

Rotorua Boys' High School

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

Newsletter 1, 2021

Introducing our Student Leaders for 2021

Left: Todd Storey (Deputy Head Prefect), Right: Reagan Nicholson (Head Prefect)



ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL ΜΟΤΤΟ

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VISION To be the outstanding Boys' High School in New Zealand

PRINCIPLES

Rotorua Boys' High School provides an environment for boys to mature into outstanding young men to prepare them for the important future role they must play in the community.

> VALUES Students are expected to:

Be strong of character – Pūmau

Being strong of character means you show respect for both yourself and others, have personal integrity, take responsibility for the consequences of your actions and be a good citizen. Be a good man.

Demonstrate leadership – Whakātu ngārahutanga

Leadership can be taught and learned. You will have many opportunities to demonstrate leadership and be a good role model as well as encouraging appropriate behaviour in others. Be a good leader.

Display commitment – Ūpoko pakaru

Commitment means never giving up just because something is difficult. It encompasses a work ethic, time management and sacrifice in achieving your goals. Be a good worker.

Take opportunities – Kapo huanga

Taking opportunities is about embracing new challenges. You will be presented with a myriad of opportunities in your time at Rotorua Boys' High School. Enjoy the challenge.

Strive for Excellence – Hirangatanga

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

Show respect – Whakaute

Show respect to family, school, friends, team mates and especially yourself.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Welcome to the 2021 school year, it has been a positive start to the year and a real feeling that 2021 will be another great year for our school. This is the first scheduled Newsletter of the year. Newsletters will be issued in Week 5 and 10 of each term.

I would like to welcome all of our new students and families, especially our 280 Year 9 students and their families.

I am pleased also to welcome our new staff members for 2021 :



Mr J Taylor* BPhEd, PGDipTchgLn, PGDipOE

Deputy Principal -Administration. Tumuaki Tuarua - Whakaako and Ako



Teacher of Science

BSpLs



Dr A Chanati MBChB, PGDipPaed

Teacher of Science



Mr T Koopu BMD, PGDipTchq

Teacher of Māori

Teacher of Physical Education





Ms E Osborne BA, PGDipTchq

Teacher of English

Teacher of English

BA. PGDipTcha

Mrs A Hine

Gateway Coordinator

The school is pleased to welcome this highly gualified and talented group of new staff to our school.

At the start of the school year there is always a number of staff who take up new responsibilities and in this regard I would particularly like to acknowledge :

Whaea Rie Morris, BA/BCom, PGDipTchg, BMPA, MEd(Hons) Deputy Principal, Tumuaki Tuarua -Āheinga Ahurea Year 10 Assistant Dean Ms K Aldridge, BEd(Hons) Mrs H Baldwin, BEd(Hons), PGCertAP Principal's Nominee Assistant Leader of Learning, Senior Ms E Crouch, BA(Hons), MSc, PGCE, PGCertDCL Mathematics Supported Learners Programme Ms K Kinita, BTchg, BPA Lead Dean Year 10, Careers Year 12 Mr C Makan*, BBS, DipTchg Mr J Te Huia, BPhEd, PGDipTchg, PGCertDCL Year 9 Dean

* Old Boy's



Ms P McCloskey BHSHP, BTchg

Teacher of Mathematics



Mr T Thomas* BSc

Teacher of Science



Ms L Nelson

Student Counter/Uniform Shop Manager



Mr C Mitchell BPhEd, MTchgLn

Teacher of Physical Education



Ms J Wharekura BBA, PGDipTchg

Teacher of Mathematics and Business

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Year 9	280
Year 10	280
Year 11	240
Year 12	190
Year 13	130
Total	1120

2021 Board of Trustees

Our current Board of Trustees is as follows : Mr Herby Ngawhika (Chair) Mr Mark Lawrence (Deputy Chair) Ms Mercia-Dawn Yates Mr Marty Hine Ms Wai Morrison Mrs Melanie Short Mstr Manaaki Benfell (Student Representative) Mr A.C. Grinter (Principal) Mrs Jodie Rose (Board Secretary)



Prefects

The school is very proud of an impressive group of young men who have been appointed as prefects and student leaders for our school this year.





Reagan Nicholson Head Prefect

Todd Storey Deputy Head Prefect and Captain of Te Rotorua-nui-a-Kahumatamomoe (Blue)



Haeora Boynton-Rata Captain of Te Akitu a Raukura (Yellow) and Hostel Deputy Head Prefect





Arts Captain

Liam Kalan Sports Captain **Henare Eilers**



Vero Alley

Year 10 Captain

Will Florence Year 9 Captain

Congratulations to Miles Tapsell and Manaaki Benfell who have recently joined this group of student leaders for 2021.



Rukutai Watene Captain of Ngongotahā (Red)



Miles Tapsell Captain of Utuhina (Green)



Noah Allibone Academic Captain



Yannick Martel International Captain and Pasifika Captain



Jericho Yorke Hostel Head Prefect



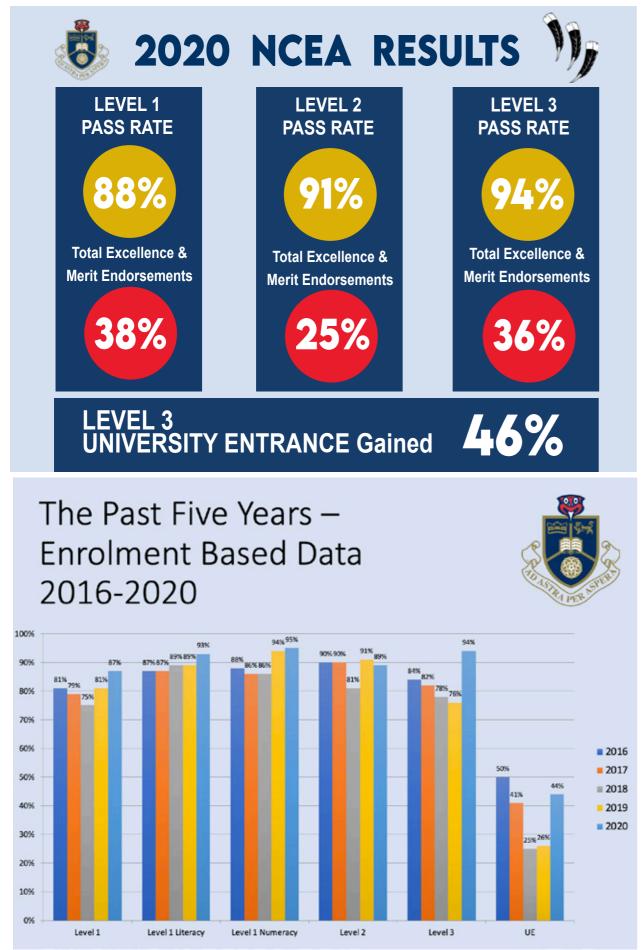


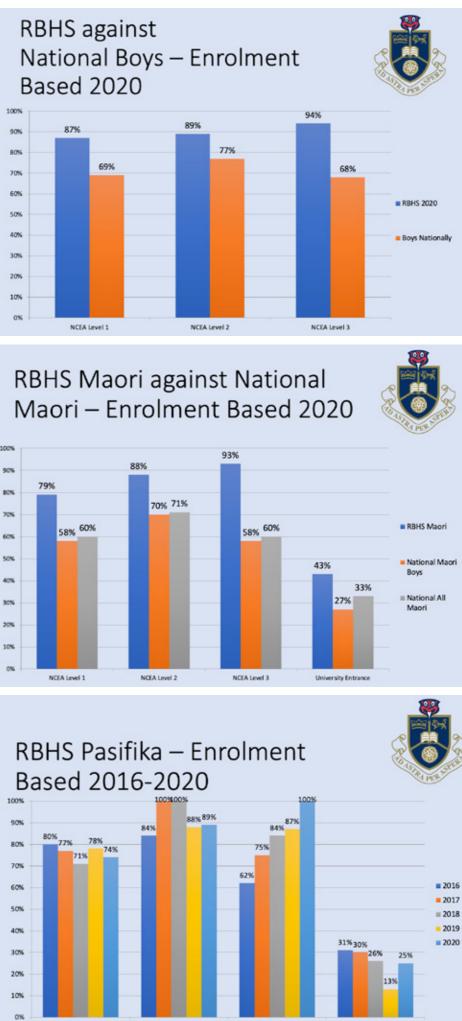
Manaaki Benfell Environment Captain and Student Trustee to the Board

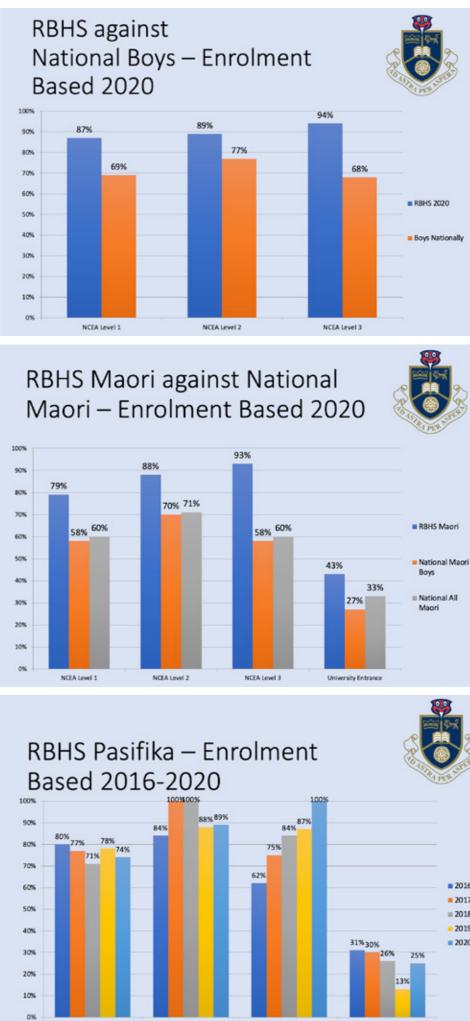
2020 NCEA Results

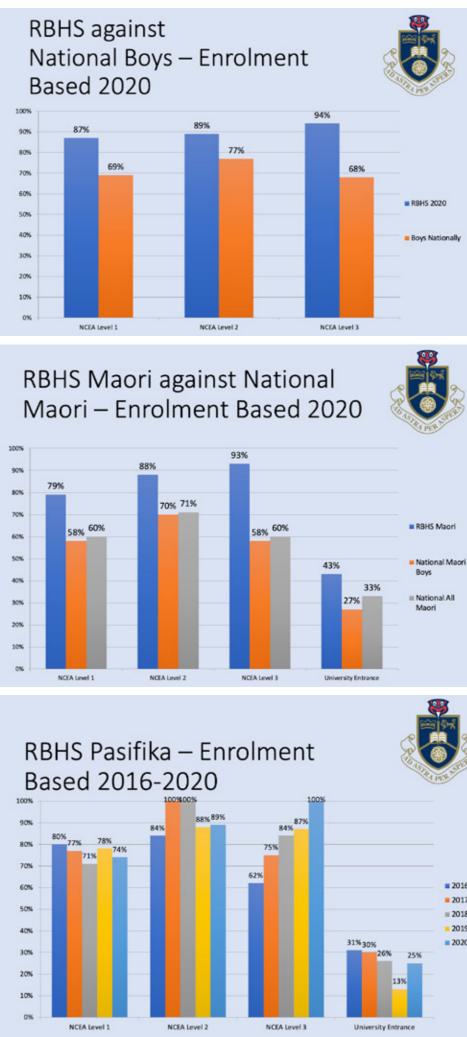
In 2020 the school again received pleasing NCEA results that maintained the achievement levels of recent years.

Our 2020 NCEA results were as follows :









Level 1 Endorsements 2020

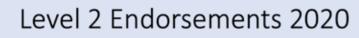


35 Excellence Endorsements at Level 1

Blue Simpkins-Jones, Cajon Simiona, Charlie Roigard, Christopher Keown, Daniel Hamilton, Daniel Kim, Ethan Jonas, Igor Da Silva, Joseph Williams, Kairau Armstrong, Karearea Bowden-McClutchie, Koan Hemana, Levi Overbye, Levi Sutton, Mathieu Boynton-Rata, Meleki Schuster, Min Seong Kim, Ngakaupono Low, Paretoroa Webster-Tarei, Rohm Dixon, Rongomai Manuel, Ruaeo Te Moni, Sam Baldwin, Samuel Davis, Seth Richards-Ward, Stiven Lopez Valencia, Tamatea Butcher, Taumanu Walker, Te Koha Jansen, Te Turehu Herbert, Theo Harvey, Tiakitai Paul-Tomoana, Trent Irving, Tuatai Curtis, Wiremu Pumamao Herewini Curtis, Wiremu Pumamao Herewini

32 Merit Endorsements at Level 1

Ariariterangi Paul-Tuhaka, Bronson Anderson, Brooke Mitchell, Cameron Roe, Carlos Hihi, Cody Howe, Daniel Malcolm, Dylan Gates, Ebrahim Allie, Jay Smith, Josh Bravo, Kahutia Hunt, Kawiti Mahaki, Keaton Hine, Maru Maniapoto-Whitiora, Matthew Johns, Mita Brown, Pepene Eketone, Peter Dorreen, Riley Brown, Robbie Dalziel, Ryan Sutton, Sean Tined, Shyne Khan, Sione Tupou, Tai McIndoe, Te Ariki Iraia, Te Kura Tawhara, Te Poihipi Te Pairi, Tearynce Ngamotu, Tiakiwai Raharuhi-Walker, Tom Parry





17 Excellence Endorsements at Level 2

Arana Ashby, Autahi Leonard, Jaden Paul, Haeora Boynton-Rata, Henare Eilers, Kahura Cameron, Leitutolu Rasmussen, Liam Kalan, Max Harvey, Miguel Manaig, Nikau Rickards, Noah Allibone, Reagan Nicholson, Whareporera Hare-Herbert, Todd Storey, Tom Paul, Will Florence

13 Merit Endorsements at Level 2

Brae Thomson, Cullen Katu-Robinson, Daniel Kenah, Josh Pope, Marangai Wainohu-Savage, Marttius Engelen, Miles Tapsell, Montell Graham, Ngaru Omichi, Robbie Thomas, Te Huaroa Peters, Te Rangipuawhe-Hoani Maika, Yannick Martel

Level 3 Endorsements 2020



19 Excellence Endorsements at Level 3

Caerwyn Ross, Daniel Meneses, Evan Richards-Ward, Finlay Martin, Himiona Gray, Hori Allen-Gage, Jesse Pakinga-Lawson, Jordan Epapara, Keden Wichman, Nekoda McNicholl, Ngakohu Walker (2019), Pumi Black, Sameed Khan, Sean Squibb, Tawhao Webster, Te Ara Pounamu Pukeroa (2019), Totorewa Malcolm, Tyler Coote, Whatukura Mohi

16 Merit Endorsements at Level 3

Aidan Tonge, Christian Alfonso, Connor Franklin, Dylan Whyte, Ernest Kerr, Jacob Rawles, Jared Hamilton, Jordan Hutchings, Kahutia Te Hau, Khalid Price, Malachi Whare, Maneo Armstrong, Rangihaeata Hale, Reece Albert, Riva Cowan, Uale Lefaoseu

Scholarship

Congratulations to the following students who gained Scholarships:

Scholarship 2020

5 Scholarships

Sameed Khan – Statistics and English

Te Ara Pounamu Pukeroa – Te Reo and Music

Tawhao Webster – Music

Previously awarded Ngakohu Walker – Te Reo Maori (2019)

2021 Academic Goals

Wishing all 2021 students the very best as they continue to place their mark on these successful graphs. Our school goal this year in all senior levels is an 85% pass rate.

Further in endorsements our goal for 2020 is :

Year 9	60% + Merit/Excellence
Year 10	55% + Merit/Excellence
Year 11	30% + Merit/Excellence
Year 12	30% + Merit/Excellence
Year 13	30% + Merit/Excellence

Celebration of Success Evening

Our Celebration of Success Evening will be held on Tuesday 30 March 2021. This event is our opportunity early in the new school year to acknowledge our Year 9 Jubilee Scholars, those who gained Excellence in NCEA 2020 and our School Prefects with whanau. Invitations to our Celebration of Success Evening will be issued shortly.



Rotorua Boys' High School **Rotorua Young Achievers 1991 - 2020**



Head Boy/ Public Speaking/ Debating Debating Debating Joe Dorset Rugby Stephen Court Music Drama Tapekau Unnata Cultural Shamo Tapekau Unnata Cultural Stephen Court Music Drama Cultural Cultural Drumming Tapekau Unata Cultural Cultural Cultural Chris Hedley Academic Damien Hawe Cultural Chris Hedley Academic Stabalo Mitchell Performing Arts Te Mapu Paul

Kevin Austin Rieser Kayaking Allan Bunting *Cricket* Murray Clarke Baskerball Nicolas Davey *Rugby* William McCurdy *Rugby Rugby Rugby Rugby Rugby Paget & Top Scholary Prefect & Top Scholary*

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Levi McDonald Oratory	Koha Newton <i>Sport</i>	Gregory Palmer Academic Michael Ouinn	Academic	Bill Dempster Debating & Oratory	Michael Garrett Computing	K imoro Taiepa Cultural/Oratory/Leadership &	Scholarship Brett Pardoe Drama/Sport	Gordon Hunt Leadership/Sport	Daniel Nathan Music Breent Gellev	Dieth Oatley Sport Jonathan Potter Scholmebin		LJJ4 Andrew Burgess Graphics & Design	Scholarship/Sport James Gibson	Cricker/Bater Polo Troy Graham Leadership of Mãori Cultural Group	Craig Ireson Public Speaking/	Debating/Drama Lewis Jones	Leadership (Head Prefect)/ Scholarship & Sport	Daffyd Malcolm Music/Writing /Drama/Debating	Tim Snook Scholarship	

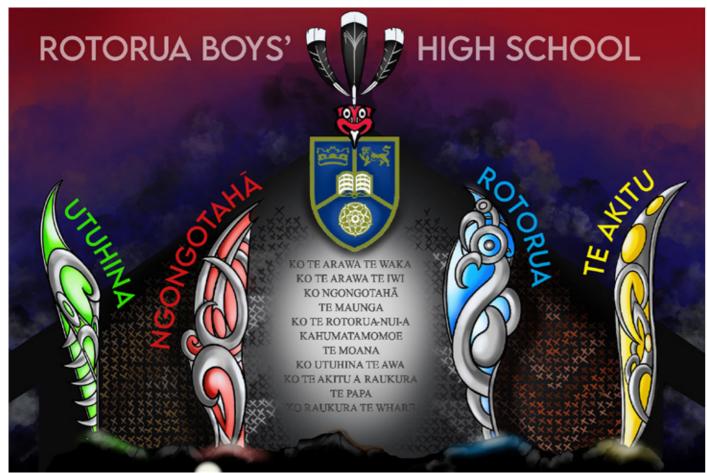
Tabloids

Congratulations to Utuhina who won the first Interhouse Competition Day namely our Interhouse Tabloids. It was great to see better engagement and attendance and genuine House Spirit on display.

Results were as follows :

1st Place	Utuhina -	895 points
2nd Place	Rotorua -	815 points
3rd Place	Te Akitu -	790 points
4th Place	Ngongotahā -	- 775 points

Talking of new houses, we are slowly building up Iconography to support these new House Names.



Te Wero

Te Wero took place on Friday 26 February and it was great to see our Year 13 students participating in this significant physical challenge that also challenges resilience and team work. A great start to having a strong Year 13 in 2021.

Year 9 Camps

Year 9 Camps are scheduled for week 7 and 8 and further information will be sent to parents in due course. The camps this year will be two nights each and at a cost per student of \$100.

2020 Team of the Year - Touch - National Champions

Congratulations to the students and staff associated with our Touch team that won an exciting 2020 National Championship based here in Rotorua in mid December.



Closely followed by Sevens - Top 10 Nationally

Congratulations also to the players and coaches of our U19 Touch team that ended up 9th placed after one narrow loss forcing them to play off in the second group of eight.



Well done both teams on coming in the Top 10 in New Zealand.

Winter Codes

Our Winter Codes are starting to build for their forthcoming seasons and I would encourage as many boys as possible to jump into one of the sporting codes and develop a commitment to a team sport. It is within a team environment that many skills can be taught and many of which are not so easily taught within the four walls of a classroom. Participation is the key and I take this opportunity to wish all teams the best for their forthcoming season.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 12 March Tuesday 30 March Wednesday 31 March Friday 2 April Monday 5 April Tuesday 6 April Friday 16 April

Academic Review Day Celebrating Success Function – 5.30pm Board of Trustees Meeting – 6.00pm Good Friday Easter Monday Easter Tuesday End of Term 1

As you can see it will be a busy term for the school, I extend best wishes to all students and staff and the wider school community for not only a successful Term 1, but a highly successful 2021.

Targets have been set, goals defined, and now we must all work hard and work together to realise these goals.

Ngā mihi nui A.C. Grinter Principal

iPads still available!



Contact Lana at student counter for a contract or more information

07 348 6169 ex 204

Address from the Head Prefect

Reagan Nicholson Head Prefect 2021

Te korero timatatanga o te tau hou, ki te Kura Ko Te Arawa te Waka Ko Te Arawa te Iwi Ko Tuhourangi Ngati Wahiao te hapu Ko Tūturu te maunga Ko Puarenga te awa Ko Te Pākira te marae Ko Wāhiao te Whare Tupuna Ko Reagan Nicholson tōku ingoa Tihei mauriora!

Kei ngā mana, kei ngā reo, ko ngā Pou-Ako,
Koutou! ko ngā Tauira, kua whakaeke nei, tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou katoa Nau mai, haere mai, hoki mai ki to Kura
Tēna koutou i te ahuatanga o ngā mate o te tau ka pāhemo, ka tai ki te rangi nei, haere koutou, haere, oki, oki ki te atua.
Kei ngā mana, kei ngā reo, Koutou! ko ngā Tauira, kua whakaeke nei, tēna koutou i te ahuatanga o ngā mate o te tau ka pāhemo, ka tai ki te rangi nei, haere koutou, haere, oki, oki ki te

Ka huri ano kia koutou ngā kanohi ora, e hui tahi back and go hard. nei i tenei wa,

ngā mihi o te tau hou kia koutou katoa. Ka huri au ki te reo paraoa ka whakaae koutou ki ngā korero e whai ake nei To the Prefect team, this year is our year to show everyone what we have. I'm excited to be working with my fellow

Firstly, I would like to start off by welcoming members of the board, thank you for taking the time to be with us today.

Mr Grinter, Nga Mihi sir.

A leader is someone who knows the way and shows the way. You lead our school with pride and passion in all that the school strives to achieve. I look forward to working with you throughout the year to lead our school.

To all the Brothers returning to school Welcome back and go hard.

brothers to guide and lead the school as we strive for greatness.

I would also like to thank everyone who has helped me throughout my years at school. If not for you I would not be in the position that I am in today.

To my good friend Todd and also my Deputy, It is privilege to have you by my side this year, I'm looking forward to the challenges we will face in the oncoming year and we will with no doubt face them together.

For those of you who don't know me "My name is Reagan Nicholson", Head Prefect for 2021.

In my early years I was raised here in the bubbly city of Rotorua, I moved to Australia when I was 6 and I returned to Rotorua Boys High in year nine.

The reason I moved back to Rotorua was not only to be closer to family, but to immerse myself in my culture. By coming to Rotorua Boys' High School I knew I was in the best place to be able to achieve the academic and cultural goals I had.

Coming here as a young year nine was scary, I was away from home and had only a few mates. But as the years went by, I was able to become closer with my Raukura brothers and have formed unbreakable bonds with them all.

For you year nines who are coming to Raukura, it's a big change coming from intermediate to high school. But if you have your whanau and brothers beside you, high school will be no sweat. But as we year 13's know, those 5 years go by fast, so make the most of it while you can.

I've thought of what I could share that might help others throughout their time at Rotorua Boys' High School. I came up with 5 things.

CHANGE, FEAR, CHALLENGES, SUPPORT, and SUCCESS

CHANGE

At last year's senior prize giving, Mr Grinter with the support of our Board, heralded a new beginning, by announcing a change to the names of the houses at our school. These newly named houses carry the names that will connect us all to this school, to this place and to this community, they are our unique identifiers which when together make us one as Raukura.

If you do not know already our new house names are: Ngongotaha (Red) Utuhina (Green)

Te Rotoruanui-a-Kahu (Blue) and Te Akitu a Raukura (Yellow)

Here at Raukura change will seem a constant companion, it's what sets us apart, and what makes us more adaptable and ready for the unexpected.

For many the transition into a bigger school campus and adapting to a new structure is all part of that. The biggest change for me was, moving from Aussie and having to adapt to a new environment.

Here at Raukura we embrace change, and we face it together.

FEAR

It is real, and it affects all of us in different ways, particularly when one feels alone, at Raukura you are not alone. You will have your brothers beside you. If you are coming from afar to join our Hostel you will become a part of a brotherhood that will help you grow and face fears together.

I was anxious and scared. I wondered if I was going to be accepted, if I was going to be good enough, if I was going to succeed, I was afraid, that fear may be just as real for your whanau too but just know you are joining an extended whanau that is Raukura. You are not alone here.

CHALLENGES

There will be many. Challenges are a part of life while we are learning to find our way, finding what sets the fire inside us.

Be it academically if you have a goal...chase that goal alongside your mates, if it's a sporting goal you have the best right here to help set you up for life, be it a trade or an alternate dream you strive for, it's the challenges before during and after that build the foundation of who you are and who you will become. Here at Raukura we will face those together.

SUPPORT

Along with the stellar teaching and support staff here at Raukura, Support is something you can expect from me, I am not only your head prefect but a fellow student and Raukura brother. The prefects and I, we are here to represent you, we are here to help and encourage you to be the best version of yourselves. We will support you together.

SUCCESS

With success must come hard work. Some people are naturally gifted, and some must try a bit harder but that's okay, success whatever it may be for you comes with sacrifice and determination, like me it usually comes with the love and support of those who care for you.



No matter how big or small we will celebrate success together.

It is my hope that during my last year as a student here I can give back, that I can help and support the students and the school that has given me so much.

In conclusion, I would like to leave you with these words from one of our school waiata that expresses what I hope for all of us ... past students ... current students and those of you who are new to the Raukura Whanau.

Ko ngā rau a te huia hai whakarākai mōu e hoka e, Whāia te iti kahurangi raukura e!

Let the feathers of the huia bird adorn you, and be a treasure for you, Fly and soar.

Follow your dreams and aspirations all who are Raukura.

Kaati ake mo tenei wa tēna koutou katoa, e huri!

Reagan Nicholson Head Prefect 2021

From the Desk of the Deputy Principal

Teaching and Learning Tumuaki Tuarua - Whakaako and Ako



Kia Ora Raukura whānau,

Welcome to the 2021 academic year, please be aware of the following notes as they will prove helpful in your learning journey throughout this year.

Academic Reporting

Please be aware that the first fortnightly Progress Reports will be available for collection on Academic Review Day. After this point the reports will be emailed out to a specified email address every fortnight. Our Fortnightly Reporting system has proven to be effective, transparent and enables all caregivers the opportunity to play a part in their son's progress. It is important to note that it is school policy to write reports using each student's legal name. If however you prefer us to write your son's report using his preferred name, this can easily be arranged. In order for this to happen, you need to contact the main office or your son's House Group teacher and inform them of your preference. It is also important to ensure all contact details are correct in this process to establish and maintain effective communication. Please communicate with your son's HG teacher to ensure we have the correct information.

Write That Essay

Rotorua Boys' High School is lucky to have access to the Write That Essay 2.0 writing tool. This tool is the most advanced educational writing tool on the planet. With activities designed to increase the literacy skills of students at all levels of the curriculum, it is a fantastic asset to have. The school is providing these licenses for all students in Year 9, but has also organised for licenses to be available for purchase by all students in Years 10-13.

The software can be used extremely easily, even when it is not teacher driven. Once students have identified their own writing level, all the content is pitched to their specific needs. For seniors, it will even take them through the planning process and allow them to tailor essay plans to all kinds of different assessments and tasks. The licenses can be purchased for just \$30 from the student counter. Expert teachers placed around the school will be able to offer direction and advice for you when you use the tool and also assistance should you need it. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

MDM

The MDM, or Mobile Device Management, is a tool which enables all users at Rotorua Boys' High School to engage in a safe, secure and collaborative learning community. The MDM is vital to enable all student's devices are equipped with all necessary applications for learning, with a location enabling service and for smooth and efficient access to the school network. As a school, the MDM is fundamental for us to be able to track, monitor and ensure that the highest standard of learning is taking place. The If your son purchased an Ipad prior to this year or is bringing in their own device the MDM is needed to be placed on their device. MDM is available from the student

counter for \$25 a year and this is installed by our school I.T providers. This access allows Internet connectivity and the ability to engage with our Modern Learning Environment.

Responsibility

While the school will make every effort to ensure all devices are secure, ultimately, students are responsible for their device. They must bring it fully charged to school, and use their device to engage in learning, complete set tasks and to communicate effectively in all environments.

"Our students, through the use of digital technologies, will be offered future-focused learning opportunities, to ensure they are equipped with the skills to be successful global citizens"

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



My name is Hamish Lockwood and I am the Deputy Principal - Student Support 2021 A huge Mihi to all our Whanau of Raukura and especially to the young men at Rotorua Boys High School. I look forward to again fulfilling my role in 2021 and relish the opportunity to help improve student outcomes.

Student's, parents, and staff are continually working together to improve the attendance rate for our school so this is a timely reminder of our Absentee protocol for 2021 An emphasis on being at school regularly and punctually will ultimately drive towards enhancing the academic profile for each student.

Should your son not be attending school for any length of time, there are a number of options below which can be utilised to inform the school of his absence;

- 1. Contact Absentee Hotline (07) 349 5137
- 2. Phone or email the Dean
- 3. Written explanation for House Group Teacher on his return to school

RBHS Learning with Digital Technologies Vision

Student Support Tumuaki Tuarua - Taunaki Ākonga

Kia ora Students and Whānau of Raukura 2021,

Early Notification

We are now operating an Early Notification system whereby Parents / Caregivers will receive a message via text or email informing that their 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.

Reminder: that school starts at 8.45am sharp, please ensure your son is ontime ready to start his school day.

Uniform Rules

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. All items of school uniform can be purchased at the School Uniform Shop.

Shirt: Trousers: Shorts:	Taupe Polo, skivvy or business style. Black (No track pants) Black
Tie:	Navy blue with scarlet diagonal stripes
Shoes:	Black lace up shoes
Sandals:	Black sandals (with back straps) may be worn with shorts.
Jacket:	School nylon jacket in navy and scarlet, or school polar fleece in navy and taupe. No other jackets permitted.
Vest:	School nylon outer shell vest in navy with taupe fleece inner (reversible)
Blazer/Suit	Black [′]
Cap:	A monogrammed school cap is optional.
Tracksuit:	Navy blue school tracksuit.
School Lavalava:	Only to be worn with Number 1 ataire (shirt and Tie) only for formal occasions

The school uniform must be worn to and from school and when representing the school.

Leadership:

It is an important year for our young men to step out of their comfort zone and strive to become a future Leader here at Raukura. There are many opportunities for students to achieve these goals and I encourage students to be involved in as many extracurricular activities both in and out of school as possible.

Leadership opportunities 2021:

Spirit of adventure, HEADZ up Waikato Leaders day, Hillary Outdoor Pursuit Centre, Y Lead Conference, Outward Bound, Year 9 Waikato Young Leaders day, Duke of Edinburgh and many more.

Leadership news:

Congratulations to Year 12 Gavin Dinniss and Keaton Hine who have been accepted to participate in the 10 day Spirit of Adventure voyage. 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. Gavin Dinnis will start his expedition on the 24th February and Keaton is due to leave in early May. I wish both students well and looking forward to their feedback to the school.

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

Ngā Mihi

Mr H Lockwood (BSpLS, DipTchg) Deputy Principal- Student Support Tumuaki Tuarua- Taunaki Akonga hlockwood@rbhs.school.nz

From the Desk of the Deputy Principal

Cultural Capacity Tumuaki Tuarua - Āheinga Ahurea

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei.

Pursue your treasured aspirations and if you falter, let it be only to insurmountable difficulties.

It is fitting to refer to our school whakataukī (proverb) that is also in keeping with our school motto, Ad Astra Per Aspera, To the stars through hard work, as these are interrelated & encompass what Raukura is about and strives to be.

With a focus on striving to also build cultural capacity, it is important to give some further explanation to what exists already, and what will become part of Rotorua Boys' High School.

To that end, our School Houses were renamed using our School Pepeha as the source of those names, and will now solidify the connections we have with mana whenua, our surrounding area, and those who hail from other places in the world.

> Ko Te Arawa te waka Ko Te Arawa te iwi Ko Ngongotahā te maunga Ko Te Rotorua-nui-a-Kahumatamomoe te moana Ko Utuhina te awa Ko Te Akitu a Raukura te papa Ko Raukura te whare

whaea Rie Morris



From School Houses to House Groups, it is important for whanau to note that we will hold our first Academic Review Day for the year on Friday 12 March.

Lake water

Geothermal Activity

Academic Review Days positively impact on academic achievement for your son at our school. All parents/caregivers are expected to come with their son's to have an individual, positive discussion with his House Group Tutor about his personal targets, future pathway ambitions and current progress.

You will receive an email with a hui time, and other details as we get closer to Friday 12 March.

By working together - school, student and whānau - we are confident that our young men, in the pursuit of their aspirations, will be firmly on the path to success.

Kāti au i konei.

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa.

Whaea Rie Morris (BA/BCom, BMPA, MEd(Hons), DipTchg) Cultural Capacity Tumuaki Tuarua - Āheinga Ahurea rmorris@rbhs.school.nz

From the Desk of the Deputy Principal



Administration Tumuaki Tuarua - Whakahaerenga

Born and raised on a dairy farm in Galatea, I am proud to be an old boy of Rotorua Boys High School and remember my time as a boarder at Tai Mitchell House fondly. I am extremely honoured and privileged to be returning to Raukura, but this time in a very different capacity.

This experience provided a great platform for my tertiary study in Otago and Christchurch. I have spent the last twelve years at Kristin School in Auckland. During this time away, I have always maintained strong connections to home, and now with a young family, the time was right to return to the Bay of Plenty.

To accept Te Wero at this year's Pohiri was a humbling experience. The mana of Raukura is undeniable and to be a part of such a positive staff and student culture is an exciting prospect. I thank the whole school community for the warm welcome.

My passion is Outdoor Education. Developing authentic learning experiences that will connect our young men to their own place and people, through local environments and nature will create strong male role models who care about the future and the influence they may have on it.

The vision is to develop a full Outdoor Education program for students from Years 9-13. It seems like a very natural fit here at Raukura. This educational space, combined with our unique environment, provides unlimited opportunities.

Week 7 & 8

Tane Raukura Year 9 Camp- Whirinaki, Minginui.

As part of the physical education programme and following a strong school tradition, there is an expectation that every Year 9 student will participate in an amazing two night wilderness experience in the Whirinaki forest. This is a fantastic beginning to their "right of passage" as these students start their journey through to their senior schooling.

Kev Objectives

To enhance relationships with students and teachers through teamwork and leadership To develop an awareness and appreciation of conservation and natural environments.

This is an excellent opportunity to take ownership of what it takes to excel as a student of Raukura.

Week 7 Monday-Wednesday (15-17 March) Wednesday-Friday (17-19 March)

Week 8

Monday- Wednesday (22-24 March) 9R. 9B and 9M Wednesday- Friday (24-26 March) 9H and 9S The students have been preparing for the camp as part of their Leadership & Health/Physical Education programs. The facility allows us to run the camp in all weather conditions, and activities can easily be adjusted accordingly. Students have been given all relevant documents to be returned to school by FRIDAY 5th MARCH. Cost: \$100/per student.

Mr J Taylor (BPhEd, PGDipTchgn, PGDipOE) Administration Tumuaki Tuarua - Whakahaerenga jtaylor@rbhs.school.nz

9A, 9T and 9C 9X. 9E and 9TT

From the Deans



YEAR 9 DEANS REPORT

Mr J Te Huia

Nau mai, haere mai,

Welcome, to our newest members of the Raukura whanau. Our year 9 students have had a really positive start to 2021 at Raukura and it has been wonderful to hear from their teachers that the classes are settled into their learning and a pleasure to teach. Thank you to all the whanau who attended our Powhiri on the 3rd of February, which was an amazing way to start the year.

Thank you also for your support in ensuring your son has been set up for success by having his uniform and stationery needs organised.

The boys have already experienced their first tabloid days and it was awesome to see so many year 9 boys getting involved, challenging themselves and having a great time! Congratulations to those boys from Utuhina House for coming out victorious.

Your son has been issued with his own individual timetable. These are really important as they let your son know where he needs to be, at what time, and who his teacher is for each subject. It would also be helpful for you to have a copy of his timetable also, so ask him to share it with you so you are aware of what subjects he has. Having their timetable glued to some cardboard, laminated or as a screenshot on their device, can save a lot of time and despair.

Your son's attendance will directly impact his achievement at school this year. It has been proven that if your son is at school he will succeed. Please ensure your son is at school EVERY day, unless there is a justified reason for his absence. In this case, please inform either his House Group teacher or ourselves, as to why your son is away.

To assist with this we thought it would be a good time to introduce our Attendance expectations for our year 9 students so whanau are aware of how we will be following this up each week.

One off absence or sickness: Please contact your son's House Group Tutor to let them know why your son is absent, or you can phone the main office (07 348 6169). If we do not receive a reason for your son's absence, you will be notified by txt about 10am to let you know that he is not in class.

If your son has been away and his absence has not been justified, his house group tutor will contact you for a reason so we can update his attendance records.

If he has been away for 3 consecutive days, has a pattern of absences or lateness to school, without justification, you will receive an email from the Year 9 Dean, which will be the first of 3 formal attendance formal notifications required by law and will request to meet to discuss your son's absence.

If this unjustified absence continues to 5 days, a formal letter will be emailed to you outlining the legal obligations if this absence continues.

Letter 3 is if there is no improvement or communication. This is the final letter sent to whanau and is sent out by our Deputy Principal as a final warning, before your son could be potentially removed from the roll.

Obviously we hope to not get to this stage and encourage easy communication between home and school. At Raukura we strongly believe that Attendance = Achievement.



You will be able to track your son's attendance and achievement this year if you have access to our School App. If you download "SchoolAppsNZ" and add Rotorua Boys' High School, you will be able to access your son's credits, get updates about school events, notify us about absences and track your son's attendance in class. Passwords and usernames for this application can be given to you at our first Academic Review Day on Friday, the 12th of March. This is a very useful tool for parents!

Academic Review Day is an opportunity for you as whanau to come in and meet with your son's house group tutor, to discuss the goals he has set himself for the year and how as a team we can support him to achieve them. We aim for 90% attendance from whanau and students on this day, your son's house group tutor will be in touch with you soon to confirm your appointment time. We will also be around that day if you have any questions or concerns for us as Deans.

Junior Certificate at Year 9 requires our boys to achieve a minimum of 80 credits over the course of the year. If your son manages to get 50+ of these at 'Excellence' level, he will achieve his Year 9 Certificate with an Excellence endorsement. Likewise if he achieves 50+ at Merit/Excellence level, he will achieve a Merit endorsement. We want as many of our boys to achieve with endorsements as possible. Please support your son by having conversations about their learning at home, and tracking their credits via KAMAR on our school app.

If you would like to keep up to date with school events, make sure you check out our school Facebook page - "Rotorua Boys' High School".

Our role as Deans of Year 9 is to liaise between yourself, your son and his teachers. If we can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Mr J Te Huia (BPhEd, PGDipTchg, PGCertDCL) Dean of Year 9 ALOL of Physical Education Head of House - Te Akitu jtehuia@rbhs.school.nz

> Ehara toku toa i te toa takitahi,He toa takitini toku toa My strength is not due to me alone, but due to the strength of many.

Mrs A Hay (BEd (Music), DipTchg, FTCL(Violin)) Dean of Year 9 ahay@rbhs.school.nz

YEAR 10 DEAN REPORT



Tena Koutou Katoa,

Welcome to all our Year 10 Students and Whanau.

My name is Mr Makan and I have taken over the role of Year 10 Dean for 2021. As a very proud old boy of our Kura, it is a great honour to be in this position.

A special welcome to our new students and families that have joined the Raukura Whanau. I am looking forward to working closely with you and your sons. We have a very large cohort in the Junior school this year with over 280 students in Year 10.

As the Dean of Year 10, I will be your first point of contact for any concerns you may have about vour son's academic achievement at our kura.

With Year 10 being the final year before NCEA, we deem this year especially important for our students to start developing patterns of success and routines that will assist them greatly next year. To ensure your son is going to reach his academic goals, he will have to tick these items off his checklist:

- 90% attendance
- Submitting and completing work on time
- Making House Group each morning
- Monitoring and tracking endorsement progress
- Attending To Honoa Toi after school
- Attending all Academic review days throughout the year
- Attaining good scores in fortnightly reports on Kamar

Attendance is a major contributor to a student's success. If your son is unwell or unable to attend school, please ring the school office to advise us of his absence on 07 348 6169.

I would also like to take the opportunity to encourage our young men to attend Te Honoa Toi. This program is to support our students in their academic achievement. Deans facilitate this support on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday every week from 3pm until 4pm in the library computer suite. Your son is welcome to attend these sessions for extra support.

I am very excited about the year ahead for our Year 10 students. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to email me.

Mr C Makan (BBS) Dean of Year 10 cmakan@rbhs.school.nz



Kia Ora Raukura whānau,

For those of you who do not know who I am, my name is Kelly Hemana and I am the Year 11 Dean. I was born and raised here in Rotorua and have been teaching since 1999. My teaching experience ranges from Primary, Intermediate, Secondary and Tertiary sectors, and I have a Master of Specialist Teaching in Learning and Behaviour from Massey University. I have two wonderful children, Koan Hemana, a current Year 12 student here at Raukura and Grace who is a Year 10 student at our sister school Rotorua Girls' High.

I am excited to be able to work with a fine bunch of young Raukura men. The challenge moving forward for us is to continue with that strength and determination to succeed at the task ahead this year in the NCEA Level 1 programme. There are three levels of NCEA certificate, depending on the difficulty of the standards achieved. At each level, students must achieve a certain number of credits to gain an NCEA certificate. Credits can be gained over more than one year.

NCEA level	Requirements
Level 1	80 credits are required at any level (level 1, 2 or 3)

For more details see the following website: http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-ncea/

Te Honoa Toi - Homework Centre

This learning space is now operating after school from 3-4pm in the library from Monday through to Thursday. This is an opportunity for students to keep pace with their studies and utilise the teachers expertise also. I will be in Te Honoa Toi every Monday afternoon for any students wishing to work directly with me. Students are welcome to grab an extra lunch pack from the MC and bring this with them to eat during their study time. We will have Seniors available throughout the year to support as a tutor if your son needs it - please come and see me in my office if you think you would like to use this service.

House Group Captains

We have some Year 11 students taking on the role of House Group Captain to support their peers to manage their goals. We really want to foster the notion of collaboration and accountability to others. I will be meeting regularly with this group to support the work being done every day in House Group time. So therefore, House Group from 10:45 – 11:10am is a vital time for our student's academic progress, and is held in high regard. I want to thank the following students for their leadership and commitment:

YEAR 11 DEAN REPORT



including literacy and numeracy.

Ngongotahā Hunter Geary, Richard Cunliffe and Caleb Price



Mitchell Hostel Kaya Koopu



Te Akitu a Raukura Damien Bright and Conor Lysaght



Utuhina Xanda Marsters, Tanner Dean & Sam Short



Te Rotorua nui ā Kahumatamoemoe

Nathan Putt, Kupa Teao & Te Manawa Clayton



Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for the success of our students this year. NCEA is a demanding programme and as a Senior student of our school it is expected that our students attend every class. Should circumstances arise that prevent this we would appreciate a call or email justifying your sons' absence.

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

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

YEAR 12 DEAN REPORT Mrs M Shaw Tena Koutou Katoa,

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

My name is Mrs Monique Shaw and I am the Year 12 Dean for 2021. It has been a very busy start to the school year with timetabling and importantly identifying potential pathways.

This year, I lay down the challenge to our cohort to improve their results from 2020. Each young man should strive to achieve the following throughout this term; • A score of 3.8 or better in each fortnightly report

- Attitude in class and towards learning is key, if the attitude is there, the rest will fall into place.
- 100% submission of assessments
 - Communication is crucial when it comes to both being ready for an assessment or our students need to be extra conscious about being responsible for their learning.
- Full attendance at Academic Review Day (ARD) and the plan for his year will be instrumental in making sure he is on track for his future pathway.

Changes to NCEA

Our students need to be aware of the changes around resubmissions. This year, students will only be offered the opportunity to have a resubmission if their work is currently sitting at a Not Achieved grade but is close to an Achieved grade and would require a small edit to fix. Students will no longer be offered resubmissions for work that is of a passable standard for Merit of Excellence.

Students will still have the opportunity to do a resit for an assessment, however, this will have to be arranged with that classroom teacher.

Students will need to take extra care with their notes and preparation to ensure they can demonstrate their best work in their assessments.

Academic Review Day

The Academic Review Day will be held on Friday 12th March. This relationship with your son's House Group tutor is a crucial part of monitoring learning and progression. Having this time to review goals and set new ones will help keep your son on track to him achieve his potential. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fortnightly Reports

Our first cycle of fortnightly reports will be sent out in week six. These reports are an essential part of helping to develop reflective learners. Please take the time to go through these reports

organising another time if an assessment is missed. With the changes to NCEA this year,

Having the opportunity to sit down with your son's House Group tutor and go over goals

with your son and identify areas where he can improve as well as celebrate his success. We encourage you to utilise the contacts and email teachers where necessary to discuss any learning or attitude concerns.

Attendance

Attendance is a major contributor to a student's success. Our goal this year is to have an attendance rate above 90%. If your son is unwell or unable to attend school, please ring the school office to advise us of his absence. 07 348 6169.

2021 has the potential to be a great year, to explore a new path or refine goals and aspirations. Together we can achieve beyond what one can do alone.

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

Mrs M Shaw (BTchg, DipJourn, PGCertDCL) Dean of Year 12 mshaw@rbhs.school.nz



YEAR 13 DEAN REPORT

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Greetings to all the whānau of our students at Rotorua Boys' High School, at the beginning of this new school year. I am very excited about commencing another journey with our young men and helping them to grow and embark on their journey after school. For those of you who do not know who I am, my name is Ceylan Bekar and I am the Year 13 Dean for the 2021 school year.

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. Our school attendance target is 90% or more and I encourage our students' to follow our school motto "Ad Astra Per Aspera" and reach for the stars. Should a situation arise where your son cannot attend school, we would appreciate a call or email justifying your son's absence either through the school absentee line, their house group teacher or myself.

Academic Achievement

NCEA Level 3, as mentioned above, is a demanding programme. This year your son requires 60 credits, as 20 credits roll over from last year. If your son is a new student and this is his first year in New Zealand Education then your son will require 80 credits to gain his Level 3 Certificate. In

addition to acquiring these credits, if your son gains 50 or more Excellence credits then he will gain his Level 3 Certificate endorsed with Excellence. If he gains a mixture of 50 or more Merit and Excellence credits combined then he will attain his Level 3 Certificate endorsed with Merit. These are achievements I strongly encourage your son to strive for.

Furthermore, University Entrance Literacy is an achievement your son should set the goal of achieving, even if he is not intending on applying for University. In terms of employment/ apprenticeships, this will set him apart from other applicants if he has this on his academic record. In order to achieve University Entrance Literacy, your son has to acquire 5 Reading and 5 Writing credits which are offered in various subjects and standards across the school. Please ask your son to come and have a chat with me about this if they want to know how to obtain this if they don't already have it.

Lastly, in terms of pathways, if your son is intending on going to University then he has to acquire University Entrance as well as his Level 3 and UE Literacy. This is obtained by gaining 14 or more credits from 3 or more University Entrance approved subjects. For more information on what subjects are UE approved then please check it out on the NZQA website.

Career Advisor

The Careers advisor Ms Adlam, is located in C Block this year and she is available to our students for advice throughout the year. As this is the last year for our Year 13 cohort, Ms Adlam will be a fantastic resource for our students to benefit from.

Te Honoa Toi - Weaving together - Academic Support.

This program is to support our students in their academic achievement. Deans facilitate this support on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week from 3pm until 4pm in the Library. Your son is welcome to attend these sessions for extra support. Details of staff and subject specialities are listed below.

Mrs Hemana (Year 11 Dean)
Ms Shaw/Ms Bekar (Year 12/
Mrs Hay/Mr Te Huia (Year 9 E
Mr Makan (Year 10 Dean)

There will also be a specialist from Science who will attend these sessions to help support our students in their academic achievement throughout the year too along with some other teachers who sign up to help.

If you need to discuss anything with me please send an email to cbekar@rbhs.school.nz or you can call my office on 3486169 ext 219.

Ngā mihi,

Ms C Bekar (BSc(Hons), PGCE, PGCertAP) Dean of Year 13 cbekar@rbhs.school.nz

> "Ko au te taupa kihai i puawai aku moemoea" "I am the only obstacle to the fruition of my dreams"

Year 12/Year 13 Deans) Year 9 Deans) English Maths Maths/ PE Social Sciences

NEWS

INTERNATIONAL DEAN REPORT



Tena Koutou Katoa,

We have 12 International Students from Japan, China, Fiji, Tonga, South Africa and Nigeria experiencing our great school this year ranging from Year 11 to Year 13. They all spent their summer in New Zealand. They are renewing their friendships and getting straight back into school life.

I hope they will have a great year in 2021 and I am looking forward to welcoming new International Students when the international travel allows.

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



Welcome back from the Chaplaincy Desk

Kia ora Students and whānau

Welcome back to another year at Raukura. I can imagine like myself you are waiting with baited breath to get back to Level 1 after Sundays announcement re Covid and its restrictions. I know the mere mention of the world Level or Covid can conjur up fears or anxieties for some. I trust you have had a good break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Unfortunately your child may have faced the loss of a loved one over the long break so please do not hesitate to send them my way should they need to download or need bit of extra awhi while they process it.

I am very aware of the need to maintain ones own mental health so would urge you to encourage your young men towards self care. Self care like exercise, regular korero with you or someone they trust, good healthy food and social activity. This will surely put them in a great place to achieve well too in all their education cultural and sporting endeavours.

I will be here Monday Tuesday and Friday working out of the Learning Centre. One again I will be delivering Travellers Programme around resiliency and self esteem to some of our Year 9 cohort. I will also be here to work through grief with the young men here and general awhi to whoever may need it.

Sending many blessings to you and your young men here at Raukura.

"Lets look after each other and serve selflessly."

Miss C Jessep (DipMin) School Chaplain cjessep@rbhs.school.nz



GUIDANCE

Welcome to 2021 **Our RAUKURA Guidance Team**



We welcome our new students to Raukura for 2021. We hope that you will enjoy everything our school has to offer and experience all the great things that come with being a student of our school.

For those times when things are a bit 'tough' and you might need some support or medical assistance, we are here to support you. We are fortunate at our school to boast an amazing team of skilled staff who are able to develop a 'wrap around' support structure for our boys.

We have two guidance counsellors in our school, a school nurse and a chaplain on hand. Along with other agencies that weave into our team when needed.

We have a doctor available on site. Our doctor Mike Tustin is at school, two lunch times a week, Tuesday and Thursday to see our boys. Please contact the school nurse for this free service.

Here are contact details if you would like to touch base with any of us at any time:

Tom Hale	Mark Trembath
<u>thale@rbhs.school.nz</u>	<u>mtrembath@rbhs.school.nz</u>
Ext 224	Ext 225
School Nurse Jacqui Guyton jguyton@rbhs.school.nz Ext 253	School Chaplain Clare Jessep <u>cjessep@rbhs.school.nz</u>

We look forward to 2021 and being available to support and tautoko our boys.

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

Ngā mihi

Tom, Mark, Jacqui and Clare.

TE WERO

Year 13 Te Wero 2021 **26th February**



On the morning of Friday the 26th of February, the challenge was set upon the Year 13 boys sitting in the Coleman Theater. A challenge consisting of a combination of a 42km bike ride and 15km run. That challenge was Te Wero.

The start of Te Wero brought the Year 13 to smash out a bike ride from the entrance of the school to the base of mount Ngongotaha. With a few flat tyres, our Year 13 brothers overcame the first leg of Te Wero with everyone still pushing on and ready to take on the next and most challenging leg of Te Wero. It was time to go up the maunga. Not only would the vertical incline push the boys to their limits but the added difficulty of carrying 25kg poles meant that teamwork and support would be required to make sure everyone made it up to the top. Once we had reached the top and plummeted back down to the base we settled for some lunch before taking on the final leg. This time it was to get back on the bikes and power on to a park. The final leq was to run with the poles back to school With the help and support of the brothers and the determination to get back to the kura everyone finally made it back to the rest of the school, waiting to deliver a haka for our determination throughout Te Wero.

No matter how steep the incline of the hills were or how hot the temperature was, Te Wero brought our Year 13 cohort closer together and helped form a tighter and stronger brotherhood, pushing not only the physical but mental toughness of our men to power on and help push the other brothers to complete the challenge set upon every Year 13.

Todd Storey Deputy Head Boy

DEPARTMENTS

SCIENCE

Over the summer Nikau Rickards attended the UC Science Summer Camp at the University of Canterbury and Hands on at Otago experience at Otago University. At the UC Science Summer Camp students experience a range of activities show casing the different aspects of science research that occur at the University of Canterbury, the highlight for Nikau was when he made aspirin. The Hands on at Otago experience gives students a chance to focus on a particular research project of their choice. Nikau's project was in the Pharmacology and Toxicology field, looking at plant materials and their effect on cancer cells. What a busy summer! The science faculty looks forward to watching Nikau's success in year 13 science and beyond.

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MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Welcome back from the Arts Faculty to all students and Whanau. It has been a great summer holiday but we are all really eager to get into a busy and exciting year in Performing Arts.

Firstly I want to Congratulate 2020 Year 13s Tawhao Webster and Te Ara Pounamu Pukeroa who gained NZQA Scholarships. They were very impressive results for these two highly talented students. We congratulate them and look forward to what the future holds for these two boys.

I would also like to congratulate Year 12 students Kairau Armstrong and Mathieu Boynton-Rata who gained Merit Subject Endorsements in Level 1 Music in 2020. A really good effort boys well done.

It was great to see a small group of students involved in the hugely popular 'Opera in the Pa' recently. Paretoroa Webster- Tarei, Marangai Wainohu-Savage and old boy and 2020 prefect Tamati Cassidy performed wonderfully at this event amongst some of New Zealand's top Opera stars. Also congratulations to Mrs Hulton who was the music Director for this event.

We welcome back our Dance Teacher after her Maternity Leave break. It is great to have her back and we look forward to seeing the exciting progress our dance classes will make this year.

Our Itinerant Music lessons in drums, guitar, bass (Mr Breawell), keyboards / piano Mrs Lauder and Mrs Oakley, vocals (Whaea Elisha) and Saxophone (Mrs Oakley) have started off and are all now full. However if you would like your son to be part of these free lessons please make contact and I can add him to the waiting list.

Last year a number of events and competitions were cancelled but we are excited for 2021 and are looking forward to a number of exciting events for students to be involved in. These include Super 8 Cultural Festival (Gisborne), Showquest, Choir (Big Sing Competition), Rockquest, Tangata Beats, Dance NZ Made, Pasifika Group and various other events in and around the community.

We look forward to seeing all of our student's achievements within the Performing Arts in 2021.

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PASIFIKA

Talofa Lava, Bula Vinaka, Malo e Leli, Kia Orana, Kia Ora parents/caregivers,

We would like to invite all of our Pacific Island parents and whanau for a small meet and greet evening, on Wednesday 24 March, 5.30pm in the Music block. As part of the meet and greet, Mrs Hulton will be deliver a small presentation to let you know about some exciting events our Pacific Island students can be involved with this year covering academic, cultural and performing arts aspects of their learning experience here at Raukura. Nau mai haere mai! Maliu mai, susū mai! We look forward to seeing you there if you are able to make it

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CHINESE

nau mai, haere mai! huān yíng 迎! 欢 Welcome all the students to the Chinese department in 2021!

zhù dà jiā	
祝 大 家	Wish everyone
xīn nián kuài lè	
新年快乐!	Happy New Year!
niú nián dà jí	
牛 年 大吉!	Good luck in the Year Ox
jiàn kāng píng ān	
健 康 平 安!	Safe and sound
xué xí jìn bù	
学 习进 步!	Make progress in your studies
xīn xiǎng shì chéng	
心想 事 成!	May all your wishes come true

A BIG THANK YOU to Mr He, the President of the NZ and China cultural exchange Association and his team for their wonderful performance to celebrate the Year of Ox in our school on day the Chinese New Year, 12 Feb. 2021.

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CAREERS

Welcome from Careers to a new year, busy start already talking to Year 9's around goals, long and short, self-discovery of their strengths and personal qualities. Year 13's are focusing on what they need for a successful year.

The Hands-on scholarship is a very valuable way of seeing what Otago University and Dunedin have to offer free of charge. Aorere Waaka gained the Hands-on Scholarship and traveled to Otago University in January and below is his impression of the experience.

2021 My Hands-on Experience at Otago University by Aorere Waaka



In the second week of January 2021, I flew to a brother and two cousins who are already graduates of the Otago Science, Dental and Dunedin to be part of the annual Hands-On at Medical Schools. I had hoped to find out during Otago programme. Just under 400 high school students from across New Zealand gathered at the week what interests me in these fields and to the University of Otago for 6 days of immersion work out how I achieve my goals into university life. I was one of 750 students to apply last year and was lucky enough to secure a position.

The application process enables you to choose 5 of 37 available projects in order of preference, that you will spend the week studying. You are placed into one of those projects, based on how impressive your application and CV is. In addition to this project, applicants are assigned three additional subjects, to broaden our horizons and allow us to experience something out of our forte. These are called "snacks".

The project I chose was Oral Rehabilitation [dental technology] with my snacks being Pharmacy, Maori studies and the Orokonui Eco-sanctuary. Oral Rehabilitation is about what it takes to design and manufacture a new tooth. I have a personal interest in dental technology as I currently wear invisible retainers. More broadly, I'm interested in exploring Otago's health sciences as these are the entry subjects into medicine. I have



Aorere Waaka and the budding 2021 Otago science students

My project for the week aimed to learn about the oral environment, biomaterials, 3D design principles, and practical skills in designing and fabricating appliances for the mouth. These include artificial teeth, dentures, implants, mouth guards, crowns and bridges. Along with 7 other students, I learnt about material science research including the use of acrylics, alloys and ceramics. At the end of the project, I had made two ceramic moulds of teeth and a molar crown using state of the art tech. The University of Otago offers the only Bachelors degree for

Dental Technology in New Zealand and is taught within Otago's Faculty of Dentistry which is currently ranked 33rd-best dental school in the world. Pharmacy and Maori studies were also hands-on. In the pharmacy labs, I created skin lotions and lip balms and in Maori studies I got to enjoy a hangi. But it was at the Orokonui Eco-sanctuary, just outside of Dunedin, that our class got to explore science in the field. Here our science class learnt about the efforts of conservationists to monitor and preserve native wildlife such as pukeko and tuna in a predatorfree environment.



Aorere's class visits the Orokonui Eco-Sanctuarv

Hands-On Otago wasn't just about study. We were there to experience the life of a University student and I got a taste of what it was like to be a "scarfie" for a week. To start with, we stayed at an official residential college- Studholme hostel. This came with its own new experiences; living, dining, working, playing with other students the same age, all from different backgrounds. In most of my classes, girls outnumbered boys 5 to 1. We attended lectures and toured the Otago campus together. In the afternoons we were given two hours of recreational time- which I often spent in the gym playing basketball. In the evenings, Otago staff made themselves available to talk to us about structuring our courses and scholarship funding.



Aorere enjoys downtime at the Uni gym

The highlights in our busy week included working late into the night with my fellow hostel mates to come up with a 5 minute creative and costumed dance routine in the Otago Handson talent show. We were chuffed that we were able to pull off such a credible performance at short notice. The only lowlight was the eventual exhaustion that came from early mornings, hectic days and very late nights.



Aorere and the Ground Floor "Studs" of Studholme Hostel

Overall, the experience was something very special. I feel very lucky to have spent a week doing what I love best, which is studying science, interacting with others, discovering new places and creating bonds. By far, the greatest benefit of going was the fact that it fueled my passion for the health sciencesdentistry, pharmacy and medicine. I initially went into the programme with a vague idea of my projected career path, but I came out with a much stronger plan to pursue my passion for medicine. Hands-on Otago allowed me to explore, learn and be exposed to many activities and potential career paths. Coming from Rotorua Boys High School and a large Maori whanau, I was out of my comfort zone. But the experience exposed me to wider cultures and networks and by the end of the week. I felt quite at home. Life as a scarfie is something I could adapt to.

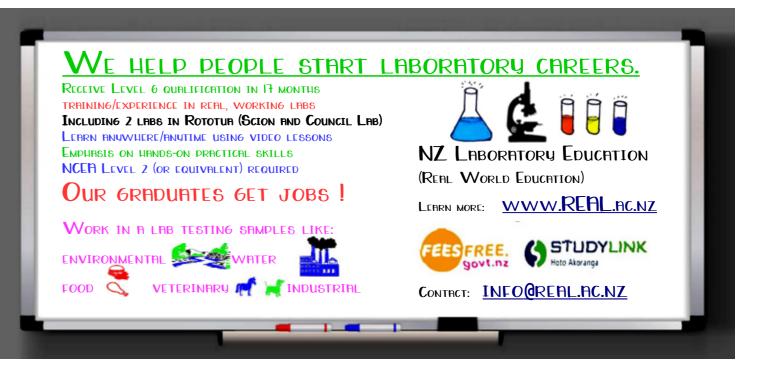
Finally, I'd like to send a big mihi to Otago University for providing the Poutama scholarship that enabled me to have this amazing opportunity. I'd also like to thank our Year 12 Dean Ms Shaw for my referral letter. This endorsement is really important for any boys wishing to apply in 2022. For those students contemplating University life but unsure about

what it would be like. I'd highly recommend the Hands-on Otago experience. Keep an eye out for this year's applications which usually close in September at:

https://www.otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago/ application/index.html

If you want to discuss your son's future pathways and where his interests, skills, and strengths could lead please contact me.

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GATEWAY

Kia ora, my name is Angie Hine. Gateway provides students with an opportunity to build skills for employment in real workplaces. This helps students to try out possible career paths and give them a clearer view of their options for the future.

Any students interested in Gateway please come and see me in C3. If you have a local business and would like to partner with Rotorua Boys' High School to offer our boys work experience then please get in contact with me.

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



HARWOOD LIBRARY

The library is open from 8am to 4.30 daily.

With air-conditioned comfort and over 4000 books, graphic novels and magazines to choose from the library is a popular place for students to read, study and socialize.

The libraries cataloging system can be accessed via the RBHS website for students to search for books or digital resources that complement the school curriculum.

A sample of our new releases



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ENGLISH

2021 has started with a bang in the English Faculty. We are happy to have a full complement of passionate and enthusiastic staff to kick off the year. We welcome two new members to the faculty - Ms B Robertson and Miss E Osborn and welcome back Ms A Morrison from her year away on study leave and Mrs N Botha. We have also returned to some pleasing results from our senior students, not least of all the superb achievement from Sameed Khan who successfully passed his Scholarship English examination. In English, we aspire to grow the number of endorsements every year and we are proud of our boys who gained Merit or Excellence in the 2020 externals, in spite of all the challenges they faced along the way. We are equally proud of each and every student who gave their all and achieved the goals they set at the start of 2020, which set the tone for what was a successful school year.

2021's focus remains nurturing our students' literacy skills and providing a platform for selfexpression and exploration of self and world through developing a love for reading and writing. Governed by the overarching principles of Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Mana Motuhake and Whakapiringatanga, we will strive to place each student at the centre of their learning journey with the support of our collective community in order to provide a wrap around of support. In the junior school, progressing through the curriculum levels in reading and writing remains our primary objective and in the senior school, preparing our students for NCEA assessments will be our focus. Bearing in mind that some NZQA changes will come into effect around resubmissions, we will ensure that all students are prepared for assessments and take the opportunities to do well and achieve. Attendance, as ever, remains integral to students' academic progress, success and achievement.

I would like to encourage all students to take part in the extracurricular activities offered in the English faculty such as debating and speech making. Not only can your student hone his oratory skills, but he will also learn how to think critically, gaining insight and life experience along the way.

On that note, we wish all our students every success for what's shaping up to be a great year and we look forward to celebrating their successes at the end of the year.

Warm regards Ms K Hay (BA, HEdDip) LOL Languages khay@rbhs.school.nz

ART & CARVING

This year is the first year that the Department will not require a contribution from families for a take home component in either discipline. The assessment evidence produced by the students in the form of two dimensional artworks and carved taonga will be retained by the Art and Carving department for various exhibitions and display purposes.

Visual Art NZQA folio board submissions at years 11 and 12 will be retained for the following year for moderation and display purposes. These will become valuable teaching resources for other students to learn from. Carvings will be retained till the end of the year. If a student requires a work earlier, the work can be released providing assessment criteria have been met. In these cases we would ask that the parent/caregiver of the student contact the teacher concerned.

Senior Art students this year have been asked to provide their own A4 ringbound visual diary and a 6B pencil. This was set out in the school stationary list at year Levels 1 to 3 and may have been missed in the preparation for this year. This take home drawing resource was exceptionally useful last year and contributed to the students success rate.

Workshop time will be available to students in Senior Art classes during the weekends as we move closer to completion dates, these will be held on a Sunday 9am to 3pm.

We in the Art and Carving Department are looking forward to another successful year.

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POLICE STUDIES

"Te Pounamu o Raukura" Term 1 Noho Marae Stay

The 2021 Police Studies fourth year intake class had their first Noho Marae overnight hui on the 11th and 12th February at Waiatuhi Marae in Mourea, Rotorua .

This was a great introduction where students were given clear expectations of the course and the requirements of students throughout the year. It was particularly supportive to have many dignitaries in attendance throughout the two days, including, Inspector Steve Bullock - Acting District Commander Bay of Plenty, Inspector Herby Ngawhika our Board of Trustees chairman RBHS, and Inspector Nick Cooney who are RBHS and RGHS mentors. Throughout the two days, students were exposed to different elements of the New Zealand Police and how the PRIMED values of the police will be implemented throughout this program.

Students also completed various activities such as Solemon Undertaking (swearing in to the course), Informal interviewing and Physical appraisal Test training.

A highlight of the hui was hearing Inspector Herby Ngawhika, who represented both schools during the powhiri process onto the marae, and learning of the accolades he has achieved in the Rotorua Police . Another highlight was Acting District commander Steve Bollock giving his korero around how he first started in the NZ Police and the many barriers he faced to be accepted into the Police.

Finally, having the newly graduated police officers also attend our noho was particularly beneficial and inspirational to our young men. The message was that if they are serious about being in the NZ Police then it is a real possibility with hard work and commitment to the recruiting process.

It has been a promising start to the 2021 Police studies program and I look forward to reporting on future progress and opportunities.

Congratulations to Year 13 Vero Alley who was the recipient of The PRIMED award presented at the end of the two day noho. Vero displayed and maintained the PRIMED (Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Commitment to the Maori and the treaty, Empathy and Diversity) values over the two days.

I would like to thank Mrs Katu RGHS Police Studies Teacher, and Inspector Nick Cooney for all your help and organisation for the first Noho 2021.

Ngā mihi

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Picture: Year 13 Vero Alley who received the PRIMED award for the two day noho.



SPORTS NEWS

MINI STOCKS STOCK CAR RACING

Congratulations to Terrence Dorrell who won the Mini Stocks in Paradise Racing event held at Paradise Valley Raceway, Rotorua. This event brings more than 100 young drivers from all over the country together to compete over two nights as they race to find what is essentially the National Champion, however for now it's not yet sanctioned as a National Title.

Other competitors included Sam Hargraves and Flynn Fraser who finished in the top guarter of the field. Well done to all involved.



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NZ MAORI FOOTBALL REPRESENTATION

Congratulations Herewini Insley (year 11 at RBHS) that made the youth team.

Mel Cropp (2019) and Luke Barker (old boy) made the men's team also.

Huge achievement after the North vs South Maori games!!

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BASKETBALL

As we move into the 2021 Basketball Season, we reflect on 2020 where we saw Seniors move on to pursue their aspirations:

Aidan Tonge - University of Canterbury, Academic and Sport Scholarship Keden Wichman - University of Canterbury, Academic Scholarship Nabil Issa - Kone - Trinity University in Chicago, Scholarship Finlay Martin - Auckland University, Scholarship Tu Kaha Cooper - Contract to Palmerston North Jets NBL pro team for 2021 Jared Hamilton - Engineering apprentice in Tauranga Zach Cooper - NZ Police Force Cadet

These young men have set high standards for our Class of 2021. We are very excited that 2021 Season has started with our Snr Boys programme producing some new up and coming Basketballers; leading the way 6ft 7 - Ernest Kerr returning from 2020 and Captain this year also 6ft 8 KC Nwafor, 6ft Shaun Gifken and joining these Snr Boys from our 2020 Development Players are 6ft 5, Trent Irving, 6ft 4 Tuteao Raerino and exciting players Elias Kerr, Tearynce Ngamotu, Kautia Hunt, and really exciting to have year 11 Xanda Master, Charles Anderson, and a new member to the school, sharpshooter Stephen Paea from Auckland.

Raukura Juniors Program:

2021 see's a huge intake of Year 10 and Year 9 into our Junior Programme. Year 9's from 2020 have mostly returned, so we have a very exciting Year 10 group of young men and heading that huge talent pool, Elijah Fonotia, Freeman Vercoe, Te Akua Benett, Shane Gifkens, Kruz Ua- Marsh just to name a few. In the first 2 weeks of school our year 9 Academy numbers have swelled from 40 in 2020 to now 60 young basketballers who have joined in 2021.

Some early highlights:

Trent Irving, Tuteao Raerino, and Matiu Te Rei, were invited to the u17 New Zealand Regional Camp last weekend.

KC Nwafor was invited to NBL Palmerston North Jets Camp in late January.

Raukura boys attended the BBNZ New Zealand Coaches Clinic and were able to demonstrate their skills in front of 30 top NZ Basketball coaches.

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TABLOIDS

Tabloids is the first Inter House event on the school calendar and this year saw the Students compete for the very first time under the new house banners, Rotorua, Ngongotahā, Utuhina and Te Akitu.

The event traditionally held around week four was brought forward to our first week of school and it seemed to engage our boys' as they eagerly entered the new school year.

With house colours adorned, our boys competed in 18 rounds of quick fire games which tested a range of skill from speed to hand-eye coordination to strength and most importantly teamwork. Toward the end of an extremely hot afternoon of non stop activities, it was Utuhina who came away with the win finishing 80 points clear of Runners Up, Rotorua. 25 points back from Rotorua saw Te Akitu finish 3rd closely followed by Ngongotaha who finished 4th.

A huge thanks to our Staff who run each activity and keep the boys' enthused throughout the afternoon as they face each challenge. It is fair to say that the tone has been set for what should be another awesome Inter House Competition

Well done also to all of our boys' who contributed towards making this event one of the highlights on our School's Calendar.

RESULTS

1st Place Utuhina - 895 points

2nd Place Rotorua - 815 points

3rd Place Te Akitu - 790 points

4th Place Ngongotahā - 775 points

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ROTORUA YOUNG ACHIEVERS 2020 ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Presented By Andrew Warner



TE ARA POUNAMU PUKEROA Academic Excellence and Excellence in Performing Arts



TAWHAO WEBSTER Leadership and Excellence in Performing Arts



SAMEED KHAN Leadership and Academic Excellence



NGĀKOHU WALKER Leadership, Academic Excellence and Excellence in Sport



MANEO AND NGATAI ARMSTRONG Academic Excellence and Excellence in Performing Arts



KELVIN CUNLIFFE Leadership and Excellence in Sport



JARED HAMILTON Leadership, Academic Excellence and Excellence in Sport



FINLAY MARTIN Leadership, Academic Excellence, Excellence in Performing Arts and Excellence in Sport



AIDAN TONGE Leadership, Academic Excellence and Excellence in Sport



GREGAN MAUI Excellence in Sport

