Rotorua Lakes High School

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Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to all our RLHS whānau.

As I said in my last newsletter, we have been focusing on our Senior students with the NCEA exams coming up fast and the final opportunity to get internals completed and preparation for the external assessments. I hope that many of our senior students used the holidays productively to consolidate their understanding and guarantee success in the upcoming exams. Our staff are doing everything they can to ensure students cover the ground they need to and support them through the stresses of last minute pushes.

Term 4 is always a whirlwind of activity with exams, prizegivings, portfolios being finalized and everyone working towards successful academic outcomes.

We have a new Student Board Representative. I look forward to working with Divjot Bairagi and wish to thank him in advance for this important service to our school. Congratulations on your election. (further details page 2). Once again, thank you to Mary Schuster for her contribution as outgoing student board rep.

We welcome a new member of staff. Congratulations to Ms Rahera Kiel who joins us as our Head of Māori Department. Kei te tumanako matou ki te mahi tahi ki a koe. Nau mai haere mai ki to tatou kura. We look forward to working with you. Welcome to our school.

The Hillary Challenge event at Tongariro recently was a massive success. Thanks to all our sponsors and parents for your support, EmbroidMeRotorua, Backcountry Cuisine, R-Line Electrolyte Drink, Skyline Rotorua and Mountain Bike Rotorua. (full story pages 2 - 3).

A shout out to all our students on the Spirit of Adventure Voyage. We look forward to the full story shortly. (details on page 3).

All the best to our Performing Arts students and teachers for the Performance Night coming up on Tuesday 22 October. Please come and support these deserving students. (details on page 2).

It is great to see all our students back, rejuvenated and prepared for the new term. We anticipate a highly successful Term 4 and look forward to the pleasant summer months ahead – hopefully!

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

STUDENT REP TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Congratulations to our Year 11 student, Divjot Bairagi, who has been elected our new Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.

Our thanks to Oscar Burns, Coniah Erasmus and Declan Lescheid, it was a very close election and they were very worthy opponents.

2024 HILLARY CHALLENGE

The 24th Hillary Challenge event at Tongariro is recognised as the Premier Adventure Racing Competition for New Zealand Secondary Schools. The RLHS team of eight **(Poppy Croucher, Alana Bennett, Harriette Davies, Grace McQuoid, Isaac Sanderson, Liam Heighway, Lewis Lei and Oscar Burns)** competed for RLHS for the first time ever and their awesome teamwork, and resilience over the 5 days of intense competition resulted in an outstanding 5th place!

The week long competition kicked off with 2 days of Adventure Challenges (6 each day). These included high ropes, technical rope work, navigation, mountain biking, paddling, raft building, climbing, and technical problem-solving tasks. Teams were scored on their teamwork, communication, problem-solving process, and how well they completed each task.

The team then went into the two-day Rogaine Expedition traversing the western slopes of Mt Ruapehu in challenging wet and snowy conditions for nearly 16 hours. The team successfully navigated over 40km of mostly off track travel with full packs to as many checkpoints as possible. Overnight the team camped under a tarp in the snow, before a sunnier final expedition day to finish (4th on points) at the Chateau at Whakapapa Village. Day 5 dawned with more fine weather for the multisport race consisting of four stages of intense racing. The race started with kayaking, with each pair paddling 2km before tagging the next pair. Following the final pair, it was straight into a 6 km mud run, then a 30 km mountain bike ride, where the team charged past several teams. The final leg was a gruelling 6 km hilly run to finish at the Hillary Outdoors Centre.

Shout out to **Oscar Burns** who was awarded a Rising Star award, one of only a few overall awards given out by Hillary Outdoors! A heartfelt thank you to our super sub **Hannah Kiernan!**

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SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

And they're off! For the first time in many many years we have a group of Yr10 students off to spend the week on board the Spirit of Adventure, sailing from Auckland this afternoon. Bon voyage team! Parents, if you'd like to follow the ship on its voyage, this link will be regularly updated:
https://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz/voyage/902A

ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Applications for out-of-zone places for 2025 are now being invited for those students who will become eligible for enrolment. [This includes students applying to be treated as in-zone students under transition provisions.]

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is ***Friday 22 November 2024.***

If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held on Wednesday 27 November. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child later this year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

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ENROLMENT SCHEME

The board invites applications from caregivers who wish to enrol their children at Rotorua Lakes High School for next year.

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Enrolment forms are available at the school office or online at www.rotorualakes.school.nz

Parents of students who live within the home zone should apply by Friday 22 November 2024 to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

The board has determined that 50 places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

For the 2025 school year, there will be three enrolment periods. The first enrolment period runs from **Monday 19 August to Friday 27 September 2024.**

For students seeking enrolment within the first enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is **Friday 27 September 2024.**

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on **Tuesday 22 October 2024**. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Details relating to the second enrolment period are as follows:

- Length of enrolment period: from **Monday 14 October 2024 – Friday 22 November 2024**
- Deadline for receipt of applications**: Friday 22 November 2024**
- Date of ballot: **Wednesday 27 November 2024**

Details relating to the third enrolment period are as follows:

- Length of enrolment period: from **Monday 24 November 2024– Thursday 23 January 2025**
- Deadline for receipt of applications: **Thursday 23 January 2025**
- Date of ballot: **Friday 24 January 2025**

No out of zone enrolments for the 2025 school year will be accepted after Thursday 23 January 2025.

Rotorua Lakes High School Board of Trustees

Letters can be collected from the office and tickets must be paid for by the 6th November.

CHARTER BUS

- A term pass for the charter bus for seniors will be $125
- Juniors will be $250
- A 10 ride pass costs $60
- Payments can be made at the school office or online. Thank you.

NGA KORERO MAI I A TATOU KAIAKO/ NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS

YEAR 9 ELECTIVES

Yr9 students who haven't chosen an elective yet were given letters at assembly this week (spare ones at the office). They need to choose what activity they want to do, bring their form and payment back to the office by next Wednesday. Thank you.

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	Tourism	US18237	Tues 22 Oct
3	Tourism	US3727	Tues 22 Oct
2	Visual Art (portfolio)	AS91321 AS91320 AS91322	Wed 23 Oct by 8.30 am

2	Sport Science	AS91329	Fri 25 Oct
3	Legal Studies	US27840	Wed 30 Oct
2	Legal Studies	US27839	Tues 29 Oct
1	Legal Studies	US27838	Tues 29 Oct
3	Visual Art (portfolio)	AS91456 AS91455 AS91417	Thurs 31 Oct by 8.30 am

Last chance for the year to gain house points! Come up with your best costume in your house colours. It might be an individual costume, or get creative as a group! During period five there will be a parade in the gym, costumes and participation will be judged and prefects will put on a special item

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 4 2024	
21 – 22 Oct	Dance/Drama Production
21 – 25	Spirit Week
24 Oct	Sports Prizegiving (Gym 2.15 – 3.15)
31 Oct	Senior Prizegiving (Auditorium - 6.30 – 8.30 pm)
NZQA Exams	5 November – 3 December
26 – 27 Nov	Junior Exams
3 Dec	Leavers Dinner (Rydges Hotel)
6 Dec	Top Town
9 – 10 Dec	Electives
9 – 11 Dec	Year 10 Camp
13 Dec	Junior Prizegiving (Gym – 11.30 am – 12.30 pm)
13 Dec	Junior Reports issued
13 Dec	**END OF TERM 4**

We are still accepting late payments, students have been advised to collect a letter from the office and have it back asap

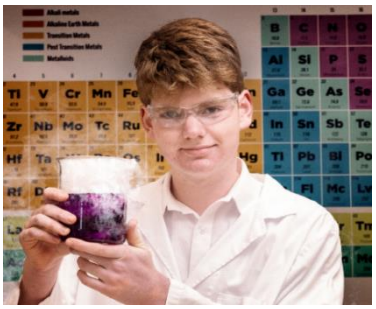
2024 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Examinations available digitally shown in blue.					
Date	**Session**	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Scholarship**
Tue 5 Nov	AM	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics	Dance	Classical Studies
	PM	Gagana Sāmoa Spanish	Biology	Japanese Making Music Spanish	Statistics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

Nov					
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

YOUNG ACHIEVERS 2024

Our showcase of Rotorua Young Achievers includes our (from left) Head Girl, Madison Guptill, Head Boy, Kobe Smith and Academic Prefect, Matthew Parker. We are very proud of you.



CHAMPION GYMNASTICS

Huge congratulations to our Yr13 prefect Scott Heron who competed, as part of the Bay of Plenty Gymnastic Team, in the New Zealand Gymnastics Championships, that were held at the Central Energy Trust Arena in Palmerston North (7 October- 12 October). Scott was placed 3rd in Double Mini Trampolining (DMT) in the 17+ men's group. Well done, Scott!

MOUNTAIN BIKING NATIONALS

We had five junior RLHS students represent us at the National Mountain Biking Champs in Christchurch over the holidays. Our best results were Nicole Wallace 2nd in cross country and Jovarne Jury 5th in enduro. The team rode amazingly well in challenging rocky, steep and technical terrain very different from Rotorua's hero dirt. The team had to learn multiple new tracks in a short space of time before the racing began. Some of the features were so hard not everyone thought they would master them in time! But they did master them and, in spite of a few crashes affecting results, we are super proud of them all!

The team on enduro day - Daniel Cheesman, Colton Boardman, Jovarne Jury and Nicole Wallace and Cate Phipps on cross country day

HUGE SUCCESS FOR RUGBY SQUAD SELECTION

AMAZING achievement for our Yr12 student, Tokoaitua Owen who was selected for U18 Chiefs v Samoa game recently. Fantastic - well done.

SOUTHERN CROSS CHALLENGE

All the best to two of our orienteering superstars, Oscar and Elena Burns, who headed off recently to represent NZ at the Southern Cross Challenge at the Australian Schools Orienteering Champs in Armidale, NSW. We look forward to hearing your results! Thanks so much to the Rotorua Trust for their financial support for this pair.

FANTASTIC TALENT AT "HAIRSPRAY"

We wish our three RLHS dancers / actresses all the best as part of the cast of Rotorua Musical Theatre's 'Hairspray'. Opening Night for Kristin Conradie, Meliz Kaya and Alannah Short is this Friday and the season is a sell out! Well done girls!

STUDENT COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

On September 9th and 10th, 4 RLHS students, Freya Kedian, Sofia Holster-Haidzir, Sara O'Driscoll, and Adifaah Jalil attended the Student Commonwealth Heads of Government (SCHOGM) meeting held in the Grand Hall at Parliament. This event is an opportunity that allows highschool students from all across New Zealand to come together to discuss international relations and world issues impacting different Commonwealth countries from across the world. During SCHOGM, students represent a Commonwealth country as either the Head of State, or as a Foreign Minister. You can either choose to be paired up with someone else from your school, or you can pair up with someone else from another school who you'd meet on the day. Sara and Sofia represented Singapore together, Adifaah represented the Maldives, and Freya represented Mozambique. At this year's conference, the sessions that we took part in were: Opening Statements and Values Workshop, Plastic in the Pacific, Climate Change, Governance, Crisis Session, and International Development. We were advised to do some research on the views our country held regarding these topics to be prepared for the event. This background research was useful in helping to come up with resolutions for what the best action we as a Commonwealth could take. These resolutions were not easy to pass as it required 26 countries to agree with what was proposed to pass the resolution. Out of 31 resolutions proposed over the two days, only 5 were able to pass after discussions and debates. There was meant to be an open topic where countries could put forward resolutions outside of these topics, however due to a shortage of time, we were unable to do this and instead we attended question time in the

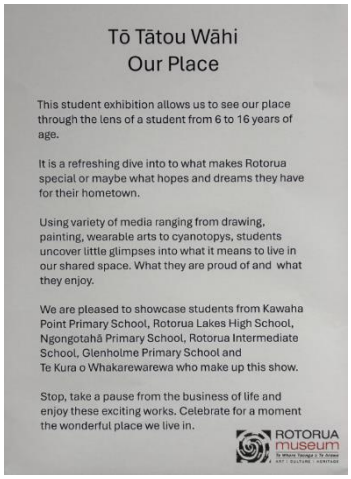
Debating Chamber where we witnessed the PM and MP's coming together to commemorate Kingi Tuheitia's passing.

Some of the amazing people who spoke to us during SCHOGM was diplomat Jan henderson, MP Nancy Lu, Samoan High Commissioner Juliana Lafaialii, Stephen Harris from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Mike Joy and Dr Philip Fountain from Victoria University, the British High Commissioner Iona Thomas, Lieutenant Colonel Martin Dransfield and the members of the Royal Commonwealth Society's Board which include Darryl Stevens, Karim Dickie, Paul Foster-Bell, Daniel Gamoa, and Josh Chandulal-Mackay. These speakers led the different plenaries and provided insight into the topics we were discussing. We were also able to have an interesting question time with the Royal Commonwealth Society Board where a couple of their members talked about their experiences working overseas.

We all had a very good time and would recommend this to any students interested in politics, or even those who just want to give something new a go. We would also like to give a big thanks to Zsuzsi Hazag and the Commonwealth Youth New Zealand team who organized and ran this event for us.

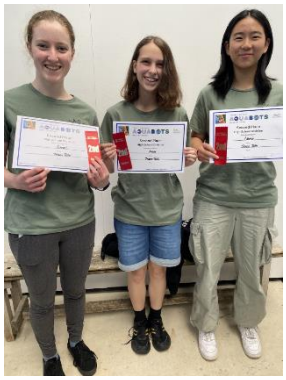
Well done girls, you all represented RLHS so well and thanks so much to Adifaah for this write up!

BRILLIANT ART EXHIBITION



Five of our talented Year 11 students have had work selected and exhibited in the To Tatou Wahi, Our Place exhibition at Te Aka Mauri, Rotorua Library. **Sofia Watt, Nature Williams, Maraea King, Maddi Findlater, Ella Scott and Stevie Lockwood** produced outstanding pen drawings and cyanotypes which were on display at the Rotorua Library. Excellent work!!

REGIONAL AQUABOTS COMP



Siwan Lloyd-Jones took part in the Regional Aquabots competition. After a closely fought battle she and her SAGE team came 2nd. They will be attending the National Competition in December. Next year Rotorua Lakes High School will be running a lunchtime robotics club, so if you are interested keep an eye out for more details.😍😍😍😍

GREAT EVENT AT THE NIGHT MARKET

Well done to our Yr12 student Amaro Gonzalez Diaz who MC'd a major cultural event recently. We received this write up from the organisers:

Rotorua is enriched, culturally and economically, by the presence of migrants from Latin America. This diversity was displayed at the Thursday Night Market where Rotorua's residents learnt more about the food, singing and dancing of culturally diverse central and southern America. Celebrating the Independence Days of Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatamala, Mexico, and Nicaragua, which all fall in the month of September brought us a great Fiesta environment. 🌶️🎶🌮 Amaro Gonzalez Diaz, year 12, originally from Chile, was the fantastic MC of this event. We are so proud of him.

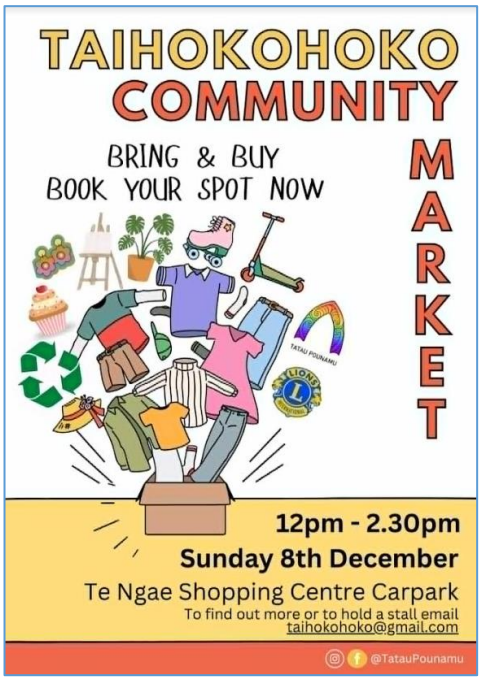
SPORTS NEWS

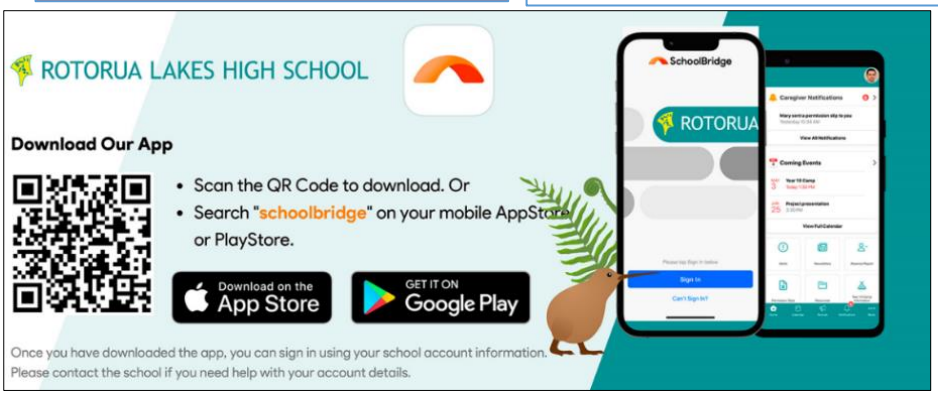
MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB - PADDY AVERY AWARD SUCCESS

Thank you to the Mountain Bike Club for the following write up and pic.

We are thrilled to announce that Colton Boardman is the recipient of the Rotorua Mountain Bike Club Paddy Avery Award for 2024! This award recognizes his tremendous progress and contributions as an up-and-coming rider in our community. Colton has actively participated in our Rider Development program, showcasing impressive growth and dedication. His recent podium finishes at Crankworx this year are a true testament to the hard work and skills he's been honing! Colton has embraced both Enduro and Downhill disciplines, and his presence at the new Pump Track highlights his commitment to diversifying his skill set. He consistently pushes his limits, demonstrating versatility and a genuine passion for the sport. Beyond his riding, Colton stands out for his ability to engage with adults and peers alike. His maturity, positive attitude, and eagerness to be involved in the community make him an exemplary role model for other young riders. A special shoutout to his family! Laura serves on the MTB Club committee, and Asher regularly volunteers as a marshal, making their family an integral part of our community. Colton Boardman truly embodies what the Paddy Avery Award stands for—dedication, skill, and community spirit. We can't wait to see what the future holds for him in the sport!

NOTICE BOARD





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