# Rotorua Lakes High School

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**NEWSLETTER ISSUE #18 – 29 NOVEMBER 2024**

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**Kia ora koutou**

We have our Top Town event coming up next Friday; always enjoyable with students competing in their houses for overall supremacy. My thanks to the Heads of House and all staff for organizing the day. (further details page 4).

The Junior students' exams finished on Wednesday. Reports for the Juniors will be issued on Friday 13 December, after the prize giving ceremony.

As we head into our electives on 9 & 10 December, our students leave classroom activity behind and engage in other learning opportunities. Hopefully these days will stay with them as both enjoyable and productive excursions and form long standing memories. All the best to our students heading off to the Yr 10 Camp, I hope you have a fantastic time. Thank you to all our staff for organising and making these such enjoyable events for our students. (further details on page 5).

NCEA exams will be completed on Tuesday next week. It was very rewarding to have seen our Senior students coming in for tutorials and hopefully beneficial on their part. I wish them all the best in their results.

We are looking forward to our Junior Prizegiving which is on the last day of term Friday 13 December. We hope to see you there.

Just a reminder of our Teacher Only Day which is Wednesday 4 December. Thank you to all our parents and caregivers for your understanding and cooperation of keeping your child at home. These days are very important to our staff.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi

Jon Ward, Principal / Tumuaki

# TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2025

| START OF TERM 1 2025 | |
|---|---|
| Monday 20 January **(admin only)** | Office opens - hours: 8.30 am to 3.30 pm for enrolments and all other admin requirements |
| Monday 27 January | Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 28 | Course confirmation Days –<br>Year 12 & 13 students must attend either Tuesday or Wednesday to confirm options and also those Yr 11 students who have not confirmed options.<br>9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 3 pm (drop-in) |
| Wednesday 29 January<br>PŌWHIRI | PŌWHIRI 8.45 am<br>• All Year 9 students to attend – parents & whānau welcome<br>• Prefects, House Captains, Kapa Haka students are required at the Pōwhiri 8.45 am (can leave approx. 10 am)<br>**Yr 9** - 8.45 am to 3.15 pm<br>COURSE CONFIRMATION DAY<br>• 9.30 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 3 pm (drop-in)<br>• Course Confirmation begins 9.30 am to enable all staff to attend the Pōwhiri |
| Thursday 30 January | **Yr 9 & 13** students 8.45 am to 3.15 pm |
| Friday 31 January | **ALL** students 8.45 am to 3.15 pm |

# TERM DATES 2025

| Term | Date Start | Date Finish |
|---|---|---|
| One | Tue, 28 Jan 2025 | Fri, 11 Apr 2025 |
| Two | Mon, 28 Apr 2025 | Fri, 27 Jun 2025 |
| Three | Mon, 14 Jul 2025 | Fri, 19 Sep 2025 |
| Four | Mon, 6 Oct 2025 | Tue, 9 Dec 2025 |

# PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2025

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| **Auckland Anniversary Day** | **Monday 27 January 2025** |
| **Waitangi Day** | **Thursday 6 February 2025** |
| **Good Friday** | **Friday 18 April 2025** |
| **Easter Monday** | **Monday 21 April 2025** |
| ***School Holiday** | **Tuesday 22 April 2025 *note this is a school holiday only - not public** |
| **Anzac Day** | **Friday 25 April 2025** |
| **King's Birthday** | **Monday 2 June 2025** |
| **Matariki** | **Friday 20 June 2025** |

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| **Labour Day** | **Monday 27 October 2025** |

ROTORUA LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

## 2025 Year 10 Subject Selection

SCHOOLBRIDGE

Subject Option Choices are now open for our Year 9 students going into Year 10 in 2025.

**Log into the SchoolBridge app.** Students should log into their School bridge app. Select SchoolPoint Course Selection and then My Selected Courses. Students can then select their 2025 Subject Options. Once all courses have been selected, students click View my Courses and will then be required to select 'Complete My Courses' to finish the process.

Any problems please contact the school office:

07 345 6124

## CHARTER BUS

- Please note the last day for the charter bus is 12.45 pm on Friday 13 December 2024.

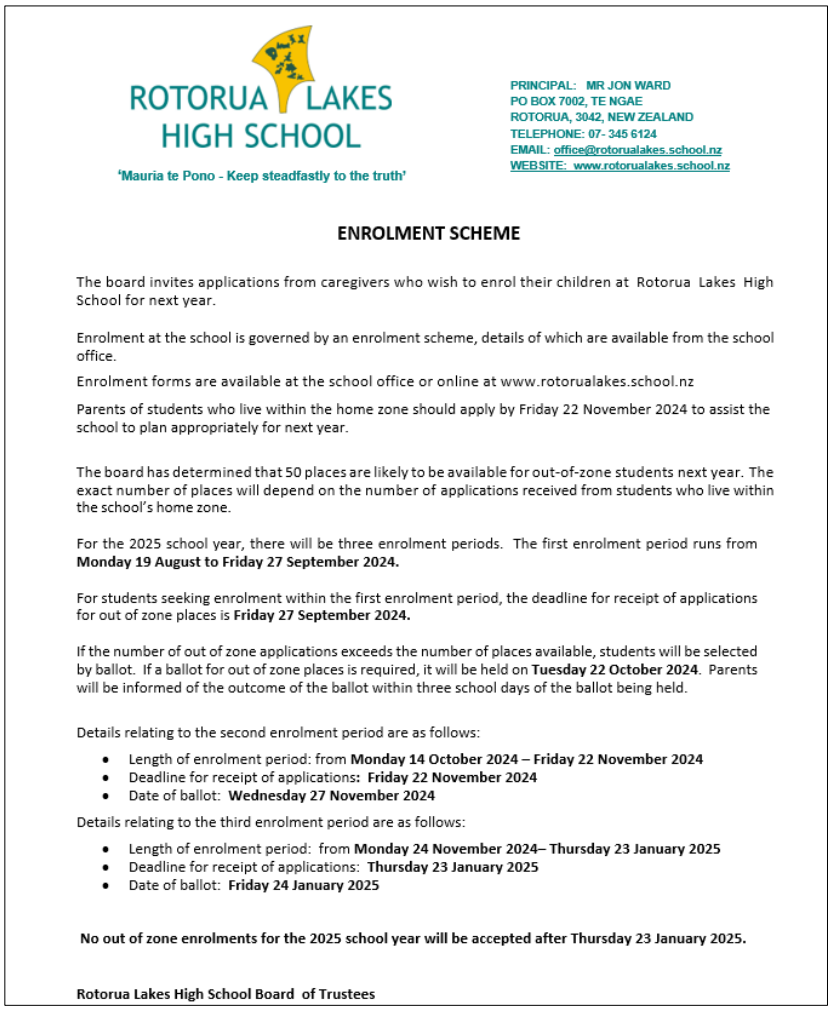
## SCHOOL CANTEEN

IMPORTANT

Last day for the school canteen is **Thursday 5 December 2024.**

## EXAM RESULTS

A reminder that #nceaexams24 results go online in January (date TBC) and your scanned answers will be made available online shortly afterwards. Before you go in to holiday mode, make sure your login details are up-to-date so that you're ready to go on results release day. If you're leaving school and have a school email address linked to your login - change this to an address you will maintain access to. https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/login/ Phone the call centre on 0800 697 296 during business hours if you have any problems doing this.



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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

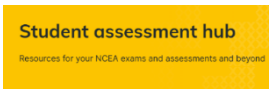
| BRIEF LOOK – TERM 4 2024 | |
|---|---|
| **NZQA Exams** | 5 November – 3 December |
| **3 Dec** | Leavers Dinner (Rydges Hotel) |
| **4 Dec** | Staff only day |
| **6 Dec** | Top Town |
| **9 – 10 Dec** | Electives |
| **9 – 11 Dec** | Year 10 Camp |
| **13 Dec** | Junior Prizegiving (Gym – 11.30 am – 12.30 pm) |
| **13 Dec** | Junior Reports issued |
| **13 Dec** | **END OF TERM 4** |

Yr10 camp is ready to go from the 9th-11th Dec. Students were given information and a gear list yesterday, spares can be collected from the RLHS office. If Yr10s are not going to camp, they have been given elective options to choose from, any questions, please email hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz

We look forward to celebrating with Yr13's and their whānau next Tuesday.

Yr9 electives are all planned and staff will touch base with their students to provide more details. If Yr9's still haven't chosen an elective, please email hodgeh@rotorualakes.school.nz

## NCEA & NZ SCHOLARSHIP/STUDY LINK




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/ #nceaexams24 #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 | | | | | |
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| 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<br>Spanish | Biology | Japanese<br>Making Music<br>Spanish | Statistics |
| **Wed 6 Nov** | AM | | | English | |
| | PM | Geography | Spanish | Cook Islands Māori<br>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 |

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| | PM | | Music | | History |
| **WEEKEND** | | | | | |
| **Mon 11 Nov** | AM | French | Lea Faka-Tonga<br>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<br>Psychology<br>Te Reo Rangatira | Chemistry |
| | PM | Japanese | Health | Economics | |
| **Tue 19 Nov** | AM | Chemistry & Biology | History | Physics | Te Reo Rangatira |
| | PM | Health Studies | Business Studies<br>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

## HUGELY SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP COURSE

Recently, seven of our amazing Yr12 students spent some time with other young leaders from across the North Island, developing their leadership skills and personal growth as part of Lead's Rangitira Leadership course. It was a great three days with good skills learnt as these students head into Yr13 next year. Well done, Siwan, Freya, Manaia, Ferne, Eirwen, Declan and Robin!

## GREAT GARDENING!

There has been a great turnout for our new Gardening Club. Out the back of S6 was a bit of a forest at the start of the term, but this group made short work of the first garden and picked up all of the dry cabbage tree leaves and have started planting. The students have had lots of good ideas about what else they could plant and how they can use the area. We have had some lovely lunchtimes working in the sun - such a positive group, and lots of talk of butterflies, sweetcorn, sweetpeas, beans, peas, and strawberries. Well done, team!

# SPORTS NEWS

## RLHS CRICKET TEAM

Our boys cricket team had their second game against a strong Lake Taupo cricket club team last week. We were put in to bat while the grass was still drying. Owen made them regret that decision by dispatching their bowlers in all directions! He scored a magnificent man of the match 72 not out with a team total of 150. Taupo got off to a good start batting, but some quality bowling saw them dismissed for 118. 3 catches by Archie and 2 for Arlo. Well done to Josh for his 3 wickets. We are super proud of the attitudes and sportsmanship of all our players.

Our Rotorua Lakes High boys cricket team scored a good win against the junior Rotorua Boys High School team last Saturday. On a beautiful day, we bowled first and had Boys High all out for 106. Archie bowled fast and straight taking 2 early wickets in a man of the match performance. Josh again chipped in with 2 wickets. Batting second Jamie and Ryan had a fabulous 45 run opening partnership. There were a few wobbles but in the end we comfortably got to 110/6 with 6 overs remaining. Picture of Owen who alongside Arlo ensured a good finish for us. Thanks Finn for joining us. Great job team

## RLHS JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to both our Junior A Boys & Girls teams for their amazing performances during the BOP Championships. Both teams started their campaigns seeded in last place as we had not had teams entered for a few years. The Junior Girls finished 32nd out of 35, with confidence and skill growing we expect this team to place higher next year with more experience under their belts.

The Junior Boys finished a solid 14th out of 23 teams showing the experience in the team has paid off. It has been an exciting competition and with the coaching expertise of Jacqueline Lemmens-Douven, our Volleyball accomplishments will only grow over time. Thank you to all our players, parents and whanau for your support and encouragement! Bring on 2025!!

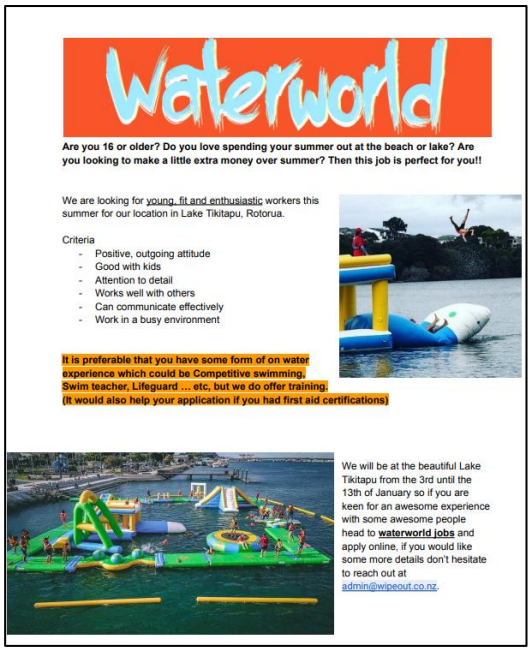
## WINS FOR THE WATERPOLO TEAM

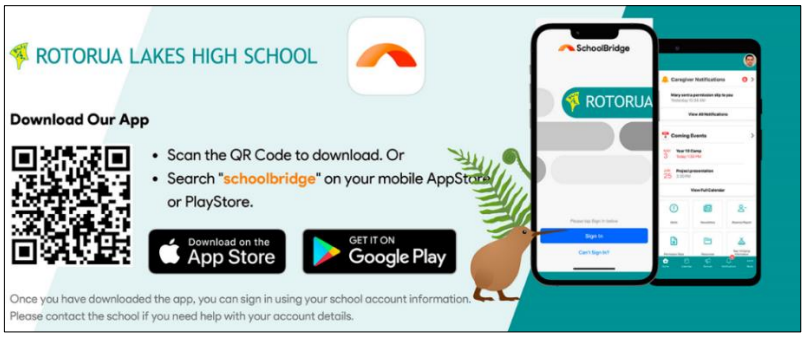
The Lakes High waterpolo team had another successful Friday night playing in the local schools' competition, beating both JPC teams. Well done!! Our student coaches Hannah Kiernan and Zara Gray are doing a fantastic job coaching this team and the Mokoia team. Thanks for your efforts, girls!

## FUTSAL

Congratulations to our Futsal girls' teams for a great term of Futsal. Futsal is growing at Lakes High with two girls' teams entered this term. It was great to see the experienced football and futsal players welcoming new players to the sport who loved playing for Lakes High so much they can't wait for next year! We are excited for 2025 and the BOP champs when we hope to enter a senior girls and a junior girls team. Thank you to our Lakes whānau who have supported our girls this year.

## NOTICE BOARD



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