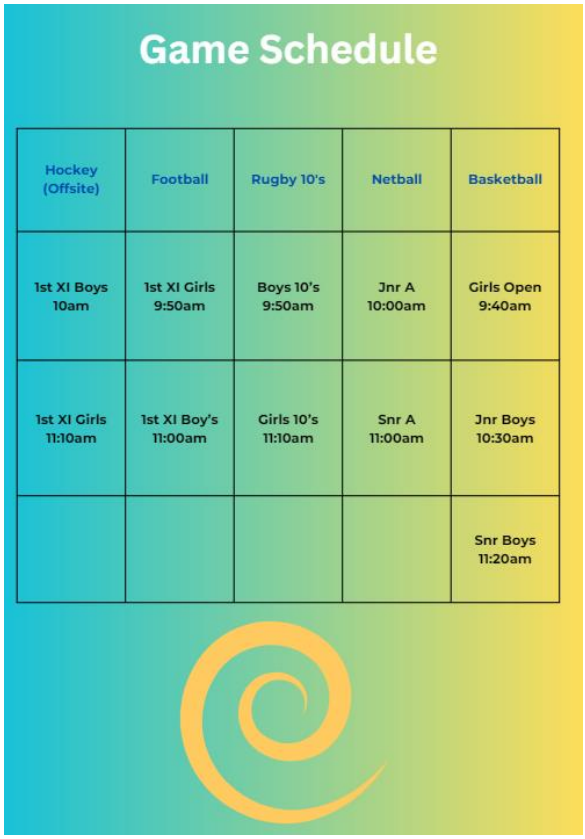
We have parent report evenings scheduled for 25 – 26 June. There is currently an issue with our auditorium heating which may cause a postponement to 23 - 24 July. We will inform you of any postponement as soon as possible. If you have any questions just give us a call.

As always, have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

2024 MORRINSVILLE SPORTS EXCHANGE



BRIEF LOOK – TERM 2 2024	
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	
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
1	Geography	91932	Fri 21st June
2	Geography	91245	Wed 19 June
1	MSC	91944	Week 8

JOIN US IN OUR MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

VOICES OF HOPE

We are excited to have Tik tok personality Jaz Thornton and Voices of Hope coming to speak to our full school at an assembly on Thursday 20th June. If you have any questions, please contact hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz

VOICES of hope

School Talks

Voices of Hope is hitting the road in 2024!

Who are we?

At Voices of Hope we believe in the power of sharing your lived experience to create positive change. Our storytelling platform exists to bring better understanding of mental health challenges, promote help-seeking behaviours and useful resources, and ultimately spread hope.

Voices of Hope (VoH), a mental health charity, was founded in 2017 by Genevieve Mora and Jazz Thornton, individuals who have personally battled mental illness. Using their past experiences and their passion for content creation, they built a new narrative around mental health. Over the years VoH has grown into a community of people around Aotearoa and the world, who contribute to the ever evolving mental health conversation. Both founders actively engage in public speaking engagements at schools, corporations, and conferences, where they openly share their own lived experiences. Our aim is to inspire and educate others, fostering empathy and understanding around mental health.

What do we talk about?

Our primary focus areas include anti bullying, general mental health, and encouraging help-seeking behaviours. As well as hearing from Jazz and Genevieve, we have Tai Tupou from the Last Chance Project joining us to speak. The Last Chance Project create a safe environment for men, to develop and create new chapters of their lives through healing and nurturing.

Jazz and Genevieve share their own personal stories with mental health challenges, ensuring to maintain a respectful and safe level of detail. Tai will highlight the importance of having conversations in person, challenging your inner critic, and the importance of communication.

Voices of Hope Talks average 40 minutes and are aimed at years 7-13 and tailored to age groups. We love talking to full schools as the more the merrier, but can also do targeted year groups. It is important to note that our speakers have extensive experience in delivering talks. We exercise discretion in discussing sensitive topics. Notably, local suicide prevention coordinators have previously attended our talks, offering an additional layer of support and reassurance.

GREAT VOLUNTERRING

Over the past few weeks we have had RLHS students volunteering to be marshals at Rotokawa's and Lynmore's Cross Country events, and Mokoia's Super 11 Mountain Biking competition (pictured). Next week we have helpers set to marhsal at the Central Schools Cross Country and teach Ki o rahi at Rotokawa's noho marae. It's a great way for our students to give back to their community and support younger students. Thanks to all that volunteer.

PERFECT PIES!

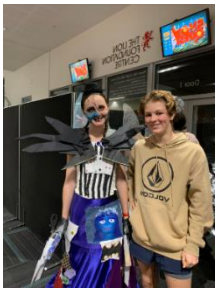
Year 10FNT students working on Matariki pies for their chosen stars. These were the final outcomes today in class. Some lucky whanau should have been given a sample for feedback. They worked really hard to develop new ideas. Great work team.

2024 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Examinations available digitally shown in blue.					
Date	**Session**	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Scholarship**
Tue 5 Nov	AM	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	PM	Gagana Sāmoa Spanish	Biology	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Statistics
Wed 6 Nov	AM			English	
	PM	Geography	Spanish	Cook Islands Māori Social Studies	German
Thu 7 Nov	AM		English		Latin
	PM	Reo Māori Kūki ‘Āirani	Accounting	History	French
Fri 8 Nov	AM	Mathematics & Statistics		Chemistry	Accounting
	PM		Music		History
WEEKEND					
Mon 11 Nov	AM	French	Lea Faka-Tonga Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoan
	PM	Commerce	Korean	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Media Studies
Tue 12 Nov	AM	English			Physics
	PM	Korean	Drama	Samoan	
Wed 13 Nov	AM	Science	Chemistry	Drama	Geography
	PM	Gagana Tokelau Vagahau Niue	Geography	Biology	Art History
Thu 14 Nov	AM	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	Drama
	PM	History	Chinese	Accounting	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 15 NOVEMBER)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 18 Nov	AM	Te Reo Māori	French	Latin Psychology Te Reo Rangatira	Chemistry
	PM	Japanese	Health	Economics	
Tue 19 Nov	AM	Chemistry & Biology	History	Physics	Te Reo Rangatira
	PM	Health Studies	Business Studies Cook Islands Māori	Health	
Wed 20 Nov	AM	Chinese (Mandarin)	Te Reo Rangatira	Lea Faka-Tonga	English
	PM	Social Studies	Classical Studies	Art History	Economics
Thu 21 Nov	AM	Physics Earth & Space Science	Latin	Te Reo Māori	Calculus
	PM		Economics	Korean	
Fri 22 Nov	AM	Religious Studies	Physics	Business Studies	
	PM	German	Media Studies		Biology
WEEKEND					
Mon 25 Nov	AM	Digital Technologies	Japanese	Geography	
	PM		Earth & Space Science		Religious Studies
Tue 26 Nov	AM		Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	PM		German	Home Economics	

Wed 27 Nov	AM		Social Studies	French	Japanese
	PM		Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Media Studies	
Thu 28 Nov	AM		Education for Sustainability Samoan	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
	PM			Music Studies	Spanish
Fri 29 Nov	AM		Dance		Earth & Space Science

STUDENT SUCCESSES

On Monday we competed in the Bay of Plenty regionals of Showquest and Toi. We took a crew of 57 students to Mercury Arena. We placed 3rd overall for our Showquest item. The entire crew was spectacular on stage and definitely a crowd favourite. Super proud of all the mahi and commitment. Congratulations everyone - you are absolute superstars.



We also had our first entries into Toi this year. Well done to **Elsie Papps and Lottie Tarplett** who designed and created this wonderful garment based on Tim Burton movies.

Our second entry into Toi was **Tyla Talbot** - The Price of Success. Tyla's garment was inspired by her experience competing at a regional and national level in equestrian sport. The garment is created from many colourful ribbons representing the perfect moments when success is achieved. Congratulations to Tyla, she earned an award for Creative Storytelling.

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Wednesday 5 June

Great sports results from the team! The RLHS girls football team came away with a great win 7-2 against RGHS. Well done girls!

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Our girls travelled to Taupo to play against Taupo-Nui a Tia who were previously unbeaten posting some big wins in their earlier games. With our girls improving every game they play they are showing some real promise. We lead 3-2 at halftime with an excellent second half we scored 3 more goals (Renee Price scored 4) to come away with a great win 6-2. This is a team to watch and they are really enjoying their football.

MIXED HOCKEY

This year for the first time ever Rotorua Netball has a new Secondary division for mixed teams. Lakes has a team entered this year and are really enjoying playing. After 3 games they have shown lots of improvement especially the boys who have never played before. Great game against Te Wharekura o Ngati Rongomai.

BOYS 1ST XI HOCKEY

Thursday 7 June

Lakes Boys 1st XI Hockey team finished the first round of games with a comfortable 3-1 victory over RBHS 2nds. Again, all of the goals coming from Penalty Corners, the first to Harry Cheesman in the 2nd minute with a straight drag which bounced past the Keeper. Finn Griffiths then bagged his 2nd of the year finishing a well worked PC that went from the top to the injector and across to Finn on the post. The 3rd quarter saw a further Goal to Harry from a straight hit on the PC and then at the end of the 3rd Quarter RBHS scored on a tip in from their PC. Lachie Hoggard had another strong game in goal and cleared the ball well. Player of the Day went to one of our players in his first year of Hockey, Logan Agnew. Logan playing in the halves was a constant threat as he got forward to create the overload and also worked hard on defence. Well done Men.

SENIOR NETBALL

Wednesday 5 June

The RLHS senior development netball team played Kahukura, winning 22-19, great work!

BOYS FOOTBALL

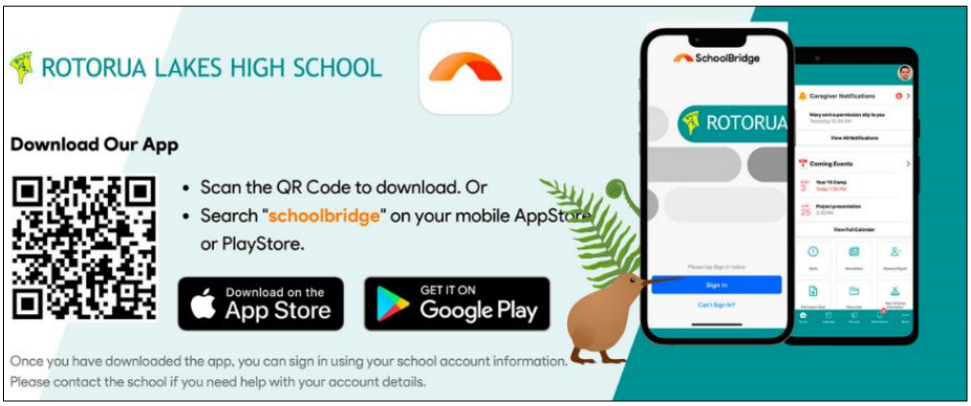
Wednesday 5 June

Celebrating our RLHS boys football team - not a win, but a close game under lights at home against Taupo Nui a Tia. Result: 2-1.

CAREERS/GATEWAY

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 13

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.



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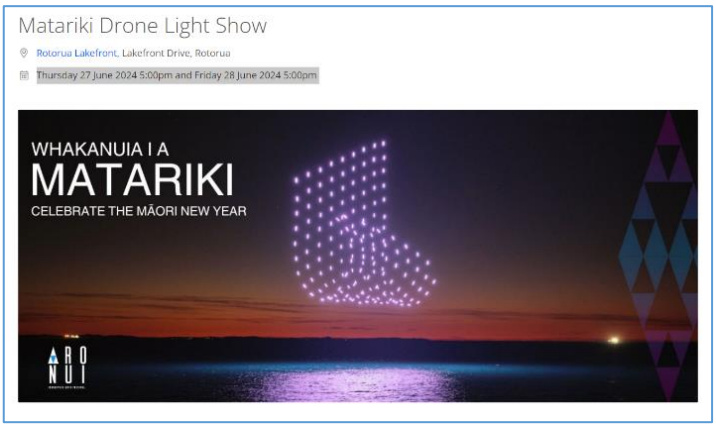

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