Rotorua Lakes High School

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Kia ora koutou

This week students have been focused on preparation for our junior exams (26 – 27 November) and the ongoing NCEA external exams. I hope that the results they develop give a fair summary of their efforts through the year.

While exams are never "fun" the junior exams give our students a tangible perception of what they are heading towards in Year 11. It also provides students and whānau with clear feedback about their learning successes and areas that need more attention. We often wish students luck going into exams, but in all honesty, it doesn't come down to luck, it comes down to effort, hard work and focus. I look forward to congratulating our students on the hard work they have put in. (exam timetables pages 3 – 4).

There is great excitement around the school for our upcoming Year 10 Camp on 9 – 11 December. Thank you to all our staff for the hard work in organising this great event for our students. (details on page 6).

Just a reminder, we have our electives coming up on the 9 - 10 December. We have had a great response from our students which is very gratifying to see. This is an awesome opportunity for our students to get out and about and just have a great time. (details on page 6).

It's been great seeing our Junior students step up as our senior students have gone off on study leave. The atmosphere around the school has been really positive.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO OUR SENIOR PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to all our award recipients at our senior prize giving. Well done to the 2024 Head Prefect team for your heartfelt speeches and congratulations to the 2025 leadership group named. A special mention to our Top Scholars:

Top Māori Scholar: Harry Cheesman
Proxime accessit: Matthew Parker
Dux: Caroline Lemmens
Yr11: Hunter Lewis
Yr12: Dane Napier

OLLY GARROOD, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

We sincerely apologize to our Year 12 student, Olly Garrood, for the unintentional omission of her name from our senior prizegiving list. We would like to recognize her for earning the Silver Medal for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Congratulations, Olly, on this fantastic achievement!

JUNIOR EXAMINATIONS – TUESDAY 26th Nov: MORNING

CLASS	EXAM	ROOM
YEAR 9		
9KOW	MATHS	A8
9RIM	MATHS	A17
9POH	MATHS	A10
9MIR	MATHS	A19
9KAN	MATHS	A9
9TOT	MATHS	A16
9HAR	MATHS	R1
SAC	MATHS	A21
YEAR 10		
10TAK	ENGLISH	A2
10KER	ENGLISH	A12
10HUI	ENGLISH	A5
10WEK	ENGLISH	A15
10KEA	ENGLISH	A4
10TUI	ENGLISH	A3
SAC	ENGLISH	A6
9KAU/10KIW	MATHS / ENGLISH	Wharenui

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9KOW	SCIENCE	A8
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9MIR	SCIENCE	A19
9KAN	SCIENCE	A9
9TOT	SCIENCE	A16
9HAR	SCIENCE	R1
SAC	SCIENCE	A21
YEAR 10		
10	GEOGRAPHY	A2
10	HISTORY	A12
10HUI	SOCIAL STUDIES	A5
10WEK	SOCIAL STUDIES	A15
10KEA	SOCIAL STUDIES	A4
10TUI	SOCIAL STUDIES	A3
SAC	SOCIAL STUDIES	A6
9KAU/10KIW	SCIENCE / SOCIAL STUDIES	Wharenui

JUNIOR EXAMINATIONS – WEDNESDAY 27th Nov: MORNING

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YEAR 9		
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9POH	SOCIAL STUDIES	A10
9MIR	SOCIAL STUDIES	A19
9KAN	SOCIAL STUDIES	A9
9TOT	SOCIAL STUDIES	A16
9HAR	SOCIAL STUDIES	R1
SAC	SOCIAL STUDIES	A21
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10TUI	SCIENCE	A3
SAC	SCIENCE	A6
9KAU/10KIW	ENGLISH / SCIENCE	Wharenui

JUNIOR EXAMINATIONS – THURSDAY 28th Nov: MORNING

CLASS	EXAM	ROOM
YEAR 9		
9KAU	Te Reo	Wharenui
YEAR 10		
10KIW	Te Reo	Wharenui

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.

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

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

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

FANTISTIC DAY FOR YR 9 KOWHAI

9 Kowhai had a fantastic day at Maungatautari yesterday as part of their Project Day learning. Students were able to hear about the conservation efforts including a 47km predator proof fence, and the development of bird species (4000 kiwi!), plant regeneration and pest control. It was magical to see saddlebacks, kaka, robins, whiteheads, koura and more. Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 4 2024	
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**

NCEA & NZ SCHOLARSHIP/STUDY LINK

Student assessment hub

Resources for your NCEA exams and assessments and beyond

As you start preparing for NCEA and NZ Scholarship exams you can find all the information and resources you need to prepare here:
https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/student-assessment-hub/
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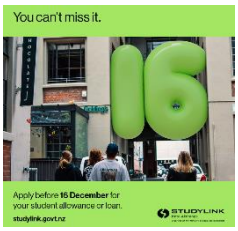
#NZScholarship



If you're studying in 2025, 16 December is an important date. Apply for your student allowance or loan before 16 December to give yourself the best chance of having everything sorted and ready for the start of your course. If you've had a student allowance or loan in the last 12 months, login to MyStudyLink and use the Returning Application to apply. It'll take less than five minutes: https://www.studylink.govt.nz/

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	AM	Physics Earth & Space Science	Latin	Te Reo Māori	Calculus

Nov	PM		Economics	Korean	
Fri 22	AM	Religious Studies	Physics	Business Studies	
Nov	PM	German	Media Studies		Biology
WEEKEND					
Mon 25	AM	Digital Technologies	Japanese	Geography	
Nov	PM		Earth & Space Science		Religious Studies
Tue 26	AM		Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
Nov	PM		German	Home Economics	
Wed 27	AM		Social Studies	French	Japanese
Nov	PM		Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Media Studies	
Thu 28	AM		Education for Sustainability Samoan	Earth & Space Science	Chinese
Nov	PM			Music Studies	Spanish
Fri 29	AM		Dance		Earth & Space Science
Nov					

STUDENT SUCCESSES

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Check out this cool video made by one of our Yr10 students, Noah Savill, on the recent Spirit of New Zealand voyage. It was an awesome experience and students made life-long memories.

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063684995335

OUR AMAZING CHEERLEADERS

Amazing Cheerleading success from our Alyssa Tawhara! This Cheerleading season Alyssa has been training and competing with the Bay Twisters Cheerleading club, based in Tauranga, Alyssa's team, Tsunami, junior level 2 division, have done a truly amazing thing by going the whole cheer comp season UNDEFEATED!!

Competing in 6 competitions this year:

- United Cheer, Wellington, 1st Place
- Cheerfest, Auckland, 1st Place. Grand champs (over Level 2), Allover Grand champs (Highest scoring team in comp)
- Battle in the bay, Tauranga, 1st Place
- Cheerfactor, 2 days in Hamilton, 1st Place
- CNZ Nationals, 2 days Hamilton, 1st Place
- Super Nationals, 2 days in Auckland, 1st Place, Grand champs (over level 2) Tsunami also taking away a winning Bid to the Global games in Hawaii in 2025!!

Since August Alyssa has been training with the Thunder Summit travel team who are traveling to Orlando Florida in 2025 to Walt Disney resort to compete against the best of the worlds Cheer teams. In this incredible experience they also get to watch some of the World cheerleading games!!

Also, in 2025 Alyssa's amazing team, Tsunami also possibly gets to compete in Hawaii at the Global games!! Alyssa's mum would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has shown support and continue to support Alyssa in the amazing life adventure.

We love sharing our students' successes! Our Yr9 student Milli Stratton competed at the Super Nationals Cheerleading competition in Auckland, this was her final competition for the 2024 cheerleading season. Over the last 6 months Milli has competed on two teams (Ice and Hurricanes) in a total of seven national cheerleading competitions with Bay Twisters gym this year:

- UnitedCheer, Wellington: 2nd place in junior level one division.
- Cheer fest, Auckland: 1st place in junior level 1 division and overall level 1 grand Champions.
- Battle in the Bay, Tauranga: 2nd place, junior level 1 division and 1st place in grade 4 cheer sport division.
- Spring carnival, Auckland: 1st place, grade 4, cheer sport division.
- Cheerfactor, Hamilton: 2nd place, junior level 1 division.
- Cheerleading NZ Nationals, Hamilton: 2nd place, junior level 1 division.
- Super Nationals, Auckland: 1st place, cheer sport grade 4 division.

Milli travels 4x a week including both weekend days to Tauranga for a total of 11 hours training each week! Milli will be travelling to Orlando, Florida in April 2025 to compete at the SUMMIT cheerleading championships which is a global invite only competition. She will be competing against the best of the best teams from around the world, A once in a lifetime opportunity and a great achievement for an athlete of her age! Congratulations Milli, you are awesome!!

WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

Well done to the 28 RLHS students who volunteered to help out at the Sport BOP Fun4U day, and the Lynmore Athletics day. Feedback from the organisers was that our students were encouraging, helpful, respectful and showed great leadership. It was nice to be able to make links between our school and our younger athletes in the community.

OUR BRILLIANT BALLERINAS

Huge congratulations to our RLHS ballerinas who performed at Anne Samson Ballet's double-show recently at the Sir Howard Morrison theatre. Yulia, Siwan, Sapphire, Marissa, Mia, Hazel and Anna; you were all beautiful on stage and a wonderful performance.

NZ ARIA SINGING COMP

The NZ Aria singing competitions were held recently. Our Cultural Captain **Lauren Thompson** sang 4 songs in the 16-21yrs group and got a very highly commended, and a 3rd place. Today Lauren entered an adult open class 18yrs+ in musical theatre and won 2nd out of 25! Well done Lauren, you are a superstar!!!!

SPEECH & DRAMA SUCCESS

Jessica Martin, our year 11 student, has been attending extracurricular Speech and Drama classes with Gabrielle Thurston for six years. At the end of October, she sat her Grade 6 exams. These incorporate three modules and include presenting a characterisation from a play, giving an impromptu talk, storytelling, and talking on a presented research piece. She received Honours, Honours Plus, and Honours Plus - top marks - and was nominated for a scholarship as a result. Next year, Jessica will be working at Grade Eight level. Huge congratulations to Jesssica and we're really pleased that you are doing so well in something you love.🥰🥰

OUR PERFORMERS

All the best to our RLHS performers (**Declan, Charlee, Elsie, Ferne and Eirwen**) for their Heathers Production with LPAC. The show runs from the 12th-17th November and tickets are still available. Break a leg, guys!

If you have news of out-of-school successes of our Lakes High students, please let us know so we can proudly showcase these!

SPORTS NEWS

RLHS BOYS CRICKET

The RLHS boys cricket team had a great first hit out against a combined RBHS/Central team on Saturday. Batting first we made 184/7 off our 30 overs. A well crafted 52 by **Jamie** and hard hitting 34 from **Emmett** the main contributors. Some quality bowling and fielding saw us dismiss the opposition in 10 overs for a good win. Well done and thanks to all the team, in particular great captaincy **Owen** and **Arlo.**

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL BOP CHAMPS

Recently our boys team finished 1st in their pool and have been promoted to the next grade. Our girls finished a solid 2nd and have been placed into a stronger pool. Come along to watch some fantastic games and support our up & coming Volleyballers The Boys are based at the Western Heights High School Gym, first game at 9am. The Girls are based at the Unison Events Centre, also starting with their first game at 9am. Both teams will play throughout the day in other matches and thrive off a roaring crowd!!

OUR FANTASTIC ROWERS

Our Rotorua Lakes High Rowers competed in a regatta at Tikitapu recently. They all did amazingly well, placed in the top spots

- Sara O'Driscoll: 1st & 2nd
- Grace Gainsford: 2 x 1st and 2nd place
- Ruby Parton: 2 x 1s place and 2nd place
- Jazmine Seiber: 2x 1st placings and 2 x 3rd
- Ayden Atkinson: 2nd, 3rd and 5th
- Marko Andric 2nd and 3rd

Congratulations to all. Great work

Our brand new Novices raced for the first time this weekend and came away with amazing results for being their first time in races.

- Tyler Graham: 2nd and 5th placings
- Grace Annabell 2 x 2nd place
- Zhaphyre Larsen: 2 x 2nd place

Well done all.

Thank you to our sponsor Carter's Tyre Service, you rock!

Next race is at Karapiro 30th November

What an incredible day on the water! We're so grateful to everyone who made it possible.

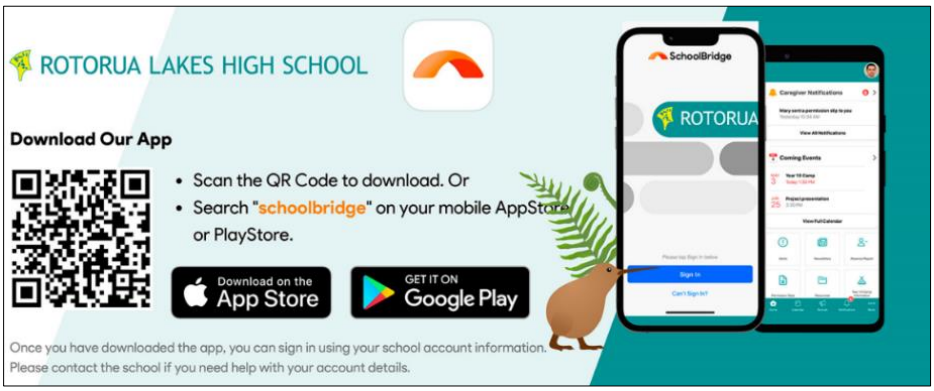
2025 RLHS SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the students that have been selected for the 2025 RLHS Senior Volleyball teams to compete in the BOP Championships in Term 1. A huge thank you to our amazing Coach, Jacqueline Lemmens-Douven, for her time and dedication to our teams and school! Training's are every Monday after school in the gym, 3:30pm-5pm.

WOMEN'S SEVENS RUGBY

Well done to our **Shari, Dylan and Manawa** for playing alongside women in the Whakarewarewa team at the recent Women's Sevens Baywide Championship!

NOTICE BOARD



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