



# Rotorua Boys' High School

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



# NEWSLETTER

## NO.3, 2021



# NGĀ RAUKURA I TE AO

## HALL OF FAME 2021







# OUR MOTTO



“WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI”

From the proverb:  
“WHĀIA 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 ‘whakatauakī’ 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.

Māoridom 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 Tīmoti Kāretu (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 Māori and English combine together to give us as a school not only a special identity, but also a common purpose.

**WHĀIA TE ITI KAHURANGI  
TO THE STARS THROUGH HARD WORK  
AD ASTRA PER ASPERA**



A photograph of the school principal, a man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit and tie, standing in front of a school building with white columns and wooden doors.

# Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

I am pleased to welcome two new members of the Teaching Staff, **Mrs S Kisiel, BFA, DipTchg** and **Miss S Falanai, BA**, teaching within the Technology Faculty and Social Sciences Faculty respectively. Mrs Kisiel comes to us from Rotorua Girls' High School and Miss Falanai joins us at the start of her teaching career.



*Mrs S Kisiel*



*Miss S Falanai*

The school also at the mid-term break will farewell one of our Youth Workers, Mr Tu'uaki Tuaiatu who has done an outstanding job just being available to the students in outside of the classroom situations. Mr Tuaiatu has even done us a good service by finding his replacement who is **Mr Fana Aleamotua** and he has effectively taken over this Youth Worker role. Again, we wish Mr Tuaiatu the very best as he pursues further studies.



*Mr Fana Aleamotua*



## Teacher Only Days

At mid-term break a Teacher Only Day was held on Friday 4 June 2021 to undertake NZQA training for the incoming new NCEA. This is a Ministry of Education approved day and our staff will be undertaking further work in this regard over a Teacher Only Day in each of the next two terms.

Following Queens Birthday Weekend a further Teacher Only Day was taken on Tuesday 8th June which was our Annual Staff Matariki PLD Day where we continue our programme of developing culturally responsive strategies to meet the needs of our students. This has meant that our students had a five day mid-term break in the middle of this winter term. School resumed as normal on Wednesday 9 June.

## Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

On Friday 4 June following our Teacher Only Day the school hosted a further induction ceremony for Ngā Raukura i te Ao - our Hall of Fame. The 16 former students being inducted into our Hall of Fame are as follows :

**Allan Bunting**



**John Ross Crean**



**Kenneth Duncum**



**Bishop Katene**



**Luke Martin**



**Ian Ross McCormick**



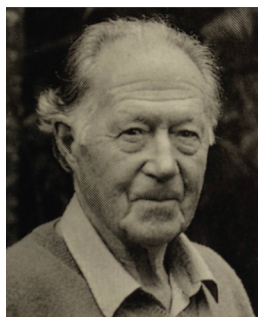
**Monty Morrison**



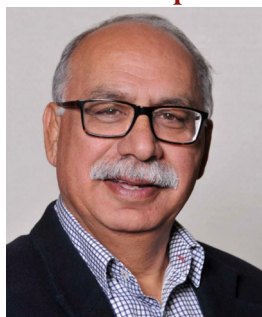
**Ian Patchell**



**Alick Poole**



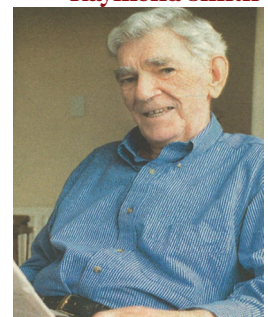
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**Keith Smith**



**Raymond Smith**



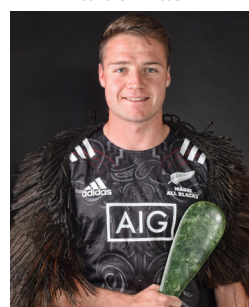
**Philip Spender**



**Te Toiroa Tahuriorangi**



**Kaleb Trask**



**Maureen Waaka**





This will mean that we now have 166 in our Hall of Fame and together they represent an impressive group of Old Boys and Old Girls that we hope help inspire the students of today to strive for great things.

## **Super Eight Cultural Festival**

The school was well represented at the 2021 New Zealand Super Eight Schools Cultural Festival held recently in Gisborne. Our teams performed extremely well and we were proud in particular of the following:

- 1st Place Kapa Haka
- Senior Vocal Solo, Marangai Wainohu-Savage
- Group Music
- Senior Oratory – Miguel Manaig



Congratulations also go to our Pasifika Group who placed 2nd Equal in Pasifika performance and Hayden Chapman who placed third in Junior Oratory.

Thank you to all the boys that participated and to the staff that gave up their time to support this group of students

## **Anzac Day 2021**

Thank you to our Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy Reagan Nicholson and Todd Storey who represented our school at the Civic Ceremony along with a number of International Boys from the Hostel who supported the event in terms of traffic warden duties and the like.





Back at school our annual Anzac ceremony was held and again we honoured one of our war dead in Leading Aircraftman Ronald Stephen Booker. Our archivist Mr Kevin Lyall on Wednesday 5 May 2021 presented an impressive biography of Leading Aircraftman Ronald Stephen Brooker and that continues a project that Mr Lyall started some years ago and helps bring to the fore details of those listed on our Pro Patria Scrolls in our War Memorial Hall.

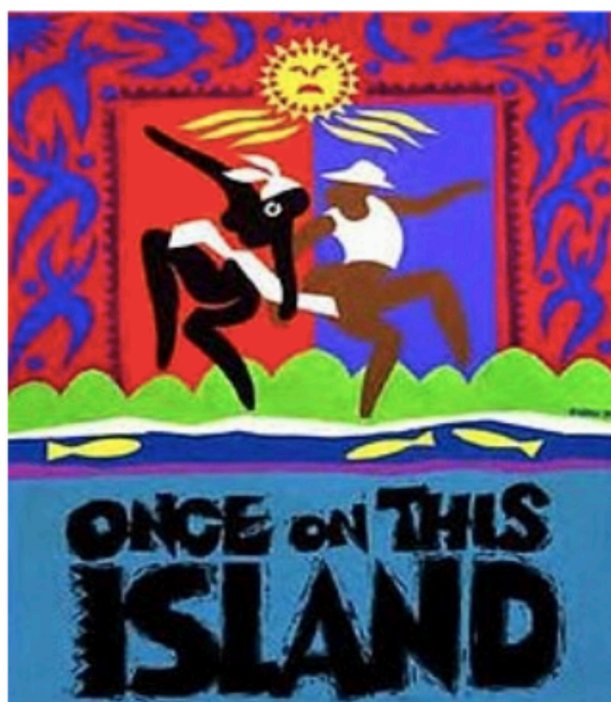


Leading Aircraftman  
Ronald Stephen Brooker  
(1915-1941)

## Once on this Island

Best wishes to our boys and to the staff and girls of Rotorua Girls High School for the preparations for opening night which will be held on Friday 20 August 2021. We wish them all the very best for this annual production and look forward to another enjoyable musical production which tells the story of Ti Moune a fearless peasant girl who falls in love with a wealthy boy from the other side of the island. When their divided cultures keep them apart, Ti Moune is guided by the powerful gods Erzulie, Asaka, Papa Ge, and Agwe, on a remarkable quest to reunite with the man who has captured her heart.

RGHS 2021 Production  
**Once on this Island**  
20th - 28th August





## Association of Boys' Schools

Again this year the Principals of the 40 New Zealand boys schools and their Head Boys gathered in Auckland for their annual conference. A special feature of this conference as I indicated, the way the Head Boys accompany the Principals to the conference although the boys follow their own programme. At this conference the Super Eight School Principals and Head Boys also meet to discuss common matters.



### Important Dates :

Friday 2 July	Kapa Haka Regionals
Thursday 8 July	Manu Korero Regionals
Friday 9 July	Term 2 concludes
Saturday 10 July	Napier Boys' High School Exchange (Home)
Monday 26 July	Term 3 commences
Wednesday 28 July	Board of Trustees Meeting

I hope you had an enjoyable mid-term break and I wish you a successful end to this second term

Ngā mihi nui

A.C. Grinter  
Principal



# From the Desk of the Deputy Principal

*Teaching and Learning*

*Tumuaki Tuarua - Whakaako and Ako*



Mr P Conrad

**Kia ora  
Raukura whānau,**

## **Academic Tracking and Pathways.**

As we are over halfway through the academic year it is important to keep in mind for all students that every submission, assessment opportunity and portfolio piece is a step closer to their academic goal for the year. From now on in each fortnightly report a short NCEA summary will be attached for our senior students. This continual tracking and support will enable all of our ākonga to reach and exceed their potential. These tracking conversations will enable all whānau to understand what is required at each year level.

## **Preliminary Exams**

Preliminary Exams will be held in Term 3 from Thursday the 16th of September through until Tuesday the 21st of September. These exams are important for many reasons, most notably they give students an opportunity to practice, prepare and be given feedback around the external standards they are entered in. These exams also provide clarification for the Dux calculation and for any Unexpected Event Grades( grades which are used in case of a student not being able to complete an external assessment). Therefore this early warning is a notification to ensure students are prepared and forewarned in what will be a very busy term.

## **Dux Policy**

The Following Policy outlines the criteria and policy attached to the selection of a Dux for the senior school. This policy highlights the various elements of what is required to become Dux. Emphasis is placed on preliminary exams, alongside the internal assessments the students are completing in the Senior school, and the Junior Certificate credits being completed in year 9 and 10.



## **Procedure For Choosing Top Scholar (Dux Litterarum) 2021**

### **YEAR 11-13 DUX CALCULATIONS**

Dux calculations are based on a Grade Point Average (GPA) using a scale from two to four for the actual grades that students have achieved in their courses.



Achievement Standards are given four points for Excellence, three points for Merit and two points for Achieved. Unit Standards are given two points for Achieved. The credit value is multiplied by the point value of the grade awarded for that standard. The top 80 Credits obtained by a student are considered. These 80 Credits are derived from NCEA Internal Assessments and Internal Preliminary Examinations. The maximum rank score is 320. This rank score will then be converted to a percentage.

For external standards, the grades will be generated by school based Preliminary Exams. Where students feel that results for these have been affected by either serious illness, bereavement, or another significant event, they must formally document this AT THE TIME with their subject teachers. This information will be retained with the assessment documents, and the teacher will notify the Dux Calculation Committee.

The best five subjects that have contributed to a student's timetable will be considered in this calculation. In the case where a student has been accelerated in a subject or subjects, this subject(s) can count both in the year in which it is taken and again as a subject for which it would have been expected to be taken. Students may however not use the same subject across two year levels in the same calculation, even if both would be in the student's top five subjects. In this case, the best of the two will be used. Where a student has been accelerated, Achievement Standards will be given extra weighting for the year the acceleration occurs. The weighting will be 4.5 points awarded for attaining Excellence, 3.5 points for Merit and 2.5 points for Achievement. If this subject is used again in the subsequent year, as outlined above, no extra weighting will be applied.

A maximum of 20 Credits can be used from each subject. Any subjects where there will be less than 20 Credits available for consideration by the cut-off date will be adjusted to equate to 20 Credits. Where an adjustment is used, the Dux Calculation Committee will seek assurances from subject teachers and Leader of Learning that student effort, and therefore potential performance for externals, is consistent with internal grades.

In the case of Year 13 Students, University course results cannot be used. A minimum of four University Entrance approved subjects must be included in the calculation.

Further:

- At least one Preliminary Examination assessment must be included in each subject (if applicable). This assessment must be worth at least three credits.
- In the case where multiple students have a tied GPA, individual student assessment results will be analysed. An assessment awarded Excellence on the first submission will be ranked higher than an assessment that required Resubmission or a Further Assessment Opportunity.
- If there is still not a clear candidate for Dux at this point, the credit total will be extended from the top 80 credits in increments of 10 credits until the top and second to top scholars are established.

The cut-off time for grades to count toward senior Dux calculations will be **set yearly by the Committee based on our assessment calendar.**

The top candidates will be notified to sign off their grades with individual subject teachers by this date. Subject teachers will also sign off these grades by this date. If students disagree with individual grades they must:

- Approach their subject teacher who will make any changes that are agreed to and these must also be signed off.
- If the student is still not satisfied they must then approach the Year level Dean, who will document any concerns and forward them to the Deputy Principal responsible for Teaching and Learning.



The Dux Calculation Committee will verify the calculation process and make a final decision. All decisions made by the Dux Calculation Committee are final.

The members of the Dux Calculation Committee are the Principal, the Deputy Principal, Teaching and Learning and the Deputy Principal, Cultural Capacity.

**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**

### 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](mailto: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 2 Attendance Challenge:

The following group of students have an attendance rate between 85-89%. All those within this group that can get themselves into an attendance range of 90% or better will win a Pizza lunch with Mr Lockwood. The competition will end on the 9th July where Mr Lockwood will calculate your final attendance rate.



Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Kohipo Dunn Tyson Hansen Hemi Hohepa Jamie Petersen Charles Butler Jabin Canice Galindo Nicholas Klomp Taikehu O'Sullivan Rain Taia Sam Wall Cameron Cameron Pani Warren Whirinaki Fitzell Xzaiver Forster-Ambrose Cuade Hall Donavan Mutlow Liam Nicholson Lucas Pachoud Strickland Teao Manawa Fa'uhiva Max Fraser-Harris Hunter Rogers	Ngakau Morrison Nelson Simpkins-Jones AJ Smalley-Huch Peter Waaka Paora Waiti Wesley 'Apikotoa Joshua Brierley Blayd Collier Raukawa Haumaha Henare Hodge Turua Lepaio Lucus Mear-Olsen Taylor Smith Karter Tadema Seathin Taylor Logan Bretz Tyson Fa'uhiva Max Harre Kaia Karauria Tane Keepa Jet Te Aho Hetaraka TeAonui Finlay Weren Tiajunior Akamoeau-Cowan Jarod Breen Odinn Shuttleworth Roen Siemonek Mason Stroud Kruz Ua-Marsh Haare Chadderton Tawhiao Hohaia Gerald Ngare Kraig Tuhaka	Apanui Ngamoki-Ngahe Joshua Smith Kingxton Waaka-Nathan Wharekiri Bhana Jack Hinsley Adam Morris Joshua Peake Cartel Ramsay Harold Rounds Awatea Turner Riley Williams Samson Clarke Demitrious Kameta-Marsden Toka Tawhara Waipihangarangi Te Rauna Waimana Epiha-Tait Pheonix Hunia Kauri Hurkmans Muriwai Iiti White Adrian Kumar Aidan Nicholson CJ Lorenz Ramos Marley Selwyn Milan Tawera-Milosevic Reece Thompson Taonga Wharakura Nikau Wihapi-Priest Keegan Brodie	Kawiti Mahaki Ethyn Palmer Ngaru-Toa Puru Wharekaponga Williams Jack Hale Theo Harvey Bailey Pinkerton Cajon Simiona Aidan Apanui-Simerka Kanye Kinita Braydon Laurie Tino Niuapu Boyd Philp Riley Brown Dylan Gates Ali Harrison Tom Parry Ariariterangi Paul-Tuhaka Maddox Peyroux Meleki Schuster Darryl Walker Mare Herewini Martin Tereanuku Tapsell	Vaealiki Godfery-Tutua Shaun Gifkins Autahi Leonard Maddison Rosanoski Shanon Tahuriorangi Wiremu Tango Tamaarangi Te Rei-Tuuta Leeshaye Orono Te Huia Makaire Raharuhi Leitutolu Rasmussen Claytin Thompson Manaaki Benfell Hamuera Cook Yannick Martel Bless Perese-Elliott

## Leadership

Congratulations to Year 12 Keaton Hine who is currently participating in the 10 day Spirit of Adventure voyage from May 23rd May to 1st June. The voyage is based on learning by doing. The students will face challenges and participate in activities on the ship, on the water and on the shore ultimately leaving them with a level of self-empowerment only found on the Spirit of New Zealand. Looking forward to Keaton's feedback on his return.

## 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 Taylor.

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

Ngā mihi

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**Deputy Principal- Student Support**  
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# From the Desk of the Deputy Principal

*Cultural Capacity*

*Tumuaki Tuarua - Āheinga Ahurea*



**Whaea Rie Morris**

In terms of building cultural capacity at our kura, we have engaged in a new & exciting kaupapa we call, **Raukura Raranga**.

We are fortunate enough to have Whaea Riria McDonald & Whaea Wikitoria Pirihi come in every Friday of Term 2 to teach up to 30 Year 9 students every rotation, comprising 3 groups of 10 students, and every rotation is for 2 sessions.

In those wānanga or classes, students are taught to weave harakeke (flax) into such pieces as **Kōmure (bands)**, **Waikawa (large baskets)** and **Papa (placemats)**.

Those creations will be used as part of our Matariki celebrations towards the end of the term.

The kōrero tuku iho (narratives) associated with harakeke and raranga will be taught as part of that kaupapa too.





Thanks to our mātanga (experts) for sharing their knowledge and time with our young men.

**Te mātahi o te tau hōu**  
**Te tau Māori e**  
**Te Iwa o Matariki**  
**Nau mai, haere mai!**

As we near the time of Matariki, a time of acknowledgement, it is important to remember those who have passed on in the last year. Our thoughts are with our whānau of Raukura.

Matariki is a kāhui whetū (cluster of stars) with 9 stars. Each of these stars are responsible for things that affect us all.

<b>Waitī -</b>	A star connected to fresh water and the creatures that live in rivers, streams & lakes Waitā - A star associated with food harvested in the sea
<b>Waipunarangi -</b>	Associated with rain
<b>Tupuārangi -</b>	Connected to food from the sky such as birds & elevated foods
<b>Tupuānuku -</b>	A star associated with food that comes from the earth
<b>Ururangi -</b>	Determines the nature of the winds for the year
<b>Pōhutukawa -</b>	A female star that connects Matariki to the deceased
<b>Hiwa-i-te-rangi -</b>	The star that Māori would send their wishes to, in the hope that they would be realised
<b>Matariki -</b>	The mother of the other 8 stars, and also the name given to a time of new beginnings.



It is also a time to celebrate and here at Raukura, we have a few ways in which we do that.

Firstly, we had our annual **Matariki Staff PLD** on Tuesday 8 June, as well as **Pō Matariki** on Thursday 24 June, 5pm.

We invite students, whānau, and our hapori to join us here at school. Our students will showcase their talents & gifts, and you will have to attend in order to see them all in action.

***Nau mai, haere mai!***

**Nāku, nā Whaea Rie Morris (BA/BCom, BMPA, MEd(Hons), DipTchg)**  
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**Leader of Learning Māori**

## **From the Desk of the Deputy Principal**

*Administration*

*Tumuaki Tuarua - Whakahaerenga*



**Mr J Taylor**

**Tēnā koutou katoa,**

They say that an army marches on its stomach, this saying, which attests to the importance of forces being well-provisioned, has been attributed to both Napoleon and Frederick the Great. It is recorded in English from the early 20th century.

Here at Raukura we would like to think that our young men are “well- provisioned” to learn, through passionate and innovative teachers, a culturally responsive and supportive environment, excellent facilities and co-curricular opportunities.

In addition to all of this is the privilege to be participating in the Ka Ora, Ka Ako - healthy school lunches programme and since its introduction last year it has been another fantastic tool to support better educational outcomes for our students.

This term has seen the roll out of a new 10 day lunch rotation containing nine hot meals and one cold. The change has coincided with the move to cooler months and has been well received so far.

Attached below is the 10 day menu



# ROTORUA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

10 DAY CYCLE MENU | WEEK 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Butter Chicken	Mac & Cheese with Veggies	Chicken Mince in a Tomato Sauce with Veggies & Beans	Shepherd's Pie with Veggies	Italian Meatballs with Veggies
SERVED WITH	Steamed Rice with Veggies	Classic Potato Salad with Veggies	Nacho Chips		Mashed Potatoes
ACCOMPANIED BY	Baked Apple Slice & Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Fruit Yoghurt & Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Cheese, Crackers & Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Wholemeal Bread Roll & Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Wholemeal Bread Roll & Seasonal Fresh Fruit

# ROTORUA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

10 DAY CYCLE MENU | WEEK 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Chicken Korma with Veggies	BLT Sandwich	Chicken Fried Rice with Mixed Veggies	Mac & Cheese with Veggies	Beef Bolognese with Veggies
SERVED WITH	Steamed Rice	Pasta Salad with Veggies			Mashed Potatoes
ACCOMPANIED BY	Baked Apple Slice & Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Fruit Yoghurt & Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Cheese, Crackers & Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Fruit Muffin & Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Wholemeal Bread Roll & Seasonal Fresh Fruit



## Year 9 – Outdoor Education

This is a six week options course and is a snapshot of both practical bushcraft survival skills and an appreciation of our local environments, especially that of our very own Kura. Elements include but are not limited to;

- fire lighting & cooking
- knots & shelters
- native tree identification
- navigation
- weather interpretation
- harakeke and rope making
- knife skills & whittling

First year teacher and passionate outdoor educator, Mr Caleb Mitchell is doing a fantastic job bedding in this programme. Below is an example of the learning in action. This activity is held beside the main entrance amongst a grove of trees. Shelter building, application of knots, collaboration, creativity and problem solving.



Ngā mihi,  
**Mr J Taylor (BPhEd, PGDipTchgn,PGDipOE)**  
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# From the Deans

## YEAR 9 DEANS REPORT



Mrs A Hay



Mr J Te Huia

### Kia ora Year 9 Whānau,

One of our school values is - **Take opportunities – Kapo huanga.**

Taking opportunities is about embracing new challenges and our year 9 boys have definitely taken up the challenge! It is so exciting to see how well they are achieving success in a huge range of activities.

Here are some examples of our year 9 boys taking opportunities in 2021:

**Errol Simona Gates, Cameron Cameron, Timothy Afele, Marley Morris-Viti, Manaia Christiansen - Pacifica Group** - who performed in the Pacific by Nature competition in Hamiton and placed 2nd in the Super 8 Cultural festival.

**Harrison Beazley and Harlem Maxwell** - Golf - Manihera Golf Tournament in Kaweau.

**Ryder Brackfield, Tyler Alexander, Toby James and Basti Remaldora** who performed in their Band **"Power Cords"** at the Smoke Free Rock Quest in Tauranga.

**Rhys Elliott and Ringa Reneti** - **Badminton** - Central Bay of Plenty Junior Badminton Qualifier.

In term 1, 43 boys achieved 100% attendance and a further 90 boys have higher than 95% attendance. We also named our House Group Captains who will be celebrated at our next year level assembly and presented with their badges. It is very exciting to see so many leaders within our cohort and I look forward to seeing where these boys take their leadership skills over their years at RBHS.

Our average attendance rate for year 9 in Term 1 was 92.7% and it was pleasing to see that the majority of absences were justified for our boys. Please continue to let your son's house group teacher, the office or one of us know if they are going to be away or bring a note when they return. We understand that there are circumstances when they can't be at school and that is fine if the reason is genuine and unavoidable.

Our academic levels are looking positive with a 92% pass-rate at this stage and 59% of our year 9 students working towards achieving their year 9 certificate with Merit or Excellence. We will be monitoring our year 9 students achievement levels carefully over the next term to make sure that boys are receiving support if they need it and also to check that they are attending their classes, as we know attendance leads to achievement. Please remember that Te Honoa Toi is available to boys who need extra support with their learning in class and assessments. This is open in the Library every Monday to Thursday from 3-4pm.

Remember you can monitor your sons' academic progress and attendance via our Kamar portal. Downloading our school app onto your smartphone and accessing the Kamar portal via this page is the easiest way. Your son's House Group tutor can help you with your username and parent specific password if you are unsure what it is.

The third round of "Options" are underway, with another 3 rotations to go this year. By the end of the year our Year 9 boys will have completed 12 different options. It is exciting to walk around the option classes and see the range of skills the boys are developing in these classes; dancing, sketching, learning a new instrument, composing a song, learning a new language, developing their leadership skills, learning our NZ myths and legends, coding, all while gaining new skills on their ipads and hopefully finding new passions and interests to add to their future pathways.

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FTCL(Violin))  
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## YEAR 10 DEANS REPORT



Mr C Makan



Ms K Aldridge

**Kia ora Whānau,**

Greetings to all the families of our students at Rotorua Boys High School. Term 2 has kicked off to a very busy start with academics, winter sports codes and Super 8 Cultural Festival taking place. It is great to see so many of our Year 10 Boys getting involved in the life of our school.

At our year level assembly at the start of the term, the theme was Kapo huanga (Take opportunities). It is important that boys involve themselves in the life of the school to ensure that they are gaining as much as they can out of their high school experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some students that have taken opportunities recently.

Hayden Chapman represented our school at the Super 8 cultural festival as our junior orator. Hayden placed third in the Junior Oratory competition with his speech on overcoming setbacks.





I would also like to congratulate our Year 10 Kapa Haka and Pasifika performers that performed at the Super 8 Cultural Festival. Manuera Whata, Tuwhakairiora Eruera, Eraia Kiel, Tewhetuki Hohepa-Barrett, Manaia Herbert, Wheronui Peri (Kapa Haka). Tamati Pohutuhutu, Rangikawhetiu Robson and Joshua Yates (Pasifika)

Raukura Kapa Haka Placed first and our Pasifika boys came second-equal.



I would also like to congratulate all the following students for having 100% attendance for Term 1:

Tyrell Irving  
Heath Lash  
Rayle Emil Mari  
Riley Parkinson  
Karanema Rolleston  
Manish Sawroop  
Nathan Sutton  
Decoder Waiti  
Tukuru Wharerau  
Jackson Worsp  
Finnly Bezer  
Thisen Chandrasena  
Temepara Hanuera  
Isaiah Bonnar  
Troy Edwardson  
Dallas Hinga

Te Raugiriwa Kilkelly  
Babylon Lihou-Te Wake  
Atama Mikaere-Rikihana  
Tavita Pomale  
Harish Sawroop  
Shivney Singh  
Jordan Upoko  
Luke Westrupp  
Mauera Whata  
Coby Anderson  
Layton Broughton  
Hugo Gaddum  
Noah Beckham  
Jeremy Carr  
Louis George

Well done to all of our Year 10 boys who have been taking opportunities. Ka rawe!

**Mr C Makan (BBS, DipTchg)**  
**Dean of Year 10**  
**Head of Pathways**  
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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 attending school every day so far this year.

### ATTENDANCE = ACHIEVEMENT

**Enoka Patrick, Te Haihua Simon, Toby Stubbs, Damien Bright, Ryan Elliott, Joel Mitchell, James Bennett, Kyle Hetherington, Tyler Sutton, Dylan Jull, Nathan Putt, Pritesh Budhia, Cameron Smith, Tanner Dean, Kaiza Mihinui-Schutz, Maitland Bezer, Yoshimasa Anraku, William Sok, Samuel Roth-Bustan and Arnall Asish.**

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

### EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

## On the sports field

A massive congratulations to our Year 11 rugby stars for their game against Whangārei Boys' defending the Moascar Cup at home.  
**Kees Van Der Heyden, Bailey Carmichael and Jai Tamati.**



Kees Van Der Heyden



Bailey Carmichael



Jai Tamati

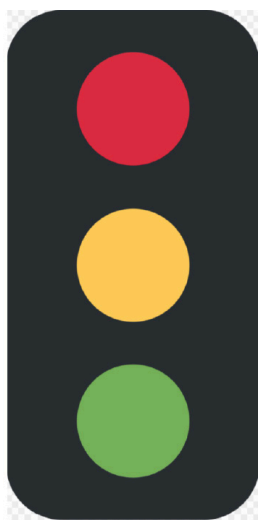


# Careers Expo

Our cohort enjoyed a few hours at the Careers Expo this term. Again I have to thank the leadership of my House Group Captains for organising the attendance and behaviour on and off the bus - you are truly future leaders to look out for. Students were exposed to many practical activities to ensure that the decisions they make towards their future pathway best suits them. Our young men spent their time wisely, networking and making an impression. Students are encouraged to create CVs and then target their CV for a potential pathway of their choice.



## Traffic Lights



At this stage in the year we would expect our students to have accumulated 20 or more credits -this would qualify them for the GREEN zone in our traffic light system. Currently, we have 168 students with 20 or more credits.

In the AMBER zone where students need to be cautious about their progress, they have accumulated between 10-19 credits. Currently we have 49 students who qualify for the AMBER zone.

And if you are in the RED zone, you have less than 10 credits and this is a concern. These students should be utilising the after school homework centre in the library every night. Currently we have 22 students who are at risk of not passing NCEA level 1.

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

Ngā mihi,  
**Mrs K Hemana (BEd, MSpTchg(Hons), PGDipEd)**  
HOD Library / Dean of Year 11  
[khemana@rbhs.school.nz](mailto:khemana@rbhs.school.nz)

# YEAR 12 DEAN REPORT



Mrs M Shaw

**Kia ora koutou,**

We are charging ahead into Term 2 and making great progress. Some of our Year 12 young men are achieving some incredible successes and lifting the levels of what can be achieved.

A massive congratulations to Koan Hemana and Blue Simpkins-Jones for being awarded the Te Ara a Kupe Beaton Scholarship, receiving \$20,000 towards their dreams of international education.



Koan Hemana



Blue Simpkins-Jones

Our Year 12 students have a target of gaining 4 credits in each subject each term. This keeps them on track to gaining their NCEA Level 2 and being in the best position possible before heading into externals at the end of the year.

Congratulations to the following young men who have gained their NCEA Level 2 so far this year: Scott Harrison, Atamatea Soloman-Te Kani, Connor Young, Ariariterangi Paul-Tuhaka, Jacob Corney, Patolo Sione, Mita Brown.

Koan Hemana has passed his NCEA Level 2 with Excellence, Taumanu Walker and Kawiti Mahaki have currently gained their NCEA Level 2 with Merit and are close to gaining their Excellence endorsement.

Our young men should be monitoring their progress weekly and keeping track of not only their credits, but report scores. This will help them measure their progress in class and reflect on making necessary changes if needed.

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 to receive extra support, extension or catch up, as they have access to teachers who can further support their studies.



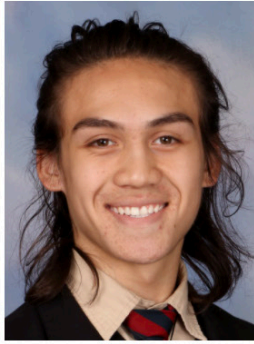
Attendance is key to gaining those much needed credits and achieving academic goals. A huge congratulations to these young men still on 100% attendance for the year. Outstanding!



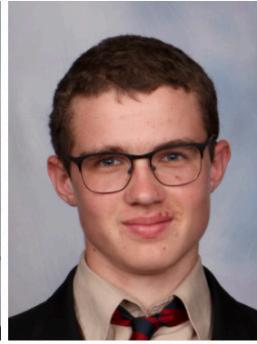
Abel Pakuru



Thompson Kakau



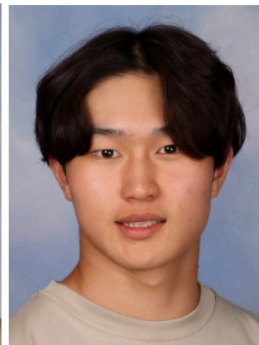
Mathieu Boynton-Rata



Matthew Johns



Levi Overbye



Daniel Kim



Maniteariki Richel



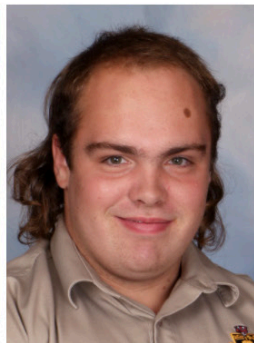
Koan Hemana



Jay Smith



Tamatea Butcher



Sean Connolly



Cameron Roe

With lots of changes to NCEA and exciting courses and opportunities coming up, our Year 12 cohort Google Classroom will continue to be updated and available to our boys to access at any time. Announcements for scholarships, updates about courses, job opportunities, trade apprenticeship opportunities and important updates for the whole cohort are posted regularly.

If you need to discuss anything with me or you have any questions, please send an email to [mshaw@rbhs.school.nz](mailto:mshaw@rbhs.school.nz) or you can call my office on 3486169 ext 218.

**Mrs M Shaw (BTchg, DipJourn, PGCertDCL)**  
**Dean of Year 12**  
[mshaw@rbhs.school.nz](mailto:mshaw@rbhs.school.nz)

# YEAR 13 DEAN REPORT



Ms C Bekar

**Tēnā koutou katoa,**

A very warm welcome back to the Year 13 students after a restful holiday. We have started back this term with a hiss and a roar and are busy bees getting down to business.

## Traffic Light Update

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.

At this point in the year, our traffic lights look like the following:

10 students have already gained their Level 3 equating to 9%.



Less than 10 credits  
27 % = 33 students



Between 10 and 20 credits  
22 % = 27 students



Greater than 20 credits  
38 % = 46 students

Congratulations to the following boys who have gained their NCEA Level 3:



Christian Alfonso



Christian Ramos

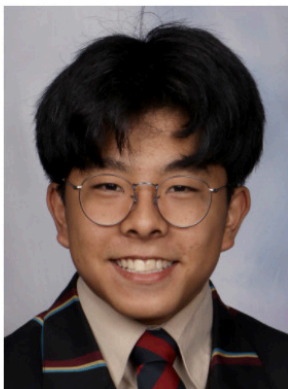


Ernest Kerr

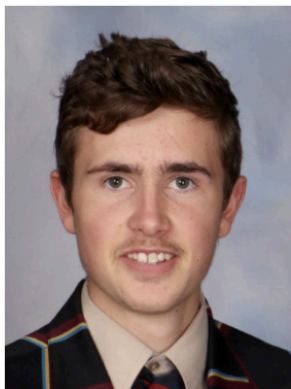


Cyrus Neil Nacar





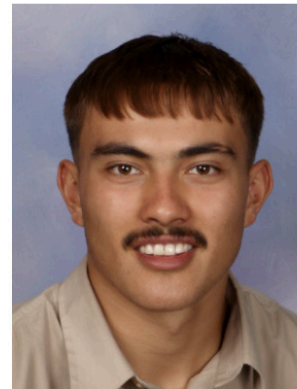
Ngaru Omichi



Brae Thomson



Matthew Wynyard



Tamiro Armstrong



Armstrong-Ringakaha-Joeli Kautai



Bless Perese-Elliott

## 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 computer suite. Your son is welcome to attend these sessions for extra support. Refreshments are offered to students who attend. Details of staff and subject specialities are listed below.

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday

Mrs Hemana  
Ms Bekar/ Mrs Shaw  
Mr Te Huia/ Mrs Hay  
Mr Makan

English  
Maths  
Physical Ed/ Maths  
Social Studies

## 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. Congratulations to the winners so far this year:

1. Armstrong-Ringakaha-Joeli Kautai
2. Reagan Nicholson
3. Daniel Kenah
4. KC Nwafor
5. Tiaki Ngarimu
6. Ngaru Omichi
7. Nikau Rickards
8. Todd Storey
9. Brae Thomson

10. Aorere Waaka
11. Ngakete George
12. Vero Alley
13. Stephen Paea

## Y13 Google Classroom

The Year 13 cohort Google Classroom is updated regularly with announcements for scholarships available for University, updates on University open days, updates on Toi Ohomai courses and open days, job opportunities, trade apprenticeship opportunities, opening and closing dates for scholarship applications, on campus experiences and information on the forces. Your son has access to this space and should monitor it weekly for new announcements.

## 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](mailto:cbekar@rbhs.school.nz) or you can call my office on 3486169 ext 219.

Ngā mihi,

**Ms C Bekar (BSc(Hons), PGCE, PGCertAP)**  
**Dean of Year 13**  
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“ Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere. Engari, ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga,  
nōna te ao.”

“ The one who partakes of the flora and the fauna, that will be their domain. The one who engages  
in education, opportunities are boundless.”





# INTERNATIONAL DEAN REPORT



This Term we have 19 International Students. We have welcomed six new Year 13 Chinese students: Jerome Xu, Frank Hu, Leo Lau, Zigo Huang, Max Hou and Leo Dong, who have all moved to our school from schools in Auckland. They have settled well into the school life and their new learning environment.



*From left to right: Zigo Huang, Leo Lau, Max Hou and Leo Dong.*

Welcome to Raukura!

**Mrs T Grinter (BA, BCS, DipTchg, PGCertAP, GradCertTEAL)**  
**Dean of International Students**  
**[tgrinter@rbhs.school.nz](mailto:tgrinter@rbhs.school.nz)**

## Year 11 Camp

2021 saw Year 11 camp go ahead again. Due to COVID-19 last year we were unable to do so. However, both staff and students were eager to get out for this particular camp.

The day started with each respective class meeting in the Raukura Lounge to get the morning safety briefing from staff. This then led them to run as a group from Rotorua Boys' High School to Planet Bike Headquarters situated by the Waipā Mill, roughly around 9km. Once here and after a quick drink and bite to eat the students then went on a two hour guided tour of the famous Redwoods Mountain Biking Tracks. With some broken chains, popped tyres and few bumps and bruises and plenty of smiling faces they returned in one piece.

The night was spent at Te Tākinga Marae where they reflected on their personal behaviours and how this impacted on their Physical and Emotional safety.

Day 2 saw the students wake up and then prepare themselves for the cold waters of the Kaituna River, where we joined up with Rotorua Rafting, who led each group down the river and over the seven meter, largest commercially rafted waterfall in the world. This experience alone was a deal breaker for the students. Battling the cold waters and navigating some tricky parts of the river the expression on many of the students' faces indicated they thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The camp ended with students back at school for hot lunch and again reflecting on their personal behaviours and how this impacted their Physical and Emotional safety.

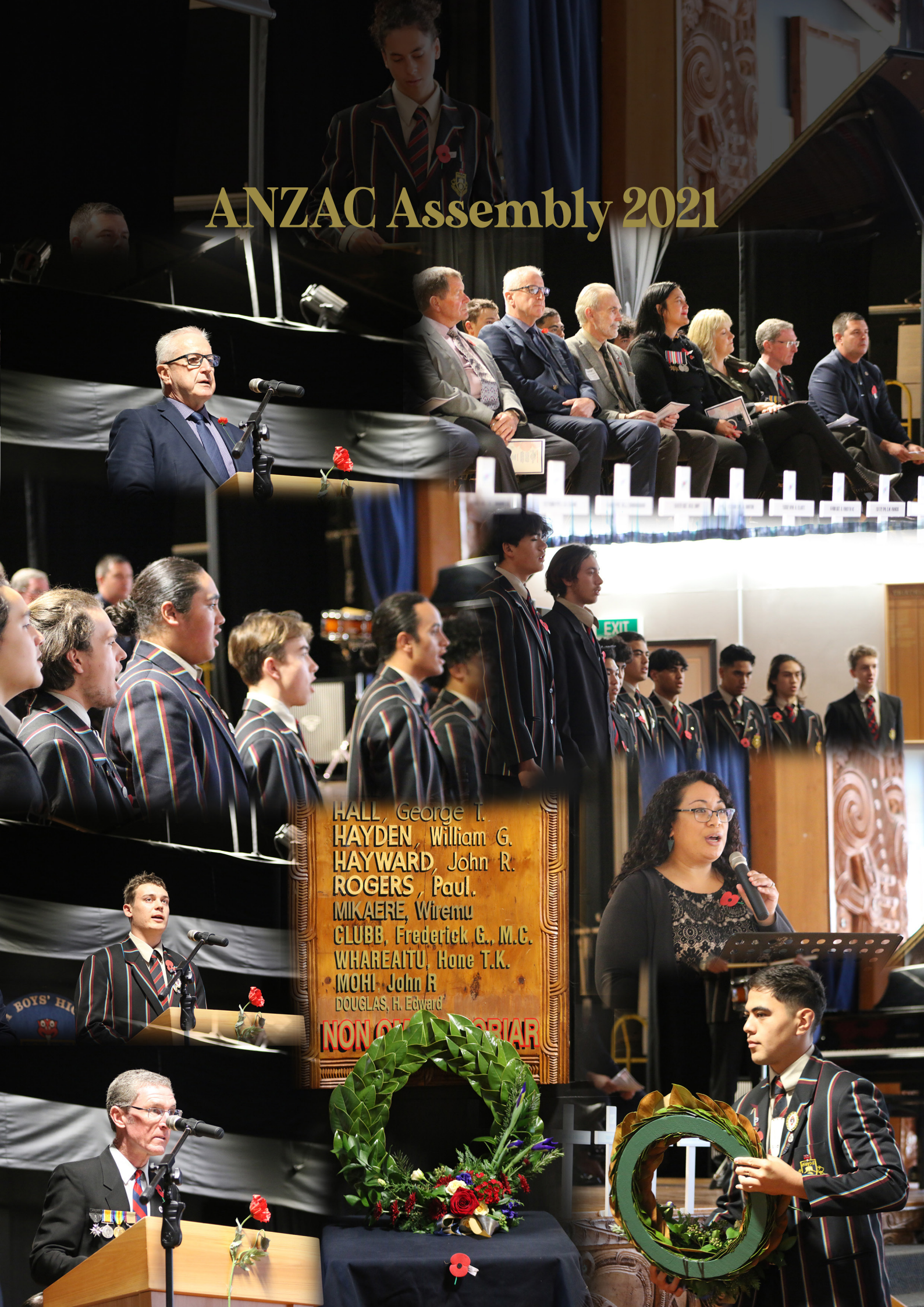
We would like to thank all the staff who joined our students on this two day camp. Planet Bike for their guided mountain bike tours of the Redwoods Forest and Rotorua Rafting for taking our boys down the Kaituna River.

**Mr K MacDonald (BSpLS, DipTchg, PGCertDCL)**  
LOL PE, OE & Health  
[kmacdonald@rbhs.school.nz](mailto:kmacdonald@rbhs.school.nz)





# ANZAC Assembly 2021



HALL, George T.  
HAYDEN, William G.  
HAYWARD, John R.  
ROGERS, Paul.  
MIKAERE, Wiremu  
CLUBB, Frederick G., M.C.  
WHAREAITU, Hone T.K.  
MOHI, John R.  
DOUGLAS, H. Edward

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# Super 8 Cultural Festival

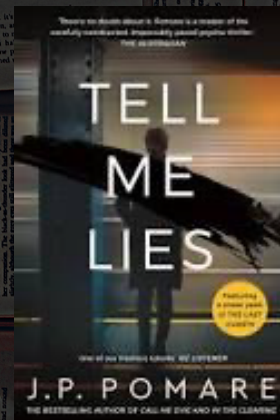




# Harwood Library



**Recommended Reading from our Library**



**J.P. Pomare is a New Zealand author originally from Rotorua, his first 3 books are critically acclaimed and best-selling novels. If you are looking for a thriller with an intense plot and lots of twists these are the books for you. Guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last page.**

## ROTORUA DISTRICT CADET UNIT



Cadet Corps is a uniformed organisation for ages 13 to 18 years which provides military-based leadership, personal development and operational training including drill, first aid, land based navigation, land-based Search and Rescue, survival skills and weapons safety training.

Parade night for the RDCU is every Tuesday during school term from 6.15 pm to 9.00 pm at the Cadet Hall at 23 Geddes Road, Rotorua. If you are interested in joining you are welcome to come along to any Parade night.

To find out more information visit [www.cadetforces.mil.nz](http://www.cadetforces.mil.nz) or contact the Unit Commander Major N D Breen, NZCF on 0272910102.



# STEAM Discovery Tour

Five of our Raukura students attended the STEAM Discovery Tour alongside students from John Paul College, Western Heights, Te Kura o Te Koutu and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ruamata this week.

The students were given a tour of Scion's new building 'Te Whare Nui o Tuteata', heard from Māori scientists who work at Scion, and visited the nursery and labs before heading out to Lake Rotoiti to see the work that Te Arawa Lakes Trust are doing to rid the lake of catfish.



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Measles is a serious disease that can make you very sick. If you are aged between 15 – 30 you might need to get immunised against measles. It's about 8 times more contagious than COVID-19 so spreads fast. Getting immunised is the best way to protect you, your whānau and community from catching and spreading measles.

## PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MEASLES – IT'S EASY AND FREE

- Say yes if a health professional offers you a free measles immunisation. You can have the vaccine at school. Speak to the school nurse about this. Complete the consent form which will be handed out early in term 2 and return to the school.
- You can ask your GP for a measles immunisation. It's free.
- You can also get a free immunisation at some pharmacies if you're 16 or older. Check if your local pharmacy offers the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunisation. If it does, you can just turn up. You don't need an appointment.
- Some countries only immunise against measles and rubella. So, even if you were immunised against measles overseas, make sure you get your free MMR vaccine in New Zealand so you're protected from mumps too.



# DEPARTMENTS

## HISTORY

In week 3 of this term, the history department took 24 senior students up to the Bay of Islands to learn about the experiences of early interactions between Māori and Europeans. We visited the Waitangi Treaty Grounds, Russell Museum, Pompalier House, Christ Church, Flagstaff Hill, and our two highlight activities a dolphin cruise out to Hole in the Rock and paddling a waka up Waitangi River.

**Ms N Rosier (BA, BTchg)**  
**Teacher of Social Sciences**  
[nrosier@rbhs.school.nz](mailto:nrosier@rbhs.school.nz)





# DANCE AND DRAMA

It has been a busy start to term 2 with Super 8 and ShowQuest rehearsals in full swing.

Over the weekend 10 students represented our school as part of Super 8 in Gisborne performing an adapted script of Lord of the Flies. All students rose to the challenge of learning and memorising their lines. The group gave a convincing performance and really made each character they were playing come to life. We were awarded 3rd place. Special mentions from the judges were Meleki Schuster and Rohm Dixon for their outstanding performance of Jack and Ralph.

With ShowQuest just around the corner, Dance, Music, Drama and Pasifika students are working hard to compete in Tauranga on the 9th of June. I look forward to sharing photos and results from this event in the next newsletter!

**Mrs M Pengelly (BPerArts, DipTchg)**  
**Teacher of Dance and Drama**  
[mpengelly@rbhs.school.nz](mailto:mpengelly@rbhs.school.nz)





# MUSIC

It has been a very busy term so far in Term 2. There a number of events that our Performing Arts students are heavily involved in.

In the recent holidays we had a number of boys involved in an exciting new vocal workshop called the Accelerando Programme. The boys worked with professional singer including Pene Pati from Sole Mio and participated in a Finale Concert. The boys learnt so much and had a wonderful time. Paretoroa Webster-Tarei was awarded top singer overall and Luca Muggleton along with Arana Ashby won Most improver singer. Thanks to Whaea Elisha for supporting this Kaupapa in the holidays along with our boys.

We recently had the Bay of Plenty Regional Rockquest Heats These were held at the baycourt Theatre in Tauranga. We had 6 entries as follows:

## **Luca and Tolu (Year 11 / 13)**

(Acoustic Duo)

Luca Muggleton and Leitutolu Rasmussen

## **Powerchords (Year 9 )**

Ryder Brackfield - Vocals

Toby Jones - Guitar

Basti Remaldora - Guitar

Tyler Alexander - Drums

## **Tuakana A.T. (Year 10 )**

Baedyn Kiore - Vocals

Jacob Stevens - Guitar

Divarn Langi-Wikaere - Guitar

Drew Hahunga - Bass

Prentice Stevens - Drums

## **Gnomophobia (Year 11)**

John Dublin - Guitar Vocals

Oscar Pilkington - Bass

Zachary Hutchins - Drums

## **TABS (Tangata Beats entry also) (Year 12)**

Paretoroa Webster- Tarei - Vocals / Guitar

Rongomai Manuel - Guitar

Blue Simpkin-Jones - Bass

Jarelle Karl - Drums

## **Tū Te Akitu (Tangata Beats Entry also) (Year 13)**

Mikaere Albert - Vocals

Marangai Wainohu-Savage - Vocals

Arana Ashby - Vocals

Rangiaho Biddle - Guitar

Haeora Boynton-Rata - Guitar / Vocals

Montell Graham - Keyboard

Zyon Hema - Bass

Johnson bell - Drums

All bands performed well and we had some good results.

Tū Te Akitu won the Regional Tangata Beats Final putting them in line to compete at Nationals later this year.

We also had Two bands place in the top 12 putting them into the Regional Finals two weeks later. - Tū Te Akitu and TABS both made it in and have been working hard preparing for the Finals. We look forward to sharing the results soon. Big thanks to Mr Breakwell who supported and tutored most of these bands.

Last weekend we had 70 boys travel over to Gisborne to participate in the annual Super 8 Cultural Festival. It was a long trip but our boys were so good the whole time and performed so well. We had some great results at the festival. From our Faculty we had a 1st place in the music Group with our Choir who performed so well and also 1st place in the Senior Solo through Marangai Wainohu-Savage. These two results are absolutely outstanding considering the high calibre of acts that were on display. We are so proud of these results. Another fantastic result was gaining a 3rd place in the Drama. The boys performed a really great rendition of Lord of the Flies and all the

boys really did our school proud. Shout out to Rohm Dixon and Meleki Schuster who got a special mention for their performances from the judges. Big thanks to Mrs Pengelly who put this idea together and directed this play. It was pleasing to get such stand out results and we are proud of all of the boys who participated.

We have a number of other events coming up this term which we are excited to report on later in the year.

**Mr C Hay (BMediaArt, DipTchg)**  
**LOL Arts**  
**chay@rbhs.school.nz**

## GATEWAY

Gateway is designed to strengthen the pathway for students to progress from school to workplace learning. It provides students with structured workplace learning across a range of industries and businesses, while they continue to study at school. Gateway delivers hands on, practical learning that leads to qualifications.

Benefits for students include an opportunity to build skills for employment and working in real workplaces. It is an opportunity to try out potential careers and build links to Industry Training Organisations, modern apprenticeships and workplaces.

Benefits for employers include strengthening links to industry training and gaining extra part time help. It is a fantastic opportunity to expose your industry to the employees of the future and to give something back to your community.

If you own a local business and would like to partner with us to offer students work experience then please get in contact.

**Mrs A Hine**  
**Gateway Coordinator**  
**ahine@rbhs.school.nz**





# PATHWAYS

Kia ora Whānau,

Welcome back to Term 2.

Pathways has kicked off to a busy start. We had our Careers expo, which was a fantastic experience for all. This was a great opportunity for our Year 11 & 12 students to start to figure out what their future pathway looks like and what steps they need to take to reach their goals.



Term 2 is a particularly important term for our Year 13 students as they look for their pathway out of school. Whether your son is thinking Trades, University, Polytechnic or any other pathway, we are here to support. Important information is shared with students on Year Level Google Classrooms and in the Daily Notices. If your son is seeking advice on their future pathways, they are welcome to come and see me at any breaks or after school. I would also like to invite any whanau to book in times to see me if need be.

## 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.**

**Mr C Makan (BBS, DipTchg)**  
**Dean of Year 10**  
**Head of Pathways**  
**cmakan@rbhs.school.nz**

# TAMA PASIFIKA

The Tama Pasifika programme has had a wonderful and busy term 2, thus far!

## TAMA PASIFIKA DANCE GROUP

On the 8th of May, our Tama Pasifika Dance Group performed at the Pasifika By Nature Competition, in Hamilton. Unfortunately we didn't place anywhere in the competition, however, it was an amazing experience for our boys to watch and perform alongside other high schools around the Bay Of Plenty and Waikato region. They were inspired, motivated and gained so much confidence within themselves as performers and as Pasifika and Māori young men, in general. Special mention goes to our cultural tutors for all of their time, expertise and bringing out the best of our boys talents and passion for Pasifika dance whilst putting together a very slick bracket: Marina Torope, Tere Piua & families (Cook Island), Junior Peato (Tokelau) and Uale Lefaoeseu (Samoa).

On the 21st of May our Tama Pasifika dance group travelled to Gisborne to compete in the Pasifika category of the Super 8's Cultural Festival. The boys performed really well and placed 2nd equal alongside Tauranga Boys' High School. The overall winner of this section was Gisborne Boys' High School.

On the 27th of May our boys were invited to perform at Rotorua Intermediate as part of the school's Cultural Ambassadors Celebration event. It was a lovely occasion to be a part of. It was particularly special for our boys who went to Rotorua Intermediate, and re-visit their old stomping grounds, in this capacity.

## TUPU MANUIA STUDY SPACE

Our Tupu Manuia Study Space has been a very positive and engaging environment for our Tama Pasifika students, utilizing it to do their school work before heading home for the day. Led by Whāea Magdalene Woodhouse we encourage all of our Pasifika students to attend whenever they need it. Extra support is also available at Tupu Manuia, from our Tama Pasifika staff and/or senior leaders. We also work closely with our Careers staff who will pop in once a month to give our boys advice and guidance regarding career pathways and/or Pasifika scholarships. Tupu Manuia Study Space is open every Thursday from 3.15pm-4.15pm in A5. Nau mai, haere mai.

## TAMA PASIFIKA STAFF TEAM

Last but certainly not least, I would like to warmly introduce and welcome Netina Setu-Galo to our Tama Pasifika Staff Team. Netina is passionate about supporting Pasifika students and the wider Pasifika community, and so alongside her mahi in our school's Careers department, Netina will be doing just that, with supporting our Pasifika boys of the Tama Pasifika programme. Fa'afetai tele lava Netina, we are very lucky to have you on board with us!

**Mrs E Hulton (BMus, PGDipMus, MMus(Hons), DipTchg)**  
**TIC Tama Pasifika & Teacher of Music**  
**ehulton@rbhs.school.nz**



# DEBATING AND ORATORY

## Debating:

Two teams competed in the Super 8 debating tournament. Our senior team of Koan Hemana, Miguel Manaig, and Hayden Chapman sparred intellectually against an experienced Tauranga Boys team. They argued in favour of charging travellers to stay in managed isolation when they arrive on our shores. Despite the result not going their way, the debaters put on a strong display and represented their school with pride. Due to the knockout nature of this tournament, our young men lost to the eventual runners up.

Our junior team of Jared Lasike, Luke Westrupp, and Madsen Elkington entered the first round arguing against banning plastic packaging in Aotearoa. They held their own in the debate, and impressed the judges with clever arguments and the catchy slogan "Plastic for the People". Unfortunately the result didn't go their way with a very narrow loss to Palmerston North Boys' High, who went on to finish fourth. The boys remained in good spirits, and with the amount of raw talent they displayed, debating at Raukura looks to have a very promising future.

## Oratory:

Hayden Chapman entered the junior oratory tournament with a speech on 'Overcoming setbacks'. Hayden spoke a mature and well presented message on taking opportunities when they come your way, and not letting disappointment get in the way of success. His speech was very polished and captivated the judges, and earned him a well deserved third place in the Super 8 tournament.

Our senior orator Miguel Manaig stunned the judges and audience alike with his speech on Race Unity. Not a pin drop could be heard as Miguel delivered a powerful message of the most prevalent virus throughout humanity: racism. There was no doubt he impressed the judges, who rewarded his performance with a first place in the tournament. Miguel has a unique gift of empathy and story-telling, and is truly an inspiration to anyone privileged enough to hear him speak.

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# SPORTS

## Sports

We are well underway with our winter codes for 2021. Rugby has confirmed 10 Teams this year while Hockey and Football each have 3 teams in competitions. Basketballs Junior and Senior A Teams play in the Waikato Schools competition and continue to do well there along with several teams competing in the local Rotorua competition.

Recent events including CBOP Badminton, BOPSS Cross Country, Manawahe Multisport Challenge and Manihera Golf Tournament have all had RBHS Student involvement with all participants doing very well across the board.

The 1st XV Rugby Team retained their grip on the Moascar Cup after good wins over Wesley College, Western Heights High School and Whangarei Boys. Games vs St Johns of Hamilton and Tangaroa college precede the Super 8 Rugby Competition starting Thursday June 10 against Tauranga Boys' College.

On June 10 our attention will turn towards our Annual RBHS vs Tauranga Boys' Sports exchange which will see 11 Teams competing in 5 different codes including Rugby, Football, Basketball, Hockey and Golf.

Now is also a timely reminder that as fees have been set for most sports groups and that all payments can be made to the Student Counter in the Schools main office.

We wish all those taking part in the winter code competitions all the very best and as always play hard, play fair and enjoy every challenge.

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## Basketball

As we move into the winter sports competition season, RBHS Basketball is in full swing - laying the foundations for the Super 8 and National tournaments through local and regional competitions

Each week, the Senior and Junior A teams participate in the Waikato Senior Schools Leagues against the likes of Hamilton Boys' HS, St John's College and Te Aroha, giving the boys access to excellent competition in our neighboring region. This complements our Senior A and Senior Development involvement in the Rotorua Basketball Association's Mens' Premier Club Winter League; and the Rotorua Senior Schools Competition, where we have 10 teams testing their metal against the best players from our area.



In addition, we have **Breaking news that Senior A stalwart KC Nwafor** has been invited to participate (again!) at the 2021 Steven Adams Camp, in what we understand may be the first return visit. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement, KC!

### Senior Programme:

RBHS Senior programme is under way with 14 players in our Senior A team and 10 players in our Senior Development programme:

**Senior As Playing Roster** - Ernest Kerr (captain), KC Nwafor, Trent Irving, Tearynce Ngamotu, Tuteao Raerino, Christian Vano, Charles Anderson, Xanda Marsters, Tamaarangi Te Rei-Tuuta, Matiu Te Rei-Tuuta, Wharekaponga Williams, Stephen Paea



**Playing Reserves** : Kahutia Hunt, Thomas Glynn, Toka Tawhara.  
Senior Development - Toka Tawhara, Kahutia Hunt, Thomas Glynn, Caleb Strickland, Hamuera Moka, Rougan Williams-Te Kiri, Kupa Teao, Ataarangi Bryers, Santanna Porter, James Bennett.

### Senior As Coming Attraction -

Month of May and Early June Waikato League: Te Aroha Senior A's on 28th of May, Fraser Senior A's on 11th of June, Nga Taiatea Senior A's on 18th of June

Senior As Results - Waikato League: Hamilton Senior A's 68-72 Lost, St Johns Senior A's 81-69 Win. Outstanding Performance - Charles Anderson, KC Nwafor

### Junior Programme:

What an amazing start to this year's Junior programme, with the 63 boys enrolled in our year 9 Academy forming the eight RBHS teams playing in the local Rotorua Basketball League on Thursday nights through this term. With two year 10 teams also competing, Raukura basketball dominates this local League. In addition, our top Junior Team (Junior A) are competing in the Waikato Senior Schools Basketball League on Tuesday nights in venues around Hamilton.

**Junior As Playing Roster** - Te Akau Bennett (Captain), Elijah Fonotai, Shane Gifkins, Waka Anderson, Freeman Vercoe, Christopher Bryant, Rico Walton-Iraia, Michael Maynard, Kruz Ua-Marsh, Reagan Boag. Playing Reserves: Jaden Wright, Tyrell Irving, Taine Hinga.

**Outstanding Performance** - Elijah Fonotai, Shane Gifkins, TeAkau Bennett, Waka Anderson  
Junior As Results - Waikato League: St Paul's Junior A's Win 79-74 Win, Tokoroa Junior A's 82-42 Win

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# Sports Update

## Cross Country

We had four students representing our school at the BOP Secondary Schools Cross Country event - Igor Da Silva, Daniel Duyvesteyn, Heath Lash and Cajon Simiona. Heath managed a fifth place in the Junior 4000m event.

Well done to all of you!



## Kickboxing

One of our Year 11 students Te Hira Ngahoata had the opportunity to train with #RaukuraOldBoy Israel Adesanya in Napier in May

Te Hira won his debut kickboxing fight in the school holidays.

Keep working hard, Te Hira!



## Rugby

Our Raukura 1st XV co-captain Brooke Mitchell was pretty stoked to meet one of his heroes at the iSport Foundation's Youth Sports event held on May 28

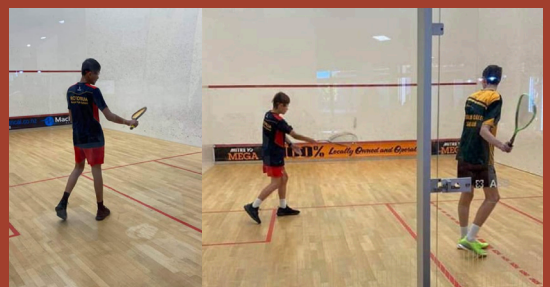


## Futsal

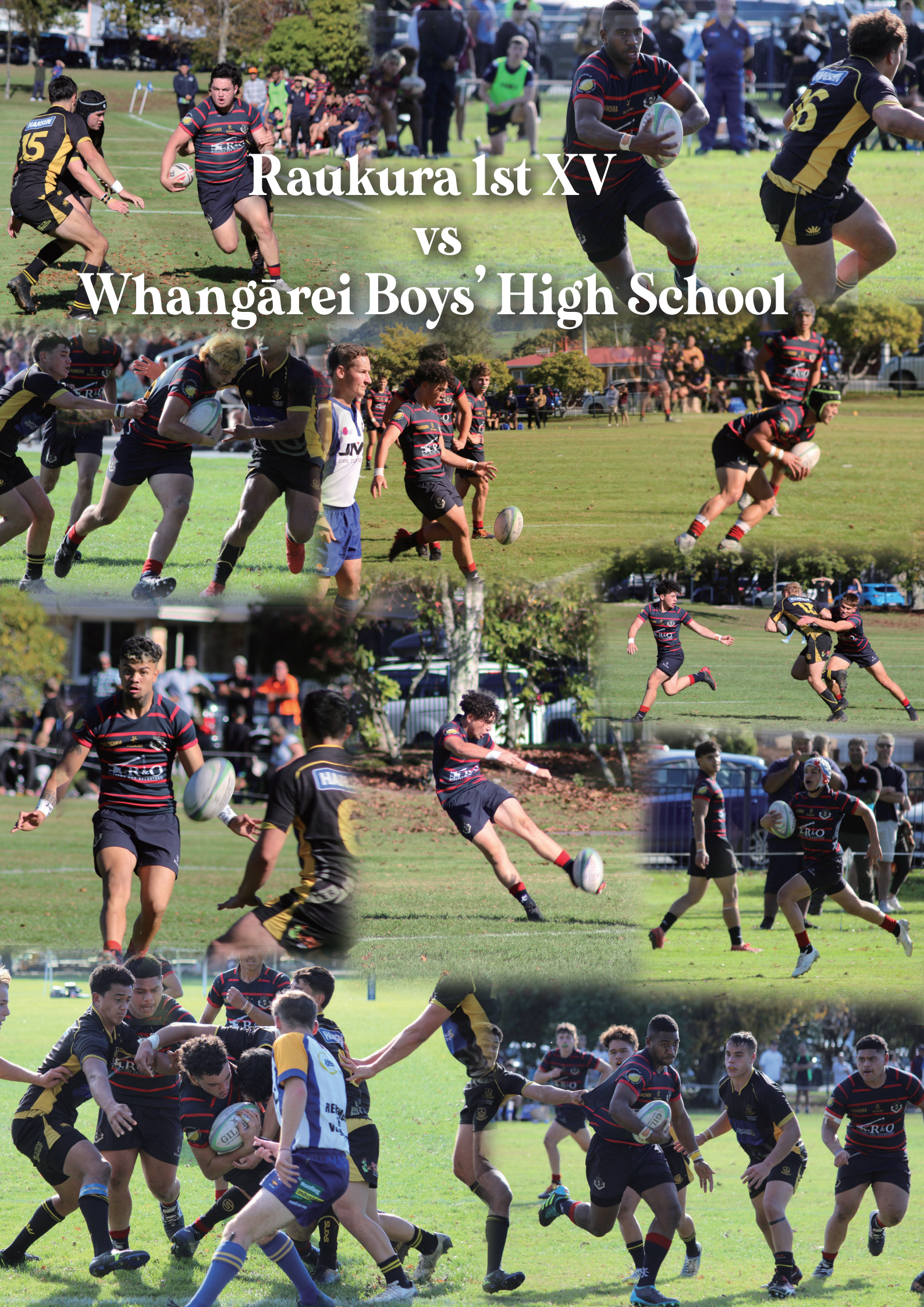
Congratulations to Ringaishe (David) Hungwe and Richie Cunliffe for their selection into the BOP U16 Futsal team that will represent the region at nationals during the next school holidays! All their hard work over recent weeks trialling for the team has paid off! Awesome work, boys!

## Squash

Raukura students Cyris McDonald, Trey Sayers, Liam Magee, Jeremy Carr, Temuera Tapsell, Oscar Gibson, Byron Macrae, Finley Gibson and Hunter Brown represented our school at the BOPSS Individual Squash Champs in June.







# Raukura 1st XV vs Whangārei Boys' High School