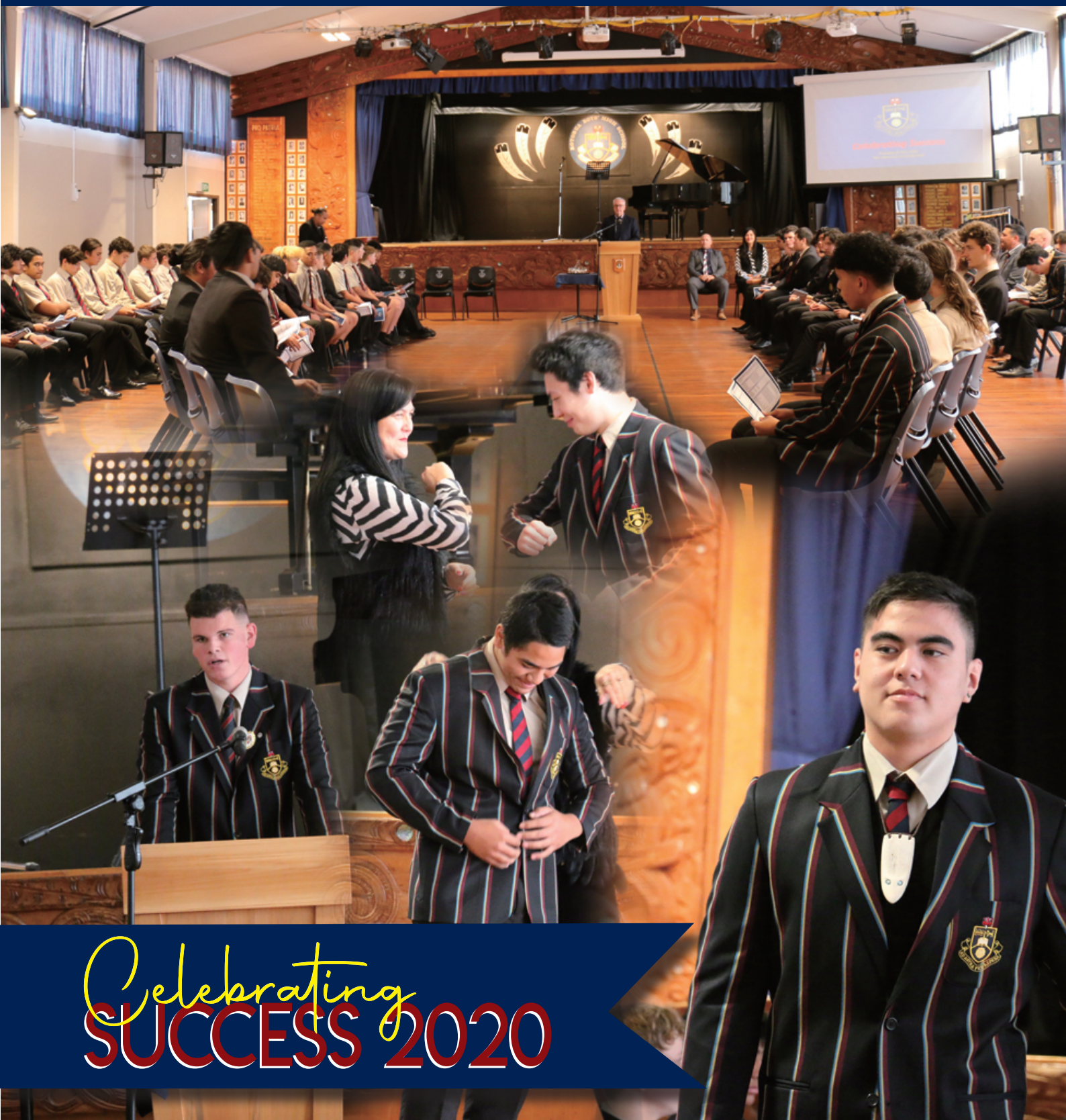




Rotorua Boys' High School

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



Celebrating
SUCCESS 2020

Newsletter 3, 2020



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OUR MOTTO



“WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI”

From the proverb:
“WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI
KI TE TUOHU KOE
ME HE MAUNGA TEITEI”

Literally this proverb translates as:

**“SEARCH FOR GREAT THINGS
IF ONE HAS TO BOW
LET IT BE TO A LOFTY MOUNTAIN”**

This ‘whakatauaki’ or proverbial saying is most often used to inspire generations to aspire, to succeed, to aim high, to achieve ones’ goals in life and to work to the best of one’s ability.

A colloquial but accurate rendering for ‘kahurangi’ is a treasured possession or jewel. The ‘iti’ emphasises the treasure as being small but precious.

Maoridom has used this concept, a search for the most precious or most achievable goal of the highest standard or quality. There is no second best. Thus for some it is the idea of a ‘search for the stars’, as a translation or understanding of this proverb.

This proverb is used most commonly in “Education” in its broadest sense. Education begins at birth and ends at death.

The above explanation was taken from a conversation with Professor Timoti Karetu (Ahorangi, Te Taura Whiri i te Reo, Wellington)

Thus the above motto is very close to our Latin motto of “Ad Astra Per Aspera” or in other words “aim high despite all difficulties”. This same motto has also been expressed as “to the stars through hard work”.

Our motto caters for our students who come from all walks of life, and who bring with them their own special talents and needs. Our motto helps us to work with each of our students and to assist them to succeed, whilst at the same time providing them with the tools to make that success possible.

Our original Latin motto and the equivalents in both Maori and English combine together to give us as a school not only a special identity, but also a common purpose.

**WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI
AIM HIGH DESPITE ALL DIFFICULTIES
AD ASTRA PER ASPERA**

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

It was very pleasing to see the school reopen last week and with students and staff happy and excited at being back. I was impressed with how everyone got back into their work. Our attendance averaged 80% and about 10% of our roll worked from home in a distance learning capacity. This was typical for most of the country.

Lockdown Bubbles

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 12 hostel boys who lived within their own hostel bubble for all 8 weeks and did that most impressively and most positively. I also want to acknowledge the 11 boys that came to the in-school bubble and congratulate them for the way in which they got on with the job, sustained their attendance and were a pleasure to work with. Well done to all 23 boys and of course well done to all the staff of both sets of bubbles for their willingness to support our boys over this challenging period.

To the boys that engaged with our online programme from home well done also. Again the work of this large group and our teachers was most impressive.



Going Forward

The important message from this point is that regardless of how engaged a boy was over the lockdown period, we as a staff are very confident that with the opportunities that lie in front of us each boy will be able to achieve the necessary credits to complete their year level qualification successfully. This being the case, it is important that our focus is not one of dwelling on what happened or didn't happen over the lockdown period, but rather now focus on the opportunities that lie ahead.

You will have heard that NZQA has delayed the start of externals and so our school will have nearly an extra fortnight to complete our year programmes. This will also mean that our Senior Prizegiving will be held later in November given that externals will start on Monday 16 November 2020. We have plenty of time and all staff remain confident and positive they can get our boys through the year successfully if the commitment and the engagement is there going forward.

Celebrating Success

Last week we held our Celebrating Success Assembly and this was a great way to acknowledge in a positive way those boys who met the criteria for Scholars Blazers, Honours Ties and New Zealand Super Eight Schools Badges. A list of the boys who received those awards is attached.

Head Prefects

Ngākohu Walker	Head Prefect Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019 Te Reo Māori Scholarship 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badges
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Aidan Tonge	Deputy Head Prefect Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badge
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Prefects

Rangihaeata Hale	Prefect and Captain of Raleigh House Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badge
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Sameed Khan	Prefect and Academic Captain Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badge
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Tiaki Maraki	Prefect Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badge
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Finlay Martin	Prefect and Captain of Frobisher House Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badge
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Keden Wichman	Prefect and Academic Captain Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badge
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Logan Nathan	Prefect Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badge Scholars' Blazer
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Pumi Black	Prefect and Captain of Nelson House Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badge Scholars' Blazer
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Year 13 Excellence Students

Presentation of Scholars Blazer, Honours Tie and Super Eight Badges

Read by Mr P Conrad (DP Teaching and Learning), Presented by Ms Mercia-Dawn Yates

Ngatai Armstrong	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	S8 Badge Honours Tie Scholars' Blazer
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Te Ara Pounamu Pukeroa	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 and Level 3 in 2019	S8 Badge Honours Tie Scholars' Blazer
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Malachi Whare	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	S8 Badge Honours Tie Scholars' Blazer
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Presentation of Honours Ties and Super Eight Badges

Maneo Armstrong	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	S8 Badge Honours Tie
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Tyler Coote	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	S8 Badge Honours Tie
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Luka Ellis	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	S8 Badge Honours Tie
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Totorewa Malcolm	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	S8 Badge Honours Tie
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Nekoda McNicholl	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	S8 Badge
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Jacob Rawles	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie S8 Badge
Evan Richards-Ward	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie S8 Badge
Sean Squibb	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie S8 Badge

Presentation of Super Eight Badges

Himiona Gray	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badge
Whatukura Mohi	Excellence at NCEA Level 2 in 2019	Honours Tie	S8 Badge

Year 9 Jubilee Scholars

Josh Brierley	Jubilee Scholar for Academic Excellence
Hayden Chapman	Jubilee Scholar for Academic Excellence
Marcus Hutchings	Jubilee Scholar for Academic Excellence
Jared Lasike	Jubilee Scholar for Academic Excellence
Liam Roberts	Jubilee Scholar for Academic Excellence
Luke Westrupp	Jubilee Scholar for Academic Excellence
Lazaeah Adams	Jubilee Scholar for General Excellence
Nikau Irihei	Jubilee Scholar for General Excellence
Tavita Pomale	Jubilee Scholar for General Excellence
Nelson Simpkins-Jones	Jubilee Scholar for General Excellence

2020 Tai Mitchell Boarding Scholars

Carlos Hihi	Year 11	Rugby
John Horua	Year 12	Rugby
David Hungwe	Year 11	Football
Tsaedis Pakuria	Year 9	General
Marrick Purcell	Year 9	General
Matthew Rakena	Year 10	General
Caerwyn Ross	Year 13	Golf

Year 12 Excellence Students – Presentation of Scholars’ Blazers

Noah Allibone	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Arana Ashby	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Haeora Boynton-Rata	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Will Florence	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Whareporera Hare-Herbert	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Max Harvey	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Liam Kalan	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Reagan Nicholson	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Ngaru Omichi	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Jaden Paul	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Leitutolu Rasmussen	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Nikau Rickards	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Todd Storey	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Miles Tapsell	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Tamaarangi Te Rei-Tuuta	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Matiu Te Rei-Tuuta	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Robbie Thomas	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Brae Thomson	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Aorere Waaka	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer
Marangai Wainohu-Savage	Excellence at NCEA Level 1 in 2019	Scholars’ Blazer

I hope parents and whānau were able to see photographs and video of this ceremony through one of our social media connections.

Apple Distinguished School

Prior to lockdown our school applied to become the first New Zealand state high school to be acknowledged as an Apple Distinguished School. If successful we would join less than 500 schools internationally who have this honour.



Recognised by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment.

In this regard I would like to congratulate Mrs Magatogia for her creation of an iBook that captured our evidence as part of the Apple Distinguished selection process and Mr Conrad for his support and direction. This is a very significant award and the application comes at a highly appropriate time following an eight week period of online learning. The basis for our application will be shared in due course and it came after several years of hard work following our commitment to Apple, iPads and Google Classroom as the basis for integrating digital technologies into the teaching and learning process. Congratulations to all staff and students for the massive steps they have taken in this regard.

It is important that I also acknowledge whānau who have supported the introduction of iPads to our school over the last 5 years and funded the purchase of that device, which is a significant expense and clearly a major undertaking for all whānau. Thank you for your support.



Matariki Week

Following Queen’s Birthday weekend, the week starting Tuesday 2 June will be our Matariki week and as a school we will celebrate this important event as we do each year with a number of staff activities and learning experiences.

In an earlier document I did show Tuesday 2 June as a school Teacher Only Day, but given the events of the last eight weeks I have now decided that we will incorporate our Matariki PLD within the context of the week and we will not need to have a Teacher Only Day on the Tuesday. Tuesday 2 June will therefore be a normal school day. We will however finish school at lunchtime (1.25pm) on Friday 5 June for our final staff Matariki event.

Cultural Activities

I am pleased to advise that we are fully committed to our Musical Production ‘Saturday Night Fever’ and already rehearsals are underway and we have established a budget that will make this possible even though Charity Funding sources will no longer be able to support the significant costs of the production. It is important that we bring our school back to normal operation just as soon as we can do so safely, our production is part of that process. Please put the date of opening night of Friday 11 September in your diaries. ‘Saturday Night Fever’ will happen and it promises to be great.



Similarly the Super Eight Cultural Festival which was planned for Tauranga for the weekend 22/23 May 2020 has now been revisited and the events of the cultural festival will be spread over different venues but will continue to be held. The Cultural Festival is now likely to happen towards the end of Term 3. Further details will be advised once confirmed.

Sports Programme

Our sporting programme is starting up and already most teams have recommenced their fitness and training programmes. Matches are scheduled to in June and the schedule of events will be shown later in this newsletter. I know that many of our boys are very keen to get back into the sporting arena that they enjoy and value so much and of course we are keen to continue to capture that engagement and bring that enthusiasm back into the classroom with their Academic Learning. Your support of our sports teams this winter season will be most appreciated.

Overseas Trips

The school had quite a number of overseas trips planned this year and all have been deferred to 2021. I am sorry that this will be disappointing news for several of the boys and whānau but I am sure you will appreciate the reasons for these decisions. I should add that in most cases the decision to delay or cancel was made by the organisers and not our school. In this regard we are seeking the rollover of monies paid this year to cover the event for the same boys next year and in the case of one trip that was organised through an outside company we are working to gain the best solution we can. This is a difficult time and I have been communicating with the whānau of each team affected as appropriate. Again I apologise for any hardship caused by this difficult situation.

Important Dates

Monday 1 June	Queens Birthday
Tuesday 2 June	Matariki Week commences
Friday 5 June	School finishes at 1.25pm and students released
Wednesday 1 July	Leadership Assembly and Choral Contest at 12noon
	Board Meeting at 5.00pm
Friday 3 July	Term 2 Concludes
Monday 20 July	Term 3 Commences

2020 Term Dates

Term 1

Thursday 23 January - New Teachers Day
Friday 24 January - Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 28 January to Friday 27 March
Friday 6 March - Academic Review Day

= 86 half days

Term 2

Wednesday 15 April to Friday 3 July

= 112 half days

Term 3

Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
Friday 7 August - Academic Review Day
Monday 10 August - Teacher Only Day (BOP)
Friday 4 September - Winter Tournament Day

= 100 half days

Term 4

Monday 12 October to Tuesday 8 December
Monday 23 November - Teacher Only Day (BOP)

= 82 half days

Total

380 half days

Thank you again to everyone for the way in which the trials and tribulations of an eight week period of lockdown which happened so suddenly, were handled. I think our school got on with the job and responded impressively. Now however is the time for us to look forward and to ensure we take full advantage of the days and weeks that lie ahead and the opportunities yet to be presented. I wish you all the best and trust you will continue to stay well and stay safe.



Ngā mihi nui

A.C. Ginter
Principal

Head Prefects ANZAC SPEECH



The effects war had on our tamariki

Tihei Mauri Ora!

Tuatahi ki te Matua nui i te rangi. Nana te timatanga me te whakamutunga o nga mea katoa. Whai kororia ki tona ingoa tapu. Ki nga mate, o te wiki, o te marama, o te tau, o nga rau tau. E nga horea i mate ki nga pakanga, haere, haere, haere atu ra. Hoki mai ana ki a tatou te hunga te ora, tena ra tatou katoa.

War. A cataclysmic, catastrophic and transformational event that causes nothing but destruction upon the lives of millions. An event where countries, through the hands of their soldiers, fight for the freedom of their people, while their people, their whānau, sit at home hopelessly wondering when they will return. War affects not only the politicians and their soldiers, but also their elderly, mothers, wives but most heavenly the young.

Dad has just left for war. He was excited that he got the chance to go off to war for our country, but I wasn't. I begged him not to go, but I knew that he had to. "I won't be gone too long, I promise that I will come back home." Dad was so proud as he marched alongside the other soldiers. Chest out, shoulders back with the biggest smile on his face. He was proud that he got the chance to fight for his country, for the freedom of his country, right?

A month has passed by and this man came knocking on the door. With his head bowed and with a soft voice he reluctantly told me and my mother, "Unfortunately your father has passed away. He died in action." My heart absolutely shattered. My dad promised me that he would come home. But he didn't, alongside 16,000 other New Zealanders. Even to this day I have dreams about Dad coming home, but then I wake up to reality. I wake up realising that war took my father. I wake up knowing that I will get him back. But what hurts the most is that I never got to say goodbye in the moments before his death. I wish I got the chance too. Dad and all the other New Zealand soldiers went off to war to free our country. But I don't feel free. I feel trapped. Trapped between these walls of loneliness. Trapped in this dark, deep abyss, waiting for my father to pull me out. But he's gone. He'll never be coming back. I wish my Dad had never left that day.

This story is just one of many realities of how our tamariki were affected during the times of war. No one, absolutely no one deserves to go through that. Does the purpose of war outweigh the effects that it has on our tamariki?

Kia Ora. My name is Ngakohu Walker and I am the Head Boy of Rotorua Boys' High School.

To the date firstly. April 25th is of course the anniversary of the day Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli in 1915. The day where men left their whanau, their tamariki. The day we call ANZAC.

But what makes this day so special? It is not a day of military parades and power. It is a day of gatherings of veterans, or reunions, of services, of community involvement, and most importantly, it is a day of reflection on the effects it had on us as a nation and especially our tamariki. If we do celebrate anything on ANZAC day it is the legacy left by those who fought for us. This day is our day. We do not celebrate victory or glorify war, we reflect and we learn from these situations.

This year also recognises the 75th Anniversary of the Auschwitz liberation. An estimated 1.1 million people were killed at Auschwitz-Birkenau. An estimation of over 200,000 of those people were children under the age of 18. 200,000 thousand!

If there is one thing I can take away from war. It is that it may free a country. However, it also destroys countries. Physically, mentally and spiritually. And today on this day, our day, we reflect, we remember and most importantly we learn from these situations and how they affected our tamariki.

I would like to finish off my korero with a quote from Hori Bennett. And I quote.

"Your sorrowing tribes, your weeping friends, and your grief stricken heath, hearth and home, your ever loving wife, children and grand-children to whom our hearts go out in loving sympathies and with whom we feel and mourn your loss."

No reira e te iwi, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena ra tatu katoa.

Ngākohu Walker
Head Prefect 2020



Reverend and Old Boy, Tom Poata delivered the Anzac sermon during the Rotorua Lakes Council Anzac Commemorations at Home service.

From the Desk of the Deputy Principal Administration and Assessment



NZQA and Assessment Matters

Throughout the lockdown period, many of our students engaged with their online learning programmes and the feedback from teachers has been very positive. Teachers will be reassuring their students that there is no need to focus on 'catching up' on anything they may have missed during the online teaching and learning that took place during the lockdown period. Regardless of the recent events, we are constantly reflecting and reviewing our programmes to ensure all students have an equitable opportunity to achieve their year level qualification and possess the skills required to progress to their next level of learning. With that in mind, NZQA have announced changes to NCEA for 2020, which gives students more time to prepare for end of year assessment. The immediate changes are;

- Examinations for NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship will now begin on 16 November instead of 6 November, and end on 9 December instead of 2 December.
- The submission date for subjects which require students to submit a portfolio is being extended to 12 November
- The requirement for NZQA verification of Level 1 and 2 Visual Arts portfolios has been removed. This means students will have more time to complete their portfolios, and teachers will have more time for marking.

In many cases, student work prior to and during lockdown can be used as evidence for an internal assessment. However, this may not be appropriate for all assessment scenarios, therefore, students should communicate with their teachers to ask if this is possible.

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From the Desk of the Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning



Kia Ora Raukura whānau,

Academic Priorities

As you are aware each student has been impacted differently through our Covid 19 Lockdown. Therefore as we head towards Winter, it is important for us to focus on the academic progress of all of our young men. 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. This period of time is also incredibly important for all senior students thinking of Tertiary studies, as applications for Universities, Halls of Residences and scholarships for 2020 open in the near future. 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 yadlam@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 homepage of 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.

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 Level 2 literacy. Level 2 Literacy should be a goal for all senior students and the attainment celebrated. Level 2 Literacy is also known as UE Literacy and is gained through earning 10 credits

- 5 in reading
- 5 in writing

These credits do not have to come from English at Level 2 and Level 3, however this is a great way to ensure you meet the criteria. Other subjects that also provide this opportunity are included below. Please feel free to discuss these with your son's English teacher at any given opportunity. Subjects offering standards which include Level 2 Literacy are

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

As students continue to return to school there is a continued need to ensure that all personal Ipads are connected to our school's MDM. This is \$25 a year and enables a range of features both at school and at home. We still have Ipads for students to purchase through rental and I would encourage any whānau to contact the school. For any specific IT request please contact in the first instance support@rbhs.school.nz which are MB3 our IT providers or myself @ pconrad@rbhs.school.nz.

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From the Desk of the Deputy Principal Student Support



Attendance News

Important Information for Students and Whanau re - Weekly attendance collection for COVID-19 period

Thank you for your support during the last few months, as together we united against the challenges of Covid-19. Alert Levels 3 and 2 brought relief for many families and whānau, as it was once again safe for their children and young people to physically attend school. Getting back to a normal routine is important for the health and wellbeing of your children, being around their peers and teachers will help them feel in control and reassured. We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school and making it a positive experience for them and for you.

The Ministry has asked all schools to submit attendance data weekly. It is really important that we get a response covering as many students as possible.

From there then the Ministry can work out where extra support may be needed.

Therefore we will be sending student attendance data to the Ministry weekly, from **29th May**. The purpose is to:

- Report to the National Crisis Monitoring Centre and government on levels of attendance during the COVID-19 period.
- Inform and support Ministry planning for students and schools returning to normal operation.
- Evaluate and report on the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Ministry to respond and manage its response to COVID-19.

Absenteeism

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.**

Congratulations to the following students who had 100% attendance for Term 1

Year 9

Bailey Adams, Connor Aitu, Coby Anderson, Hori Anderson, Noah Beckham, Finnly Bezer, Jeremy Carr, Thisen Chandrasena, Benjamin Collins, Ali Corbett, Daniel Duyvesteyn, Jacob

Fitzgerald, Elijah Fonotia, Shane Gifkins, Seth Green, Lachlan Hale, Dallas Hinga, Henare Hodge, Marcus Hutchings, Nikau Irihei, Te Ihooterangi Kapa, Eraia Kiel, Te Rauhiriwa Kilkelly, Heath Lash, Jared Lasike, Babylon Lihou-Te Wake, Setaleki Jr Mafileo, Werata Maniapoto, Juandre Mare, Rayle Emil Mari, Maddison Mathie, Jack McLean, Naszier Meha, Warena Morgan, Shiloh O'Niel, Joel Overbye, Riley Parkinson, Te Tumu Pehi-McKain, Tawhiri-Maui-Terehua, Peita Tavita Pomale, Kalai Proctor, Calais Rapana, Dre Rikihana, Louis Robinson, Harish Sawroop, Manish Sawroop, Nishil Singh, Shivney Singh, Tamarangi Sorenson, Nathan Sutton, Neville Tapsell, Mikaere Te Maipi, Rawiri Tewhata, Whati Thomas-Walker, Te Wairua Aio, Poumanu Turner, Kegan Van Rensburg, Hugh Virgano, Harlym Waaka, Ngakau Wayne, Tukuru Wharerau, Weslee Wright, Tuwhakairiora Eruera, Drew Hahunga, Ashton O'Brien, Karanema Rolleston, Kavin Unka

Year 10

Ryan Elliot, Eli Gillanders, Kyle Hetherington, Arnall Asish, Rafel Baruelo, James Bennett, Maitland Bezer, Damian Bright, Ataarangi Bryers, Pritesh Budhia, Malaki Cama, Ayush Chand, Kyle Hethrington, Dylan Jull, Maloni Kunawave, Austin Lash, Joel Mitchell, Luca Muggleton, Joshua Norman, Kobe-Lee Paku, Enoke Patrick, Caleb Price, Kaewa Raimona, Titoko Rogers, Riley Rowlinson, William Skipper, Jai Tamati, Angimaua Teboko, Awhiowhenua Tepania, Olly Weaver, Keremeta Tukiwaho, Karaka Whata, Hohaia Akaroa, Yoshimasa Anraku, Nikau Wihapi-Priest, Luca Alibone

Year 11

Bronson Anderson, Riley Allan, Samuel Davis, Koan Hemana, Keaton Hine, Trent Irving, Daniel Kim, Braydon Lauri, Rikau Neilson, Levi Overbye, Jay Smith, Levi Sutton, Vinnie Te Maipi, Tamataipunoa Turner-Houkamau, Sean Connolly, Daniel Hamilton, Matthew Johns, Ethan Jonas, Stiven Lopez Valencia, Blue Simpkins-Jones, Kahutia Hunt, Naucoo Brown, Manase Wada, Taumanu walker, Nacani Batidravu

Year 12

Vero Alley, Mikaere Albert, Jackson Cutts, Miguel Manaig, Yannick Martel, Luis Gabriel Masacarin, Noah Allibone, Fakalelei Palelei, Turahui Payne, Riley Hine, Liam Kalan, Yu Someya, Ngaru Omichi, Cameron Pol, Nikau Rickards, Todd Storey, Aorere Waaka, Tamaarangi Te Rei-Tuuata, Matiu Te Rei-Tuuata, Edward Dinh, Penisimani Fihaki, Reagan Nicholson, Nazirite Paretoa, Viliami Puloka, Richardo Steenkamp, Hugo Szarzewski

Year 13

Christian Alfonso, Maneo Armstrong, Benny Chingcheng Choi, Eric Lu, Tyler Coote Byron Hinga, Tai McLachlan, Daniel Meneses, Max O'Neale, Christian Ramos, Keden Whichman, Hao Zhou, Conor Franklin, Rangihaeata Hale, Sameed Khan, Finlay Martin, Te Hokinga Ututaonga, Ngakohu Walker

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 and practice dressing 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.

The school is working diligently to enable all students to be in correct uniform to and from school. Head of House's also complete morning van runs to check for students wearing correct School uniform traveling to and from school. 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 Buckton.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, either via email hlockwood@rbhs.school.nz or phone 07 3486169 ext 872 if you have any concerns.

Nga mihi

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From the Deans

From the Year 9 Dean

Mrs A Hay



Kia ora Koutou,

It is so nice to be back at school, the boys all look like they have grown over the last few weeks away and they seem very happy to be back in the classroom.

In our Year level assembly on Wednesday we focused on "Kindness", it is important for our boys to realise that the time we spent in our bubbles has been very different for all of us and we need to be aware of that when we are in our classes and moving around the school.

It has been an exciting week for our Year 9 Leaders. On Wednesday our House Group Captains stood up on stage in front of their peers and announced our 100% Attendance Winners for Term 1.



On Thursday 21 May at our Celebration of Success Assembly our Year 9 Jubilee Scholars were recognised and introduced to the other student leaders within the school.



A huge congratulations to our 63 Year 9 Boys who achieved 100% Attendance for Term 1!

Bailey Adams	Connor Aitu	Coby Anderson
Hori Anderson	Noah Beckham	Finnly Bezer
Jeremy Carr	Thisen Chandrasena	Benjamin Collins
Ali Corbett	Daniel Duyvesteyn	Jacob Fitzgerald
Elijah Fonotia	Shane Gifkins	Seth Green
Lachlan Hale	Dallas Hinga	Henare Hodge
Marcus Hutchings	Nikau Irihei	Te Ihooterangi Kapa
Eraia Kiel	Te Rauhiriwa Kilkelly	Heath Lash
Jared Lasike	Babylon Lihou-Te Wake	Setaleki Jr Mafileo
Werata Maniapoto	Juandre Mare	Rayle Emil Mari
Maddison Mathie	Jack McLean	Naszier Meha
Warena Morgan	Shiloh O'Niel	Joel Overbye
Riley Parkinson	Te Tumu Pehi-McKain	Tawhiri-Maui-Terehua Peita
Tavita Pomale	Kalai Proctor	Calais Rapana
Dre Rikihana	Louis Robinson	Harish Sawroop
Manish Sawroop	Nishil Singh	Shivney Singh
Tamarangi Sorenson	Nathan Sutton	Neville Tapsell
Mikaere Te Maipi	Rawiri Tewhata	Whati Thomas-Walker
Te Wairua Aio	Poumanu Turner	Kegan Van Rensburg
Hugh Virgano	Harlym Waaka	Ngakau Wayne
Tukuru Wharerau	Weslee Wright	Tuwhakairiora Eruera
Drew Hahunga	Ashton O'Brien	Karanema Rolleston
Kavin Unka		

Mrs A Hay (BEd(Music), DipTchg, FTCL(Violin))
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From the Year 10 Dean

Mr B Kanara



Kia ora kotou

Welcome back whanau, it is so good to see our school back and engaged with learning and teaching. The buzz around school is positive and the students have missed their Teachers and friends. Our attendance is looking very good with our Year 10s almost back to 100%.

This term I would like to highlight one of our Students from 10E, Luca Muggleton. Not only has Luca held his 100% attendance rate but he has also been very busy in his spare time in our Tec department building his own guitar.

With Guidance from our very talented Mr Botes, Luca has built a copy of a Fender Stratocaster. He made the body and shaped it using various machines. Some of the hardware was purchased brand new and the 2nd hand parts from various people. This build has taken Luca around ten weeks and he would like to start a guitar building company one day. Luca has been playing guitar since he completed his build and is already proving he has the raw talent to continue playing.

Taking opportunities is an integral part of Raukura and we promote our students taking on new and exciting challenges with supporting them to succeed, well done Luca and keep it up. I look forward to our year 10 group finishing this term very strong.

Nga Mihi.

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From the Year 11 Dean

Mrs K Hemana



Kia Ora Raukura whānau,

During our rāhui/lockdown, you might've been inclined to create a minute by minute schedule for your sons. You would've had high hopes for hours of learning, including online activities, Education Perfect tasks, and finishing off assessments. But here's the thing... They have never experienced anything like this before. Although the idea of being off of school for weeks sounded awesome, they probably pictured a fun time like summer break, not the reality of being trapped at home and not seeing their friends. Some boys took on paid employment as essential workers to support their whānau and some struggled to get out of bed. Whatever the experience we are sure glad to see them back at school, and are rolling up our sleeves to take back any time lost.

Over the coming weeks, keep in close contact with your sons' House Group Tutor and his teachers. If you are concerned about anything please do not hesitate to reach out. What our boys need right now is to feel comforted and supported. To feel like it's all going to be ok. Teachers will continue to do their absolute best for your son... we've got you! Don't worry about them regressing in school. Every single student is in this boat and they all will be ok, we will all course correct and meet them where they are. Teachers are experts at this! If I can leave you with one thing, it's this: at the end of all of this, your sons' mental health will be more important than their academic skills. And how they felt during this time will stay with them long after the memory of what they did during those weeks is long gone. So keep that in mind, every single day...

Take care and welcome back!

Celebrating Success

It is important to acknowledge those who have worked hard. The following students were recognised for their academic prowess.



Walker, Taumanu



Simpkins-Jones, Blue

Both Taumanu and Blue have passed Level 1 NCEA with an Excellence endorsement! Taumanu also subject endorsed with Merit in Te Reo Māori Level 2 in 2019; Blue also subject endorsed with Merit in Level 1 English in 2019 - an amazing achievement from both young men.



Overbye, Levi



Hemana, Koan



Schuster, Meleki

Both Koan and Levi subject endorsed with Excellence in Level 1 English in 2019 - well done! Meleki also subject endorsed with Merit in Level 1 English in 2019 - awesome work!



Te Moni, Ruao



Maniapoto-Whitiara, Maru



Malcolm, Daniel



Ahuriri, Manaaki



Te Poihipi Te Pairi
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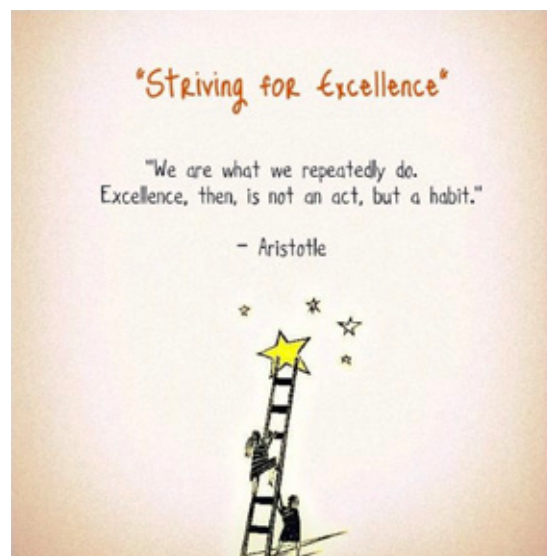
Tawhara, Te Kura

Ruao endorsed with Excellence Level 1 Te Reo Māori in 2019 - ka mau te wehi! Maru, Daniel, Manaaki, Te Kura and Te Poihipi Te Pairi endorsed with Merit Level 1 Te Reo Māori in 2019 - tau ke!

Our School Value Focus for this term

HIRANGATANGA - Strive for Excellence

Striving for excellence means you will always do your best, learn from your mistakes and seek continual improvement. Reach for the stars!



With so much work to do and so little time, this is a timely message to all our boys that we need to focus. Working hard in all classes and trying your best is all we can ask. Our Homework Centre - Te Honoa Toi will start up in Week 7 beginning Monday 25th May, in L4 beside the library. Teachers are keen to help out and so if you are behind then use this one hour after school to seek continual improvement!

I will be calling on all leaders in Year 11 who are confident to mentor others in their cohort in various subjects - so we can work together as a team! If this sounds like you and you would like to become a mentor please see your Dean asap - and likewise, those students who would like more support from a mentor please let your Dean know asap!

If you need to discuss anything with me please send me an email [khemanana@rbhs.school.nz](mailto:khemana@rbhs.school.nz) or ring on 3486169 ext 803.

Ngā mihi

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PPTA Chair

From the Year 12 Dean

Mrs M Shaw



Kia ora Koutou,

Our online learning time was a challenge for us all with lots of learning and development for both our Year 12 students and our teachers.

In our first assembly this term we discussed the types of challenges our friends and peers may be facing and the importance of being kind and supportive during this time. Our young men recognised that we are often quick to judge, and especially now, we need to acknowledge that everyone's situation is different and show some compassion.

As we progress forward into this term, the Year 12's have a target of gaining 6 credits in each subject. I also encourage our young men to utilise our Te Honoa Toi programme after school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3-4pm. This is a great opportunity for our students as they have access to teachers who can further support their studies.

Attendance is key to gaining those much needed credits and achieving academic goals. A huge congratulations to our Term 1 100% attendance winners.

Frobisher	Nelson			Drake			Raleigh		
Alley Vero 12FA	Nicholson Reagan 12NA	Manaig Miguel 12DA	Mascarinas Luis Gabriel 12RA	Poi Cameron 12FA	Omichi Ngaru 12NA	Dinh Edward 12DB	Hine Riley 12RB		
Albert Mikaere 12FB	Paretoa Nazirite 12NA		Kenah Daniel 12RB	Apiata Justise 12FB	Allibone Noah 12NB		Steenkamp Ricardo 12RB		
	Kalan Liam 12NB				Rickards Nikau 12NB				
	Storey Todd 12NB								

Mitchell House								
Cutts Jackson 12MH	Te Rei-Tuuta Matiu 12MH	Martel Yannick 12MH	Fihaki Penisimani 12MH	Te Rei-Tuuta Tamaarangi 12MH	Payne Turahui 12MH	Palelei Fakalelei 12MH	Szarzewski Hugo 12MH	Someya Yu 12MH
Puloka Villami 12MH	Waaka Aorere 12MH							

We also had our Celebration of Success afternoon on Thursday where our seniors were presented with their Excellence Blazers, Honours ties and Super 8 badges. Well done to our outstanding young men, you are truly outstanding!

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From Year 13 Dean

Mr G Hunt



Tena Koutou Katoa

Greetings to all the families of our students at Rotorua Boys High School.

Welcome back to Term 2 after what can only be described as unprecedented times. I hope this message greets you and your family in good health and wellbeing. I feel the boys have responded incredibly well to the challenges presented in the lockdown period, and are positioned well to take on another busy term albeit a very different one.

With seven weeks left the key focus is the wellbeing of our boys. House groups have been extended so that extra pastoral care can be administered where required and appropriate. From this place of well being I am positive our boys can take on the targets set to achieve and enjoy their last year of school.

Academics

The goal of this term is for each student to focus on gaining six credits per subject across his timetable. Achievement of this goal should see him near the 40 credit mark. This will put him comfortably on track to secure his Level three certificate.

Check your son's credit status on the Kamar parent portal, using his login name and password. You can access this login at the bottom of our website or through the school app.

Absenteeism

If your son has been away from school please ring our absentee line (07) 349 5137 and leave the relevant details, you can also justify his absence with his House Group tutor via email.

As dean, it is my objective to get every student to use his time in 2020 in the most productive and positive manner. If your son is not attending school, he will receive correspondence from me detailing my intentions, to firstly support him back into school and if that fails, a plan to engage him in work or alternative study.

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 - 4pm in the Library computer suite. Your son is welcome to attend these sessions for extra support. Details of staff and subject specialities are listed below.

Monday	Mrs Hemana	English
Tuesday	Mr Kanara	Technologies and Music
Wednesdays	Mr G Hunt/Mrs Shaw	Physical Ed/Maths
Thursday	Mrs Hay	Math and Music

"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, Engari he toa takitini"
"Success is not the work of one, but the work of many"

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International Dean

Mrs T Grinter



This Term we have 29 International students and all have been with us from the start of the year.

Well done to the group of International Students who stayed in the hostel bubble and operated very well. I would especially like to acknowledge Nabil Kone for his leadership of this group. This group even celebrated four Birthdays - Nabil, KC, Manase and Tolu. Best wishes boys.

Congratulations to Nabil for gaining a Basketball Scholarship to study at a University in the USA.



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HOSTEL NEWS

On the 21st of March Tai Mitchell Hostel, along with the rest of New Zealand, moved into Level 4 and lockdown restrictions. This created a hostel bubble of 11 international students along with the resident staff. The boarders of Nabil Kone, KC Nwafor, Leitutolu Rasmussen, Jackson Cutts, Yu Someya, Tuatai Curtis, Calan Wiremu, Taichi Tsubouchi, Hugo Szarzewski, Yoshimasa Anaraku and Manase Wada all moved into North Block and quickly made themselves safe and comfortable in single man rooms. As an essential service the boys were well fed and supported each day by Eurest who ensured that the boys had plenty of food and snacks.

A typical day consisted of an early morning gym session followed by breakfast. We would then move into the computer lab and study from 9am till 11 30am. Lunch followed and then back to the blocks where the boys played games, went for runs and enjoyed the quietness of the hostel. The staff worked through their normal roster and continued with roll calls etc as part of our normal routine. As staff we were extremely impressed with how the boys settled into their routine and life in Tai Mitchell Hostel at level 4. Given we had access to school facilities was a welcomed bonus as the boys were able to continue to work on their skills and fitness. The zoom sessions provided by Raukura coaches were fantastic and enabled the boys to stay connected.

A great initiative was developed by Mr Courtney using a spreadsheet to track the boys wellbeing during the lockdown period. Each day the boys would log onto the spreadsheet and answer the questions using an emoji. Each housemaster was able to see the inputs and act accordingly. An example of Nabil's spreadsheet to the right.

We maintained hostel traditions throughout Level 4 and the boys were happy and positive. We celebrated Easter with an easter egg hunt, attended the Anzac service at the end of our driveway and also celebrated 4 birthdays with cake and time together. The staff made each day positive and eventful and encouraged the boys to maintain good routines.

A special thank you to Nabil as his leadership and cheerful nature was outstanding and we are extremely grateful to have Nabil as part of the hostel. Also to the hostel staff who maintained a vibrant bubble and ensured our boys were well looked after.

How are you feeling?					
	Mind	Body	Whanau	Online work	Workouts
28/03/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
29/03/20	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
30/03/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
31/03/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
01/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
02/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
03/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
04/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
05/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
06/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
07/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
08/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
09/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
10/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
11/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
12/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
13/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
14/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
15/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
16/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
17/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
18/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
19/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
20/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
21/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊
22/04/20 Nabil	😊	😊	😊	😊	😊

During this Covid19 period as a school and hostel we are acutely aware of the need to support our students health and well being. We are very grateful to have the support of our Hostel Chaplain Clare Jessop. Clare has begun interviewing the students upon their return and communicates each day with school and hostel staff. This is a follow up on the interviews that took place in Term 1 pre Covid19 and is a fantastic resource for our boarders and students.

The boys would also like to thank everyone for their messages of support and love during this time. They were overwhelmed with all the well wishes and it helped keep them cheerful and constructive during Level 4.

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

CAREERS

We are back and working hard, lots of interviews, and lots of information coming in. Thinking of what comes next - University, Polytechnic, Trades?

Information is posted in the Daily Notices, Google Classroom. Come in and see me in C3 during Interval, Lunchtime and after school or make an appointment. Parents you are welcome to contact me yadlam@rbhs.school.nz

Look forward to seeing you.
Noho ora mai,

Ms Y Adlam
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Senior Students Remember:

Gaining Basic University Entrance (some degrees have a higher entry requirement) requires:

Gain NCEA Level 3
and
14 credits at Level 3 in Three UE approved subjects
and
UE Literacy and Numeracy

Gaining an apprenticeship - Employers look for:

Restricted Drivers License
NCEA Level 2 preferably with UE Literacy and Numeracy
Willing to work, reliable and can follow instructions
Work Experience - check out our Gateway Programme.

Rapua te ara tika mou ake: Seek the path that is right for you.

GUIDANCE

Welcome back to Term 2 from the Guidance team,

During these past weeks of uncertainty the very best elements of human nature have been able to prevail. We see this strength within our school community, displaying care and kindness of those around us. These are great attributes heading back to school, following this unprecedented time.

With this in mind, we would like to introduce our guidance team here at school, who are able to support and help during this transition back to school.

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School Nurse
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School Chaplain
Miss C Jessep
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Our doctor Mike Tuston is at school, two lunch times a week, Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact the school nurse for this free service.

We are very aware of the difficulties our families in the community have been facing over this period of time and we have been very impressed with the resilience shown by our school community. For those that have any concerns or would appreciate any support, we are here to help.

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi
With your basket and my basket the people will live

Nga Mihi

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MUSIC/DANCE

It is great to be back at school and our Musicians and Dancers are all ready to go. One big thing they missed over the Lockdown period is jamming together, singing together, dancing and it is great to hear them all getting into the swing of things.

Congratulations to Tamati Cassidy who gave us an amazing performance of 'This is the Moment' at our recent Celebrating Success Assembly.

Some of our big Performing Arts events for the year have been cancelled but it is awesome there are a few coming up that our boys can still get involved with.

Rockquest and Pasifika Beats will be doing an online comp which we will enter some bands into and rehearsals for this are getting underway this week. We are hopeful to still hold our Super 8 Cultural Festival later in the year so look out for that also. This will hopefully be in Term 3.

It is exciting that our production of Saturday Night Fever is still going ahead and rehearsals for that have started this week. Some of the cast have been learning songs and lines throughout Lockdown so that is awesome.

Mr C Hay (BMediaArt, DipTchg)
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Introducing the cast of

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

Tony
Tawhao Webster

Stephanie
Jasmine Morrison
(Dance Captain)

Joey
Mathieu Boynton-Rata

Double J
Igor Da Silva

Bosco
Tamati Cassidy

Bobby C
Max Harvey

Jimmy
Kahu Te Hau

Fosco
Charlie Roigard

Annette
Bianca Maaka

Frank Jnr
Te Ara Pounamu Pukeroa

Frank
Whatukura Mohi

Flo
Kendra Konui

Doreen
Manaia Lewis-Wano

President
Haeora Boynton-Rata

Lady Customer
Nisha Tawa

Second Customer
Paretoroa Webster-Tarei

Linda
Teiringatahi Webster-Tarei

Jay (Dance Partner)
Hikurangi Ruwhiu-Edmonds
(Dance Captain)

Monty (DJ)
Anipatene Williams

Bouncer
Poihipi Papuni

Becker
Connor Franklin

Club Singer Males
Totorewa Malcolm
Cullen Katu-Robinson, Marangai
Wainohu-Savage

Puerto Rican Dancers
Ashley Atchico
Steffany Silva-Delaoutour
Matekino Kahukoti-Gray

Club Singer Females
Shay Tahana
Alyssa Webster
Amaia Grant

Girl
Ashley Atchico

Cesar (Dancer)
Rohm Dixon

Maria (Dancer)
Pauline Padayhag

Connie
Trinity Nikora

Police Officer
Juandre Mare

Puerto Rican (Dance / fight)
Tiaki Ngarimu
Blue Jones
Uale Lefaoeou

Busker
Hunter Geary

Male Chorus
Rikau Nielson
Tuatai Curtis
Tai Te Aonui
Tawhiri Peita

Female Chorus
Rangimahuta Renati
Isabella Simmons
Anna Olsen
Tran Nguyen
Leane van Rensburg
Raukawa-Tia Hona-Paku

Rotozua Boys' High School Presents..

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

17th - 19th September 2020



Tickets available from RBHS

"SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER" The Musical
Based on the Paramount/RSO Film and the story by Nik Cohn.
Adapted for the stage by Robert Stigwood and assisted by Bill Oakes.
Edited by Ryan McBryde
By Arrangement with David Spicer Productions www.davidspicer.com.au



DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER
DEAN MCKERRAS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
CAMERON HAY

VOCAL DIRECTOR
ELISHA HULTON

SPORTS NEWS

Kukri Lockdown Trickshot Challenge

Over the lockdown period the challenge was laid to our Students to see who could come up with the best Sporting Trick Shot. We had a number of entries sent in and there were certainly some awesome and creative entries. Kukri NZ supplied us with a couple of Prizes to go to our best Junior and Senior winners.

Check out our Social Media Networks to see the range of entries and to see our winners receiving the Kukri Products as prizes.

Lastly well done and thank you to all those who sent in their entries, we hope you enjoyed the challenge and the opportunity to get a little active throughout the Lockdown period

Senior winner: Jared Hamilton

Junior Winner: Francis Lockwood

Pictured below: Winners of the Kukri Trickshot challenge with their prizes.



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SPORTS UPDATE

Rotorua Boys' High School Sport is up and running. Training is well underway and while we don't have to worry about the numbers involved at any one practice, we are still taking measures around clean equipment, sanitizing and contact tracing.

Sport BOP has suspended and in some cases cancelled many events for the rest of Term 2 which does not impact us too much as we move into our winter codes preparation. At this stage the major codes are set for a start on the following dates....

- 1st XI Football begin June 13th taking on our RBHS Development side in the Waibop U19 Premier League
- 1st XI Hockey are set for their season to start from June 18 (Draw not yet confirmed)
- Snr A Basketballs competition proposed start date is 22nd June (currently pre season games are now being organised for the 2 weeks leading into the 22nd with Napier and Hastings being potential opposition.
- 1st XV open their season on Saturday 20th June vs St Peters College here at RBHS

School Sport New Zealand have cancelled a number of National Events on their Sporting Calendar for 2020, including the Top 4 Rugby Finals, Football Nationals and Basketball Zonals, to name a few. As part of the New Zealand Super Eight Schools', we are looking to hold our Winter Code Tournaments in the week that was known as Winter Tournament Week to avoid further disruption to our Teaching and Learning. (Week 7 of Term 3)

Here is what it looks like for us (S.8 = Super Eight Tournament)
There is the potential for change depending on further announcements from our Government

Winter Tournament Week: 31/8 - 4/9

U14 Rugby - Palmerston North (S.8)

U15 Rugby - Hastings (S.8)

U15 Basketball - Hamilton (S.8)

1st XI Football - Rotorua (S.8)

Snr A Basketball - Tauranga (S.8)

Senior Hockey (awaiting decision on National Tournament Week) Tauranga S.8

Jnr Football - Palmerston North (S.8)

Jnr Hockey - New Plymouth

With a later start than normal, all teams should and are gearing up for their regular competitions albeit with some format changes to fit certain timeframes. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

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SUPER 8 VOLLEYBALL

After two weeks of preparation and a long day of travelling, we had finally arrived at the stadium to play the game that brought us all together, volleyball. The 24th of February was our first match was against none other than the current national volleyball champions: Tauranga Boys' High School. Not one player in our team had ever played an official match of volleyball and we were about to face the best team in the country. To some teams this fact might have been a deterrent but to us it was exciting.

We battled our best fight but what seemed to be a common factor that recurred throughout the tournament was our lack of experience. Being such a new team we found ourselves causing many small errors, however to combat this lack of experience we learnt to play as a team. Capitalizing on the strength of our group rather than that of an individual. This became very evident in certain sets throughout the tournament where we would only lose them by a couple points eg. 23-25 vs Gisborne who finished third place. Our results for the first day proceeded as follows; 0-3 vs Tauranga, 0-3 vs Gisborne.

Coming up against the teams that would take out first and third in the tournament on the first day had both positive and negative effects on the team. The losses were harsh and momentarily swayed the team's morale but when reflecting after the games we realised something, the Gisborne game was close, a top four team that had made nationals many of years had to battle us for the win until the very end. This measurement of our talent inspired and carried us into the next day feeling good.

Much like the last day we found ourselves losing 0-3 vs Palmerston North and 0-3 vs Hamilton however our scores became much closer; 18-25, 21-25, 16-25 vs Palmerston and 18-25, 25-27, 19-25 vs Hamilton. Day 2 was tough losing our games by marginal points but like all sports all we could do was gather ourselves and look forward to playing the next day. We had a rematch against Palmerston North for 7th and 8th, 17-25, 15-25 our team had not been playing its best volleyball. Then the 3rd set arrived, on the brink of elimination and for many of our year 13 students not being able to play ever again weighed heavily over them. A switch flipped and we set in motion a plan to work together and win, as we did not have as skilled or experienced players as they had but we had belief in each other. A harsh point for point set was played until we found ourselves up 25-24 with our best server at the line, we had a chance. A service ace secured our team its first set of the tournament 26-24.

Our momentum carried into the 4th set where we fought to the very end never giving an inch until we were finally bested 25-23. We lost 1-3 vs Palmerston North and finished 8th. Despite the placing we were ecstatic with the finish. Although winning would have been amazing, the growth of the team as individuals and as a cohort was overwhelming. From playing our first game two days prior to holding our own and winning our first set against a previous year national qualifying team, I think it's safe to say that 2020 Super 8 Volleyball was a success.

Special thanks to Coach Rachael Tahuri and Manager Kelly Hemana. This opportunity could not have happened without them.

Keden Wichman
Year 13 Prefect



BASKETBALL

What a start to the 2020 year

Junior Academy - 2020 saw the most year 9 enrol for the 2020 Basketball Academy, with 43 up and coming Basketballers. These players are; 6.0ft Freeman Verco, 6.1ft Elijah Fonotia, 6.1ft Shane Gifkins, and 6.3ft Christopher Bryant, 6.4ft Tyrell Irving and also players to watch out for and very exciting Rico Walton Iraia, Kruz Ua-Marsh.

Our Year 10 also has exciting players like the Kupa Teao, Toka Tawhara, and Xanda Masters.

Senior Academy 2020:

This is the most exciting part of the Programme. We have now formed an excellent Senior A squad made up of 20 year 11 and 12 students such as; Trent Irving, Tearynce Ngamotu, Tuteao Raerino, Tiakiwai Raharuhi-Walker, Elias Kerr, Mikaere Allbert and KC Nawfor.

This year 2020 Snr A players

Aidan Tonge - Snr A (Captian) NZ u19 trialist Rotorua U19 Rep, (He Got Game) Secondary School All-Star team Member 2020, Deputy Head Boy 2020.

Nabil Kone - 3rd and Final year (Full 4-year Scholarship to Trinity International University) (He Got Game) Secondary School All-Star team Member 2020, Rotorua u19 Rep

KC Nawfor - NZ u17 Trialist Rotorua u19 Rep

Jared Hamilton - Rotorua u19, Rep 2020 Prefect

Finlay Martin - Rotourua u19 Rep 2020 Prefect

Ernest Kerr - Rotorua u19 Rep

Tristan Karaka Rotorua u19 Rep

Tai McLachlan Rotorua u19 Rep Rotorua u17 Rep

Keden Wichman Rotourua u19 Rep, 2020 Prefect

Zach Cooper Rotorua u19 Rep, 2020 Prefect

Shaun Gifkins Rotorua u19 Rep, Rotorua u17 Rep

Pita King Rotorua u19 Rep

This is the best start of the 4-year programme. From year to year Basketball has gone from Strength to Strength and we are continuing to grow with numbers of Basketball players in 2020 (90 plus) from 2016 (24 players).

Covid19 Period:

This has been a trying time for all young sports Athletes, so one of our big initiatives for online Coaching was our F45 session with all our Basketballers this has been very positive. We had our Year 9 and 10 sessions 3 times a week and Snr As and Development players every day at 3.30pm. We had 1 Coaching Zoom chat every week to discuss player development and offence and defence systems and also 3 Development Zoom Coaching Clinic with Former Tall Blacks Coach Tab Baldwin.

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STUDENT PROFILE

AIDAN TONGE

Congratulations to Deputy Head Prefect, Aidan Tonge who was named in the Junior Tall Blacks team (U18).

Aidan, a power forward/ centre, found out he was named as a non-travelling reserve via an Instagram live video on the national team's page during lockdown. Because of Co-vid, the tournament in Germany they were scheduled to play had been cancelled.

Earlier this year he and 23 other top players in the country were invited to a trial camp at Tui Ridge. Another trial will be held later this year for a tour in Asia.

"It was definitely challenging but it was good to see all the talent and players together. It was definitely different than playing teams with one or two really good players, we all potentially had the opportunity to be in the [Junior Tall Blacks] team, so it was a good experience to be a part of," Aidan says.

This was the first national team he has been selected for.

"I was over the moon. It was good to finally know where I sit and just have some recognition of all the hard work I've been trying to do and that it's finally paid off," he says.

"My family have always been supportive of me and as soon as I found out, I told them and watched the video again together."

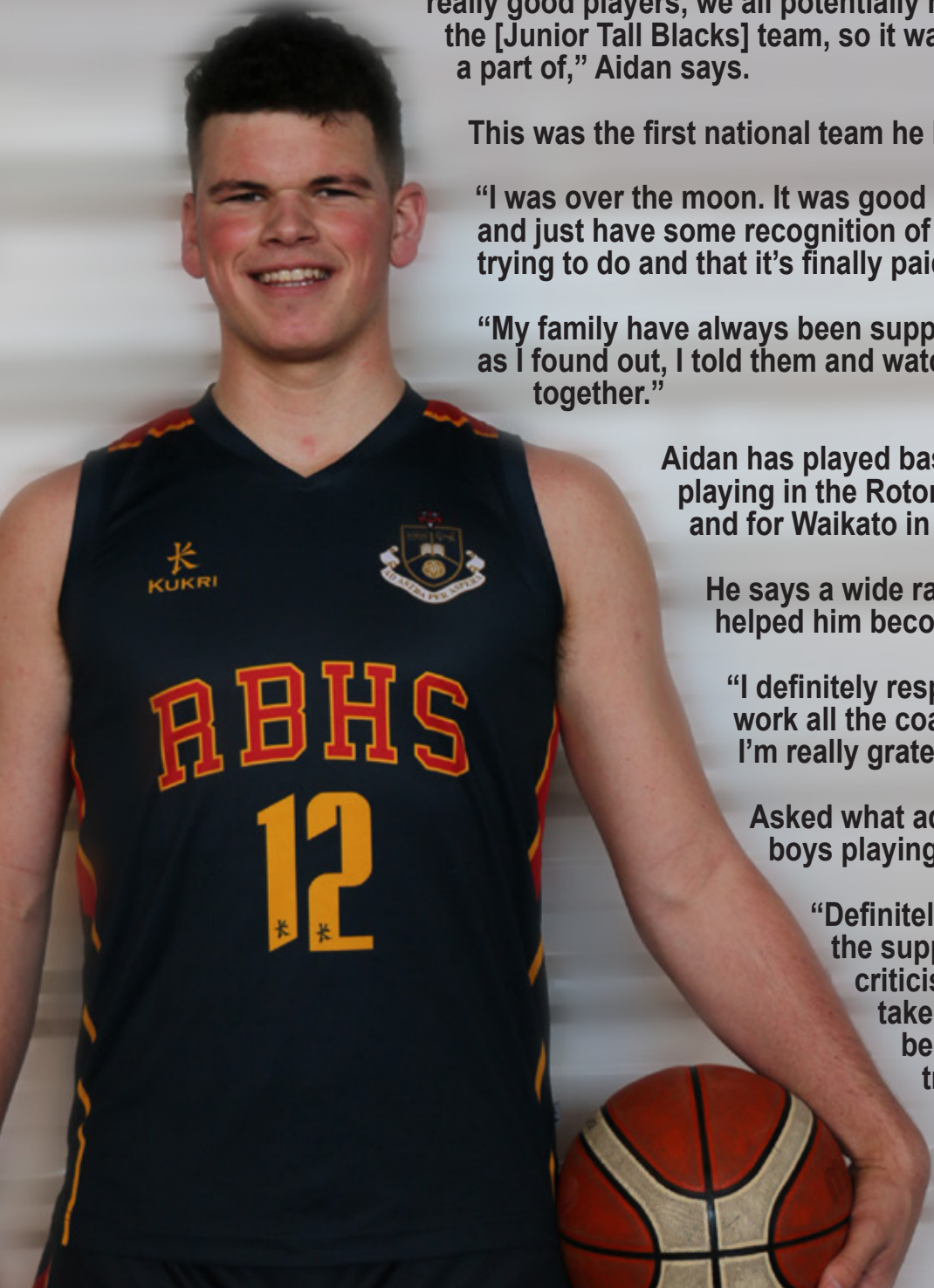
Aidan has played basketball for seven years, playing in the Rotorua representative system and for Waikato in the U19 competition.

He says a wide range of coaches have helped him become the player he is today.

"I definitely respect and appreciate the work all the coaches I've had, have done. I'm really grateful for that."

Asked what advice he'd give to the junior boys playing:

"Definitely listen to coaches and all the support around you. If you get criticism, take the message, don't take the tone. That's always been a key for me. I always try and listen to what they say, not how they say it to me. Keep going with it, don't give up," he says.



RAUKURA OLD BOYS NEWS



Logan Elers graduated from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony online. He received a scholarship straight from Raukura in 2016 to study and play basketball and graduated with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering with the Highest Distinction Honours (Summa Cum Laude) with a GPA of more than 3.9.

Logan is planning on doing his Masters Degree at SDSMT and has been accepted into the accelerated program.

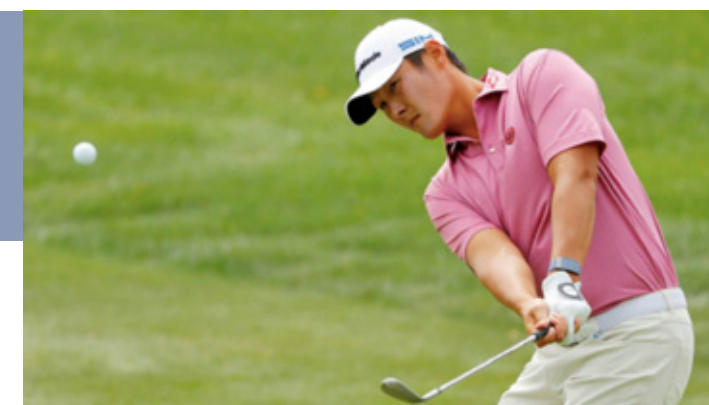
All Black, Te Toiroa Tahuriorangi announced he has signed with Bay of Plenty Rugby. "Obviously, being from Rotorua and playing in the Naki, it does feel like home but there is a saying 'there's nothing like your actual home', and I've always wanted to come back to the Bay. I didn't know when, but the time feels right." The three-test halfback said spending more time with his young family was a strong motivation for his switch back to the Bay.

"I've got a wife and a little boy who live in Rotorua. So, it's kind of tough to not see them during the Mitre 10 Cup. That was a massive reason why I wanted to come back to the Bay."



Te Ao Taumatangi Billing was profiled as an inspiring future leader for iwi, Ngai Te Rangi. In a video interview he spoke about his whānau, his upbringing, sport, injury - how he coped and of his time at Raukura - including his experience last year at the Anzac Service in Belgium.

Danny Lee qualified for the British Open after finishing fifth equal for a \$NZ500,000 pay day at the Arnold Palmer Invitational in Florida in March.



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