



Rotorua Boys' High School

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



NEWSLETTER
FIVE 2021



TE AKITU

ROTORUA

NGONGOTAHĀ

UTUHINA

Waiata & Karakia

Waiata Mōteatea

*Ko ngā rau...
Song*

*Ko ngā rau o te huia hai whakarākai mōu
E hoka e!
Whāia te iti kahurangi Raukura e!
E tama nanaohia ngā hua nui o te
mātauranga
Raukura e!*

*Translation of our School Waiata
Mōteatea*

*Let the feathers of the Huia bird
adorn you, and be a treasure for you
Fly and soar!
Follow your dreams, aspirations, desires
and pursue excellence
All who are Raukura!
Young man, hold fast to the numerous
benefits of education
All who are Raukura!*

Waiata ā-ringā

*Action Song
"Raukura e"*

*Ko wai rā tēnei 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!*

Translation of 'Raukura e'

*Who is it that stands before you?
Here we are, Raukura
Greetings to you all
We make the statement
Let 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!*

Karakia

Kia hiwa rā...

*Karakia tīmatanga
Opening blessing
School Karakia*

*Kia hiwa rā! Kia hiwa rā!
Kia hiwa rā ki te kōnukutanga o te rā
Whakaara rā! Whakaara rā!
Whakaara rā te Ihu Atamai, te Ihu Manea
Kāore a te Ihu Wareware
Maringi noa te iti kahurangi
Kia hiwa rā! Kia hiwa rā!*

Translation of our School Karakia

*Be alert! Be ready!
Be ready from sunrise to sunset
Forever be attentive!
Invoke the knowledge and skills to
develop your intelligence, motivation and
confidence
Never to be forgetful
Always strive for excellence
Be alert! Be ready!*



Message from the Acting Principal

Mr P Conrad

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

We are all currently in COVID-19 alert level 4 and living and operating within our bubbles. Whilst there is uncertainty on how things will progress, we want to assure you that we will continue to do our very best to provide meaningful and supportive online learning environments. I certainly hope everyone is well, safe and looking after one another. Can I thank everyone for the way they have embraced this situation, and in particular the teaching and learning that is being undertaken online. Let's hope we are able to resume our daily routines and learning in due course.

Online Learning

The school has moved into our online learning environment and it has been great to see so many interactions happening between staff and students, some of which have been displayed on our Facebook page. I take this opportunity to encourage all our young men of Raukura to take part in these Zoom sessions - a minimum of one per timetabled class for junior students, and a minimum of 2 per senior class, per week. The interactions and learning during these sessions is invaluable. A reminder also of the learning applications we have available to our students, notably Education Perfect, the Google Ecosystem and Write that Essay for year 9 students. The school was pleased to be able to issue iPads to those learners who were unable to connect digitally to their online classrooms.



Distance Learning at Rotorua Boys' High School

Virtual Classroom at Raukura

Information for Parents

Our Teachers will endeavour to be available at all times which reflect their Timetables. This will enable them to support all students in a well managed and structured system.

Helpful Hints

1. Establish routines where possible. If possible arrange set times for students to be on devices.
2. Define a physical space for schoolwork if possible. A regular space of study will allow for monitoring and support by Whānau.
3. Monitor communications from teachers and join Google Classroom when invited. This allows messages to be transparent.

Device Access

If Lockdown continues to be extended, then arrangements will be made to allow students who require a device for learning, to be able to collect one from school.

Underlying Principle

Rotorua Boys' High School's approach to distance learning is based on the notion that the learning experiences teachers put in place when the school is running normally can be maintained through distance learning. All efforts will be made to ensure meaningful learning can still take place.

Communication with the School

The most important element of this process is the student's and Whānau ability to communicate with the school and its teachers. These will continue in the usual ways and are outlined in the table below.

Online Platform	Audience	Description
Email	Staff, Whānau, Students	Email will be used for all major communications and announcements. Teachers will also use Email to communicate with students.
Google G Suite	Students/ Whānau	Google G suite (including Gmail, Google Classroom, Google Docs etc) will continue to be the platform used by all teachers. Google Classroom will be used as a first port of call for all curriculum delivery.
Education Perfect	Students	Education Perfect is an online tool which will enable students to independently work on tasks assigned by their teachers. Education Perfect monitors and tracks progress which allows students and teachers the ability to communicate.
Facebook	All Stakeholders	The School's official Facebook site will be used as an added source of communication for our school community, and will outline key messages and live streaming of events.
Write that Essay	Year 9's selected students	Online tool which enables students to create, modify and edit their writing. A great tool which personalises feedback and has daily writing tasks for students

Other Information

For questions about:

Classwork	Email your Teacher
Technical Support	Email support@rbhs.school.nz
General Enquiries	Email info@rbhs.school.nz
Guidance Support	Email guidance@rbhs.school.nz

Choral Contest

Towards the end of week 3 we held our annual inter-house Choral competition. A set of fine performances kept both the school, and through a captured video performance the wider community, in awe of the talent, skill and composition of our young men. At the end of the day our Judges and Social Media voters have chosen a winner and this will be shared with the students at a later date. However the more intrinsic success of this competition is the students taking part in a performance based activity. For many this is uncomfortable and I applaud all of our young men for their participation.

Sport

Due to COVID-19, our Winter sport has effectively ended for the year, with Winter Tournament week being cancelled and all other competitions ceasing to be played. We realise this is tough for our young men and for many, these tournaments were the culmination and highlight of a year's work and dedication. Despite sport being put on hold, recently the Baywide Rugby finals day was held in Whakatane. Our Under 14 and Under 15 teams respectively won their finals and were crowned Bay of Plenty Champions. A significant undertaking and something that will be acknowledged at a later date. Other sports were in the process of finalising their placings and we will revisit these at a later date.

Academic Review Day

Thank you to all those Whānau and caregivers who made the time on Friday 13th of August to attend our second Academic Review day. The attendance for this was very impressive and highlights the supportive and collaborative approach to ensuring our students reach their potential in all areas here at Rotorua Boys High School. As we progress through this year the connections and discussions which stem from Academic Review day will be integral in supporting our young men to pathways of success.

Teaching and Learning

As per previous years, it is that time of the year where our students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are required to complete their subject selections for next year. Due to the nature of changing COVID-19 alert levels and lockdown, the conversations that need to take place will now be happening closer to the end of Term 3. Therefore at the beginning of Term 4 these students will be having conversations with their Deans to ensure the timetables that the options that have been chosen are suitable for each individual student's pathway. As a Whānau it is important you play a part in this conversation, so that you are informed and are able to support your young men with their future pathways. Please watch for communication from the school around this information and next steps on choosing subjects for 2022.

We are continuing to offer several new and improved courses in the senior school in 2022 and these will be highlighted in due course. Notably there will be a curriculum refreshment in Technology with new courses being offered in all three year levels in the senior school. As we move towards the changes in NCEA being implemented in 2023 it is important that the school continues to move in this positive direction.

Again, I wish everyone the best as we as a school and a nation grapple with the challenges that lay ahead of us. I hope our school community continues to be positive and resolute during this time and I look forward to having the school back together in due course. As the situation hopefully improves in the coming weeks, our school community will be kept informed through smaller notifications and newsletters.

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Mr H Lockwood

Kia ora koutou

With the weather warming up a friendly reminder to our students and whanau about our 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:	Taupe Polo, Long Sleeve tee or business shirt.
Trousers:	Black
Shorts:	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. No other jackets permitted.
Vest:	School black vest with Raukura feathers.
Blazer/Suit	Black and monogrammed blazer with Plain black dress pants.
Cap:	A monogrammed school cap/ Bucket cap is optional.
Tracksuit:	Navy blue school tracksuit.

- Dress and conduct must at all times uphold the honour and good name of the school.
- The school uniform must be worn to and from school and on other occasions when representing the school.

Uniform shop hours: Monday- Friday 8.30am till 9.30am

Leadership

Year 8 Leaders Workshop

On the 10th of August we hosted 38 year 8 students from contributing schools including Rotorua Intermediate, Kaitao, Makaio, Ngakuru, and Seventh Day Adventist School. The focus for the day was on Leadership and how we at Raukura develop our young men into great leaders. Students were introduced to the school by Mr Conrad Acting Principal and to our prefect team

comprising of; Head boy Reagan Nicholson, Deputy Head Boy Todd Storey, Vero Alley and Noah Allibone.

Mr Hunt completed an activity where the students had to explain what they thought was a good leader and were introduced to our school values.

Mr Bramley, Assistant Leader of Learning Science, completed a Wire and Lighting activity involving copper wire, batteries and paper clips.

Third session was run by Mr Te Huia (Assistant leader of learning Physical Education and Year 9 Dean). Based on the challenge of Leadership, students completed an Amazing Race around school completing different tasks which link to our School Values.

The final activity for the day Students completed cooperative activities run by Reagan, Todd, Vero and Noah where students were challenged both physically and mentally. (Refer to the below picture)

Thank you to the Teachers involved - Mr Hunt, Mr Bramley, Mrs Hay and Mr Te Huia. Finally to our school Leaders - Reagan, Todd, Vero and Noah - Their expertise and leadership in connecting with our Year 8 students throughout the day showcased our school values and they really highlighted the value of strong leadership role models.



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Cultural Capacity

Tumuaki Tuarua - Āheinga Ahurea



Whaea Rie Morris

Mānawa maiea a Raukura Reo! Mānawa maiea ngā kaupapa huhua e whakakotahi nei i a tātou o Raukura!

Raukura Reo on a Rāapa is a kaupapa that is enduring and is a way in which staff firstly, and then students are introduced to various sentences to help develop their reo Māori. The theme for some time has been 'Mihi' or greetings.

Fittingly so, the first set of sentences below are ones used to acknowledge the return of students to school at the start of this term. The second slide shows sentences that can be used on any given day.

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

Here are some examples:

<p>Raukura Reo on a Rāapa</p> <p>Building Cultural Capacity by way of Raukura Reo on a Wednesday</p> <p>Mihi</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Mihi (Acknowledgements)</p> <p>Nau mai hoki mai, koutou! <i>(Welcome back, all (of you)!)</i></p> <p>Nau mai hoki mai, kaiako mā! <i>(Welcome back, teachers!)</i></p> <p>Nau mai hoki mai, tāne mā! <i>(Welcome back, young men!)</i></p>
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Raukura Reo on a Rāapa

Building Cultural Capacity by
way of
Raukura Reo on a Wednesday

Mihi

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Mihi

(Acknowledgements)

Ngā mihi manahau ki a koutou, tāne mā!
(Ecstatic greetings to you all, young men!)

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou, tāne mā!
(Warm greetings to you all, young men!)

Ngā mihi matakui ki a koutou, tāne mā!
(Joyous greetings to you all, young men!)

Through the KAMAR Parent Portal you can view these sentences in the Notices tab. Feel free to give it a go. This is one way in which we are building the cultural capacity here at Rotorua Boys' High School.

Karawhiua! Give it a go!

From one kaupapa to the next, we held our second **Academic Review Day** for the year on Friday 13 August.

Academic Review Days positively impact on academic achievement for your son at our school. Positive discussions with House Group Tutors about personal targets, future pathway ambitions and current progress were held, and no doubt they were beneficial to all.

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. This is in keeping with our school motto '**Ad Astra Per Aspera**' and whakataukī '**Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei**'.

Thank you for completing our Whānau Voice Survey. Thank you for your attendance and engagement.

Tēnā rā koutou katoa.

Academic Review Day 2 - Whānau Voice Survey

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

[FILL OUT FORM](#)

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From the Desk of the Deputy Principal

Administration

Tumuaki Tuarua - Whakahaerenga



Mr J Taylor

Tēnei te aumihi nui ki a koutou,

This school is a hive of activity, and there is no doubt that Raukura offers exceptional opportunities to learn and grow as a young man. As a Deputy Principal part of my role is to manage the school calendar and teacher relief. I get to see first hand the many moving parts of the Raukura machine that provides such a diverse schooling experience. This is a result of the positive attitudes of staff and students committed to learning both inside and outside of the classroom.

Year 10 Outdoor Education

As we approach the end of Winter, the daylight hours are on the increase and temperatures are slowly improving. The Y10 Outdoor Education classes have been preparing for their local "less is more" hikoi and overnight survival camp scheduled for the last week of the term. They have been learning about the significance and history of fire and exploring the story of how Māui brought fire to the world and his relationship with Mahuika the goddess of fire.

Classes have been run out of the Outdoor Education shed where students have access to flint and steel, and bow and drill equipment. Exploring primitive fire lighting techniques that they will be able to apply on their hikoi which will enable them to cook, heat water and keep warm, all things that at times we take for granted. In the next few weeks the students will be making muka (fibers) from harakeke (flax) to make rope as a resource for their camp.



Year 12 Outdoor Education

This term the students will be learning all about rock climbing and practicing for a performance assessment. We are fortunate to have the support of Simon from The Wall, a climbing gym based

in town where the students can practice their climbing skills and techniques. To complement the climbing performance, the students will be planning, implementing and reviewing a day's climbing at Castle Rock (Wharepapa South) and Kinloch (Taupo) later in the Term. This is an exciting opportunity for students to take responsibility for an outcome, apply leadership strategies, manage risk, develop sound judgement and connect with some awesome new environments.

These young men were also fortunate to have Rata Lovell-Smith from Tai Poutini Polytechnic in Greymouth give a presentation about the possible career pathways and training available in the Outdoors. The feedback was amazing, they were attentive and asked lots of quality questions.

For more information on these opportunities beyond school please head to <https://tpp.ac.nz> and search "Outdoor Education".



Year 10 Camp

I am excited to announce that planning for the Y10 School Camp is well underway and will be held in Week 5 & 6 of Term 4. This will involve the whole Y10 cohort, and it is a long standing tradition at Raukura. We will return to Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne Conservation Park. The aim of the camp is to reconnect with nature, challenge the students, cement relationships, celebrate the year, and set goals and aspirations as these young men move forward into Year 11. Each student will complete a two night/three day experience that will cost **\$100.00/student**.

Further information will be sent to Whānau at the end of this term regarding the finer details of camp. Payment can be made at the student counter or via internet banking (please include your students ID number and Year 10 Camp as a reference).

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From the Deans

YEAR 9 DEANS REPORT



Mrs A Hay



Mr J Te Huia

The 2021 enrolment events have begun and our Year 9 leaders have been wonderful at supporting our prospective year 9 students for 2022. We started Term 3 with visits to Kaharoa, Rotorua Intermediate, Kaitao, Rotorua Primary and Mokoia Intermediate. Along with ourselves we were lucky enough to have the Support from Mr Hay and our Junior and Senior bands as well as a collection of our Prefects. They conducted themselves to a high standard and were a true reflection of fine young Raukura men.



Next on the agenda was our Year 8 leadership day in which some of Rotorua's young leaders from Rotorua Intermediate, Kaitao, Mokoia, Rotorua Seventh Day Adventist School and Kaharoa worked with our Senior Prefects and Deputy Principals to develop their leadership skills and given a snapshot into what they can do to enhance their leadership skills. Throughout the day the students were put through activities and workshops that put them out of their comfort zone yet they all relished the opportunity and did their school and families proud.



One of our school values that we are focussing on this term is HIRANGATANGA- Striving for Excellence. With this in mind we are trying to push our students to challenge themselves in the classroom and really push for Merit or Excellence credits. We have decided to create a competition and for those boys that get 40+ credits at Merit or better will go into the draw to win one of two \$50 vouchers. For those boys who gain 40+ credits at excellence will go into the draw to win a \$100 voucher. Some boys are so close and may just need that extra push.

We continue to hold our Te Honoa Toi, Homework Centre after school in the library between 3 and 4pm. It is not only a place to maybe catch up on some missed opportunities but also a place to support their academic achievement. It is great to see our Year 9 boys take these opportunities.

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YEAR 9 TERM 3 CHALLENGE

MERIT ENDORSEMENTS	EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENTS
40+ Credits at Merit or Better in Term 3	40+ Credits at Excellence or Better in Term 3

HIRANGATANGA
STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Mr Te Huia and Mrs Hay are putting a challenge out to all year 9 students for you to strive for excellence this term. If you can get 40+ Merit credits or better you will go into the draw to win one of two \$50 vouchers. If you can get 40+ Excellent credits you will go into the draw to win a \$100 voucher.

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YEAR 10 DEANS REPORT



Mr C Makan



Ms K Aldridge

Kia ora Whānau,

And just like that, we are into Term 3! Term 3 is a hive of action for our Year 10 students as their academic program will ramp up, as well as sporting and cultural events to balance things out.

While our cohort attendance is still tracking adequately, I must remind all students and Whānau that attendance equals achievement! It is important that students are present at school as much as possible, and if they are not going to attend, please let the school know. The best way we can support your young man on his educational journey is by having him physically present at school.

In Year 10, the boys were set an academic target of achieving 32 credits in total by the end of Term Two. It is pleasing to note that 160 boys met this goal, well over half of the cohort. The challenge now is to maintain at least 70% of the credits offered, which will ensure they achieve the Junior Certificate. Currently, 206 boys are in the green zone, so there is still some work to be done. But, with hard work and determination from the boys, we project that this will increase over the next few weeks. A huge congratulations to the 67 boys in the year group who have achieved all of the credits that they have been offered so far.

Our Year 10 House Group tutors have been working hard creating action plans with our students to ensure they achieve academically. Further academic support is offered for students in Te Honoa Toi which runs out of the library Monday – Thursday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. There are subject specific teachers and Deans available during this time to support students learning within this space. As far as gaining their Junior Certificate is concerned the next few months are vital for Year 10s. Te Honoa Toi is a great initiative that is hugely beneficial. I would advise that boys use this space in order to ensure their achievement. Here are some of our students enjoying this great space:



I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight our newest Year 10 option class, Outdoor Education. Outdoor Education is an option that allows students to gain real life authentic experiences that will connect them to the land and people. Engagement with the local natural environments is of particular focus. Here are some of our boys in action learning about fire lighting & cooking, and knots & shelters.



As we head towards the end of the year and our Year 10 students are moving into NCEA, they will need to consider what options they are planning on taking next year. The options they choose will help them work towards their desired pathway. If students are still unsure on which pathway they would like to take, I encourage them and their whānau to see our Pathways Coordinator Ms. N Setu-Galo in C3.

As we are more than half way through the year, our boys must remember our school value Hīrangatanga and keep striving for excellence!

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YEAR 11 DEAN REPORT



Mrs K Hemana

**He kai kei aku ringa
 There is food at the end of my hands
 Said by a person who can use his basic abilities and
 resources to create success.**

Kia ora Raukura whānau,

Start of Term 3 update from the Dean's desk will highlight the all important Traffic Lights! At this point in time I am concerned about the 75 students in our Red Zone. Letters have been emailed to parents to extend an invitation for these students to utilise the teacher support at Te Honoa Toi - Monday through Thursday from 3-4pm in the library, as well as, attending lunchtime workshops to pass the year. We have 9 weeks left of Senior school, ending at Senior Prizegiving on 2nd November. If students have not passed the year they will continue to work at school until the Junior school finishes on 14th December



Red Zone - 39 credits or less

33% = 75 students

Amber Zone - 40-59 credits

30% = 67 students

Green Zone - 60 credits

21% = 47 students

Passed NCEA Level 1 = 37 students

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT AND YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR OUR COVETED SCHOLARS BLAZER - these students have endorsed with Excellence.

Families wishing to pre-order the blazer should do so through the student counter.

(In order from left to right) Nikau Wihapi-Priest, Cameron Smith, James Bennett, Austin Lash, Conor Lysaght, Hayden Morrison, Ryan Elliot, Olly Weaver, Tyler Sutton, Nathan Putt, Tanner Dean, William Sok.





We have a further four students on track to endorsing with Excellence and eight students on track to endorsing with Merit. Keep working hard!

Highlights



Luca Muggleton was the only Year 11 student to enter the Senior Speech Competition held in the library this term. The topic he spoke about was Nuclear Energy.



Sam Short played goalie in the U18 BOP hockey team at the NZ Nationals in Hamilton over the holidays. Reports are also coming in that he is having an exceptional season with our 1st XI team - well done Sam!

Senior School Challenge

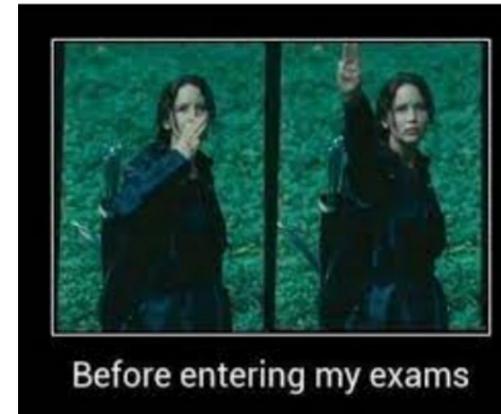
The Deans of the Senior School decided to create a challenge to motivate and inspire our young men to work hard until the very end. We have some amazing prizes up for grabs at the end of the term and the boys are pretty excited to say the least. Here is how the challenge works: For every fortnightly report students with average scores for attitude and task completion of 3-3.3 will gain one entry; average score of 3.4 or better will gain two entries. 100% attendance over the fortnight is one entry and a bonus entry point for any credits achieved in the fortnight. Overall the maximum amount of entries per fortnight will be four - over five fortnights students could potentially have 20 entries into the draw for our prizes, which include:



Motion Entertainment Passes
UE Boom
Reading Cinema Tickets or BP Vouchers

We encourage all our students to do their very best in class and reach for the stars!

Prelim Exams



MAY THE ODDS BE EVER IN YOUR FAVOUR!

Remember that these are happening at the end of Week 8 - Thursday and Friday and the start of Week 9 Monday and Tuesday. Students are on study leave during this time and attend their preliminary exams only. This will be an opportune time for those students who need to catch up on work as well. Kia Kaha tama ma!

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

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YEAR 12 DEAN REPORT



Mrs M Shaw

Tēnā koutou kātoa,

We have a busy end of term ahead with Preliminary Examinations in week 8 and 9, a chance for our seniors to put their knowledge to the test.

I challenge our year 12 cohort to aim higher and really fight for those endorsement grades. Those endorsement grades might be the 'icing on the cake' to land that all important job after they move on from their time with us or gain that scholarship they have been hunting for their university pathway.

As well as thinking about endorsements, UE Literacy is also an advantage to have especially if your son is not planning on completing NCEA Level 3 or has gained his NCEA Level 2 already this year. This UE Literacy qualification shows a level of skill that a lot of positions are looking for, especially in positions where progression in that field is an option.

Reminders about endorsements and subject endorsements- This is the same for Level 1, 2 and 3

NCEA Level Endorsements

- 50+ credits at Merit or better for a Merit Endorsement
- 50+ credits at Excellence for an Excellence endorsement

Subject Endorsements

- Endorsed with ACHIEVED- Minimum of 14 credits in their subject AND at least 1 of those credits must be from an external exam.
- Endorsed with MERIT- Minimum of 14 credits at Merit or better in their subject AND at least 1 of those credits must be from an external exam.
- Endorsed with EXCELLENCE- Minimum of 14 credits at Excellence in their subject AND at least 1 of those credits must be from an external exam.

Celebrating our Success

Congratulations to the 40 young men who have already gained their NCEA Level 2! I encourage them to continue to put in the hard work and gain as much of their UE Literacy as possible.

For those young men who will still be working towards their NCEA Level 2 qualification by senior prizegiving, and are not relying on external examinations, you will remain on a full timetable and work with our senior Deans to complete missed work.

Need some help to catch up or a bit of support to reach those endorsement grades?

Your son can attend Te Honoa Toi on a Monday through to Thursday afternoon in the Library from 3pm till 4pm. We have a Mathematics and English specialist available and if you would like support specifically from your teacher or in another subject area, have a conversation with them to create a game plan.

Subject Selection for 2022 and Prerequisites

Having had Academic Review Day in week 3 this term has meant hopefully you have all had those meaningful conversations around pathways and plans moving into 2022.

Something to be aware of as those discussions continue is some courses have prerequisites- conditions that need to be met to be able to take the class. For these classes, they will need to have passed that class in Level 2- this means gaining a minimum of 12 credits.

Thank you to all of the families who have caught up with their sons' House Group teachers and had these conversations.

Senior School Challenge

If your son is finding it difficult to stay focussed, use our Senior School Challenge to keep him motivated! We have lots of amazing prizes to give away at the end of the term.

His entries every fortnight are shared with his House Group Teacher. They can check back and see how on track they are by gaining up to 4 entries in total for attendance, report scores and credit improvement every fortnight.

Two of our incredible young men had the pleasure of attending the MASH (Māori Achieving success in Health) programme at the University of Auckland. Here are a few words from them both.



"During the holidays I attended a camp at Auckland University. The camp is called MASH and is dedicated to year 12 Maori students aiming for careers in health. We stayed at the marae on campus and partook in various activities to do with a raft of careers in the health field, we also had NCEA workshops for the Sciences, Math and English subjects. My favourite part was probably the module we did around surgery and what an average emergency surgery protocol would look like. It was fun as the activity was hands-on, we had the opportunity to learn and practice various techniques on the dummy's. The NCEA workshops provided a lot of content, an interesting way to look at studying and many different study techniques. Overall the three day experience was a lot of fun and it was nice to get to know other year 12 rangatahi who aim for careers in health. I hope to one day become a surgeon and this experience has definitely set my goal in stone." - Koan Hemana



"Tena koutou, tena koutou tena tatou katoa. Ko Ethan Jonas ahau. Kia ora My name is Ethan Jonas. As a proud member of the Year 12 cohort, myself and fellow student Koan Hemana were given the opportunity to embark on a health and science course planted in the heart of Auckland. The course, with the focus of 'Maori Achievement in Health Sciences' - (M.A.S.H), took place under the hospitality of the Waipapa Marae on Auckland university campus. Together with 58 other indigenous students from all reaches of New Zealand, we immersed ourselves within a culture of Tuakana and Teina support groups. Strangers became whanau over a period of a 4 day course. No one was excluded from activities and all students were encouraged to stand out and take the stage. Over our four day studies, we were plunged straight into a taste of university life. Touring lecturing theatres, classes and workspaces in and around the Auckland city centre. We were even fortunate enough to attend workshops inside the Auckland city hospital. Workshops give us insight into professions such as nursing, radiology, surgery and many many more. The course was the perfect mixing pot for both the western cultures of medicine and our own indigenous medicinal practises. I believe not just me, but everyone who attended that course has left with a better understanding of what they are capable of and has gained an appreciation and awesome sense of pride to be a māori student pursuing this path of helping others." - Ethan Jonas

School Ball- 30st October at Te Puia

Who wouldn't be looking forward to the chance to get all dressed up looking sharp for a night out with mates! Tickets will be on sale in Term Four.

Theme: Masquerade

Attendance at school is key, so to buy a ticket, attendance must be 85% or better.

Changes are happening!

I will be heading off for maternity leave from week 8 this term. I will be leaving our Year 12 young men to work with Mr Coleman for the remainder of the year.



Mr L Coleman

A few words from Mr Coleman- "I am a former Old Boy of Raukura and previously worked on staff as a teacher from 2009-2018. I have recently returned home after teaching overseas and am looking forward to working alongside and supporting all the Year 12 boys in their quest for achieving their academic goals this year."

Boys, when the going gets tough, the tough get going! Utilise Te Honoa Toi, we are here for you! Keep communicating with your teachers to allow them to support you the best they can. Likewise, I am available if you need so please email me mshaw@rbhs.school.nz or lcoleman@rbhs.school.nz or pop in to see us!

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

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YEAR 13 DEAN REPORT



Ms C Bekar

Tēna koutou kātoa,

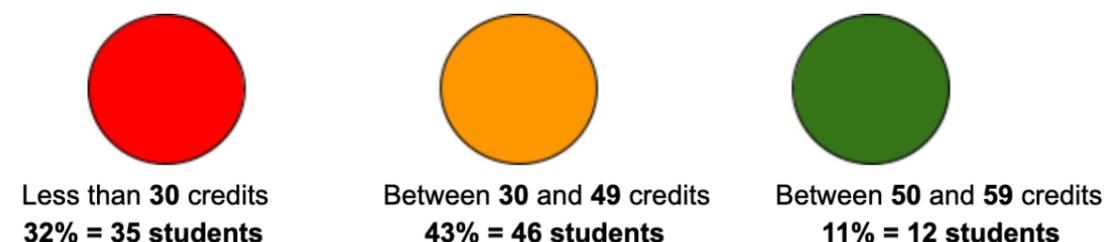
Welcome back to Term 3. A very busy term for our young men ahead. For those involved in the Rotorua Girls' High production "Once on this Island", I wish good luck. Also, towards the end of this term in Week 8 and Week 9, we have our school preliminary examinations. Again I wish those well in their preparations for these examinations.

Academic Update

As a reminder to our Year 13 students, they are required to gain 60 credits this year since 20 credits have been rolled from last year. They also have their UE Literacy requirements to obtain which requires them to gain 5 reading and 5 writing credits, offered in various standards throughout most subjects. Furthermore, for those intending on going to University, it is a necessity for them to have gained University Entrance. This means that they have to gain 14 or more credits in three or more University Entrance approved subjects.

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

15 students have already gained their Level 3 equating to 14%.



I cannot stress enough the importance of gaining the qualifications necessary to pursue your future pathway. At this point in the year, students should have been offered just over 30 credits towards their NCEA Level 3. If your son is in one or more portfolio based classes, then their portfolios will be due towards the end of this term, with credits being uploaded by the end of this term or at the beginning of Term 4. I am concerned of the high number of students who are currently in our red zone at this point in the year. Our young men know of the support offered after school in the Library from 3-4pm on a Monday through to Thursday and I hope with winter sports nearly at an end, they utilise this space to get ahead.

100% Attendance Draw – Canteen Vouchers

Every week, our students in Year 13 who have attended 100% for the previous week, has their name put into our attendance draw to win a \$5 canteen voucher. Congratulations to the winners so far this year:

Armstrong-Ringakaha-Joeli Kautai
Reagan Nicholson
Daniel Kenah
KC Nwafor
Tiaki Ngarimu
Ngaru Omichi
Nikau Rickards
Todd Storey
Brae Thomson
Aorere Waaka
Ngakete George
Vero Alley
Stephen Paea
Liam Kalan

Cameron Pol
Justise Apiata
Riley Korzelius
Richard Callaghan
Viliami Puloka
Yannick Martel
Leitutolu Rasmussen
Wiremu Tango
Meihana Robin
Marangai Wainohu-Savage
Edward Dinh
Matthew Wynyard
Rimoni Apo
Tamiro Armstong

Senior Speech Competition

Two young men, pictured below, competed in our senior speech competition which was held on Thursday 12th April. It is always fantastic to celebrate our young men who step out of their comfort zone and challenge themselves. Both these young men should be commended on their efforts of getting up in front of their peers, which is no easy feat, to talk for six minutes on a topic of their choosing. Congratulations Daniel and Leitutolu.



Daniel Kenah



Leitutolu Rasmussen

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

*“He aha te kai o te rangatira?
He kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero.”*

*“What is the food of the leader?
It is knowledge. It is communication.”*

Ngā mihi,
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INTERNATIONAL DEAN REPORT



Mrs T Grinter

This Term we welcomed 2 new International Students - Steven Chen in Year 11 and Jerry Yang in Year 13. They have settled well into school life and their new learning environment.



We also farewelled seven Year 13 students: Ethan Chang, Justin Lin, Jerome Xu, Frank Hu, Leo Lau, Zigo Huang and Max Hou who completed their NCEA Level 3 and now start their university studies either in New Zealand or Australia.

Well done to Manase Wada (Y12) and Yoshimasha Anraku (Y11) who have passed their NCEA year level qualification already and best wishes to the other International Students who are working hard towards their NCEA qualification.

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TAI MITCHELL HOSTEL REPORT



Mr S Cameron

TAI MITCHELL HOSTEL TEAM



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Director Of Boarding
Teacher of Physical Education
Old boy of Raukura and
Tai Mitchell Hostel



Mr Douglas Courtney
Te Arawa, Ngati Kea Ngati tuara
Housemaster
Old boy of Raukura
Teacher of Health & Physical
Education
Tai Mitchell Kaitiaki since 2016



Mr Dave Cheater
Assistant Housemaster
Owner operator Cheater Bros
drainage contractors
Old boy of Raukura
House Master since 2016



Mr Damian Darlington
Ngāti Tūwharetoa
Assistant Housemaster
Old boy of Raukura and
Tai Mitchel Hostel
Teacher of Health & Physical
Education



Mr Darren Florence
Assistant Housemaster
Ex Veterinarian
Head of Faculty Science
Teaching at Raukura since 2016



Mr Caleb Mitchell
Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Mutunga,
Ngā Puhi
Assistant Housemaster
Teacher of Physical Education,
Health & Outdoor Education



Mr Arika Henry
Te Whanau a Apanui
Assistant Housemaster
Counselor and Mental Health
Support Worker
Old boy of Raukura and Tai
Mitchell Hostel



**Mr Kewarei
Hawkins-McClutchie**
Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti
Kahungunu, Ngāti Porou
Assistant Housemaster
Old boy of Raukura and Tai
Mitchell Hostel



Mr Alex Leaf
Ngā Puhi
Assistant Housemaster
Teacher of Science and Art
Hostel Master since 2020

Term 2 End of Term Prizegiving Winners



Prefects

KC Nwafor and Leitutolu Rasmussen.

Best Junior Room Tūtauru

Oscar Gibson and Hunter Brown

Best Senior Room Tūtauru

Enoka Jackson Patrick, Riley Williams,
Jackson Hall

Best Hostel Student Tūtauru

Enoka Patrick

Best Junior Room Hahauterangi

Te Manaakitanga Pryor, Rihari Elliott, Khan
Henderson

Best Senior Room Hahauterangi

Nikau Wihapi-Priest, Ryan Elliott, Jai Tamati

Best Hostel Student Hahauterangi

Troy Hamm

Hostel Old Boys' achieving on the world stage

As a hostel we want to congratulate Ngarohi McGarvey-Black and William Warbrick for their Silver Medal in the Tokyo 7s.



Two Old Boys' played rugby for their Countries, Semisi Paea for Tonga and James Pakoti for the Cook Islands. Congratulations men.



Cassius Misa and Pasilio Tosi made their debut for the Bay Of Plenty Steamers



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DEPARTMENTS

CHINESE

Chinese Auckland Cultural Study Trip in July

On 2 & 3 July, a group of Year 9 – 13 Chinese language students had a wonderful opportunity to experience the Chinese culture in Auckland. They visited CNSST (Chinese New Settlers Services Trust), where they learned Chinese Kungfu, how to make Chinese dumplings, tie dying and calligraphy. They also experienced authentic Chinese food and learned Chinese etiquette in the Chinese restaurant – Imperial Palace. It was a few students first time to have real Chinese food! Our old boy Sameed Khan joined the trip and he gave the students a very good lesson about the Chinese history and philosophy in Fo Guang Shan Temple.

2021 New Zealand National Chinese Speech Competition

The competition was held on line again this year. Following Ngaru Omichi's footsteps in 2020, Sean Tomlinson got the Third Equal in the 2021 National Chinese Speech Competition. The prize qualified him to the International Chinese Bridge Competition. It also marked the 9 years of RBHS students' success in the National Chinese Speech Competition! Xie Xie Sean and all the boys for your efforts!

A taste of Chinese food

Year 13 student Justise Apiata not only commits himself to learning the Chinese language, but also is keen to learn how to make Chinese food. His signature dish is Youtiao 油条 (Chinese fried bread), which is typical food for breakfast in China and it's not so common in New Zealand. It looks nice and tastes even better!

Pepeha in Chinese

After 5 weeks of learning the Chinese language, students are able to do a pepeha in Chinese. Look what James Gray has come up with! A pepeha in Chinese characters! What a great achievement! Well done, James! We are so proud of you!

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TAMA PASIFIKA

Warm Pasifika Greetings everyone!

TUPU MANUIA STUDY SPACE

Our Tupu Manuia Study space continues to be a very positive and engaging environment for our Tama Pasifika students, utilizing it to do their school work before heading home for the day. Led by Whāea Magdalene Woodhouse we continue to encourage all of our Pasifika students to attend whenever they need it. Our Tupu Manuia space is open every Thursday from 3.15pm-4.15pm in A5. Nau mai haere mai.

TAMA PASIFIKA DANCE GROUP

Rehearsals are underway again, as our young men work towards some exciting projects that are in Term 4. This includes the B.O.P Pasifika In The Bay Festival, where they will have the opportunity to perform alongside other schools and celebrate Pasifika culture. Rehearsals are every Monday 3pm-4.30pm in H1. If your son/s would like to join our Tama Pasifika Dance Group for the first time, they are most welcome to attend the next rehearsal which will be Monday the 30th of August. The more the merrier!

BAY OF PLENTY PASIFIKA SPEECH COMPETITION

After a two year hiatus, the Bay Of Plenty Pasifika Speech competition is back on this year, in Term 4. This event is open to Year 9 and 10 students and is a great opportunity for any of our Pasifika young men, if they are interested, to participate in this wonderful event. If your son/s is interested in participating, please don't hesitate to email Whaea Elisha at ehulton@rbhs.school.nz for more information. Our Tama Pasifika staff team are most happy to support them along the way.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of our Pasifika students who continue to achieve so well across the board. It's wonderful to see! Special mention goes to Leitutolu Rasmussen receiving a prefect role and Tome Poona who is one of our 10 Young Achievers representing Raukura, for 2021.



Fa'afetai Tele Lava,
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TUPU MANUIA STUDY SPACE

Each Thursday
from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in A5,
starting in Week 2 of Term 2



MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

It has been another busy term for our Music Department so far. We welcome Matua Trojan to our team who is teaching guitar and bass for the remainder of the year. Trojan is an old boy and an experienced musician who is really looking forward to working with our talented boys

It was great to hear the announcement from Rockquest / Tangata Beats that our senior band Tū Te Akitu were named in the National Finals for Tangata Beats. Another great achievement for this band and exciting to have another group in this great Nationwide event again this year following up from TTRU who were National Runners- up Last year.

The band will now begin working hard toward this event and hopefully will get to work with a few mentors in the lead up to the National Final in Mid-September.

On the 16th and 17th of August at the Energy Events Centre our Raukura Choir competed in the Upper North Island Big Sing Cadenza Choir Competition. This event spans over two days and has 12 of the top Choirs in the Upper North Island participating. Our Choir performed 4 songs over the two days including one classical piece a traditional piece and 2 of our own choice. The boys once again represented our school with the utmost pride and passion. The boys commanded the stage and at times had the crowd in tears with their emotional melodies and harmonies. The boys under the guidance of amazing Whaea Elisha had worked super hard over the last month, fitting in rehearsals around boys at production practice. It had been definitely a testing few weeks

of rehearsals. While the festival ended abruptly due to the snap level 4 lockdown, we did get the final results through and our Choir was awarded one of 3 'Tūi' awards along with Avondale College Gospel Choir and Waikato Diocesan School Choir. To gain one of the top awards from was a real honour and fully deserved. The comments about our boys from many audience members, judge, organiser and other schools were so positive and everyone was just so impressed. There was awesome leadership within the Choir from the likes of Paretoroa Webster-Tarei, Marangai Wainohu-Savage and Henare Eilers so thanks to those boys for their input as well.

Well done to all involved. We now look forward to the National Tangata Beats Final in mid-September and also a number of our competing in the New Zealand Aria Singing Competition.



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GATEWAY

Gateway is designed to strengthen the pathway for students to progress from school to workplace learning. Students will have an opportunity to 'test drive' their pathway choices while gaining valuable real workplace learning and experiences.

A huge THANK YOU to TN Electrical, KLC Ltd, Rotorua Youth Centre, Hayes International, Klaus Farms, Countdown, Hepburn Electrical, Timberlands Limited, Sefton Electrical, The Warehouse and Greene Partnership Farming for recently hosting students.

If you have a business and would like to partner with Rotorua Boys' High School to help students reach their potential then please phone Angie Hine on 0211909272.

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POLICE STUDIES

Term 3 Dancing for Hospice Community Event

The 2021 Police Studies students completed their first Community Service/ fundraiser event on Friday 6th August at the Energy events centre Rotorua. Students were in charge of setting up VIP tables and quality control in preparation for the Dancing for Hospice Community event evening Saturday 7th August.

Huge thank you to Dheer and the team at Compass group which allowed Both RBHS and RGHS Police studies students to help with the preparation of the event.



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SPORTS

HOCKEY

A few weeks ago, Rotorua Boys' High hosted the 2021 Super 8 Hockey tournament. Over 3 days, the 8 teams play 5 games each. With quality and intense competition, it is a grueling challenge for all the young men involved. The tournament kicked off on Sunday the 1st of August with the traditional Super 8 dinner. We would like to thank the Marist St Michael's Rugby Sports Club for putting on an exceptional hangi for all the teams and coaching staff. It was a very enjoyable evening.

While we all know that the Super 8 is a fantastic competition, we sometimes take for granted the history and significance of it. One thing that stood out for me during the week was the number of coaches and managers who had once participated in this same event. Being able to reminisce about our own Super 8 memories was a real highlight.

Our young and upcoming 1st XI faced a pretty tough first two days of the competition, but were able to step up on the last day and take victory of Gisborne Boys High. A 7th place finish has left our team with plenty to work on as we look ahead to the national tournament at the beginning of September. We have an extremely young team at the moment, with the bulk of the side being made up of Year 10 and 11 students. As a coaching unit, we are hugely impressed with how our young men conducted themselves both on and off the field. Our most valuable player for the tournament was Year 12 student Jayden Nicholls. He was gretty and determined at the back, while also ensuring to always encourage the players around him.

A huge thank you must be given to all the players, coaches, referees, parents, helpers and volunteers. Without all of these people, this tournament could never go ahead. Craig Hodge, our Director of Sport, made sure that everything went off without a hitch and everyone had what they needed to do their jobs. We were also very fortunate to have the assistance of Stu and Heni Herewini to act as tournament directors. Having them do the communication to all the referees and team managers helped us to focus on coaching our team.

Congratulations to New Plymouth Boys' High school who won their 4th Super 8 Hockey Shield in a row. They beat Napier in a thrilling final that showcased the skill, speed, and fitness of both teams.

What a great three days and we can't wait to host again.

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1st XV RUGBY

The Super Eight has come to its conclusion with our final game against New Plymouth Boys High School. The team needed to score 4 tries to secure a bonus point to have a chance to make the final of Super Eight. The team played with enterprise and desire to secure a 43 to 14 scoreline. However it was not enough as we finished 2nd equal with Hamilton BHS on 26 competition points with Hamilton going through as they beat us. We now head into the National Top 4 play offs with our first match against Tauranga BC 21 August for the Bay of Plenty Title. The winner of this match moves on to a chiefs semi final to play the counties champion.

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