Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

NEWSLETTER ISSUE #10 – 26 JULY 2024

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to Term 3, I hope you had an opportunity to have some positive whānau time over the school break.

This is a busy term for our school, a vital building block for academic success, as well as an opportunity for us to shout about the great environment that our school offers for students and the community. Coming up soon we have our road shows going out to our feeder schools to give them a taste of what our school is about.

One of the key dates for parents to note is our Open Night on 29 August 2024. We invite all members of our community to this event to have a look around, engage with some of our students and staff and enjoy our hospitality for this period of time. Please put this date in your diary, and pass it on to anyone you think may be interested in enrolling, we would love to see you here. We also have our Open to View tours, Roadshows, and Open Day on 27 August where students interested in enrolling come in and participate in various activities across our curriculum areas. Please note that only Year 9 students are in that day. (further details page 2).

Our teacher/parent evenings this week were very successful with great engagement from our community. A big thank you to everyone for coming out. Many thanks to all staff for your hard work in making this event so successful.

Subject Choice evening on 31 July, from 4 to 6 pm, provides an opportunity for students and their whānau to engage in discussions about their academic pathways. During this event, our Heads of Department and Teachers in Charge will be present to address any queries and provide clarity on the opportunities within their respective departments. Subject choice evening holds significant importance as it equips students with the necessary information to make informed decisions regarding their future academic endeavors. (further details page 2).

We are also going to be focusing on students wearing the correct uniform over the next few weeks. We understand that students need to be warm, but hoodies are not part of the school uniform. The uniform rules, set by our board of trustees, are very clear guidelines that every enrolling student agrees to. Wearing our uniform appropriately signifies respect for our school and its environment. Long sleeve thermals are fine to wear providing they are under a school jumper or jacket. Thank you for supporting us in this approach.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

SchoolPoint Subject Choices for 2025

Students are now able to begin to make choices about subjects for 2025. We have issued a guide to help navigate them through this process. There are also helpful links in SchoolBridge to NZQA 'Guides to NCEA' and a 'Where to From School' guide. We also encourage students to access the Curriculum document in SchoolPoint via the SchoolBridge app.

We will be using Schoolpoint and students should make their selections after planning their course and talking with their teachers and whanau. This can be accessed through SchoolBridge.

There will be an option evening to support students and whanau on their choices on Wednesday 31st July from 4-6pm. Heads of Departments and Teachers In Charge will be available to talk about what their departments offer for next year.

At the option evening we will have available some computer devices for families to access. If you need any help logging into or using SchoolPoint please contact Mrs Barbara Walker, walkerb2@rotorualakes.school.nz or contact the school office 07 345 6124.

How to add Courses to Favourites:

1. Log into SchoolPoint
2. Open up "SchoolPoint Course Selection"
3. Then click on "My Selected Courses" in the sub menu
4. Then click "Subjects for Me"
5. Select the Subject
6. You will be taken to a page that has the course description, pathway and recommended prior learning.
7. Click on the "Add to your Favourite Courses" button to add this course to your favourite list. Click the same button to view a list of your Favourite Courses. Click on the name of the course to remove it.
8. Click on the "View my Courses" to view a summary of your choices.
9. Once the Course Selection has been opened on SchoolPoint on Wednesday 31st July, students will be able to add their "Favourites" to their 2025 Subject Choices.
10. We ask that parents "OK" their child's choices once they are finalised through their login to SchoolPoint. HoD's will then confirm the student has made the prerequisites or is likely to make the prerequisites of the course they have chosen.

GUIDOUGH'S BAKERY

Huge shout out to Guidough's Bakery for their generous donation of delicious bread to support our tamariki. 🥰🥰😍

HEALTH & WELLNESS/HAUORA

A reminder if you need to make an appointment with the School Nurse or Counsellors:

- Put a note in the Health/Wellness centre's letterbox.
- Email:
  - Nurse: sanfordk@rototualakes.school.nz
  - Counsellors: osbornek@rotorualakes.school.nz
    graya@rototualakes.school.nz
- Schoolbridge allows you to access information from our school and also to report an absence/book appointments. You can access either with the App or the browser version https:/rotorualakes.bridge.school.nz.
- Use the QR code which is outside the wellness center, located at reception and around the school
- Knock on the door.

BUS PASSES

All students should now be in possession of a valid bus pass. Any issues please contact the school.

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	Physics	91169	30 July to 2 August

CHECK OUT THIS GREAT ART COMP - CLICK ON THE LINK

https://mcusercontent.com/8f0e959ba88d533d1b1919ade/files/70401a70-783a-fd71-4f76-da9bdac1c04a/Kiwi_Art_Trail_2024_Teacher_Brief.01.pdf?utm_campaign=GNZ-2024-brand&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 3 2024	
31 July	Subject Choice Evening 4 – 6 pm
14 August	"Open to View" tours of the school
19, 21 & 23 August	Roadshows
27 August	Open Day – arrive at 9.30 am – YR 8 students – Only RLHS Year 9 students attend on this day
29 August	Open Evening – 4 pm or 6 pm – YR 8 students
7 September	**SCHOOL BALL** 😊
9 – 20 September	CAA Numeracy & Literacy Exams
16 – 24 September	Prelim Exams
27 SEP	**END OF TERM 3**

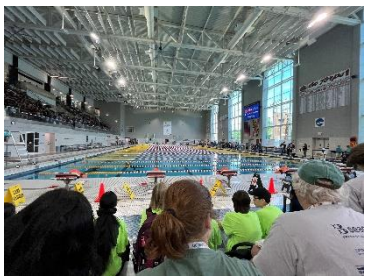
2024 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Examinations available digitally shown in blue.					
Date	**Session**	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Scholarship**
Tue 5 Nov	AM	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	PM	Gagana Sāmoa Spanish	Biology	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Statistics
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

HUGE SUCCESS IN THE USA

Congratulations to **Bella Shaw and Siwan Lloyd-Jones** who, with their SAGE team mates, have recently returned from representing New Zealand at the Seaperch Aquabot Internationals, held at the University of Maryland. They had to work hard to fundraise for the trip, and spent many evenings and weekends building (and re-building) their aquabot and practicing in often very chilly outdoor pools. Their persistence paid off with the team coming 17th out of more than 75 teams. We're very proud of you. A huge thank you also, to Jayne Windell for efficiently processing the Rotorua Trust Role Model Grant Applications, which made a massive difference to fundraising.😍😍🥰



MASSIVE ORIENTEERING SUCCESS

Nine RLHS students recently travelled to Wellington during the school holidays to compete at the NZ Secondary School rogaine championships (3hr) and the NZ Secondary School Orienteering Championships. Three Junior teams successfully navigated around the Lower Hutt hills for 3 hours during the NZ Secondary School rogaine championships. **Elena Burns** and **Billie Griffiths** placed 1st Junior Girls team, **Finn Griffiths** and **Alfie Cochrane** placed 2nd Junior Boys team. **Nicole Wallace** and **Holly Barclay** were an unofficial 2nd place in Junior Girls. After one rest day, the rest of the RLHS team arrived for the individual Sprint race, held in Kapiti College and the streets of Raumati Beach. RLHS student **Oscar Burns** had an impressive run to finish 1st Intermediate Boy and claim the Sprint trophy. Top results were also achieved by Elena (2nd Junior Girls), Alfie (4th Junior Boys) and Nicole (18th Intermediate Girls). The individual long event was held on a wet day in the pine forests at Waitarere Beach. The sand dune terrain providing a difficult navigation challenge for many participants. RLHS had many top

10 results. In Junior Girls, Elena placed 2nd and Billie placed 7th, in Junior Boys Ryan Lei was 5th and Alfie was 8th. Nicole placed 9th in Intermediate Girls. The final day of the competition is the team relay event which was held in steep forested terrain near Porirua. RLHS had two teams competing with Intermediate Boys (Oscar, Alfie, and Finn) and Junior Girls (Elena, Elsie Papps and Billie). Outstanding runs from everyone resulted in a 2nd place for both teams, upsetting some very experienced school teams and causing much excitement for RLHS. The final competition over the weekend is the Overall Schools competition. The small but hugely successful team from RLHS placed 1st Small school team for both the boys and girls team! We also placed 5th overall Top Secondary School for both the girls and boys, against all the other schools. Outstanding results from a dedicated group of students, well done to you all!

STUDENTS SHINE IN SKATING COMPETITIONS

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our talented RLHS students who recently participated in the National and Oceania/Pacific Cup Artistic Roller Skating Competitions. The competitions, held in Porirua and New Plymouth, gathered skaters from across the New Zealand and Australia, providing a platform for our students to demonstrate their hard work and commitment to their sport. Months of rigorous training and sacrifices culminated in this opportunity to showcase their skills, a testament to their dedication to achieving at the top level.

Among them, Liam Fraser stood out, selected for the New Zealand Representative Team, delivering stellar performances that earned him record scores from judges and wowed spectators. Awarded National Champion in Junior Men Freeskating at Nationals and 2nd at Oceania Champs, Liam heads off to the World Championships in Italy in September. We wish Liam all the best! Congratulations also to Georgia Davies who was selected for the New Zealand Oceania's Team and placed 2nd in Cadet Ladies Freeskating at Nationals. Jessica Christensen (Cadet Freeskating), Harriette Davies (Youth Freeskating) and Kate Taylor (Cadet Freeskating) also qualified to compete in these competitions. We commend each of them for their effort and congratulate them on their success.

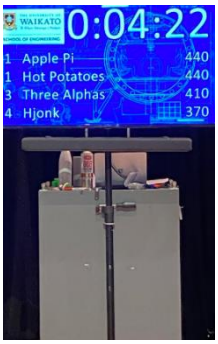
INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS! Article by Ryan Petch

Some outstanding international success for our Yr10 student Patrezcija Vuletic-Petch! Patrezcija had a good comp in Milan, Italy and won a Gold in Gi and a Silver in a very tough No-Gi match. She was straight on the phone to Lippy Sinnott (from the RLHS Sports Development Programme) after the comp to give him a debrief and to work on a plan moving forward. Thank you to everyone at RLHS for the continued support for my girl.

OUTSTANDING RESULT FOR OUR SENIOR EPro8 TEAM

Congratulations to our Senior EPro8 team, Hot Potatoes, for their outstanding performance at the Waikato/BOP Grand Finals held at the University of Waikato!

Hot Potatoes secured second place, finishing just 40 points behind the grand champion in one of the event's challenges. Jordie Elliott, Siwan Lloyd-Jones, Dane Napier, and Alana Bennett represented Rotorua Lakes High School with immense pride and joy throughout the competition.



I'm incredibly proud of how calm and collected our team remained under pressure, leveraging each member's strengths to secure their place in the grand finals. As the teacher-in-charge of EPro8, I am truly honoured to work with such a dedicated group who excel in problem-solving and maximize their skills to the fullest.

A huge thank you to Mr Tolentino for driving us to Waikato University and all the parents of our EPro8 team for your unwavering support and encouragement. Rotorua Lakes High School is beaming with pride for our exceptional EPro8 team! 🚀🦾

Mrs Tolentino, TiC EPro8

77th ANNUAL ROTORUA SPEECH & DRAMA COMP

Huge congratulations to our Year 11 student, Oscar Burns who competed at the 77th Annual Rotorua Speech and Drama Competitions! We're so stoked to announce Oscar won the Jill and Judy Trophy and the Creative Communication Award for his Character Recital! Ka rawe Oscar!

PANUI O NGĀ HAKINAKINA/SPORTS NEWS

JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

An exciting start to Term 3 Basketball. RLHS Jnr Boys have been moved up a grade after going undefeated during last term's competition. So, we're pretty proud of the boys for that. The game was against Murupara Jnr Boys A. After a pretty even first quarter & half, RLHS pulled away for the rest of the game winning 74-38. An impressive start to what will be a stronger competition.👏👏👍

NETBALL

Check out these shots of our netball teams from Wednesday night...

Results: Sen A v TKK Maori o Huiarau won 37-10
Sen B v RGHS Prem 2 won 28-25
Junior A v TWK O Ngati Rongomai won 22-10
Jun.Gold devel. v JPC Whero lost 2-18
Mixed Team v TWK O Ngati Rongomai lost 19-28

Well done to all involved!

BOP U18 HOCKEY TEAM

During the 1st week of the holidays, **Harry Cheesman** and **Lachie Hoggard** both played for the BOP U18 Hockey team in the National U18 tournament. Both boys represented Lakes High excellently on and off the turf. BOP had their best finish in recent years with 7th out of 22 teams, including a 1-1 draw with eventual champions Auckland in pool play. The boys were joined by some familiar faces in the management team with 1st XI coach and manager Boss Edmonds and Chad Hoggard also involved with the U18s. Well done boys!

CAREERS/GATEWAY

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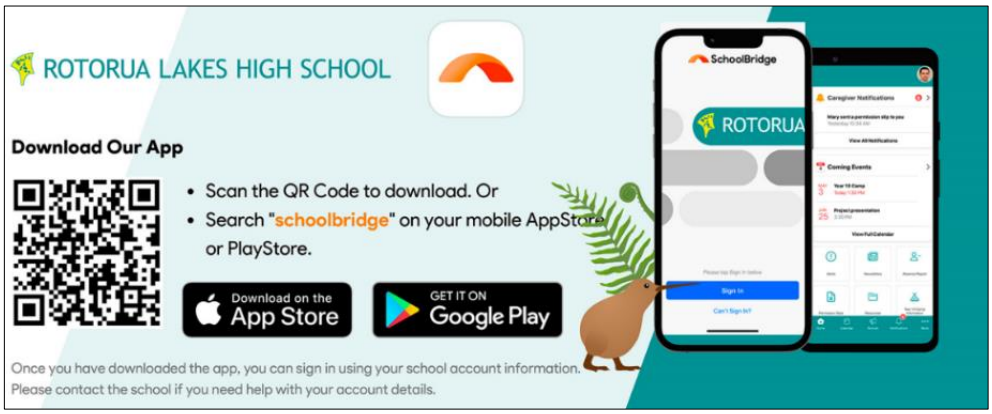

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