



Rotorua Boys' High School

Ad Astra Per Aspera
Whaia Te Iti Kahurangi
To The Stars Through Hard Work



NGĀ PAE A KAHUKURA
WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2021



“RAUKURA”



It has always been my understanding that “Raukura”, though literally referring to a feather or special plume, in fact conveyed a much more significant shade of meaning. In some measure those described as possessors of the “Raukura” were of particularly significant stature. They were considered to have justified such a privilege by reason of illustrious lineage, extremely noteworthy leadership or some remarkable achievement in another field - perhaps warfare, diplomacy or unparalleled knowledge. Being considered worthy of the “Raukura” would undoubtedly have been an accolade sought eagerly by aspiring tribal members in the past. When ultimately bestowed (by general consensus) on a deserving individual, it clearly indicated a level of excellence of the greatest merit. Academic achievement was, particularly during the 20th Century, recognised as the single most vital element in the advancement and well being of us all. I can only presume that this was clearly apparent to those of the 1910s, whose efforts resulted in the establishment of Rotorua District High School in 1914. The remarkable and farsighted educational endowment made by the Ngāti Whakaue people 34 years even before that, is evidence enough of their support of and belief in education. I have no doubt that the use of “Raukura” was a subtle message of encouragement for all to take advantage of education, to seek excellence and thus justify the “Raukura”.

Don Stafford, RBHS Old Boy



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou me te tangi hoki ki a rātou kua riro atu.

As Term 1 comes to a close can I congratulate everyone on a successful but extremely busy 11 weeks and a positive start to our year.

Staffing

There has been some changes in staffing as detailed below :

Mr B Kanara who has been a Teacher of Technology and Dean of Year 10 over the course of the last three years departs and his replacement is Mr M Stephens who as a qualified builder who will bring a significant skill-set to our Technology Faculty.



Mr M Stephens

The school recently welcomed to the position of Kitchen Manager Ms K Hamilton who will manage our on-site Kitchen and Dining Room whilst Mr Dheer Goel will maintain his overview of the school lunches programme.



Ms K Hamilton

On Tuesday 13 April our Chaplain Ms C Jessep resigned to pursue her sports chaplaincy career pathway and we thank her for her three years spent firstly as a Teacher Aide and more recently as Chaplain.

At the end of Term 1 we also farewell our Nurse, Mrs J Guyton who has been with us since 2012 and her replacement Ms N Heard BNurs, who is a highly qualified and experienced registered nurse who will commence with us at the start of Term 2.



Ms N Heard

Also at the end of Term 2, Ms Y Adlam who has been Head of Careers and Transition and after some 13 years at our school has resigned and Mr C Makan, BBS, DipTchg will take over the leadership role within pathways along with the appointment of Ms N Setu-Nalo as Pathways Coordinator.



Ms N Setu-Nalo

At the end of Term the school also acknowledges Ms D Kinita who has been our Communications Advisor for the last 4.5 years. Ms Kinita completes her contract with the school and she will explore new career pathways. The school is most grateful for the Social Media presence she has created for the school.

The school welcomes in Term 2, Mr CW Naera BMS as Social Worker for the School and the school is grateful that we have now been able to establish this new position.



Mr CW Naera

Finally and after 13 years the school will farewell early in the new term the Mayhew Family who will return to Oamaru where Mr Mayhew will be Director of Boarding at Waitaki Boys' High School. Mr Mayhew with great support from his wife Mrs Mayhew have led our Hostel operation since 2014 and this has been a period when our Hostel has performed outstandingly well and indeed gained recognition as the focus of our winning entry in the 2019 Prime Minister's Education Excellence Supreme Award.

Mr Mayhew and whānau will leave their position on Friday 7 May which is the end of the first week of Term 2.

In farewelling the Mayhew whānau the school is also honoured to be able to welcome back Mr S Cameron as Director of Boarding who has been employed as a Social Worker in Te Puke for the last three years. Mr Cameron is an old boy of the school and formally a House Master of our Hostel and so he has excellent knowledge of the operation and workings of Tai Mitchell House. Mr Cameron commences his position at the beginning of Term 2 and so he will have a week to work with Mr Mayhew to ensure a smooth transition in terms of the leadership of our award winning hostel programme.

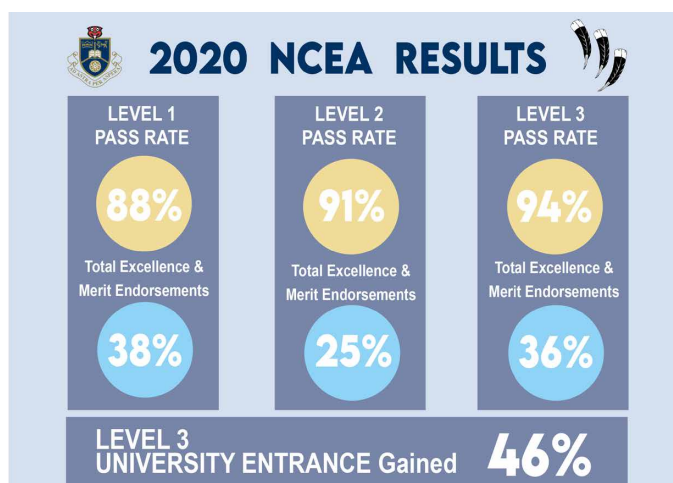


Mr S Cameron

The school welcomes these new staff members and farewells the outgoing staff members whilst acknowledging and thanking them for their contribution and service over their time here at Raukura.

Academic Review Day

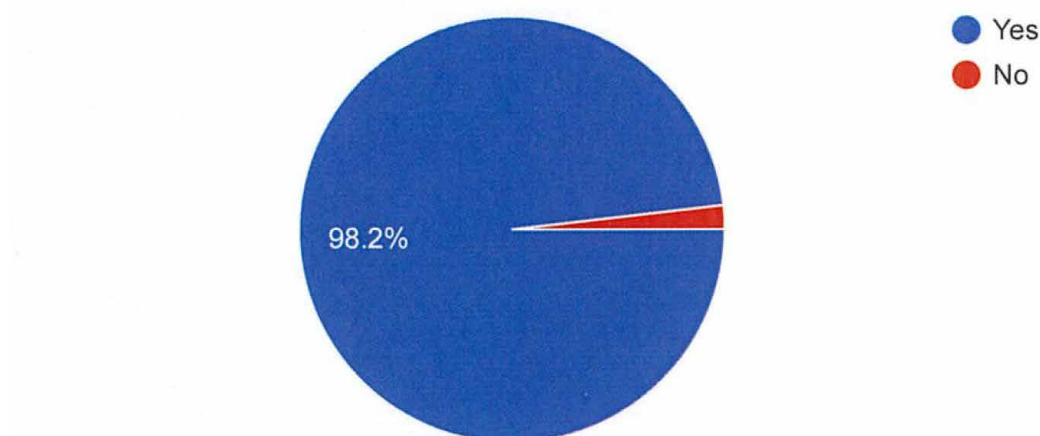
I am pleased to advise that again this year 85% of our students and their whānau attended our Academic Review Day which was held on Friday 12 March. I hope parents found these conferences useful and certainly the school considers these conferences essential to the outstanding Academic Results we received in 2020 and we hope again this year.



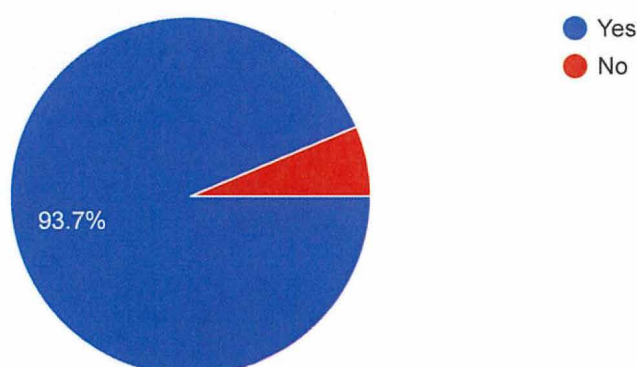
On Academic Review Days each year we like to access whānau voice and further to this I am pleased to advise that we received 350 completed surveys which provided us with the following feedback for consideration, reflection and to support future planning.

Academic Review Day - Whānau Voice

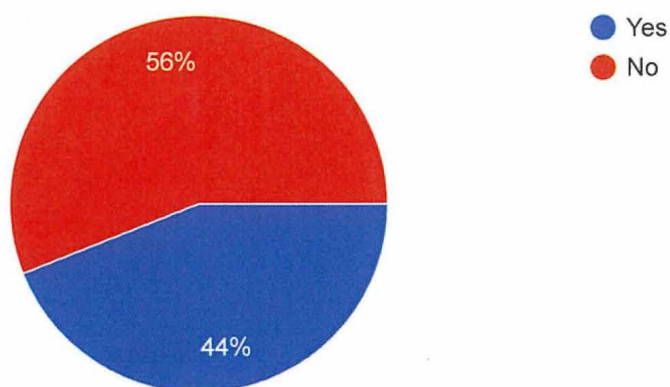
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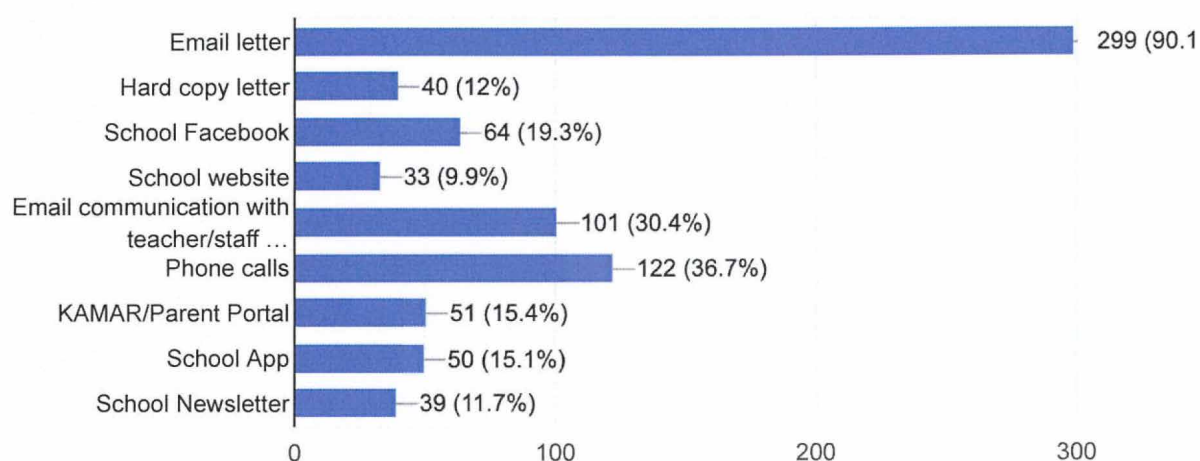
Does your son have access to a device? (One that is capable of engaging in online learning e.g. iPad, Laptop).



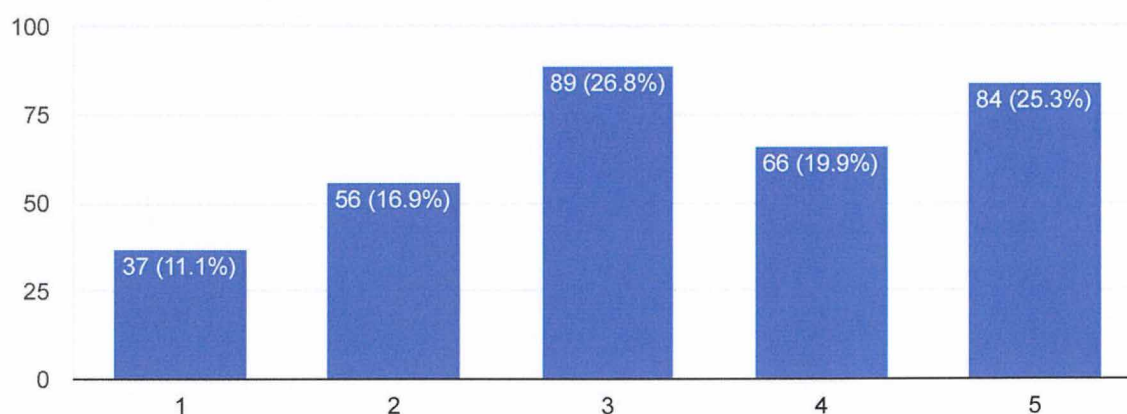
Would you prefer in the case of a Level 3 Lockdown, a hard copy pack of material in order for your son to complete work at home?



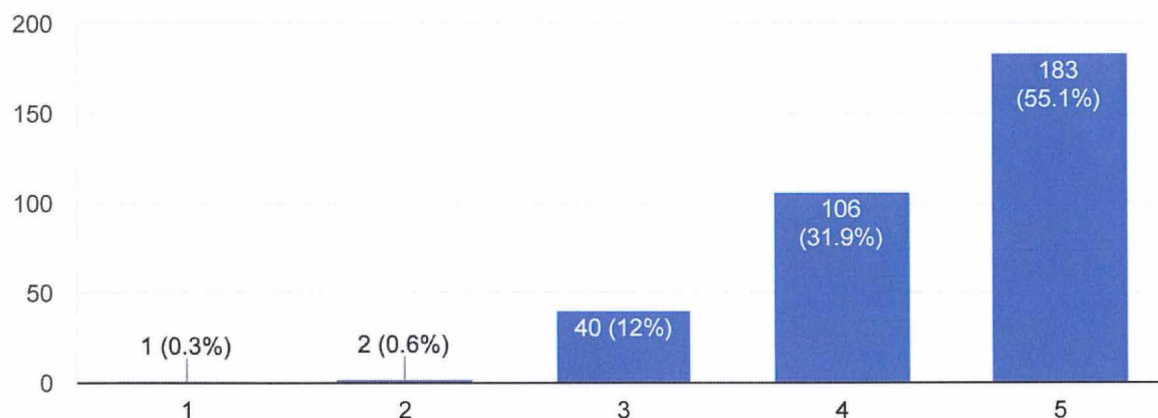
Which communication system(s) do you prefer?



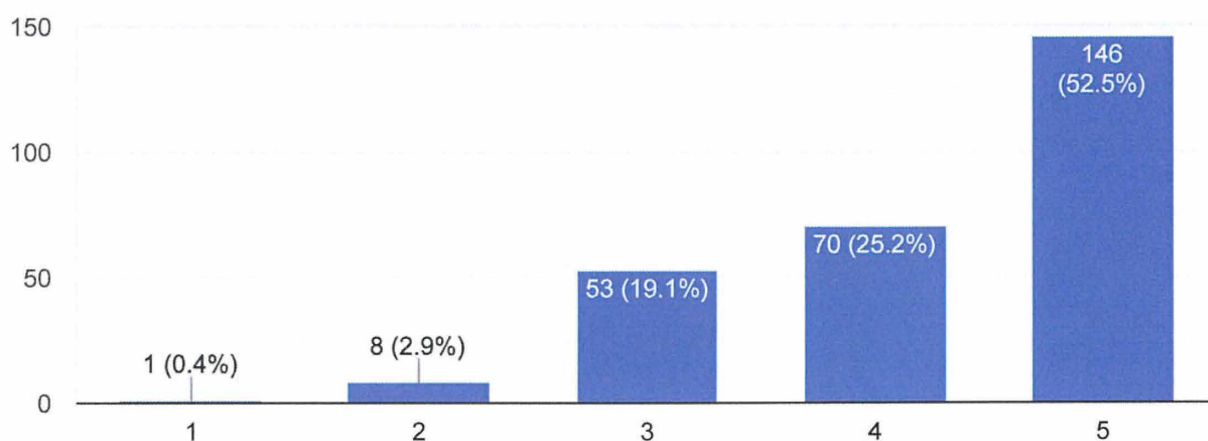
How do you feel our lunch programme is going?



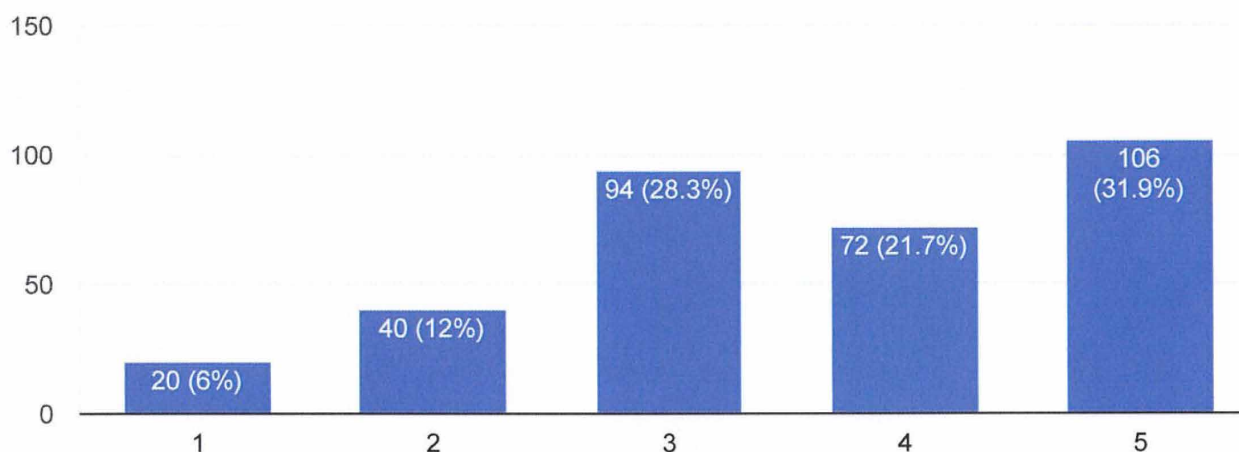
How do you feel our school conducts itself in terms of being culturally appropriate?



How is your son enjoying Te Reo Māori as a core subject in Years 9 & 10?



How well do you understand the meanings and connections of the new House Names?



End of Term Parent Teacher Conferences

Following on from Academic Review Day where discussions are based around a student's general Academic Profile we moved in the last week to Parent Teacher Conferences which are based on subject performance. Again, thank you to those parents who attended the Year 9 Parent Teacher Conferences on Monday 12 April and those parents that attended the Year 10-13 Conferences held on Tuesday 14 April. The school welcomes this contact and at any time we encourage parents and whānau to contact House Group Tutors or Deans at any time when discussions around progress are required.

Ngā Pae a Kahukura

On Wednesday 15 April the school unveiled Ngā Pae a Kahukura. This impressive facility will allow from time to time the school to gather for important events although somewhat determined by the weather. At the top of these terraces stands a set of impressive carvings created by a former student Rob Rika (1988-1991). These carvings tell a narrative that's appropriate for our boys and our community and identify us as a school and help define our place in the world. This narrative is as follows:

These terraces capture rich kōrero tuku iho that pertains to Te Arawa.

'Kahukura' is a deity associated with knowledge and 'Ngā Pae' refers to the levels in reaching the pinnacle. This meaning aligns with the analogy of our young men climbing to the highest levels of knowledge whilst here at Raukura, in preparation for their journey in the world.

Rangitahi, located to the left, from whom came Ngā Pūmanawa e Waru o Te Arawa captures the connection to those who are of Te Arawa descent while Ihenga, located to the right, is an explorer who traversed the land and named many significant places in Te Arawa and beyond, represents those who have come from areas throughout Aotearoa and beyond.

The tekoteko at the apex of the terraces is a representation of Hātūpatu. He was inquisitive, strategic, persistent and motivated. Kurangaituku, half woman and half bird is just beneath him, with her wings represented in the maihi. Hātūpatu was captured by Kurangaituku before his narrow escape.

The poutama design in the stairs depict the steps taken to get to the summit whilst the maihi with the rauru design pays homage to the past but looks to the future.

Nāku, nā Robert Rika (RBHS 1988 - 1991)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses that were involved in this major project and certainly it is great to see the years of planning and hard work come to fruition.

I particularly would like to thank the funding agencies that supported this project :

- **Mark Bishop** - Bishop Architecture
- **Charles Hubbard and Brent Vlug** - CH Builders
- **Rob Rika** - Carvings
- **Rob Leishman and Luke Astley** - Leishman Electrical
- **Jeremy and team** - Cobblestone Charm
- **Ben Mannell** - ACLX Sound
- **Aaron and team** - Speedy Signs



Pō Whakamānawa

Celebrating Success Evening

Tuesday 9 March

Congratulations to all who were part of our 2021 Celebrating Success Evening. This was a wonderful evening with about 340 people in attendance. The following groups of boys were acknowledged :

Head Prefects

Reagan Nicholson
Todd Storey

Head Prefect
Deputy Head Prefect and

2021 Prefects

Vero Alley
Will Florence
Rukutai Watene

Noah Allibone
Liam Kalan
Jericho Yorke

Manaaki Benfell
Yannick Martel
Henare Eilers

Haeora Boynton-Rata
Miles Tapsell

Year 13 Excellence Students

Kahura Cameron

Autahi Leonard

Miguel Manaig

Tom Paul

Year 13 Excellence Students

Arana Ashby

Jaden Paul

Leitutolu Rasmussen

Nikau Rickards

Year 12 Excellence Students

Ebrahim Allie
Mathieu Boynton-Rata
Samuel Davis
Theo Harvey
Te Koha Jansen
Ngakaupono Low
Wiremu Pumamao Herewini
Cajon Simiona
Taumanu Walker

Kairau Armstrong
Tamatea Butcher
Rohm Dixon
Koan Hemana
Ethan Jonas
Kawiti Mahaki
Seth Richards-Ward
Blue Simpkins-Jones
Paretoora Webster-Tarei

Sam Baldwin
Tuatai Curtis
Daniel Hamilton
Te Ariki Iraia
Christopher Keown
Levi Overbye
Charlie Roigard
Levi Sutton
Joseph Williams

Karearea Bowden-McClutchie
Igor Da Silva
Turehu Hare-Herbert
Trent Irving
Stiven Lopez Valencia
Tiakitai Paul-Tomoana
Meleki Schuster
Ruaeo Te Moni

Year 9 Jubilee Scholars

Finn Brierley
Trey Sayers
Manaia Christiansen

Hamish Carr
Isaiah Strickland
Toby Hurihanganui

Tyson Hansen
Hunter Weaver
Toby James

Dean Richardson
Harrison Beazley
Jamie Petersen

Year 9 Tai Mitchell Boarding Scholars

Wahangateranginui Downes
Zevakhya Kokiri-Ford

Ngakau Gartner
Toria Koopu

Finley Gibson
Trio Monk

Oscar Gibson



Cultural Activities

Over the course of the term there have been some exciting developments in terms of our Cultural Activities Programme:

1. Auditions and our rehearsals are underway for "Once on an Island" which will be the RGHS Musical Production for 2021. Our boys involved in that production are as follows:

Matiu Boynton-Rata
Maranagai Wainohu-Savage
Paretoroa Webster-Tarei
Henare Eilers
Charlie Roigard
Haeora Boynton-Rata
Rohm Dixon
Cullen Katu-Robinson
Tuatai Lea Curtis
Harawira Wainohu-Savage
Hunter Geary
Blue Simpkins-Jones
Arana Ashby
Igor Silva-Delatour
Koan Hemana
Reagan Nicholson
Taioperua Te Aonui

2. Congratulations to Tama Pasifika that performed at the Village Green last Saturday as part of the Rotorua Pasifika Festival. It is great to see our Pasifika boys celebrating proudly the various cultures of the Pacific.

Sport

Term 1 has seen the school make a good start to the sporting programme for the year as follows :

1. Golf – Bay of Plenty Champions
2. Junior Futsal – Bay of Plenty Champions and 11th in New Zealand
3. U15 3x3 Basketball – 6th in New Zealand
4. U19 3x3 Basketball – 6th in New Zealand
5. U15 Rugby Sevens – 3rd in Te ika a Maui North Island U15 Tournament
6. U16 Waka Ama 250m – 6th in New Zealand
7. Mixed Touch Team – Bay of Plenty Champions
8. Manaia Christiansen, Year 9 – Bay of Plenty Junior Discus Champion

Congratulations to the above teams and to all who participated in sport over the course of Term 1.

Term 2 now leads into the Winter Sports programme and I look forward to reporting on successes across our winter codes in due course.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 16 April	Term 1 Concludes
Monday 3 May	Term 2 Commences
Wednesday 5 May	ANZAC Assembly – 11.30am
Wednesday 26 May	Board Meeting – 6.00pm
Friday 4 June	Teacher Only Day (BOP) – New Date
	Hall of Fame Induction – 5.30pm
Monday 7 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 8 June	Teacher Only Day - Matariki Day

Thank you again to all members of our school community for a successful start to the 2021 school year. Congratulations on your achievements and your willingness as a school to enjoy the many parts that make up our school programme. I wish you all a safe Term 1 holiday and a successful Term 2.

Ngā mihi nui

A.C. Grinter
Principal

Address from the Deputy Head Prefect



TODD STOREY

Kia ora, my name is Todd Storey, Deputy Head Boy of Rotorua Boys' High School. I am not much of a public speaker, I have been able to increase my knowledge and confidence in public speaking but still have never been able to get over the underlying fear of speaking in front of people.

Luckily today I have been given the opportunity to speak to you all and help you understand myself better and how I came to be Deputy Head Boy. I was born in Rotorua and raised out in the quiet paradise of Lake Tarawera, most of my life was travelling back and forth from Tarawera to Rotorua where in Tarawera, you usually won't have people to help you or hang with, so self motivation and self drive was a huge part of me growing up.

I was also an only child so growing up I had to just try and find anything that would keep me from getting bored and make the most of it, this lead me towards a love for rugby, I still am rugby mad and growing up I would always look up to great leaders and role models like Dan Carter and Richie McCaw to inspire me throughout my years. I had never thought about taking school and rugby to the next level until my last year of intermediate where I

would come to this school through the open days or watching the first XV battle it out against our rival schools.

Those events helped me choose this school as my next step to make a spot in the first XV or see where this school would take me. But there was always two paths but the path I stuck with is one I will always believe in, no matter the cost or the friends I've lost, I came to this school with not much, tried making some friends, some future brothers that would help me and be there for me throughout my years and this is why I love this school, the brotherhood, the support, everything about this school makes it feel like home.

I took up challenges that I would have never thought about doing, however stepping out of my comfort zone has helped me to become a leader that people can look up to and to stand up and speak to you today. Taking such great opportunities and having such a strong group of friends at this school has helped to push me even when people doubted me, to continue everyday with a smile on my face, to be the deputy head boy and house captain of Te Rotorua-nui-a-Kahumatamomoe.

From the Desk of the Deputy Principal

Teaching and Learning

Tumuaki Tuarua - Whakaako and Ako

**Kia ora
Raukura whānau,**



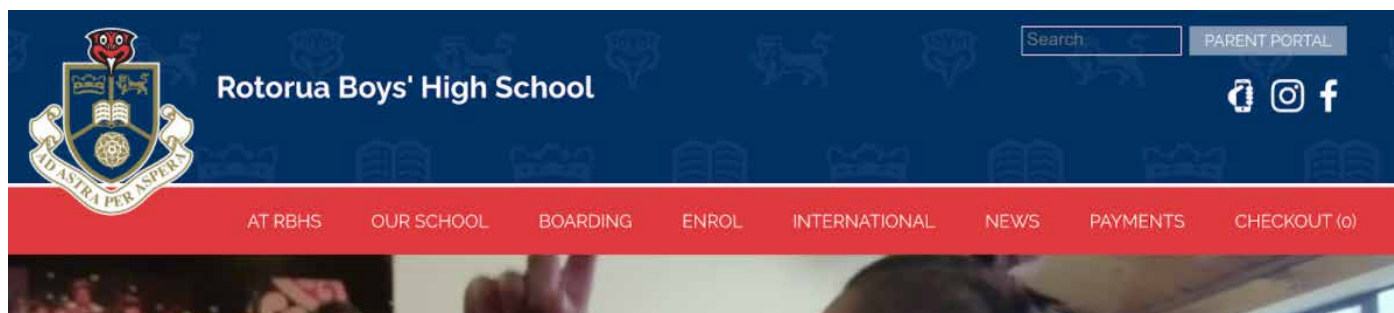
Mr P Conrad

Academic Progress

As the end of term has snuck up upon us, it is an opportune time to reflect and take stock of the Academic progress of our young men. Recently we held the Pō Whakamānawa- Celebrating the success of our 2020 academic year. The highlight was the significant number of excellent endorsements in our Senior School. To ensure this continues to be a highlight, student's need to ensure they are submitting all work to the highest level possible. Recent changes to NCEA now dictate that no resubmissions are allowed for changes to students grade at a Merit or Excellence level. Therefore the onus on students to submit quality work in all subjects is imperative. For the remainder of the year attached to the fortnightly reports there will be an NCEA progress update attached for each of our Senior students. Terms 2 and 3 are also incredibly important for all senior students thinking of Tertiary studies, as applications for Universities, Halls of Residences and scholarships for 2021 open during this time. I encourage all students to make the most of every classroom opportunity to ensure they are fulfilling their academic potential. Please also don't hesitate in contacting the Head of Careers cmakan@rbhs.school.nz or the year level Deans for more information.

KAMAR Web Portal

The Kamar Web Portal can also be accessed via a link on the top of the homepage on our website www.rbhs.school.nz. The Web Portal is where you can access information related to your son's details, timetable, attendance and academic progress. If you do not have your username and password, please contact the school office. At the end of each term the Fortnightly reports will be added here also.



UE Literacy

One of the key requirements for entry into all Tertiary Courses, some Armed forces and a benefit in all the trade/industries is University Entrance Literacy. 100% UE Literacy across our leavers is an important goal for the school, and should be a goal for all senior students and the attainment

celebrated. UE Literacy is gained through earning 10 credits across the key components of Literacy- Reading and Writing.

- 5 in reading
- 5 in writing

These credits do not have to come from English as a subject in Years 12 and 13 , however this is a great way to ensure you meet the criteria. Many other subjects also provide this opportunity and some of them are included below. Please feel free to discuss these with your son's English teacher at any given opportunity, or email the Leader of Learning English Ms Keri Hay khay@rbhs.school.nz for greater clarification or information. Subjects other than English offering standards which include UE Literacy are

Accounting Level 3
Chemistry Level 3
Digital Technologies Level 3
History Level 2 and 3
Physical Education Level 3
Te Reo Māori Level 2 and 3

Biology Level 3
Dance Level 3
Geography Level 2 and 3
Mathematics with Statistics Level 2 and 3
Physics Level 3
Te Reo Rangatira Level 3

Ipad support- MDM renewal

As a school we continue to promote the use and purchase of I pads for learning. All personal I pads are connected to our school's MDM. This is \$25 a year and enables a range of features both at school and at home. Students need to pay this annually and are encouraged to do so immediately to ensure no disruption to learning. We still have a limited amount of I pads for students to purchase through rental and I would encourage any whānau to contact the lnelson@rbhs.school.nz at the student counter to arrange this process. For any specific IT requests pertaining to student devices, please contact in the first instance support@rbhs.school.nz which is our IT technician James and our IT providers Melinjo.

Mr P Conrad (BA, DipTchg, PGCertAP)
Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning
Tumuaki Tuarua - Whakaako and Ako
pconrad@rbhs.school.nz

From the Desk of the Deputy Principal

Student Support

Tumuaki Tuarua - Taunaki Ākonga



Mr H Lockwood

Kia ora Students and Whānau of Raukura 2021,

Absenteeism

Student's, parents, and staff are continually working together to improve the attendance rate for our school and school target of 90% plus. An emphasis on being at school regularly and punctually will ultimately drive toward enhancing the academic profile for each student. Should your son not be attending school for any length of time, there are a number of options below which can be utilised to inform the school of his absence;

1. Contact Absentee Hotline – (07) 349 5137
2. Email: attendance@rbhs.school.nz
3. Phone or email the Dean
4. Written explanation for House Group Teacher on his return to school

Early Notification

To improve the timeframe in which Rotorua Boys' High School notifies you of your son's absence, we are now operating an Early Notification system whereby Parents / Caregivers will receive a message via text or email informing that your son is absent from school without explanation. The message will be sent on the morning of absence and his records automatically adjusted on return message from Parents / caregivers. **To enable the programme to function effectively, please notify the school office to confirm the mobile and/or email address you would like this message delivered to.**

Term 1 Leadership Awards:

Year 9

Ryder Brackfield (Academic and Citizenship) 9A Duke of Edinburgh programme, has been cast for the RGHS/ RBHS production, u14 rugby, 100% pass rate at Excellence, 100% attendance.

Harrison Beazley (Sporting) 9TT Raukura golf team winning the BOP Golf Secondary Schools Tournament, u14 rugby, Jubilee Scholar, 100% Pass rate, 100% attendance.

Hunter Weaver (Academic and Sporting) 9A Recognised for leadership in 9 A. member of the Senior Water Polo team as a Year 9, 3rd XI Hockey, Jubilee scholar. 100% Pass rate at Excellence, 100% attendance.

Manaia Christiansen (Sporting and Cultural) 9E competed at BOP athletics won 1st place in jnr Discus and 3rd in the junior shot put at and represented Waikato champs, RBHS Pasifika group, 100% pass rate at Merit or better, Jubilee Scholar, 100% Pass rate. 100% attendance.

Cooper Simes (Sporting) 9X member U16A Football, BOP athletics placed 2nd in Discus, 100% Pass rate at Merit or better, great role model in and out of the class, leader in House, 92% attendance.

Year 10

Nikau Irihei (Sporting) 10TT U15 7s Rugby north Island secondary, Member of the Raukura Touch team, BOP mixed Touch regionals, Outstanding role model for the school with exceptional attitude to his studies and to all class activities. 90% attendance.

Juandre Mare (Service to school) 10E Demonstrates a positive contribution to all classes upholding Raukura values, HG captain 10RB, Junior Basketball, Super 8 Cultural festival, RGHS production 100% Pass Rate, 99% attendance.

Francis Lockwood (Sporting and Academic) 10E Outstanding role model for the school with exceptional attitude to his studies and to all class activities, Raukura golf team winning the BOP Secondary Schools Tournament, 100% pass rate 95% attendance.

Prentice Stevens (Cultural and Academic) 10A Junior Assembly Performance, outstanding Commitment and dedication to Music, rockquest entry, member of the Junior Basketball program, 100% attendance.

Dallas Hinga (Sporting) 10D Quiet young man with strong integrity. He is a polite, patient, caring, young man in all classes, competed in the waka secondary school, junior rugby program, 100% pass rate, 100% attendance.

Year 11

Herewini Insley (Sporting) NZ Māori Under 16 Football Team, Raukura Senior futsal team, 1st XI football team, working consistently in all classes with 25 NCEA Level 1 credits, 10 at Excellence.

John Dublin (Service to school) Dedication commitment to Music, lunchtime performances, great role model in all classes and is working diligently towards his NCEA Level 1 certificate at merit or better. 97% attendance.

Richard Cunliffe (Academic and Sporting) 33 credits NCEA Level 1, 10 with Excellence and 15 with Merit. House group captain 11NA, competed at NZ Futsal Nationals, Football 1st XI. Trailing U16 football Bay of Plenty team. 92% attendance.

Jai Tamati (Sporting and Academic) NZ U16 Touch selection 2021, Raukura Touch, Raukura 1st XV, Outstanding leadership both in Tai Mitchell Hostel, 17 NCEA Level 1 credits with 8 at Excellence, 95% attendance.

Austin Lash (Sporting and Academic) participated at the BOP Athletics, U19 Football, HG captain 11RB, has 49 NCEA Level 1 credits - 24 at Excellence.

Year 12

Taumanu Walker (Academic and Sporting) Outstanding leadership on Year 9 Camp, BOP Touch, 2nd XV, Kī-o-rahi Nationals, has endorsed NCEA Level 2 with Merit, 100% attendance.

Ruaeo Te Moni (Academic) He is a serious student, who manages his time well. He influences the class' behaviour and always encourages them to be better. He is respectful and an excellent role model. Ruaeo is aiming for Excellence, has 40 credits at NCEA Level 2 with 22 at Excellence.

Theo Harvey (Academic and Sporting) BOP Swimming Champs, Senior Waterpolo, great role model in and out of the classroom, 8 Excellence Credits at NCEA Level 3.

Koan Hemana (Sporting and Cultural) BOP Swimming Champs, Senior Waterpolo, Ki o Rahi Nationals, 3rd XV, Super 8 Volleyball Co-Captain, Super 8 Cultural - Te Aitanga ā-Tāne/Debate/Speech, Ensemble for Production. 100% pass rate at NCEA Level 2 with Excellence.

Mathieu Boynton-Rata (Cultural) Great role model in RBHS top 16 Choir and Tama Pasifika Dance group who lead the haka, RGHS production, Super 8 Volleyball, Super 8 Cultural festival, 100% attendance.

Year 13

Tiaki Ngarimu (Sporting and Service to school) Member of the 1st Xv squad, Kī-o-rahi regionals, outstanding leader on Year 9 camp. He showed good leadership and general care for the students and taught Haka to year 9. Great leadership on year 13 Te Wero, encouraging boys to keep going, 100% pass rate at NCEA Level 3, 100% attendance.

Montell Graham (Sporting) 2nd in BOPSS Futsal with team Futsal senior team playing at Nationals in summer tournament week, 1st XI football member . (90% attendance)

Miguel Manaig (Academic) one of the 5 judges for the BP Challenge held at RBHS - first time there has been a student on the panel and is CEO of his company. Average 4.8 on his fortnightly report, 100% pass rate with 26 out of 26 at Merit or better NCEA Level 3, 100% attendance rate.

KC Nwafor (Sporting) 2021 Hoopnations U17s Junior showcase winning team, 3x3 national basketball tournament representative, winner of the Slam dunk competition, Raukura Senior A basketball 100% pass rate at NCEA Level 3, 100% attendance rate.

Marangai Wainohu-Savage (Cultural and Citizenship) Opera in the Pā performance. Hamilton Community event performance. also massive leadership in all things vocal! ! But in particular Top 16 Choir, solo and trio performer for community events such as Opera In The Pā and an ANZAC performance which he'll be doing over the holidays. 14 Excellence credits at NCEA Level 3, 96% attendance.

Uniform

With the weather cooling down a friendly reminder to our students and whanau about our uniform expectations:

Uniform is regarded as an important symbol of pride and affiliation with the school. The wearing of the school uniform is compulsory. Parents are asked to assist the school by ensuring their son maintains the highest standard in dress, cleanliness and personal appearance.

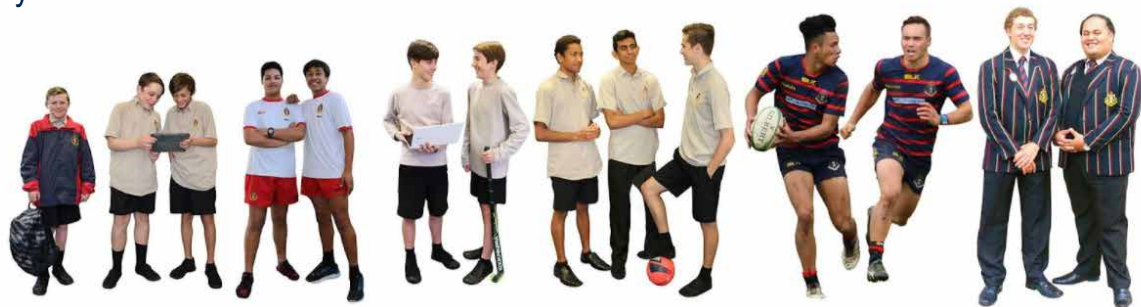
- It gives students the opportunity to set standards. For example wearing number ones.
- It gives students a sense of belonging, a source of pride.
- Most importantly it takes away the social and peer pressures that wearing non uniform can bring.

Student appearance is important and all students are encouraged to:

- Wear correct School uniform at all times when representing the school including when traveling to and from the school daily.
- Take pride in their appearance (e.g clean shaven, long hair tied up)
- Avoid extremes of fashion

Head of House's also complete morning van runs to check for students wearing correct School uniform traveling to and from school.

All items of school uniform can be purchased at the School Uniform Shop open Monday/ Tuesday 8.30am to 12.00pm and Wednesday 10.30am to 2pm. If your son needs to borrow a school uniform item for a small period of time then please have him see Mr Mita, Mr Hunt, Mr Lockwood, or Mr Taylor.



Student Vehicles 2021

- The use of a motor vehicle by a student to go to and from school is a shared decision with the parents or caregivers of the students concerned and that procedures reflect the law of the land.
- Students wishing to drive to school must park in the student car park on school grounds. The only access for vehicles in and out of school is through the back gate.
- Students may not leave in vehicles during period times, which will impact on student learning. (unless justified by parents or caregivers).
- Students are responsible for their own vehicles and bring at their own risk. They are expected to have a Legal licence to travel to and from school.

All vehicles must be registered with Mr Lockwood Deputy Principal.

Please complete the following form to register your car 2021:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLy0vrG_WRYGoU8zn1EXCWjXYeCbbB2bOa1DymUATJKBfLHg/viewform

Please do not hesitate to contact me, either via email hlockwood@rbhs.school.nz or phone 07 3486169 ext 212 if you have any queries or concerns.

Ngā mihi,

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From the Desk of the Deputy Principal

Cultural Capacity

Tumuaki Tuarua - Āheinga Ahurea



Whaea Rie Morris

In keeping with the whakataukī, Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei, and having had our first Academic Review Day for the year on Friday 12 March, with conversations between student, whānau and House Group Tutor centering around goal setting and striving to realise them, it is fair to say that the day was a huge success with an 85% overall rate of attendance by whānau.

Furthermore, 345 whānau via our Whānau Voice survey where questions regarding kaupapa such as Online Readiness, Communication, School Lunches, Cultural Capacity and Health & Wellbeing were posed, supplied us with information that will help us to evaluate those areas moving forward.

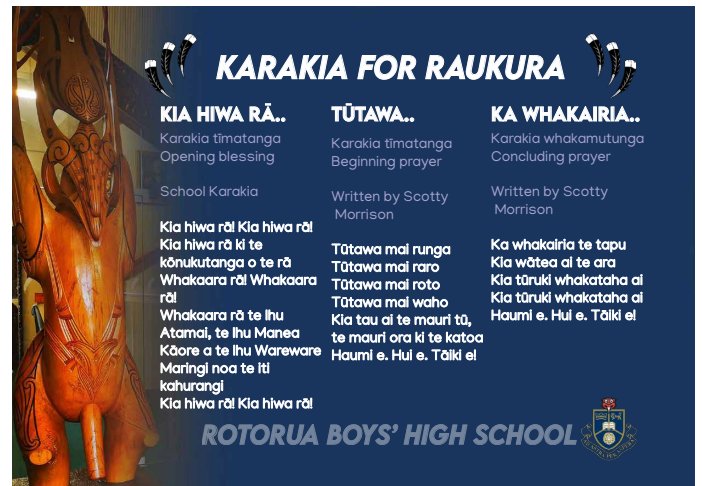
Academic Review Day - Whānau Voice

Gathering Whānau voice is imperative in helping us reflect on what we are doing, adapt and improve to ensure that the Rotorua Boys' High School Community (Whānau, Students, Staff) are all working together to achieve the best outcomes for our young men. The questions asked in this form will take a small amount of time to complete, but will enable us to continually improve. Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa.



Thank you for your feedback and attendance that day. We look forward to seeing you at **Parent Conference Evenings** and **our second Academic Review** day in Term 3.

In terms of building cultural capacity amongst whānau, we are proud to show you the **Karakia card** which has been created as a resource for those who are part of and attend our school for various events, be it adults or students. These have proven to be valuable resources, and we encourage you to collect one when you next visit us.



In addition, **Raukura Reo on a Rāapa** is a kaupapa that has been running now for some weeks and is a way in which staff firstly, and then students are introduced to various sentences to help develop their reo. The first theme is **'Mihi'** or greetings.

The phrases are taught on a Wednesday morning at our staff hui, then placed in our school daily notices until the next week so that everyone has the opportunity to use them. Here are some examples:

**Raukura Reo
 on a Rāapa**

Building Cultural Capacity by
 way of
 Raukura Reo on a Wednesday

Mihi

2

Aonga ake (Good morning)

Aonga ake koutou
(Good morning everyone)

Aonga ake e hoa
(Good morning friend)

Aonga ake ki a koe
(Good morning to you)

**Raukura Reo
 on a Rāapa**

Building Cultural Capacity by
 way of
 Raukura Reo on a Wednesday

Mihi

3

Tēnā koe/kōrua/koutou/tātou

Tēnā koe
(Greetings to you)

Tēnā kōrua
(Greetings to you both)

Tēnā koutou
(Greetings to you all)

Tēnā tātou
(Greetings to all of us)

Through the KAMAR Parent Portal you can view these sentences in the Notices tab. Feel free to give it a go. Karawhiua!

Heoi anō ēnei kōrero āku.

E mihi ana ki a koutou katoa!

Nāku, nā Whaea Rie Morris.

Whaea Rie Morris (BA/BCom, BMPA, MEd(Hons), DipTchg)
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From the Desk of the Deputy Principal

Administration

Tumuaki Tuarua - Whakahaerenga



Mr J Taylor

Kia ora koutou,

Congratulations to all of our amazing young men in Year 9 who took on the challenge of the “Tāne Raukura” Whirinaki Camp in weeks 7 & 8. This camp experience has been part of our school history for a very long time and one that still resonates with me as an adult today.

I myself have been part of this camp in different capacities over time. First as a Y9 student, then as a prefect leader, as a training teacher on placement and finally now as a Deputy

Principal. I must say that more than ever in an era where devices reign supreme, and where bell times and assessments are a constant, bringing it back to basics at school camp is critical to “keeping it real” in the educational journey of our young men at Raukura.

A two week fine weather window combined with a world class natural environment allowed our students to thrive.

Not only did our students get to experience amazing activities such as river boarding and river safety, fire lighting and bush craft, firearm safety, night solos and Burma trails, they got to stretch themselves physically, emotionally and socially. Having to work and live together in teams and understand their own needs as well as others.

The students, with no access to devices, were forced to communicate kanohi ki te kanohi, face to face and develop real relationships with their peers, student leaders and staff that will last throughout their time at Raukura.

Our senior leaders provided support and guidance for our Year 9's in the performance of the Raukura Haka. Late in the evening, and surrounded by ancient and towering Matai and Rimu trees, the practices were intense.

A special thank you goes out to the student whānau who supported such a great initiative as well as the amazing Raukura staff, dedicating their time and expertise to enhancing the student experience.

With the recent success of the Tāne Raukura Camp it is worth mentioning the new suite of Outdoor Education curricular options at Year 9, 10 and NCEA L2 for 2021, where these types of experiences will be developed further in the hope of creating strong responsive connections to place and people.

These courses are in their infancy, however are designed to look at the value and stories of our very own backyard environment, what skills are needed to engage in that place, and develop an ethic of care and kaitiakitanga for future generations. Watch this space for updates on their progress.

I hear and I forget
I see and I remember
I do and I understand

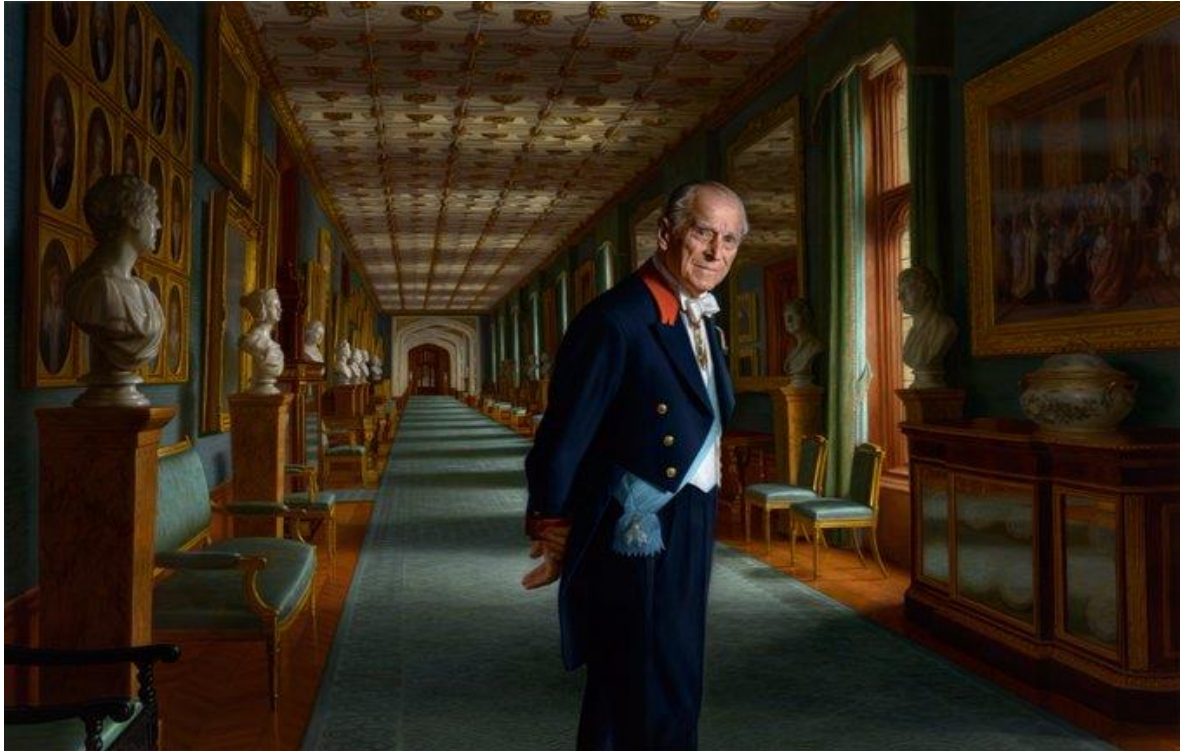
Ka rongo, ka wareware
Ka kite, ka maumahara
Ka mahia, ka matatau

Ngā mihi

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From the School Archivist and Historian



*H.R.H The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., K.T., O.N.Z.
1921 – 2021*

Portrayed in the Grand Corridor at Windsor Castle in 2017.

THE SCHOOL'S CONNECTIONS WITH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Consort of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of New Zealand, on Friday, 9 April, 2021, aged 99, at Windsor Castle, reminds me of the two special connections that our school has with the late Duke.

Our first connection with him was in early 1954. This was when The Queen and Prince Philip visited the School as part of Her Majesty's post-Coronation Tour of the (then British) Commonwealth.

On Saturday, 2 January, 1954, The Queen and Prince Philip attended their first official engagement in Rotorua. This was a Civic Reception held for them at the Motutara Golf Course in the Government Gardens where they were formally welcomed to Rotorua by the Mayor of Rotorua, Mr. M. Linton. After the Civic Reception, a Civic Luncheon was held for them. Following that, the Royal Party then made their way to the Rotorua High School where over 7,000 school pupils from primary through to secondary age and teachers from throughout the Bay of Plenty were waiting for them.

In late-1953, the School had been selected by the Government to be the official venue for all school pupils in the Bay of Plenty to welcome and meet the new Queen during her first State Visit to New Zealand and the first visit of the reigning Sovereign to our country. The Royal Visit was a major logistical undertaking for the School, and vast quantities of food and soft drinks were brought in for the occasion.

The Royal Party entered the School via the Pukuatua Street gate and then drove down to the south-end of A Block. In the area where Te Whare O Raukura now stands, The Queen and Prince Philip were met once again by Mayor Linton, who was this time greeting them in his capacity as the Chairman of the Rotorua High School Board of Governors. He introduced them to the members of the Board of Governors, the Principal, Mr. W.G. Harwood, and to the staff. The Royal Party were then driven around a carefully marked out circuit that had been laid down on the upper and lower playing fields fronting Old Taupo Road and Pererika Street.

The Royal Party's circuit took them through the thousands of pupils who had been bused in for the occasion from Murupara, Taupo, Tokoroa, Te Puke, Tauranga, Whakatane and Opotiki. Our Cadet Battalion boys guarded the circuit and made sure that everyone stayed within their carefully allocated places. After completing the circuit, the Royal Party then departed the School via the South Drive.

Sadly, there are no known photographs of this historic occasion at the Rotorua High School and no photographs of it held in our Photographic Collection. However, up until mid-2020, one document was held in the School Archives that related to this occasion. This was the layout plan of the School that had been prepared for the Royal Visit showing where the pupils and teachers were to assemble on the fields and the circuit that the Royal Party would take. This document, together with all of the School's official archives from 1905-2010, is now held at Archives New Zealand.

The second connection that the School has with Prince Philip is through his Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme.

Rotorua Boys' High School was officially licensed, according to our certificate of license, as an "Operating Authority of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme" on 28 March, 1978, and is "authorised to make Awards on behalf of His Royal Highness The Duke of Endinburgh." Our license to do so was issued by

His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Sir Keith Holyoake, K.G., G.C.M.G., C.H., Governor-General of New Zealand and President of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme in New Zealand.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme continues to be offered by the School and many hundreds of our boys have benefited from the Award's principles and aims since 1978.

We remember H.R.H. The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We acknowledge his 73 years' of devoted marriage to Her Majesty The Queen and his 69 years' of distinguished service as Her Majesty's Consort, to her Realm of New Zealand and to the Commonwealth.

Kevin J. Lyall,
SCHOOL ARCHIVIST & HISTORIAN.
April, 2021.

From the Deans

YEAR 9 DEANS REPORT



Mrs A Hay

Kia ora koutou,



Mr J Te Huia

Year 9 Camp 2021

Once again our Year 9 boys headed south to the “Tāne Raukura” camp in Whirinaki, Te Pua-a-Tāne. They got to experience activities such as Shooting, River crossings, team building and most importantly how to perform the school haka. Seeing the growth of these young men throughout the camp as they built upon current friendships and taking opportunities to build new relationships within the year 9 cohort was also a pleasure to see.



100% Attendance Draw

Attendance is a huge focus at Rotorua Boys' High School as we know that excellence attendance leads to and supports excellent achievement at school. As a way of celebrating those boys who are present every day we run a competition for a \$5 canteen voucher each week. Every student who has been present for every day and every period of that week, goes into the draw.

The year 9 boys who have won our draw so far this year are:

**Korban Cotterill
Trudence Horo-Raharuhi
Jordan Te Rupe-Mahia
Harlum Hakeke
Tyler Alexander
Chayce Cooper**



House Captains

Each house group has selected a house Captain/s to lead their House Group and support their House Group Tutor as required. This is a great way for boys to practise and hone their leadership skills.

Congratulations to the following boys who have been chosen by their teachers and peers.

9AA	Braiden Suarez
9AB	Tukotahi Richard - Te Whau
9AC	Max Lang & Kaia Stephen's (first half of the year)
9NA	Toby James & Max -Terms 1 & 2 Yaqeen Allie & Zinny Taumata-NiaNia- Terms 3 & 4
9NB	Rico Walke Onekawa (Deputy - Tāwhiri Toka)
9NC	Ruhaan Duhan
9RA	Sam Wall
9RB	Jeddh Heath - Term 1
9RC	Desmond Malifeo (Deputy: Sam Wynyard)
9UA	Rupene Panoho-Hitaua (Deputy: Griffen Hine)
9UB	Dean Richardson
9UC	Harlan Rangiawha
9MH1	Manaia Nikora & Hunter Brown
9MH2	Arthur-Pep Chisholm, Te Manaakitanga Pryor
9THG1	Jahkoby Rowberry (Deputy: Dakota Te Riini)
9THG2	Taitua Wyatt-Brown (Deputy DJ Katipa)



Some of our Year 9 Leaders attending the Celebration of Success Evening.

**Mr J Te Huia (BPhEd, PGDipTchg,
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FTCL(Violin))**
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YEAR 10 DEAN REPORT



Mr C Makan

Kia ora whānau,

Greetings to all the families of our students at Rotorua Boys High School. Term 1 has been a very busy term for our Year 10 gentlemen as they settle in for their last year of being in the Junior School. As this is their last year of being a junior, it is important that students are beginning to prepare themselves for NCEA next year.

100% Attendance Draw:

We have found that there is a direct correlation between attendance and academic excellence. To encourage this excellence, every week we have a draw for students who have attained 100% attendance. To reward those students who meet this attendance goal, we give away a \$5 canteen voucher every week! Every student who has been present for every day and every period of that week, goes into the draw to win.

These are our winners so far this Term:

Shivney Singh
Riley Parkinson
Hugo Gaddum
Troy Edwardson
Nathan Sutton
Ihaka Wilson

Well done to these young men and to all of those that have also gone into the draw. I would like to challenge all students to aim for 100% attendance! Our goal this year is to have an attendance rate above 90%. If your son is unwell or unable to attend school, please ring the school office to advise us of his absence on 073486169.

Leadership Opportunities:

2021 House Group Captains:

House Group	Captain's Names
10AA	Ben Tereroa Louis George
10AB	Shane Gifkins Elijah Fonotia AJ Smalley-Huch Te Tumu Pehi-McLean
10RA	Dante Hansen
10RB	Juandre Mare
10UA	Tawhiao Hohaia Rank Kiel
10UB	Wiremu Brailey

10NA
10NB

10T

10MH

Joshua Brierley
Liam Roberts
Hayden Chapman
Layton Broughton
Wesley 'Apikotoa
Tawhiri Peita
Hugo Gaddum
Eraia Keil
Te Rauhiriwa Kilkelly
Lytle Brophy
Marrick Purcell

Term 1 has presented some awesome leadership opportunities with a real feature of our leadership program being the RYPEN Leadership camp run by The Rotorua Rotary Club. I would like to thank the Rotorua Rotary Club for their on-going support with this program and also congratulate the following students.



Aitu, Connor



Anderson, Waka



Brophy, Lytle



Broughton, Layton



Edwardson, Troy



George, Louis

I encourage all students to take any leadership opportunities that are presented to them!

Mr C Makan (BBS)
Dean of Year 10
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YEAR 11 DEAN REPORT



Mrs K Hemana

Kia ora Raukura whānau,

HIGHLIGHTS

I would like to send a 'shout out' to the following students for their efforts so far this year. Their House Group Tutors want to acknowledge their leadership:



Milan Tawera



Nikau Wihapi Priest



James Bennett



Connor Lyshght



Damien Bright



Muriwai Iti White



Hunter Geary

Attendance

Attendance letters are being sent home for students who are not on track to attend school for at least 90% of the time. Please make the time to meet with me to go over options for your son, as there are many avenues that we can explore, if school is not the place for him.

Assessment submissions

At this stage there are a considerable amount of students who are not submitting their assessments on time and are therefore making life a little more challenging than it needs to be. Our homework centre (Te Honoa Toi) is open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3-4pm for students to work on assessments not completed. This operates from the library where milo and biscuits are provided. We encourage the boys to grab a spare lunch pack from the MC and bring it along also. Please encourage your son to attend on a regular basis if he is behind. Students should be aiming to gain 20 credits a term at the very least. If your son is far from this target, then I would recommend using the homework centre – Te Honoa Toi, to keep up with their studies. Class teachers are also making time in their lunch breaks to support students so please encourage your son to take up these wonderful opportunities.

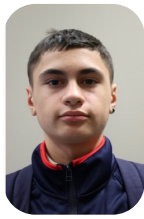
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Thursday

Mrs Hemana - English
Ms Bekar & Mrs Shaw - Math
Mrs Hay - Math, Music &
Mr Te Huia - PE/Health
Mr Makan - Business, Careers

Top Leadership Awards

The following students were acknowledged at our Leadership Assembly for their outstanding work so far this year.



Herewini Insley (Sporting) - NZ Māori Under 16 Football Team, academic excellence



Richard Cunliffe - Top Academic, House Group Captain and Futsal senior A (Indoor football) as well as Football First XI. Trailing for the Bay of Plenty.



Jai Tamati - Raukura Touch, 1st XV, academic excellence



Troy Hamm - 2nd XV, citizenship, sport, academic excellence

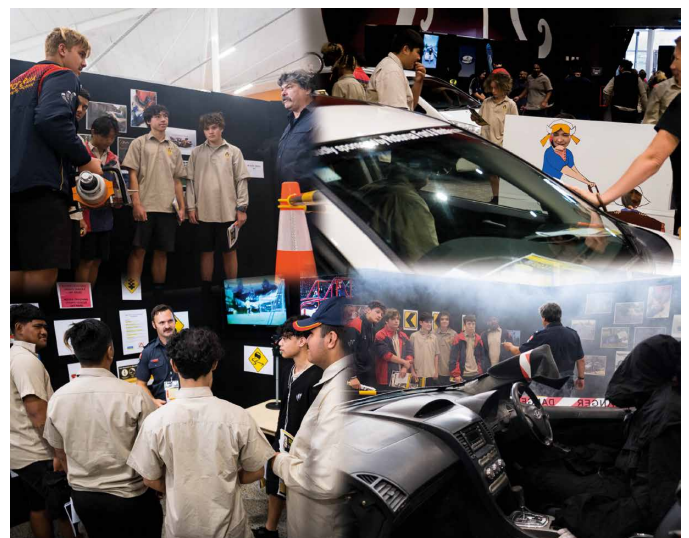


Austin Lash - House Group Captain, citizenship, academic excellence, BOP Athletics, Football

Road Safety Expo

Our cohort enjoyed a few hours at the Road Safety Expo this term. Students were exposed to many practical activities to highlight the importance of safe driving practices. Students were encouraged to participate in these activities as well as entering competitions to win prizes. A massive congratulations to our HG Captains who led the way in ensuring that the roll was taken before we left - they were so efficient that we arrived 30 minutes early.

Rikirangi Gage entered the quiz and won a \$200 voucher to Noel Leeming!





Pūkāki Award for Year 10 student

I wish to congratulate Eraia Kiel on receiving the Pūkāki Scholar on behalf of the school as well as his iwi Ngāti Whakaue. Please see below for more details of the award:

Pūkāki Trust at the time of establishment (2004) decided on the criteria remaining that each of the qualifying Secondary schools select a Year 10 Ngāti Whakaue student to become a Pūkāki Royal Bank of New Zealand Scholar. They must demonstrate emerging leadership capability and will make a great ambassador for his school and tribe. The goal of the travel scholarship is to lift their horizons (RBNZ, Ministers, Parliament, Governor General and Taonga/Te Papa), exposing them to crown relationships and preparing them to one day lead in a future of growing economic uncertainty. Pūkāki, his history from ancestor to kuwaha to taonga to coming home and not least, why he is on today's 20 cent coin.

Eraia will travel to Wellington next term, alongside students from Rotorua Girls' High, John Paul College, Western Heights High, Rotorua Lakes High and Te Kura o Te Koutu.

If you need to discuss anything with me please send me an email khemana@rbhs.school.nz or ring on 3486169 ext 217.

Ngā mihi,
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khemana@rbhs.school.nz



Mrs M Shaw

YEAR 12 DEAN REPORT

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Greetings to all the families of our students at Rotorua Boys High School. Our year 12 young men have had a great start to their year and have made the most of these past 10 weeks of school.

As they head into the Term One school holiday break, this is a great time to reflect on their progress so far and the direction they want to head in when they return for Term Two. We will have now had three rounds of Fortnightly Reports. This feedback is great to use as a tool to measure progress and perhaps to identify if there needs to be any changes moving into the next term.

Please also remind your young man to review the changes to NCEA and make sure they understand how this affects them. They can also view the 'Student Assessment Guidelines' on the Year 12 Cohort Google Classroom and make sure they understand the expectations and rules around assessment submissions.

Attendance

Every week we celebrate students who have won the 100% attendance draw for that week. Congratulations to the following students who have won the weekly canteen voucher! Kaden Morris, Kawiti Mahaki, Kahutia Hunt, Matthew Dent, Dylan Gates, Kairau Armstrong and Atamatea Soloman-Te Kani.

The following students have managed to maintain 100% attendance so far for the whole term. Congratulations to Abel Pakuru, Tamahau Kakau, Riley Allan, Manase Wada, Matthew Johns, Jose Bravo, Levi Overbye, Samuel Davis, Ebrahim Allie, Daniel Hamilton, Yuhyeon Kim, Ngakaupono Low, Maniteariki Richel, Ryan Sutton, Taine Aitchison, Igor Da Silva, Ethan Jonas, Koan Hemana, Blue Simpkins-Jones, Jay Smith, Tamatea Butcher, Sean Connolly, Tiakitai Paul-Tomoana, Cameron Roe.

Spirit of Adventure

Words from one of our outstanding Year 12 students, Gavin Dinnis.

"I had the opportunity to go on the 10 day Spirit of adventure sailing Voyage from the 24th feb to the 7 of March 2021

The spirit of Adventure is based on learning by doing. There were many different challenges and activities on the ship, on the water and on the shore, which ultimately leaves you with a level of self-empowerment only found on the Spirit of New Zealand.

My journey started in Auckland where we first boarded the ship, I was joined by 40 other high school students from around New Zealand. This was a great challenge as we had no communication with home for the entire voyage.

We sailed from Waihike island, which is the most populated and the second-largest island in the Hauraki Gulf to the Great barrier Island, where we spent most of our time. We then finished up back at the Auckland harbour.



Over the 10 days we participated in a lot of team building and leadership activities, based around how to navigate the ship, reading wind patterns as well as setting up and running of the ship. We had different tasks and challenges everyday to complete from raft building and learning how to tie knots to putting up the sails. We learned how to navigate with a compass and map, we cook and cleaned and enjoyed morning swims, which was a good way to wake each morning. This all ultimately led to the final day when we all had to run the ship and take responsibility for the sail back to the Auckland Harbour.

This was overall a great experience and I would definitely recommend this to any students who are keen to get on board the program and participate in this opportunity. You get to meet new mates and learn new leadership skills.

If you are really keen, make sure you see Mr Lockwood who can help with the application process.

Finally I would like to thank Mr Grinter and the school for the opportunity to go on the 10 day Spirit of Adventure Voyage."



Amazing words about an experience that will be remembered for a lifetime!

We hope all our young men embrace the opportunities available to them and make last memories that they can be proud of and carry with them through life. Bring on Term 2!

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YEAR 13 DEAN REPORT



Ms C Bekar

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It has been a very busy start to the term for our Year 13 students. I know that at this point in the term, our students are busy working away towards gaining the NCEA Level 3 credits on offer from their chosen subjects. As a reminder to our students, they are required to gain 60 credits this year since 20 credits have been rolled from last year. They also have their University Entrance Literacy requirements to obtain which requires them to gain 5 reading and 5 writing credits, offered in various standards throughout most subjects. Furthermore, for those intending on going to University, it is a necessity for them to have gained University Entrance. This means that they have to gain 14 or more credits in three or more University Entrance approved subjects.

Te Honoa Toi - Weaving Together - Academic Support

This program is to support our students in their academic achievement. Deans facilitate this support on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week from 3pm until 4pm in the Library. Your son is welcome to attend these sessions for extra support, especially with this being his final year. Milo and biscuits are offered as a refreshment to those students who come along to do some mahi. This will be particularly useful going forward next term as the workload of our Year 13 students become more demanding. Details of staff and subject specialities are listed below.

Monday

Mrs Hemana - English

Tuesday

Ms Bekar & Mrs Shaw - Math

Wednesday

Mrs Hay - Math, Music &

Mr Te Huia - PE/Health

Thursday

Mr Makan - Business, Careers

100% Attendance Draw - Canteen Vouchers

Every week, our students in Year 13 who have attended 100% for the previous week, have their name put into our attendance draw to win a \$5 canteen voucher. At the beginning of the following week, the names are drawn. The following boys have had 100% attendance for the year so far. Congratulations!



Manaia Matenga



Armstrong-Ringakaha-Joeli Kautai



KC Nwafor



Aorere Waaka



Tiaki Ngarimu



Reagan Nicholson



Ngaru Omichi



Nikau Rickards



Todd Storey



Brae Thomson



Daniel Kenah

Te Wero

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Year 13 students who participated in Te Wero Challenge on 26th February. This is no easy feat and the gruelling challenge was accepted by a large group of students from the Year 13 cohort - a fantastic opportunity for them to undertake together as a group.

Attendance

Regular attendance to school is vital to the recipe of success. NCEA is a demanding programme and it is expected that our students attend every class. Should a situation arise where your son cannot attend school, we would appreciate a call or email justifying your son's absence. If your son is not attending school then letters will be sent home in regards to this. If you need to discuss anything with me please send an email to cbekar@rbhs.school.nz or you can call my office on 3486169 ext 219.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Dean of Year 13
cbekar@rbhs.school.nz

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takimano”
“My strength is not that of an individual but that of the collective”

INTERNATIONAL DEAN REPORT



2021 Student First Impressions



I'm Justin Lin. I come from China, I have been living in New Zealand for five years. I studied at an Auckland school before. I started at RBHS earlier this year. I felt good in the first few weeks at this school. I didn't socialise much and slowly got used to the school life. I have made a lot of new friends now. I get good help from my teachers and my friends.

Justin Lin - Year 13

My name is Frank Wang and I'm from China. I have been studying at RBHS for half a year. The first few weeks of school I felt a bit lonely but I got help from other Chinese students. I tried to communicate with other people in order to adapt to school life. I have made some friends at school. I also get help from teachers at school and my teachers answer all my questions.

Frank Wang - Year 13



My name is Ethan Chang. This is my fifth year in New Zealand. I have only studied at RBHS for a term. My current living environment and learning environment are very good. I have made a lot of friends here. I don't do any extracurricular activities at school because I think I have to study hard in order to apply for University at the end of the year.

Ethan Chang - Year 13

NEWS

Road Safety Youth Expo Tuesday 9 March



Congratulations

to Rikirangi Gage who was
the winner of the \$200 Noel
Leeming voucher from the Road
Safety Expo Quiz

BP Business Challenge

Tuesday 30 April

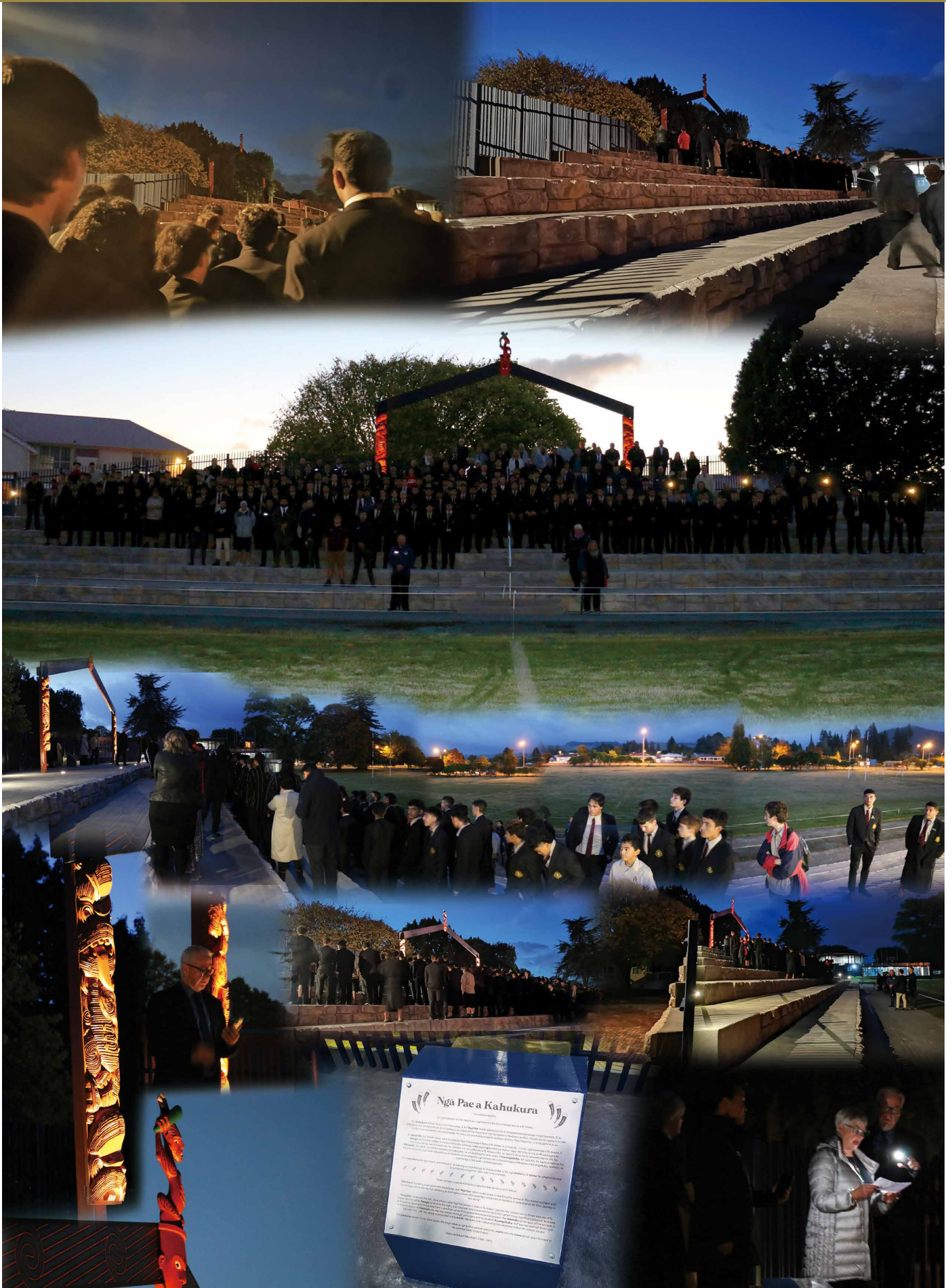
On Tuesday 30th April, 80 business studies students across years 10 & 11 participated in the annual 'BP Business Challenge' run by the Young Enterprise Trust. The workshop was a three-day process where our boys problem solved and innovated in a team environment. Fundamentally, our boys had a taste of what it is like to be in a business group and ideate a product or service. On the third day, our boys presented their pitches to a panel of five prestigious judges – including our very own Angie Hine and Miguel Manaig. It was a fantastic showing from our boys and they impressed the judges with their creativity and professionalism. Our presenters from the Young Enterprise Trust echoed this sentiment and made a comment on the work ethic and passion of our business students. I now look forward to seeing the fruition of some of these businesses at our annual market day later in the year – ka pai boys!

Mr J Burke (BSocSc, DipTchg)
Teacher of Social Sciences
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Ngā Pae a Kahukura

Wednesday 14 April



DEPARTMENTS

DANCE AND DRAMA

It is great to be back in the Performing Arts department as a Dance and Drama teacher this year. I am excited to announce that drama has been incorporated into the year 9 dance rotation and is now a full year option at year 10.

In Drama we have been focusing on learning the three C's of Drama, communication, concentration and collaboration, through various activities and short devised drama plays. This has been a challenge for most but all are working hard on these three important skills that play a vital role within the performing arts as a whole.

This term in Dance all students have been introduced to a variety of dance styles. Expanding their dance vocabulary and knowledge is imperative before expecting students to compose and choreograph. It is also invaluable for students to find which dance style is most natural for them.

With Covid19 interrupting many performance opportunities last year, our students missed the chance to attend workshops, performances and competitions. This year our Dance and Drama students will be taking part in ShowQuest (9th June) in Tauranga, Dance NZMade (31st August & 1 September) in Rotorua and workshops during class time run by dance & drama industry professionals. A performance evening to showcase what our young men have been working on is also in the pipeline and I look forward to sharing more information with you all soon.

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PASIFIKA

Warm Pasifika Greetings to our Raukura Whānau near and far,

It has been a great term for our Pasifika sector, which started with the planning and launch of a brand new programme specifically catered for our Pasifika young men here at Raukura, called Tama Pasifika. Tama Pasifika encompasses a range of activities throughout this year that are engaging and relative to the needs of our Pasifika students. This includes Pasifika dance, public speaking opportunities, sports and extra study/academic support. Non Pasifika students who have an interest and/or passion for learning about Pasifika dance and culture are also most welcome to join. We have a wonderful staff team supporting and delivering the Tama Pasifika programme: Whāea Rie Morris within her Cultural Capacity role, Mrs Hulton (Teacher In Charge), Ms Lineham (Manager), Ms Woodhouse (Tupu Manuia) and Mrs Campbell (Support).

A Pasifika parents/caregivers evening was held last month, where we had the privilege of meeting for the first time, or, reconnecting with many of our Pasifika families. The evening was accompanied by some lovely kai, positive vibes across the room and a small presentation

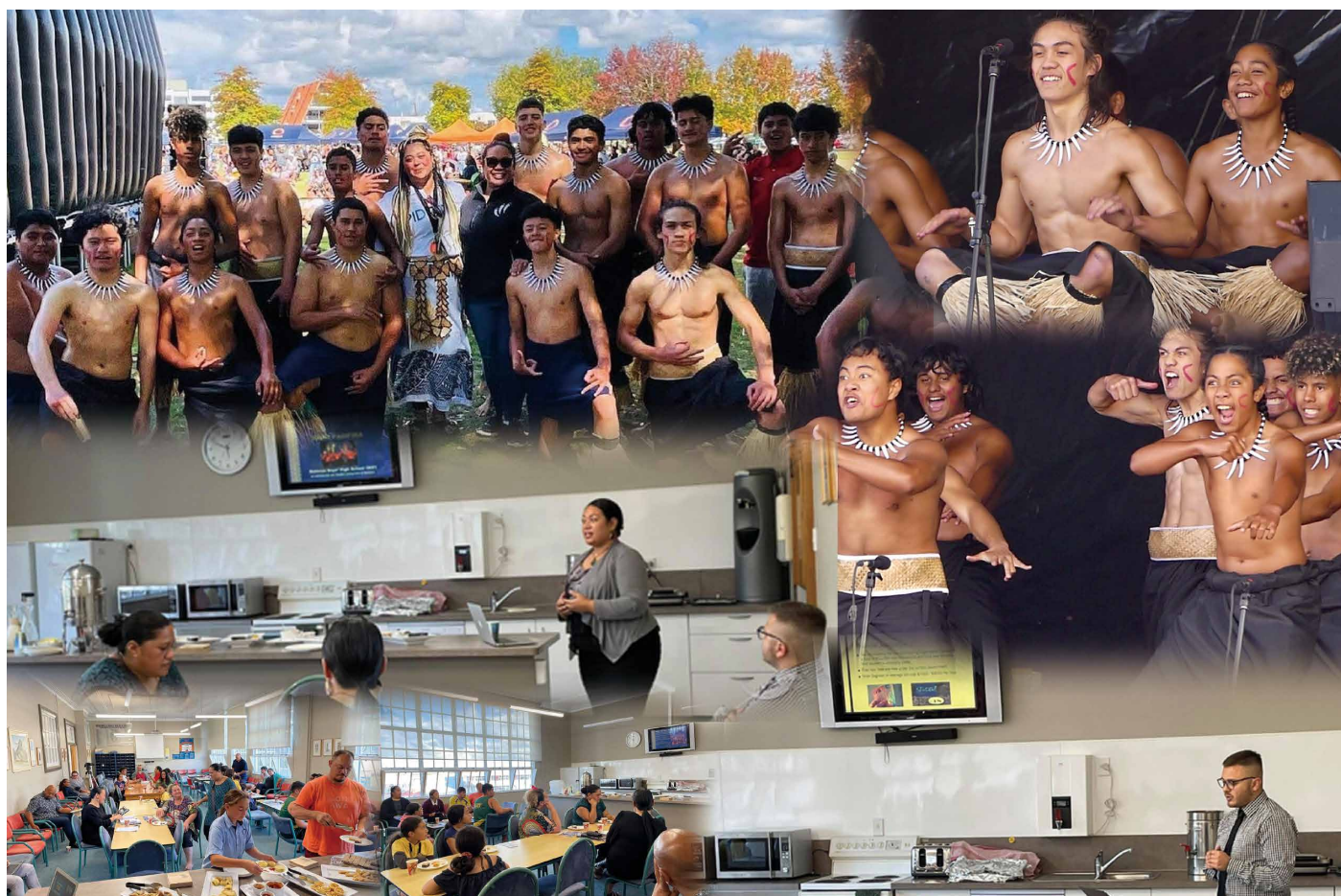
about our new Tama Pasifika programme. Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend. The presentation was video recorded for families who were unable to attend in person. To view this, please feel free to join our Google Classroom page called Tama Pasifika 2021 under the code: ruq57or. Alternatively, you are welcome to join our Facebook private group page called Tama Pasifika 2021, to view on this platform.

Also last month was the Rotorua Pasifika Festival in which our Tama Pasifika Dance group performed a vibrant and entertaining Samoan dance bracket, finishing with our school haka. Our boys did a marvellous job and represented our school as well as their own cultures and families with great pride. Held at the Village Green Lakefront, the event involved a lot of our local Pasifika community groups and it was great for our boys to be amongst them all. The group are now working towards their next performance event which is the Pasifika By Nature Competition, on the 8th of May in Hamilton. Wishing them and their tutors all the very best in the preparation and rehearsals leading up to this event!

As part of our Tama Pasifika programme, our after school study space called “Tupu Manuia” will begin in Term 2. In most Pasifika languages, “Tupu Manuia” means “to grow and prosper” and this is what we aspire our Tupu Manuia study space to be for our Pasifika young men. “Tupu Manuia” will be open every Thursday after school from 3.15pm-4.15pm, led by Ms Woodhouse. Students can drop in to do some self-directed mahi or they are welcome to ask for extra support from one of our Tama Pasifika teachers and/or senior student helpers who’ll be there to support with any mahi relating to their school work and/or future pathways through an academic focus. We will continue to send out more details about Tupu Manuia in the next coming weeks and encourage all Pasifika students to utilise this unique and positive space as often as they would like to.

Fa’afetai Tele Lava, Meitaki Maata,

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ART

Art Department Studio Days

The Art Department will be open to students to complete artworks and catch up on assessments every fourth Sunday, starting 9am to 3pm. Students will be required to book a week in advance and will be expected to stay for the entire day. Students can fill in the attached google form:

<https://bre.is/FeUZ3KPb>

Dates (subject to change and student interest):

- 8th May Week 1 Term 2
- 5th of June Week 5 Term 2
- 3rd of July Week 9 Term 2
- 31st of July Week 1 Term 3
- 28th of August Week 5 Term 3
- 25th of September Week 9 Term 3
- 23rd of October Week 1 Term 4

Each workshop is the equivalent of attending a week of class tuition. If you are not an Art student and wish to attend, please contact Mr Whitrow.

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MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Term 1 has turned out to be a really busy term with everything in the Performing Arts starting to heat up. Rehearsals for a number of events are well underway. We have a number of boys involved with numerous performing arts endeavours.

Firstly we have our Rockquest coming up in Week 2 of Term 2. It will be great way to start the term taking our boys to Tauranga. We have at least 4 bands to take over and compete in the Regional heats. I am hoping from there we will have some regional finalists.

Following that we will be taking 60 students over to Gisborne to compete at the Super 8 Cultural Festival. In this festival our boys compete with boys from our brother Super 8 schools in cultural endeavours such as Music, Kapa Haka, Theatresports, Chess, Debating, Kapa Haka, Pasifika, Drama and Oratory. I will look forward to sharing our results with you next term on our return.

Following the Cultural Festival we will be preparing for two big events. Firstly The Big Sing Choir Festival where our Top 16 Choir will be hoping to compete and make a national final. We will also be taking our All comers Choir and look forward to a number of new faces joining this group in Term 2. We also will be entering Showquest for the first time and it is great having our Dance teacher Miss Pengelly leading the way with our entry this year. We have around 50 boys partici-

pating in this event which will be in Tauranga in June. So all in all we are looking forward to a big and busy term 2 and seeing our boys thrive in the Performing Arts arena.

If there are any questions or queries relating to anything in the Performing Arts please feel free to contact me.

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SCIENCE

It has been a busy few weeks in the science department! All of our year 10 science students had the opportunity to go to Te Puia as part of their learning for the Earth Science unit. Students saw the Pōhutu geyser in action and were able to link their learning in class about plate tectonics and earthquakes to the geothermal surface features on display at Te Puia.



The 2SCI class visited Waimangu Volcanic Valley as part of their learning about geological processes (ESS2.3). They saw different types of rocks deposited from different volcanic eruptions that have occurred in the valley, and noticed the erosion that has caused these landforms to look how they do today. The next day they were joined in class by Claire Newton, a geochemist from Mercury Energy, who helped them to classify different types of rocks found at Waimangu and around the Rotorua region.



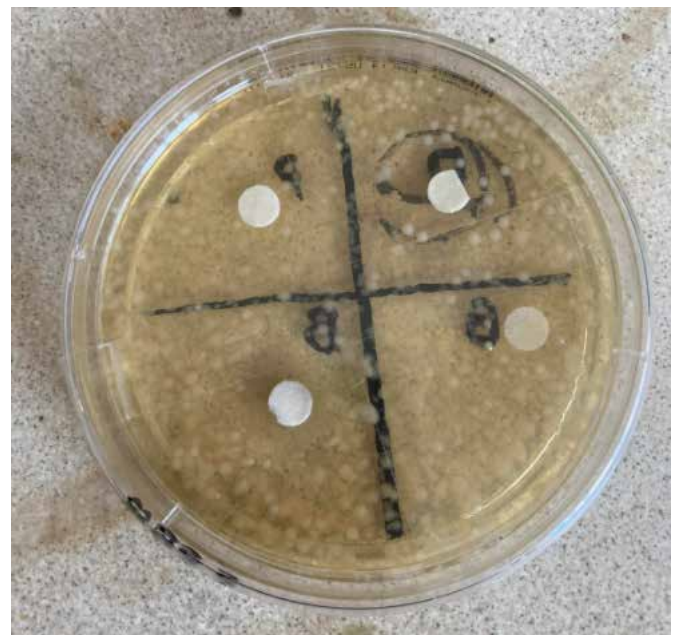


The 2BIO class have been dissecting fish and crickets as part of their learning about adaptations of different animals for their BIO2.3 assessment.

The year 9 classes used dry ice to learn about particles and how they behave in the different states of matter as part of the Chemical Building Blocks unit.



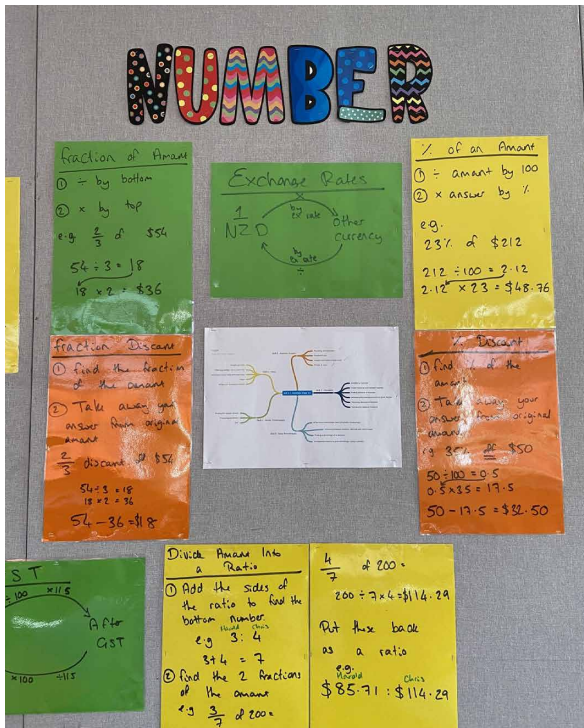
The 1SCI and 1SCE classes are preparing for their biology investigation assessment (BIO1.1) by looking at the effect of different disinfectants on the growth of bacteria. This follows on from their learning at the start of this term looking at different types of disease causing microorganisms and their effects on humans. 1SCI will complete a stream study at the Utuhina stream next term, while 1SCE begin the learning for an external standard.



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MATHEMATICS

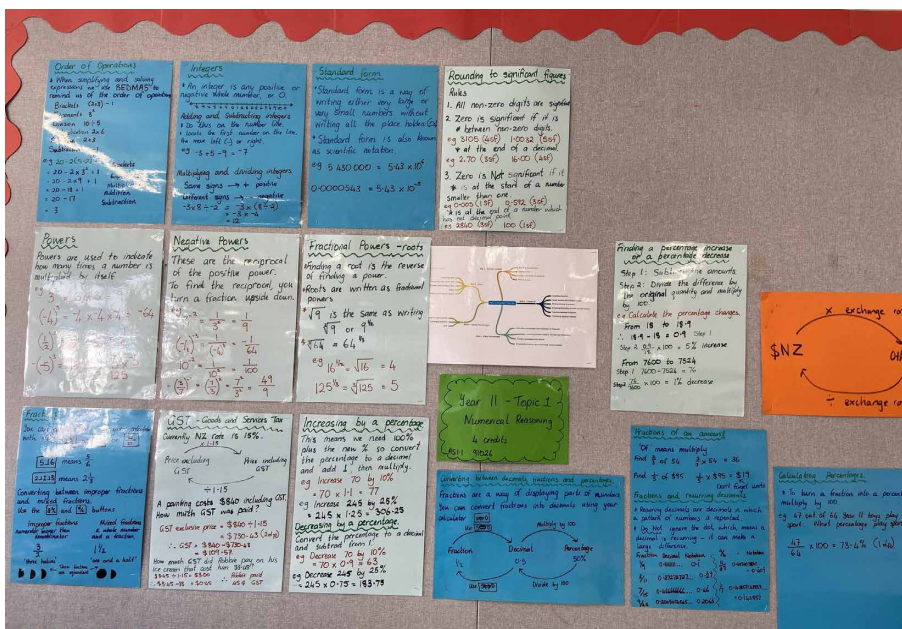
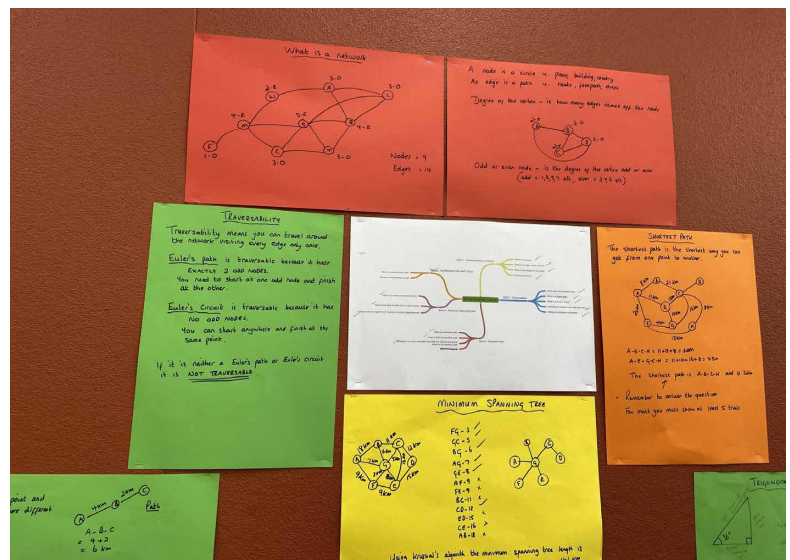
Senior Mathematics



In Mathematics this year our displays are based around a “Coggle” mind-map diagram of the skills needed for each unit.

With the “Coggle” in the centre, each skill is displayed on a Learning Wall for that unit. This helps students easily find revision notes on the necessary skills.

Year 11 have been working on Number, Year 12 on Networks and Year 13 on Simultaneous Equations.



These Learning Walls have been made as we go along with each topic, so they grow with the students' knowledge.

Junior Mathematics

During the final week of term 1 our Junior students have the opportunity to enter the Otago University Junior Mathematics competition. This competition for students in years 9 to 11 (forms 3 to 5) was initiated in 1985 by Professor Derek Holton of the University of Otago Mathematics and Statistics Department. The University provide cash prizes for the top students and Merit Certificates for about fifteen percent of the participants at each level. At each level there will be a first prize of \$300, a second prize of \$250, a third prize of \$200, and 27 outstanding awards of \$50. Certificates are also awarded for Top 100 and Top 200 placings. The cost of the competition for 2021 is \$5 per student (this covers both parts of the competition for those invited to sit the second part). Good luck to all our boys entering.

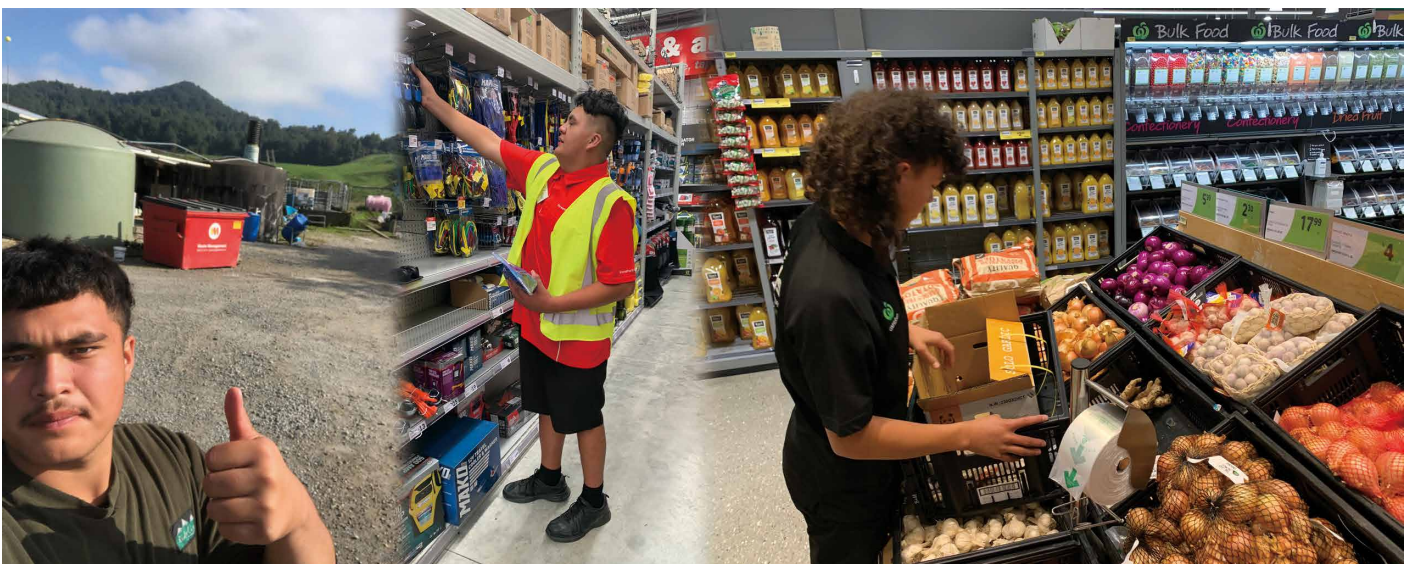
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GATEWAY

Students are given the opportunity to 'test drive' their career choices while gaining valuable real workplace learning and experiences. Any student wishing to try a Gateway experience can see Mrs Hine in C3 for more information. We would like to thank the following businesses for supporting our students and school community: Bunnings, Rotorua Motor Works, BOP Plumbing and Gas, Parekarangi Trust Farm, McDonalds, Ellwood Builders, Countdown, DCA Architects, Pit Stop Whakatane, WPI International, The Warehouse, Klaus Farms, Pak n Save and many more. If you have a local business and would like to partner with us to offer students work experience then please get in contact with Angie Hine: ahine@rbhs.school.nz

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CAREERS

To all those senior students who will leave Secondary School at the end of 2021.

Do your research, explore, work hard and enjoy the world outside of School.

Rapua te ara tika mōu ake

Seek the path that is right for you

Seeking Scholarships?

All students are encouraged to start looking for scholarships now and prepare paperwork and essays etc. Prepare early as scholarship applications are time consuming, labour intensive and often require a letter of support from school staff (they will produce a better letter if you give them plenty of notice).

Useful Websites if considering University as an option:

www.nomajordrama.com - Search for study areas of interest within a Degree (find Major)

www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz - Scholarship information

<https://www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/> - Scholarships and overseas scholarships for all universities.

www.maorieducation.org.nz - Scholarships and funding

www.studylink.govt.nz - Student Loan and Allowance Applications and Budgeting

www.ird.govt.nz - Tax advice & IRD Numbers or call 0800 377774

www.nzqa.govt.nz/students - Record of Learning

- NCEA results and qualifications

www.careers.govt.nz - All Career Information

- Job Data Base - Salary, Entry into the Job, Descriptions
- Job Hunting - Current Jobs Database
- CV - CV Guide & Template, Cover Letters, Interviewing
- Career Planning - Plan your study and future upskilling
- Career Tools - Career Quest, Selecting School Subjects
- Scholarship Information

www.ywrc.org.nz - Minimum Wage Information & Employment Relations Support

Seeking Employment?

If you are considering employment as an option after secondary school, have you got all the documents you need? A CV, drivers license, personal statement, understand what employers are looking for, think about what industry you would like to work in, what type of work would you enjoy, will you need a cover letter. Prepare early as CVs are time consuming, and often need school staff to be a referee.

Useful Websites :

<http://schoolleaver.nz/earn-and-learn> - Trades

- Pre Trade Training
- How to get an apprenticeship

www.careers.govt.nz - All Career Information

- Job Data Base - Salary, Entry into the Job, Descriptions
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www.moneyhub.co.nz - All about money

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SPORTS NEWS

Super 8 Volleyball

On Sunday 21st February a team of nine novice but super keen volleyball players travelled to Palmerston North, to participate in the Super 8 Volleyball Competition. The competition was held in the Pascall Street Arena Stadium - a superb venue for Volleyball. The finals were played at Massey University - another great venue. The lead up to this event was limited to say the least. This team was fully assembled the week before the competition.

On the first day we played two games, one against the top seed Tauranga Boys' - a very well drilled team, and an even tougher Gisborne team. Both team's wiped us three sets to nil - suffice to say that we spent the day warming up to the game and slowly learning the dynamics of this wonderful game. On the second day we played another two games, one against New Plymouth and the other against Hamilton in the cross over stage. Unfortunately, we managed to come away with the same results as day one and this meant that we were playing for 7th or 8th against the host team Palmerston North.

Sadly, the same result, but lot's of lessons with a great bunch of young men. The team consisted of setters Mita Brown,



Koan Hemana (also middle & co-captain), and Ruaeo Te Moni (also middle); outside hitters Yannick Martel and Riley Allan; Libero Marangai Wainohu-Savage; offside hitter Mathieu Boynton-Rata (co-captain) and reserves Daniel Malcolm and young Tamati Mapu in Year 10. It's safe to say that this team grew in confidence over the tournament and are keen for more. A big thank you to coaches Craig Hodge and Kelly Hemana who patiently supported us from the sideline - without their guidance we wouldn't have been able to find the 'green line.'

**Written by Koan Hemana (co-captain)
Year 12 Student**

Waka Ama

Waka Ama Nationals were held at the Blue Lake, Rotorua, Tuesday March 23rd - Friday 26th. Our young men trained from Monday - Thursday and an alternative weekend session with Uncle Ray Timihou. The calibre of training was on display with our U16 men coming 6th in New Zealand for the 250mtr Sprint and 3rd in Plate division. This team will have another 2 years together and watch out, you will see them grow further. The U19s had technical difficulties with understanding flag calls and did not progress past Champ Semi-final in both 250mtr and 500mtr. Overall, the week was exceptional and our young men did our school proud.

Under 16s



Under 19s



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Athletics

Bay of Plenty Athletics Championships 9th of March.

On March 9th the school was represented by 20 students who competed at the Bay of Plenty Athletics Championships. All athletes did well with standout performances by Manaia Christiansen who placed 1st in the Junior Boys Discus and 2nd in the Shot put. Cooper Simes followed Manaia in placing 3rd in the Junior Boys Discus. Jandre' Mare placed 2nd in the Intermediate Boys Discus.

Waikato Bay of Plenty Athletics Championships 24th of March

Both Manaia and Cooper then went on to participate in the Waikato, Bay of Plenty Championships in Tauranga. Manaia again was impressive with placing 1st in the Junior Boys Discus and Copper followed with placing 3rd. Both boys then were selected for the Waikato, Bay of Plenty team to compete at the North Islands Athletics Championships. These were held in Hamilton on the 10th of April. Even though the boys didn't place in their respective events. They have gained valuable experience heading into the National Championships on December 3rd to 5th in Inglewood.

I'd like to thank Mr Hodge for his support this year with the Athletics Program.

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Futsal

Congrats to our Year 11 boys Futsal team who won the BOP Senior Premier High School division in the WAIBOP Futsal league in Tauranga. These boys have played in an 8 week comp and have come out top of the table through their hard work and effort.
Congrats boys!!

Toby Stubbs, Herewini Insley, Hayden Morrison, Conor Lysaght, Lee Stubbs (Manager)
Kyle Hetherington, Tanner Dean, Cameron Smith and Tane Forrest.



Also our Junior and Senior teams competed in BOPSS in TGA earlier in March. Both teams won their pools and made the final.

The seniors played TBC in the final and lost 2-1.

Juniors played TBC and won by penalty shootout.

Our juniors now are the 2021 BOP Champs.

This then lead to NZ Nationals where both teams competed against the best in NZ. Both teams improved on 2019 finishes. Juniors finished 11th, missing out on top 8 by goal difference. Our seniors finished 30th.

Big Mihi to Montell Graham and Matthew Wynyard for their efforts on their last campaign. Both boys have been champions in the Futsal arena and great leaders for making Futsal what it is today.



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Sports Update

Golf



Awesome work by our golf team, Nikau Wihapi-Priest, Harrison Beazley, Reef Pohatu and Francis Lockwood who won the BOP Golf Secondary Schools Tournament! Won by 6 shots over Tauranga Boys' College.

Touch

Congratulations to our Touch team who placed 2nd at the BOP Secondary Schools Touch Tournament

Mixed Touch

Combining with our Sister School Rotorua Girls we finished in 1st place at the BOP Secondary Schools Tournament held in Whakatane



Ki-o-Rahi

The BOP Tournament was cancelled however the team has been selected to Represent our Region at the National Tournament which will be held during the first week of the holidays

Basketball

3 on 3 Basketball was held in Auckland and both our Junior and Senior Teams had goals for Top 8 in the Country. Our goals were achieved by both Teams finishing in 6th Place in their respective competitions



U15 7's

Our U15 7's team took part in the Te Ika-a-Māui, or North Island U15 7's Tournament and finished 3rd. They will also represent us at the National U15 Tournament otherwise known as Condors toward the end of the year



Athletics

Year 9 Manaia Christenson won the Junior Boys' Discus at the BOP Champs. He then went on to win the same event at the Waikato Bay of Plenty. Manaia then represented Waikato Bay of Plenty at the North Island Event



Swimming

We had several boys represent us at the BOP Secondary Schools meet. While no silverware was gained the efforts of our small team were not left wanting. The photo is of our Waterpolo Team who are also doing very well in their Friday night League



Rugby

The 1st and 2nd XV have started their pre season programme with 2 very good wins.

The 2nd XV beat Matamata College 1st XV 26-7 to get their season off to a good start and the 1st XV travelled to Massey High school and played their 1st XV and came away with a 39-0 win.



Futsal

The National Summer tournament week saw the National Secondary Schools Futsal Tournament which took place in Wellington. We sent a Junior and a Senior Futsal Team to the event. The Senior Side improved 5 places on last years results and the Juniors just slipped outside the top 10 to finish 11th which is a great effort



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Year 12 Outdoor Education Camp





Year 9 Camp

