



Rotorua Boys' High School

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



Choral Competition 2020

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TERM 2 LEADERSHIP AWARDS



YEAR 9: Eraia Kiel, Luke Westrupp, Hayden Chapman, Jacob Stevens, Jared Lasike



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Waiata & Karakia



WAIATA

*Ko ngā rau o te huia hai
whakarākai mōu*

E hoka e!

*Whāia te iti kahurangi
Raukura e!*

KARAKIA

Kia hiwa rā! Kia hiwa rā!

*Kia hiwa rā ki te
kōnukutanga o te rā*

Whakaara rā! Whakaara rā!

*Whakaara rā te Ihu Ātāmai,
te Ihu Mānea*

Kāore ā te Ihu Wareware

Maringi noa te iti kahurangi

Kia hiwa rā! Kia hiwa rā!

WAIATA-A-RINGA

Ko wai rā This e tū atu nei e?

Anei rā mātou o Raukura

E mihi atu nei, kia ora rā

*E taukītia nei, ko ngā rau o te
Huia*

Hai whakarākai, e hoka e

Whāia te iti kahurangi

Ki te tuohu me he maunga teitei

Raukura e...Hi, ha, hi!

*Who is this that stands before
you?*

Here we are, Raukura

Greetings to you all

We make the statement

The feathers of the Huia bird

adorn you (our young men)

Fly and soar

*Follow your dreams &
aspirations*

*Should you bow your head, let it
be to a lofty mountain*

All who are Raukura

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

Term 2 came to a conclusion after 12 weeks and a successful return to near normal operation of the school. I certainly thank all staff, students, and whānau for the way in which we have been able to manage the challenges of recent weeks.

At the end of the term, we farewelled on maternity leave Ms Pengelly and at the start of this term, we welcome back from maternity leave Ms Crouch and Ms Bekar. The school also welcomes Ms Woolford who will come in to teach dance for the remainder of the school year.



Ms Woolford

Young Achievers 2020

At the end of Term 2 each year we have the honour of announcing our group of Young Achievers to join the Rotorua Young Achievers Exhibition. This year, I am pleased to confirm the following representatives of our school:



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



Sameed Khan
Leadership and Academic Excellence



Finlay Martin
Leadership, Academic Excellence, Excellence in Performing Arts and Excellence in Sport



Gregan Maui
Excellence in Sport



Aidan Tonge
Leadership, Academic Excellence and Excellence in Sport



Ngākohu Walker
Leadership, Academic Excellence and Excellence in Sport



Tawhao Webster
Leadership and Excellence in Performing Arts

Term 2 Leadership Awards

At the end of each term, we hold a leadership assembly where we celebrate and acknowledge good demonstrations of leadership. At our end of term assembly, the following were announced:

Term 2 Leadership Awards 2020

Year 9

Eraia Kiel
Luke Westrupp
Hayden Chapman
Jacob Stevens
Jared Lasike

Year 10

Raymond Himona Henare Tauteka
Hunter Geary
Luca Muggleton
Cameron Smith
Ryan Elliott

Year 11

Koan Hemana
Taumanu Walker
Meleki Schuster
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Henare Eilers
Will Florence

Year 13

Kahutia Te Hau
Jordan Hutchings
Tyler Coote



Choral Contest

The term also ended with our annual interhouse choral contest and a set of fine performances certainly kept the whole assembly on edge. At the end of the day our judges Ms Woolford and Mr O'Brien chose Nelson House as our winning house. Congratulations to all leaders and participants from Nelson House.

The final results were:

1. Nelson
2. Frobisher
3. Drake
4. Raleigh

At the start of Term 3 we will prepare for the Interhouse Haka Competition and that too I am sure will be closely contested.



Lunches

The school as advised previously has been chosen to trial school lunches for all students and to this end, the school has been planning and preparing. It is hoped that we will be able to have lunches operational by mid-term of this term, but if that's not possible then certainly with the start of Term 4. Discussions to date have taken place with Compass who operate the dining room for the Hostel and at this stage, we are planning that every boy will have one hot lunch per week and packed lunches for the remaining 4 days. A sample of a typical menu is attached and the school would welcome any feedback in this regard.



Rotorua Boys' High School – Daily Lunch WEEK 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	HOT LUNCH
Main Dish	Warm pie	Bacon and Egg Slice	Filled Roll	Club Sandwich	Ham and salad Roll/Baguette	Butter Chicken
Carb/Salad	Potato Salad	Coleslaw	Muesli Bar	Fruit Muffin	Pasta Salad	Rice
Whole Fruit	Apple/Orange	Apple/Orange	Apple/Orange	Apple/Orange	Apple/Orange	Garden Salad

Our hot lunches for all students will mean that there will be a slight arrangement to bell times and lunch times and to this end a **draft** series of bell times for the school day follows:

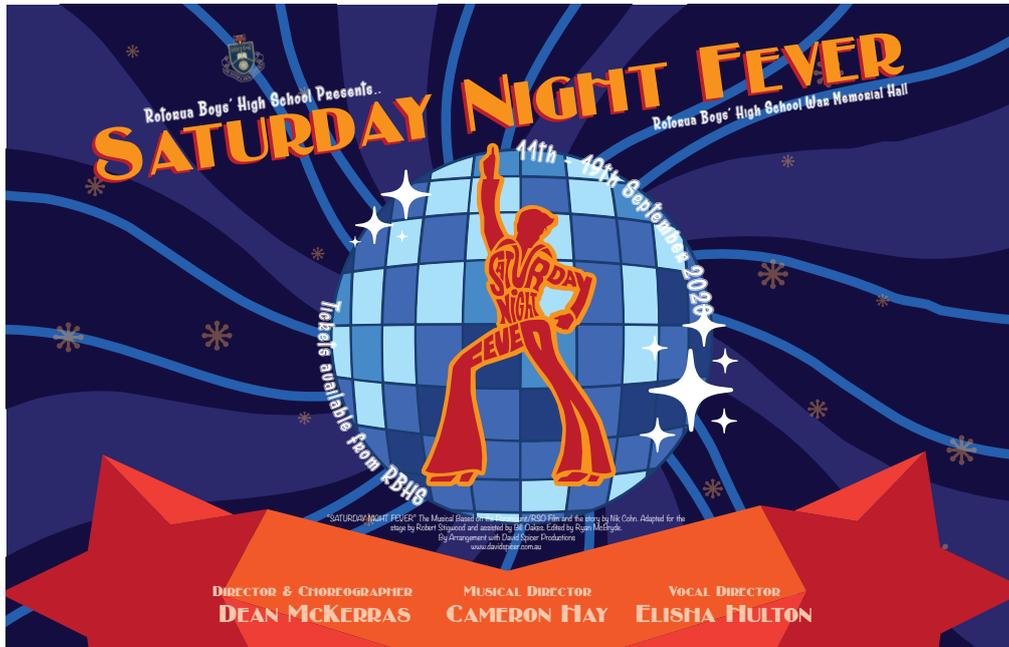
9.00am - 10.00am	Period 1
10.00am - 11.00am	Period 2
11.00am - 11.30am	House Group / Brunch / Interval
11.30am - 12.30pm	Period 3
12.30pm - 1.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Period 4
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Period 5

The school is certainly excited and grateful to be given this opportunity as we now feel confident that every boy will be able to operate at 100 percent given a healthy school day diet.

Saturday Night Fever

Rehearsals with the vocal director Mrs Hulton and the Director and Choreographer Dean McKerras are progressing well and the cast has worked well over recent weeks and through the school holidays in preparation for opening night on **Friday 11 September** and run through until **Saturday 19 September**.

The show looks like it will be a great success with 5 matinees already sold out and tickets for the evening performances about to go on sale early in August. Tickets can be purchased online through the school and details will be provided closer to the time.



Please save the date and enjoy this wonderful production of an all-time classic

Scholarship for Nabil Kone

Congratulations to Nabil who came to us from his home in Mali and over his 2 years at our school has performed impressively both in the classroom and on the basketball court. Nabil has been awarded a full scholarship to attend Trinity International University in Chicago and this provides a wonderful opportunity for Nabil to not only gain his tertiary qualification but also to explore his potential in a highly professional basketball environment.



Term Dates

Given the lockdown scenario there has been a slight change to term dates for this year as follows:



Rotorua Boys' High School

Revised 2020 Term Dates

Term 1		
Thursday 23 January - New Teachers Day		
Friday 24 January – Teacher Only Day		
Tuesday 28 January to Friday 27 March	=	86 half days
Friday 6 March – Academic Review Day		
Term 2		
Wednesday 15 April to Friday 3 July	=	112 half days
Term 3		
Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September	=	98 half days
Friday 7 August – Academic Review Day		
Friday 21 August – Winter Mid-Term Break		
Term 4		
Monday 12 October to Tuesday 8 December	=	82 half days
Monday 23 November – Teacher Only Day (BOP)		
Total		378 half days

Important Term 3 Dates

Saturday 25 July	S8 v Tauranga B.C (Away)
Saturday 1 August	S8 v Gisborne BHS (Home)
Thursday 6 August	Pō Matariki Celebration at 5.30 pm
Friday 7 August	Academic Review Day
Saturday 8 August	S8 v Hamilton BHS (Home)
Saturday 15 August	S8 v Hastings BHS (Home)
Wednesday 26 August	BOT Meeting at 6pm
Thursday 27 August	Rotorua Intermediate Open Day
Friday 28 August	Open Day
Saturday 29 August	S8 v New Plymouth BHS (Away)
Monday 31 August	S8 Basketball Tournament in Tauranga (Seniors)
	S8 1st XI Football Tournament (Rotorua)
	S8 1st XI Hockey Tournament (Tauranga)
Wednesday 2 September	S8 Junior Football Tournament (Palmerston North)
Thursday 3 September	S8 Junior A Basketball Tournament (Hamilton)
Saturday 5 September	S8 v Palmerston North BHS (Home)
Friday 11 September	Saturday Night Fever Opens
Saturday 19 September	Closing Night Saturday Night Fever
Wednesday 23 September	BOT Meeting at 6 pm
Friday 25 September	Last Day of Term 3

Important Term 4 Dates

Given the changes to term dates and changes made by NZQA for this year, our **Senior Prizegiving** will be held on **Thursday 12 November** and our **Junior Prizegiving** remains on **Tuesday 8 December**. NCEA external examinations commence on Monday 16 November.

Property Projects

A huge enhancement of our school environment has started and will continue over the next year or two. Recently LED lighting has been installed throughout the school and the enhancement in this regard is certainly noticeable and significant.

Other projects that are in different stages of planning are the establishment of our field seating and the build of our new science faculty on our Jubilee Quad. These in particular, will be huge for our school. Some graphics related to these projects are attached.



In total, close to \$9 million will be spent across these different property projects to help us modernise and ensure that our school environment is at the highest level. I am grateful to the Ministry and other agencies as well as the different consultants who have worked closely with the school to ensure these projects come to fruition. I look forward to updating our school community in future newsletters in this regard.

Pō Matariki Celebration

**Thursday 6 August
5.30pm**

**Tērā a Matariki ka rewa mai i te pae
Matariki te mātahi o te tau!**

*E ngā mana, e ngā ihi, e ngā wehi, e ngā tapu
Nei rā te reo o Raukura e karanga atu ana
ki a koutou kia tae mai ki tā tātou Pō Matariki.
Whakaeke mai! Whakakao mai! Haere mai rā!*

After a successful Matariki Professional Learning Development with the staff of our school last term, we wanted to share with our students, whānau and community. With that, we will have a Pō Matariki, a night of celebration and sharing, and we would like to invite you to attend & engage in an informative and interactive evening. Please come along and join us!

I trust everyone has had a great Term 2 holiday and wishing you all the very best for a successful Term 3.

Ngā mihi nui,

**A.C. Grinter
Principal**



From the Desk of the Deputy Principal Administration and Assessment



NCEA updates

NZQA recognises the challenges students faced during lockdown and that as a result, some assessments could not happen. The following changes have been put in place by NZQA to help students gain the qualification they are aiming to achieve this year;

NCEA Level 1: You will get 1 extra 'Learning Recognition' credit for every 5 earned up to a maximum of 10. therefore, you now require 70 credits to pass

NCEA Level 2 and 3: You will get 1 extra 'Learning Recognition' credit for every 5 earned up to a maximum of 8. therefore, you now require 52 credits to pass

46 credits is now required for an Excellent or Merit Endorsement

12 credits are required for a Course Endorsement which still must include at least 3 credits from an external exam paper

University Entrance has been adjusted from 14 credits to 12 in three approved subjects. You still need to achieve NCEA Level 3 and the literacy and numeracy requirements.

The 'Learning Recognition' credits will not appear on the Kamar system at school, however, we have reset our tracking systems to reflect the changes. Please keep communicating with your House Group Tutor or Dean about what you require to reach your academic goal for 2020.

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From the Desk of the Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning



Kia Ora Raukura whānau,

Internet Connectivity

As an ongoing response to the lockdown period the Ministry of Education is continuing to monitor, assist and support students with limited or no internet access. As a constant survey I would encourage all of our Rotorua Boys' High School whānau to contact the school office or myself if you experience any issues or concerns around your internet capability at home. We have also placed a catalogue of 20 Ipads in the school Library which enables students to issue these in the morning and return them at the end of the day. This is a wonderful initiative and I would encourage any student who requires a device during the day to take full advantage.

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. In the final fortnightly report of the term on the 3rd of July a short NCEA summary will be attached for our senior students. Also an early reminder that in Term 3 we will be holding our second Academic Review Day on Friday the 7th of August, so please keep this day free to support our young men on their learning journey.

Dux Policy

The Following Policy outlines the criteria and policy attached to the selection of a Dux for each year level. 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) 2020

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 **Wednesday 4 November 2020**

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:

1. Approach their subject teacher who will make any changes that are agreed to and these must also be signed off.
2. 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, Student Support.

2019 Year Level Dux Litterarum Winners



Year 11 – Todd Storey

Year 12 – Ngākohu Walker

Year 13 – Michael Stanley

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From the Desk of the Deputy Principal Student Support



Attendance News

Students, parents, and staff are continually working together to improve the attendance rate of our school to achieve an overall rate of 90% or better. An emphasis on being at school regularly and punctually will ultimately enhance the academic profile for Raukura students. Students who achieve an attendance rate of 90% or more are generally guaranteed to succeed.

“Hei whakapoapoa i ngā tamatāne” (which means to entice the young men)

The students attached have successfully improved their attendance to achieve an attendance rate of 90% or better for Term 2. These students received a pizza lunch on the last day of term 2.

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Moeke Tamati	Te Haihua Simon	Tyranne-Gary Callaghan- Leach	Max Harvey	Tristan Karaka
Lennox Kinita-Tonihi	Raine Kaipara-Hohepa	Rohm Dixon	TeRangipuawhe- Hoani Maika	Ngatai Armstrong
Mahururangi Rangawhenua	Timothy Mika	Jack Hale	Te Paerata Hughes	Sonny Gifkins
Hoani Roberts	Justin Jolley-Murray	Niwa Hunter	Boston Tuhakaraina	Luka Ellis
Memphis Ryan	Boyd Williams	Charlie Roigard	Hunter Warner	Nekoda McNicholl
Izaiah Bonnar	Kees van der Hayden	Boston Tonge	Rangiaho Biddle	Thomas Poko
Randell Lee Chee	Kingxton Waaka-Nathan	Rohan Patel	Te Rawhiti Nikora-Reuben	Heta Anderson-Stafford
Ngakau Morrison	Phoenix Hunia		Claytin Thompson	Pumi Black
Aza Munro	Rico Kelly	Mairangi Jonathan	Izaiah Cairns	Bless Perese-Elliott
Mason Stroud	Charlie McKechnie		Kahura Cameron	
Seathin Taylor	Jesse Metcalfe	Matias Page Aravena	Shaun Gifkins	
Meihana Taputu	Tauwhare Monaghan	Tewene Reuben		
Ethan Harman	Osiris DJ Tatham	Amani Sinisa		
Kruz Ua-Marsh	Alister Harvey	Boyd Philip		
Te Pouwhiro Barton	Te Haihua Simon	Cayden Sims		
Wylie Cavanagh	Kosta Haira	Graeme Peni		
Liam Heather		Whetu Benett-Thomas		
Karter Tadema				

Term 2 Leadership Awards 2020

Year 9

Eraia Kiel (cultural and Academic) 9T Under 14 rugby, passionate about Te Reo Maori and Kapa Haka, House Group Captain, 100% Pass rate, on track to achieving his Junior certificate with Excellence, 99% attendance.

Luke Westrupp (Academic and Sporting) 9A Heavily involved in Rugby, table tennis, Demonstrates good leadership in all classes. Jubilee Scholar, 100% Pass rate, on track to achieving his Junior certificate with Excellence. 98% attendance

Hayden Chapman (Sporting and Academic) 9A 2nd XI Football, plays in the u19 development side as a year 9 student, BOP athletics, Junior Futsal, 100% Pass rate, on track to achieving his Junior certificate with Excellence. 98% attendance.

Jacob Stevens (Cultural) 9B Dedication commitment to Music Rockquest Band, great role model in all classes and is working diligently towards his junior certificate at merit or better. 97% attendance.

Jared Lasike (Academic) 9A. Recognised for leadership in 9 A. He plays golf and is also in the debating club, Jubilee scholar. 100% Pass rate, on track to achieving his Junior certificate with Excellence. 98% attendance

Year 10

Raymond Himona Henare Tauteka (Academic) 10S Demonstrates a positive contribution to all classes, Junior A Basketball, 100% Pass Rate at Merit or better in Junior Certificate. 91% attendance.

Hunter Geary (Cultural and Academic) 10B Performer at Crankworx and junior assemblies RBHS choir member. Demonstrates initiative and enthusiasm in House Group. 100% pass rate at Merit or better in junior certificate, 97% attendance.

Luca Muggleton (Cultural and Academic) 10E Built own guitar, member of the RBHS choir. Assembly performance and Lockdown singing competition, Positive contribution to all classes, 100% Pass Rate in Junior Certificate. 100% attendance.

Cameron Smith (Academic) 10A Year 10 aiming for Endorsements group, 2nd XI football, Junior futsal team, exceptional attitude in all classes, 100% pass rate at Excellence in junior certificate, 100% attendance.

Ryan Elliott (Academic and Sporting) 10A Member of the U15 elite team, Outstanding role model for the school with exceptional attitude to his studies and to all class activities, 100% pass rate working towards passing the year with an Excellence endorsement. 100% attendance.

Year 11

Koan Hemana (Sporting and Academic) 3rd XV Barbarians rugby, Senior Waterpolo, year 11 completing level 2 English and Business studies class, passed NCEA level 1 with an Excellence endorsement, 100% attendance

Taumanu Walker (Academic) Maori Youth Leadership forum, Aiming for Endorsements Group, 100% Pass Rate, has Achieved NCEA Level 1 with an Excellence endorsement, 57 Credits at Excellence in Level 1 and 16 at Level 2, 100% Attendance Rate.

Meleki Schuster (Cultural and Academic) member of the Pasifika Group, RBHS Choir, aiming

for endorsements group, outstanding student and role model in and around school, has Passed NCEA Level 1 with Excellence, 95% attendance rate.

Kairau Armstrong (Cultural) National Grade 4B Pipe band National Champions, member of the NZ youth pipe band, School Production band, outstanding leadership in the Music department, 1st XI Hockey, on track to achieving an Excellence endorsement at NCEA Level 1, 99% attendance rate.

Blue Simpkins-Jones (Academic) member of Saturday Night fever School Production, Aiming for endorsements Group, 100% Pass Rate, has Achieved NCEA Level 1 with an Excellence endorsement, 67 Credits at Excellence in Level 1 and 10 at Level 3, 100% Attendance Rate.

Year 12

Max Harvey (Cultural and Academic) Crankworx Performance, member of the Raukura Choir, NZ Youth Choir, National Anthem performer and Master of Ceremonies at NZ Junior Swimming Champs, 100% pass rate, passed NCEA Level 2 with 72 credits, 92% attendance rate.

Reagan Nicholson (Service to school) outstanding leader in Raukura performing arts, junior and Senior assembly performances, involvement in the staff Matariki day, RBHS Choir, on track to achieving his NCEA with Merit or better, 100% attendance Rate

Whareporera Hare-Herbert (Service to school and Sporting)- Crankworx Performance, school Production Band, Raukura Kapa Haka, ringawera crew who helped to prepare food for the staff Matariki celebration, 3rd XVrugby,

Henare Eilers (Cultural) Crankworx Performance, member of the Raukura Choir, leader in Rotorua Performing Art teaching Maori weaponry, 100% pass rate at NCEA Level 2, 99% attendance Rate.

Will Florence (Sporting and Academic) member of the 2nd XV Rugby team, senior water polo team, 100% pass rate, achieved NCEA Level 2 with 80 credits, 96% attendance rate

Year 13

Kahutia Te Hau (Service to school) outstanding leadership and part of the ringawera crew who helped to prepare food for the staff Matariki celebration. Saturday Night fever school Production, passed NCEA Level 3 with 81 credits, 96% attendance rate

Jordan Hutchings (Sporting) outstanding Leader and member in the 1st Xv Rugby team, great role model in all classes, 100% pass rate and achieved his NCEA Level 3 with 85 credits, 97% attendance rate.

Tyler Coote (Academic) member of the 1st XV Hockey team, outstanding Leader in all of his classes, great role model in and out of school, 100% pass rate with 26 out of 26 at Merit or better, 100% attendance rate.

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From the Deans

From the Year 9 Dean

Mrs A Hay



Another term full to the brim of new and exciting opportunities for our boys has almost come to an end, I can't believe how fast this year is flying by.

The Year 9 Leadership Group is underway and these boys are looking forward to preparing for our upcoming year level assemblies and our Enrolment Events for our 2021 year 9 cohort. This group is made up of our House Group Captains, Jubilee Scholars and students who have been recognised as leaders within their classes.

The second round of "Options" are nearly complete, with another two rotations to go this year. By the end of the year our Year 9 boys will have completed 8 out of our 10 options, as due to lockdown we lost one of our rotations unfortunately. 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, designing and building a structure, 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.



Our Year 9 classes compete each fortnight in a Class Challenge based on our school values, in each of their core classes. They gain points for showing our school values. At the end of the fortnight, the class with the most points is rewarded with a 'Hot Chip Lunch'. Congratulations to 9R and 9K who have already won for Term 2 and 9B, 9T, 9E and 9H for winning in Term 1.



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From the Year 10 Dean

Mr B Kanara



Kia ora Koutou

With Term 2 almost at a close, our students have settled back down with solid routines after our year was changed by Covid19. With many Whānau and students apprehensive at first and understandably so, it is heartwarming to see some normality back in the lives of our boys and staff. With the term break upon us and Term 3 set in our sites there is no time to relax just yet. Term 3 will present our boys with challenges of being halfway through the year. They should be mindful of how many credits they have achieved, and be using that information to guide them.

To Honoa Toi is available 4 days per week and is free of charge, it runs Mon-Thurs and has one of our Deans there with a specialty teacher to support any student with their mahi. Please have conversations with your boys and encourage them to seek this opportunity to get extra support if they need it. Our Year 10 Attendance has been good with 91% overall. Just a quick reminder to let our office or House Group tutors know if a boy is away but thank you for helping us hold these numbers from the end of Term 1. Our House Group tutors work tirelessly to ensure that we know where our students are at all times.

Our House Group Captains have been busy with their leadership roles this term. Besides helping their HG tutors out everyday reading messages and doing odd jobs, they have also been encouraging their peers to write letters to our elderly folks in homes that may not have had much company during lockdown. These letters will be sent this week to lift the spirits of our people here in Rotorua. I look forward to sharing any feedback we get in return.

Lastly Whānau, could we encourage our boys to be mindful of crossing roads, with winter in full swing and wet and darker conditions now is the time to keep vigilant. I hope all our Whānau and boys have a good break these holidays and we look forward to seeing you all next term

Nga mihi

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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 or contact the Unit Commander Major N D Breen, NZCF on 0272910102.



Kia Ora Raukura Whānau,

As we draw close to the end of Term 2, I am extremely proud of the efforts of our students to work diligently to strive for success. Students are actively seeking support from teachers and are using our Homework centre as a place to maintain standards and achieve success. There is an amazing opportunity for our students to be a part of a mentoring programme with the Moko Foundation. If you would like to take part in this please make contact with me as soon as possible. At this time I would like to mention that consistent routines are vital for the success of our students. Scheduling study sessions daily and maintaining physical fitness will help towards focussing towards achieving your goals - kia kaha gentlemen.

Celebrating Success

It is important to acknowledge those who have worked hard. The following students were recognised for their academic prowess and have joined Taumanu Walker and Blue Jones in achieving NCEA Level 1. Koan Hemana and Levi Overbye have passed Level 1 NCEA with an Excellence endorsement and are working towards subject endorsements. Meleki Schuster and Mathieu Boynton-Rata have passed Level 1 NCEA with a Merit endorsement and are working towards passing with Excellence. Tiakitai Paul-Tomoana and Tamatea Butcher have passed the year and are working towards an endorsement. A fantastic effort from these students.



Koan Hemana



Levi Overbye



Meleki Schuster



Mathieu Boynton-Rata



Tiakitai Paul-Tomoana



Tamatea Butcher

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From the Year 12 Dean

Mrs M Shaw



Term 2 has provided many challenges and many opportunities for growth. As we head into the final week of this term, it is a great chance to reflect on the learning and progressions our students have made.

“Challenges are what makes life interesting, overcoming them is what makes life meaningful”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

How we react to the challenges we face will either help us grow, or wither. We have seen many of our young men embrace the learning that has come from our recent COVID-19 challenges, and we can now celebrate 6 young men that have already gained their NCEA Level 2 qualification for this year. These young men can now focus on gaining their endorsements.



Noah Allibone



Te Raire Thompson



Max Harevy



Will Florence



Rimoni Apo



Tahu Ngamotu

As our students remain focussed on their goals, some more than others, I encourage them to reflect on what they have achieved.

Level 2 is an important year for all our students, whether they are looking at vocational pathways or university/ tertiary education. The reputation each student is developing could be the deciding factor in gaining that dream job, and for those young men focussed on university, the results they gain this year will have a big impact on their applications in Year 13.

Attendance, attitude and effort in class all contribute to the successful outcome of gaining NCEA Level 2. We know that attending class is key to learning the skills and knowledge but attitude is everything. Our fortnightly report provides our students and parents with the opportunity to reflect regularly and address any changes that need to be made.

- **All our young men should be aiming for above 3.4 as this is the average of students expected to pass.**

As we look forward to the coming term, it is important to note the changes to NCEA Level 2 following COVID-19

- **52 Credits to gain NCEA Level 2 (plus 20 from Level One = 72 Credits)**
The reduction in credits accounts for Learning Recognition credits (LR). For every 5 credits a student earns, they gain 1 LR credit. A maximum of 8 LR can be gained.
- **12 Credits for a subject endorsement**
- **46 Credits for NCEA endorsement**

The upcoming term holidays is a great time to discuss your son's goals. Keep in mind that we off Te Honoa Toi from 3-4pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is an after school support/ extension initiative available for our young men to utilise. We have English and Mathematics teachers available each day for this support. Please encourage our young men to use this space as much as they need.

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From Year 13 Dean

Mr G Hunt



Tēnā Koutou Katoa

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

As we head into the last week of Term 2, I am pleased to advise whānau of the progress of 2020 Year 13 Cohort.

Academically

The cohort is tracking well, with an average of 25 credits per student gained in Term two. The target being 30 credits. Your son should be aiming for 3+ in his attitudes and task completion in his fortnightly school report, these measures give you and me the indication he is on task in the majority of his subjects. I would like to recognise the following students for the exemplary behaviour in

class. The following students have led the cohort in effort and attitude averaging 4+ in both criteria. I have no doubt they will have success in life as they demonstrate many of our key school values including respect, commitment and striving for excellence.



Richard Evans Ward



Tyler Coote



Jordan Epapara



Jared Hamilton



Sameed Khan No 1

Check your son's credit status on the Kamar parent portal, using his login name and password. You can access this login at the bottom of our website or through the school app. We have 15 students that have passed already, their focus now is to gain endorsement.

Key changes for NCEA targets in 2020

- 12 Credits for a subject endorsement**
- 46 Credits for NCEA endorsement.**
- 5 Credits earned, gains 1 Learning Recognition credit (LR) maximum of 8.**
- 52 Credits to gain NCEA (plus 20 from Level Two = 72 Credits)**

Careers Pathway

As your son is preparing for his last terms of high school it is important that he has the following material ready for applications for employment of further tertiary education.

Positive social media presence

Personal Statement

Curriculum Vitae

On the Year 13 Digital Classroom to peruse the scholarship information provided by our careers adviser Yolanda Adlam.

Absenteeism

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

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

Te Honoa Toi - Weaving together - Academic Support.

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

Monday	Mrs Hemana	English
Tuesday	Mr Kanara	Technical
Wednesdays	Mrs Shaw /Mr Hunt	Maths/ PE
Thursdays	Mrs Hay	Maths

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, Engari he toa takitini”

“Success is not the work of one, but the work of many”

Mr G Hunt (BSp&ExSci,DipTchg)
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DEPARTMENT NEWS

CHINESE

Wellington Regional Chinese Speech Competition

This years Regional Chinese Speech Competition was done through video submissions and our boys' performances were outstanding.

From our senior students Jordan Epapara took the second prize and Ngaru Omichi received an Excellence Award which qualifies them for the national competition on 2 August in Wellington. They both demonstrated their talents in different areas, Jordan's Mongolian dance was impressive and Ngaru's Chinese painting was wonderful.

Our Junior students Joshua Smith and William Sok received Merit Awards.



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MUSIC/DANCE

It has been a very busy term, getting back into school and the boys have really been working hard on their assessment. We have had a number of activities starting back up.

Firstly our Production rehearsals are going very well. You may have seen on Facebook the students really enjoying the rehearsals and sounding amazing. The band has also started up and progressing nicely. Over the holidays the students will be busy working through both Dance and Vocal rehearsals. It is exciting to see the set going up recently, making it feel very real!

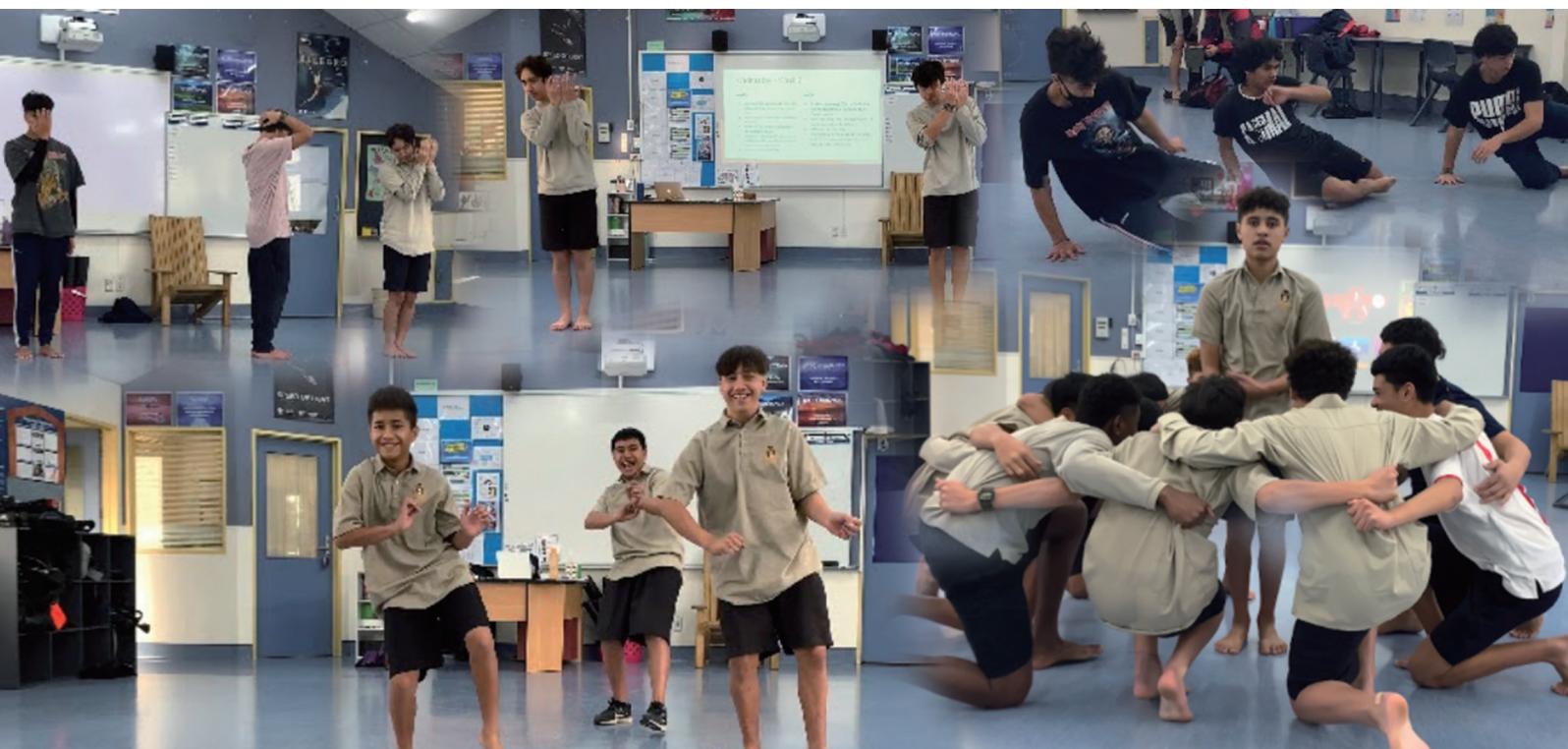
We have also a number of students working in bands preparing an entry for Rockquest and Tangata Beats. Big thanks to Mr Breakwell our band tutor for working hard with these boys. Look out next term for the performances from these groups.

Huge congratulations to Te Ara Pounamu Pukeroa, Uale Lefaoese, Totorewa Malcolm and Terrence Katipa. These boys recently entered a Bay wide Songwriting Competition and out of hundreds of entries from songwriters of all ages gained a Highly Commended award (Top 3). You may have seen a performance of their song on our School Facebook page. An awesome effort.

In class students have been writing some awesome songs for their Composition assessments and it will be exciting to see these develop further over next term. Meanwhile our Pasifika class have been learning some guitar skills in preparation for their performances.



This term the dance students have been working hard on composition and choreography assessments. With this being a new skill for most it has been a challenge that all students have successfully taken in their stride. It has been very rewarding seeing the boys' creativity emerge through movement and progress through collaboration with their peers.



Congratulation to Maneo, Ngatai and Kairau Armstrong who have recently been named in the RNZPBA NZ Youth Pipe Band - Age group 20 and under. This is a wonderful achievement for 3 awesome , talented young men. Congratulations boys!



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POLICE STUDIES

Government Gardens Police Studies PAT Test

Our police studies students completed a physical appraisal test where they completed a 2.4km run, vertical jump , push up, grip test . It was awesome having inspector Nic Cooney and Lahni Day and old boy Iripa Rangī (whos last year at Raukura was 2007) who is the Physical education officer for the New Zealand Police and took the RBHS and RGHS through the test.

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GATEWAY

The learner driver's initiative has been set up and organised through Gateway. Over the past three weeks 33 students have completed a learner driver's course with driving instructor Lillian Emery. All 33 students were then taken to the AA to sit their test, and all 33 students have passed. Congratulations to all the boys, and also a big thanks must go to Lillian Emery for all of her hard mahi!

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SPORTS NEWS

Raukura Sport

And we're off!!!!

Raukura Sport is well and truly underway as a number of pre season games have started right across the major winter codes.

Hockey enters the local competition with 3 RBHS teams this year which sees them play week to week either at the local turf here in Rotorua or around the BOP and Taupo areas. With wins to 2 of our 3 teams last week, it proved to be a positive start to their Season.

Basketball have had a very busy start to their season, inviting visiting teams including Hamilton Boys, Taupo and several of our own to create a mini tournament and give our players a good lead into their season.

The Senior A Team played and beat a very strong St John's Team on Saturday in Hamilton, this on the back of a big weekend in Auckland beating Mount Albert Grammar and narrowly losing to Rangitoto College and the Samoan U23 Sides

Football enters 4 teams into the WAIBOP Competition with our 1st XI and 2nd XI (Development Squad) entering the U19 Premier competition while we have 2 in the U16 grade. The first XI have had 2 wins early on beating the RBHS Development Team and Tauranga Boys' College Junior A side.

Rugby will feature 9 teams this year. Four U14 Teams, 2 U15 and a 3rd XV side will compete in the BOPSS Competition starting week 1 term 3, while the 1st and 2nd XV sides will compete week to week in the NZ Super 8 Schools' Rugby Tournament also starting week 1 term 3. In the meantime Raukura 1st XV will play a number of matches with Games against St Johns, Wesley College and Western Heights High School over the next 3 weeks.

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TABLE TENNIS

Awesome results from our Raukura Table Tennis team in the Bay of Plenty Tournament. Well done boys and Coach Mr Gosai!

Ngākohu Walker - Div 2 Seniors Boys Singles
Champion - GOLD MEDAL

Tiaki Maraki - Div 2 Senior Boys Single 2nd place -
SILVER MEDAL

Ngākohu Walker and Tiaki Maraki Div 2 Senior Boys
Doubles Champions - GOLD MEDAL EACH

Cartel Ramsay and Raven Natana Div 2 Senior Boys
2nd place - SILVER MEDAL EACH

Cartel Ramsay Div 2 Junior Boys 3rd place -
BRONZE MEDAL



Rotorua Boys' High School Presents..

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

17th - 19th September 2020



Tickets available from RBHS

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



DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER
DEAN MCKERRAS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
CAMERON HAY

VOCAL DIRECTOR
ELISHA HULTON



Pō Matariki

*A night of celebration
and sharing*

Thursday 6 August 2020

Rotorua Boys' High School War Memorial Hall

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Now mai, haere mai!

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Whakawhānauangatanga



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Workshops



Whakakangahau