

ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL RAUKURA



Raukura wins on the sports field,
onstage and in the classroom!

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OUR HAKA “RAUKURA”



**KO WAI TE KURA?
RAUKURA!**

**TE RANGI KAI RUNGA
TE WHENUA KAI RARO
TE MOANA KAI WAHO
TAKU AU KAI ROTO
KO TE AITANGA A RAUKURA
I TE RANGI E. I A HAHA!
KA TŪ TE IHI, KA TŪ TE WANA
KA WHAO TE PUHA O TAKU TUPUNA
KI ROTO I AHAU,
E TŪ AKE NEI. I A HAHA!**

MY STRONG ATTACHMENT TO RAUKURA,
MOVES ME BEYOND THE SKIES. MY FIERCE
INNER POWER SOARS AS I FEEL THE
PRESENCE OF MY ANCESTORS.

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BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL. THE UNIVERSAL
IDENTIFIER FOR ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH
SCHOOL AND ITS STUDENTS. **“RAUKURA”**
OUR IDENTITY, OUR SENSE OF
BELONGING. THE CHALLENGE LAID
BEFORE EACH STUDENT TO AIM FOR
SUCCESS. THE SOURCE OF PRIDE AND
INSPIRATION FOR ALL.

“RAUKURA” OUR DESTINY. THE
FOUNDATION AND FOOTPRINT OF THIS
SCHOOL. IT ESTABLISHES A SET OF
VALUES WE BELIEVE IN AND ASPIRE TO. IT
COMMANDS THE STANDARDS AND
EXPECTATIONS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED TO
SUCCEED.

**E AI RĀ TE TITIRO
KI NGĀ MARAE TAPU
E TAKOTO NEI. I A HAHA!
KA TŪ MAI TE TOA
KA HŪPEKE KI RUNGA**

**KI TE WHENUA E. I A HAHA! WHIUA KI
RUNGA WHIUA KI RARO...**

I REMEMBER THE MANY SACRED MARAE
THAT WE ARE ALL A PART OF AND THE
WARRIOR IN ME IS AROUSED. I STAMP MY
MARK UPON THIS GROUND. CAST IT TO
RANGI. CAST IT TO PAPATUANUKU.

“RAUKURA” AN OPPORTUNITY TO
SUCCEED THROUGH PURE
DETERMINATION, DEDICATION AND
DISCIPLINE. THE CODE OF CONDUCT THAT
SHOULD BE ADHERED TO IN THE
ACADEMIC ARENA, ON THE SPORTS FIELD
AND IN THE CULTURAL DOMAIN.

“RAUKURA” THE BENCHMARK WE ASPIRE
TO. THE PLATFORM WE LAUNCH OUR
DREAMS FROM. THE MANA AND PRESTIGE
OF ONESELF, WHANAU AND SCHOOL.
“RAUKURA” ATTAINING OUR ULTIMATE
GOALS. OUR BEING. OUR STATEMENT TO
THE COMMUNITY, COUNTRY AND WORLD.

**TE TARA O TAKU WAHANGA KA HORAHIA
WHAO WHAO MAI ANA TE URE, MIMITI ANA
KI TAKU PĀ WHAKAIRO E TŪ AKE NEI. I A
HAHA! MAU ANA TE WEHI E. ANA ANA AUE
HI!**

AND THE YOUNG MAN IN ME STRIVES TO
THE VERY END TO LEAVE AN IMPRESSION.
AWESOME

**KO WAI TE KURA?
“RAUKURA”**



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Mānawatia a Matariki!

This is my last newsletter and my last few days at Raukura. I need to extend my sincere thanks for the wonderful support of so many, from staff to students to our parent and whānau community. Thank you for being so supportive of our school and my time as Tumuaki/Principal. I have loved my years of leadership and I leave with so many great memories of success and achievement by our boys and our staff over the years. I am very grateful and thankful for this opportunity to be part of this high performing school for these 33 years.

I especially wish to thank those who have of late sent me beautiful messages by letter, email or through social media. I appreciate the time and effort you took to share those kind thoughts. Thank you one and all.

In this my final message can I also wish all of Raukura both today and in the future the very best in all things as they accept opportunities and face the challenges that arise and may the Raukura bond and brand set them well for continued success, achievement, happiness and good fortune.

Tāne Raukura - the good Raukura man - is well skilled, confident, resilient, future focussed and respectful of both those around him, those in his past and those in his future. Go well all young men of Raukura.

WHĀIA TE ITI KAHURANGI

AD ASTRA PER ASPERA



Acting Tumuaki/Principal

At the Board Meeting on Wednesday night (3 July) a decision was made to appoint Whaea Rie Morris as Acting Tumuaki/Principal for Term 3 and until the formal appointment and commencement of the new Tumuaki/Principal.

Whaea Rie is a wonderful leader and our school is in very safe hands over this transition period.

Advertising for the new appointment will shortly commence and will run through July with the appointment process proceeding over the weeks after applications close on the 7 August 2024. Further details will be shared as they become available. This is an exciting time for our school!

Staffing

The school is pleased to welcome the following new staff members, who are both old boys of our school:



Mr R Thompson
Teacher of Physical
Education, Outdoor
Education and Health



Mr M Whata
Teacher of Te
Reo Māori

I also take this opportunity to thank Mr James Devenport who will travel overseas, for his contribution to our school as IT Manager.

At the start of Term 3 the school will welcome Mr B Squibb, BA, DipTchg, DipFinMgmt, as a Teacher of English.

Student Successes

We have had an outstanding response from our Year 10 and 11 boys who recently completed the new Co-Requisite Examinations. The school is now awaiting results. Thank you boys for your uptake of this new qualification requirement.

On Thursday 13 June our Choir travelled to Tauranga to compete in the Big Sing Regional Competition and received a highly commended placing.

On Monday 25 June our Raukura Kapa Haka group travelled to Nationals to attend the National Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition where we came 6th in a highly competitive environment. Congratulations to all of Raukura and tutors, staff and supporters. This was a real highlight for me personally over these final days.



Rehearsals for our 2024 production of Jersey Boys are underway and these rehearsals will continue through the July School Holidays in readiness of Opening Night on Friday 23 August.

On Thursday 20 June, five bands represented Raukura in the Rotorua/Taupo Smoke Free Rockquest final. Raukura won the following categories :

- Best Vocals Award – K2MB – Te Kahurangi George and Tu Maurirere Daniel-White
- Best Musicianship Award – Oskar Hay from Echo Avenue
- Best Song Award – Rau Huia

Our Head Prefect, Jared Lasike and Deputy Head Prefect, Luke Westrupp both secured a Te Ara a Kupe Beaton Scholarship (founded by Crimson Education) to the value of \$25,000 each. These scholarships aim to provide support to Māori high school students to gain admission to top-ranked global universities.

There has been strong media interest in Jared and Luke's selections as they gained two of the four available scholarships nationally. Wonderful achievement men.

The nine 2024 Rotorua Boys' High School Young Achievers announced at the Leadership Assembly are as follows :

- Wiremu Brailey Leadership and Excellence in Sport
- Manaia Herbert Leadership and Excellence in Sport
- Eraia Kiel Leadership, Academic Excellence and Excellence in Performing Arts
- Jared Lasike Leadership, Academic Excellence and Excellence in Performing Arts
- Francis Lockwood Leadership and Excellence in Sport
- Setaleki Mafileo Leadership, Excellence in Sport and Excellence in Performing Arts
- Juandr  Mare Leadership, Academic Excellence and Excellence in Performing Arts
- Riley Parkinson Leadership and Excellence in Sport
- Luke Westrupp Leadership, Academic Excellence and Excellence in Performing Arts

The Tauranga Boys' College, Gisborne Boys' High School and Hastings Boys' High School winter exchanges have all been completed with stern challenges and good success across our codes and teams.

Across the sporting codes :

- The 1st XV has had 10 wins out of 12 games played
- Our Golf team is performing well with wins in the sports exchanges and the John Manihara Tournament and remains unbeaten.
- Playoffs for Nationals are underway in Football and our team currently is at Super Eight.
- The 1st XI Hockey team has started the season strongly with a draw against Tauranga Boys' High School being a highlight and a nail biting loss to Ruamata in the BoP final.
- Basketball continues on its winning way and is building nicely for major tournaments to come.
- We have had 16 New Zealand Representatives to date this year.
- The Building Trades Academy students have completed deck and door renovations at Waiotapu Camp.
- The canopy for the Building Trades Academy compound has also been completed and is a great addition to this area.

Our annual Choral Competition was held on Thursday 4 July with Ngongotah  winning this competition.



New All Black

Raukura old boy Pasilio Tosi has been named in the first All Blacks squad for 2024. Our tenth All Black in the school's history.

Centenary 2027

The current school site after being gifted by Ngāti Whakaue became a building site in 1927 with students arriving on this Pukuatua Street campus in 1928. We are looking to hold a celebration of the 100 years on Labour Weekend 2027.

This centenary celebration will aim to:

- Celebrate and pay tribute to the gifting of our site by Ngāti Whakaue.
- Bring together our old boys and former students to establish an active former student association.
- Explore fundraising to build a Centenary Facility to mark this special occasion. Watch this space for more details!



Raukura 1928



Key Dates

Friday 5 July Term 2 concludes

Monday 22 July Term 3 commences

Tuesday 6 August Year 8 Open Evening

Friday 9 August Academic Review Day

Thursday 15 August Open Day – Rotorua Intermediate

Friday 16 August Open Day – Contributing Schools

Friday 23 August 'Jersey Boys' Opening Night – 7.30pm

Wednesday 28 August Board Meeting – 6.00pm

Best wishes for a safe holiday and a successful Term 3.

Finally and in the words of Sir Āpirana Ngata
"E tipu e rea mō ngā ngā rā o tōu ao" – grow and flourish in preparation for the world before you!

Kia Kaha Raukura!

A.C. Grinter
Principal

Te Ara a Kupe Beaton Scholarship win for Head Prefect Jared Lasike and Deputy Head Prefect Luke Westrupp

Jared Lasike, Head Prefect, and Luke Westrupp, Deputy Head Prefect, have achieved two of four academic scholarships awarded nationwide.

Named Te Ara a Kupe Beaton and founded by Crimson Education, the scholarship aims to support Māori high school students in securing places at top-ranked global universities. These scholarships provide an extraordinary opportunity for students from New Zealand to gain admission to Ivy League schools in America.

Last year, eligibility was extended to include New Zealanders of Pacific heritage aiming for top university admissions.

Following a competitive process involving 178 students from across the country, only four were successful, each receiving a \$25,000 scholarship.

Luke Westrupp plans to pursue studies in politics and international relations at Yale or Harvard.

Reflecting on the achievement, Luke shared his thoughts: "Receiving the scholarship has been an incredibly surreal experience in these past few days.

Realising that our dreams are closer to reality has been incredible, and we are deeply grateful to Crimson for this opportunity. I also feel fortunate to represent my whānau and hapū in Ngāti Pikiao and Rongowhakaata, as well as the schools and teachers of Rotorua. It's heartening to see the support from the wider community and feel a real responsibility to represent our people on the global stage."

Jared Lasike, another scholarship recipient and Head Prefect of Rotorua Boys' High, plans to study medicine at one of these prestigious universities.

Jared expressed his gratitude for the scholarship: "Receiving this scholarship has been a truly humbling experience. Having the chance to represent my culture and community on the world stage is surreal. The support we've received from our communities and peers has made me deeply thankful for this opportunity, and I feel honoured to carry this responsibility."



**Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki!
Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau hōu Māori!
Mānawa maiea ā tātou kaupapa whakaharahara!**



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Raukura ki Maketū - Matariki Teacher Only Day

Each year, our staff get the opportunity to gather and learn about kaupapa related to Te Arawa and the Māori world. This is central to our cultural responsiveness action plan and just what we do as a way of acknowledging Māori, mana whenua, our people, and our surroundings.

Last year we were fortunate enough to go to Mokoia Island and this year, on the 10th of June, the same day Tawera erupted 138 years ago, as a surprise to staff, we travelled to Maketū.

Maketū, with its rich history and significance to Te Arawa as the last resting place of the Te Arawa canoe, was an ideal setting for such an event, including opportunities to listen to guest speakers, tour significant sites, share a great feast, and engage in cultural activities such as carving and making tukutuku, with the most important outcome being the development of relationships among the staff through various whanaungatanga activities.

We would like to acknowledge Dr. Anaha Hiini, Matua Rangitihi Pene, Kasey and Karena Bird, and the haukāinga for their invaluable contribution to our brilliant and fulfilling day!





Matariki hunga nui!
Matariki, a time for the gathering of many!

From one gathering to the next, it is important for whānau to note that we will hold our second Academic Review Day for the year on Friday 9 August.

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

You will receive an email with a hui time, and other details as we get closer to Friday 9 August.

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. Enjoy the upcoming holidays, and we look forward to seeing our Tāne Raukura in term 3.

Nei a tai o mihi e papaki kau ana ki a koutou katoa,

Nāku, nā Whaea Rie Morris
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E mihi ana ki a koutou katoa, e te whānau o Raukura.
Mānawatia a Matariki!

As Term 2 draws to a close, it is important to remember that the communication and relationship we have with all whānau is inclusive and focussed on the best possible outcome for our young men.

The best possible way to maintain this inclusive communication is through making contact with individual teachers based on the fortnightly progress reports.

The email addresses for all of our classroom teachers are embedded in the Fortnightly Reports. In the last newsletter, I provided details on how the report grades are used to track progress and now I would like to encourage you to make contact with your son's teachers if his report scores have decreased over this term so that, together, we can effect some change.

I would also like to use this opportunity to provide you with some information on our Term 3 Academic Calendar, particularly for our Senior Students. Our Year 11 students are going to be focussing on assessments which are marked by external markers this term.

Each Learning Area has a unique external assessment that will be completed by the end of Term 3. We are currently putting this schedule together to ensure that our students are not overloaded and that big school events, such as, our school production and Winter Tournament Week, are taken into account.

This schedule will be shared with whānau as soon as it is finalised.

Our Year 12 and 13 students will complete the majority of their internal assessments during Term 3. Please take note of the following important dates:

- Week 8 (9 September - 13 September) NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities.
- Week 9 (16 September - 20 September) Year 11- 13 Preliminary Exams.

I have asked that each Learning Area communicate with whānau in a timely manner regarding the assessments which will be completed during Term 3.

They will also provide you with the details on how the assessments will be carried out. I can not over emphasise the importance of good attendance as we move into a crucial term in the academic calendar.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

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Kia ora,

We have seen some outstanding results during this winter term of sport, as you will read in the Director of Sports reports further in this newsletter. Teams are building nicely for their national tournaments held in week 8 next term.

The Raukura Concussion Protocol in partnership with QE Health, has been effective in returning a number of athletes back to play safely. Thank you to all the players and parents for engaging in this kaupapa to ensure our young men are cared for and monitored appropriately in accordance to ACC and sporting organisation guidelines. If you suspect a concussion, please make contact with our school nurse or your family Doctor to make a referral to QE Health for return to play protocols.

Congratulations to Kingston Ryan placing in the top 10 and other commendable finishes for Heath Lash and Cody Shilton at the NZSS Cross Country Champs held in Christchurch.

Kevin Bang, Tavita Pomale, Tyson Hansen, and Harman Preet-Singh have recently been added to our NZ Reps / Title holders list below;

New Zealand Representatives - 2024 (as at 24 June 2024)

Name	Year Level	Event
Francis Lockwood	13	NZ Māori Men's Golf Stroke Play Champion
Blake Fraser	9	NZ Youth Ministock Team
Leo English	10	NZSS Open Water Swim Champion - 1000m NZ U14 Freestyle Swimming Champion - 400m/800m NZ U15 Swimming Champion - 4 x 100m
Riley Parkinson	13	NZ Māori Invitational XI Cricket Team
Liam Nepe	13	NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 250m NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 500m
Matu Mear	12	NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 250m NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 500m
Tawhiri Le Comte-Hepburn	11	NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 250m NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 500m
Te Amo Le Comte	13	NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 250m NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 500m
Judah White	12	NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 250m NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 500m
Hawaiki Hurihanganui	12	NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 250m NZSS J19 W6 Waka ama National Champion - 500m Aotearoa NZ J19 Elite Team
Manaia Christiansen	12	Athletics NZ Oceania Area Championships Team
Kevin Bang	10	NZ Golf Development Camp - Phase 2
Tyson Hansen	12	NZ Māori U17 Rugby League Team
Tavita Pomale	13	NZ Māori U17 Rugby League Team
Harman Preet-Singh	13	NZ Indian Hockey Championship Tournament Team

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Attendance News

90% plus "Student Attendance" School wide target

As a school we are striving to improve students' attendance, in particular - regular attendance. This is defined by the Ministry of Education as attending more than 90%, which is an average of 9 days a fortnight.

To date our school is sitting at 51% of students who are attending 90% plus of the time.

Therefore as a kura and with whānau support we want to improve the regular attendance of our young men.

Absenteeism

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

Contact Absentee Hotline – (07) 349 5137

Email: attendance@rbhs.school.nz

Phone or email the Dean.

Written explanation for House Group Tutors on his return to school.

Early Notification

To improve the timeframe in which Rotorua Boys' High School notifies you of your son's absence, we are now operating an Early Notification system whereby Parents / Caregivers will receive a message via text or email informing that your son is absent from school without explanation.

The message will be sent on the morning of absence and his records automatically adjusted on return message from Parents / caregivers.

To enable the programme to function effectively, please notify the school office to confirm the mobile and/or email address you would like this message delivered to.

Tāne Raukura- Leadership Awards Term 2

Year 9

Tuwhiwhia Pryor (Academic) 9 Rātā

Tuwhiwhia is a leader within his core class. He is consistently role modeling our five school values as a Raukura young man. He strives for excellence in all he does and is brave enough to co-construct learning with others. Demonstrates. Rangatiratanga - Independence & Te Whakahihiko - Self Motivation. 93% Attendance.

Mataatua Nikora (Sporting & Academic) 9 Maire

Mataatua is a great young man who works very hard and strives to do well in all that he does, especially academically and in sports. Academically - is independent and motivated in completing his work at a higher level. He works with others, and is always willing to support his peers. Sporting - He has competed in athletics both in and out of school, and is currently in the junior rugby programme. 97% attendance

Nathanael Barter (Academic) 9 Mānuka

Nathanael is a fine young man who regularly models Tāne Raukura values. He is a consistently excellence level student in science showing a great depth and breadth of knowledge. He demonstrates a great commitment to his studies and regularly requests extension work to further his studies. Demonstrates Rangatiratanga - Independence & Te Whakahihiko - Self Motivation.

Loki Baldwin (Academic & Sporting) 9 Rimu

Loki is a bright young man who has demonstrated great potential in academics and sports. He is an inquisitive boy who extends himself in science. He helps his peers and is supportive of other boys who may be struggling. Member of the junior whereo hockey team. He demonstrates. Rangatiratanga - Independence and Te Whakahihiko - Self Motivation. 95% attendance.

Ayush Kataria (Academic) 9 Rimu

Ayush is an outstanding student who always completes his work at a high standard and continuously seeks feedback to improve his work. He also supports others in the class and helps in maintaining a good classroom learning environment. 96% attendance.

Year 10

Josh Whitaker (Cultural): 10 Kauri

Member of the Super 8 2nd place Junior Theatresports, Junior Basketball, demonstrates Te Manawa Reka - Curiosity, Ngā Pūkenga Kōrero - Communication Skills, Hononga - Relationships, Mahi Tahī - Collaboration. 97% attendance.

Ben Hay (Cultural & Service to School): 10 Kauri

Good leadership in Junior A football Te Manawa Reka - Curiosity, Te Whakahihiho - Self Motivation, Ngā Pūkenga Kōrero - Communication Skills, Hononga - Relationships, Mahi Tahī - Collaboration. Junior Theatresports - 2nd Place Super 8, Choir Band - 1st Place Super 8 Music Group, Big Sing - Very Highly Commended. Production Band, Rau Huia Rockquest Band. 93% attendance.

Darmian Graham (Cultural) 10 Maire

Rau Huia Rockquest Band, Choir Band - 1st Super 8, Very Highly Commended Big Sing, Awesome leadership in and around music department etc. 98% Attendance.

Maziah Miki (Cultural & Service to School) 10 Kānuka

Rock quest / Tangata Beats Band. Production Cast, Choir - 1st place Super 8, Big Sing Very Highly Commended. Demonstrates Te Whakahihiho - Self Motivation, Ngā Haepapa - Responsibility, Ngā Pūkenga Kōrero - Communication Skills, Hononga - Relationships, Mahi Tahī - Collaboration.

Kevin Bang (Sporting and Academic) 10 Mānuka

World Ranked in Golf, Ranked 42 Amateur in New Zealand, Runner up in the North Island Stroke Play, 2x Individual runner Super 8 Golf, Runner up for Super 8 Teams, 1st Equias! John Manihera Trophy. In addition is on track to endorse his junior certificate with Excellence (100% pass rate, 28 Excellence Credits, 2 Merit). Hirangatanga - Striving for Excellence.

John Taufouu (Sporting & Academic) 10 Kahikakatea

Rugby Academy, U15 Elite Team. Can often be seen volunteering and helping various other rugby teams by running waters and helping out as a touch judge. On track to endorse his junior certificate with Excellence. Hononga - Relationships, Mahi Tahī - Collaboration, Hirangatanga - Striving for Excellence.

Year 11

Chadwick Quiroga (Academic)

Chadwick is a leader in both Dance and Science. In dance, he consistently works well with a team and leads them to excel in what ever we are working on. Demonstrates Ngā Haepapa - Responsibility, Ngā Pūkenga Kōrero - Communication Skills, Mahi Tahī - Collaboration. 100% attendance.

Adrian Hurihanganui (Cultural) Lead singer -

Rockquest Band, Choir - 1st Place Super 8 Cultural Festival. Production Cast, Aqua Bots NZ Team - 12th place in the world (USA). Demonstrates Rangatiratanga - Independence, Te Whakahihiho - Self Motivation and Mahi Tahī - Collaboration.

Freedom Tawera-Rankin (Cultural)

Freedom is a studious artist, winning the Super 8 Senior art division at only Year 11. He is a talented young man who is hardworking and diligent in class. Role models Tane Raukura values and is a supportive classmate to his peers. Freedom will be entering the Te Ringa Toi Māori Art Exhibition being held in Wellington Te Papa in September. 99% attendance.

Joseph McCurdy (Academic)

Joseph comes into class every day prepared to learn. He brings material to write on and write with. He pays attention to lectures and does all his work to the highest degree. Demonstrates Te Whakahihiho - Self Motivation. 100% Attendance.

Sanele Motu (Cultural & Service to School)

Tama Pasifika Group - Super 8, Choir - 1st Place Super 8, Big Sing Very Highly Commended, Good leadership in Pasifika space. 93% attendance.

Elliot Crimp (Academic)

Elliot has an excellent attitude in class. He is always focused on his mahi, working hard whether it is on paper, on his device or class discussions. He produces work at a high level and is always keen to receive feedback on improving his mahi. Elliot sets an excellent example for the class. Averaging 4 for his fortnightly reports, 96% attendance.

Year 12

Richmond Moses (Academic)

A great student in and around the school. Very hardworking in classes and demonstrates, Mahi Tahī - Collaboration 100% pass rate at NCEA Level 2, 93% attendance.

Wayne Boynton-Rata (Cultural, & Service to School)

A Good leader within the performing Arts space. Choir - Super 8 winners, Big Sing Very Highly Commended, Super 8 Drama, Jersey Boys lead role. Demonstrates Te Whakahihiho - Self Motivation and Ngā Pūkenga Kōrero - Communication Skills. 100% pass rate and 100% attendance.

Josh Brown (Academic & Citizenship)

Always doing well academically, demonstrates Rangatiratanga - Independence. Josh has also been selected for the Japanese homestay exchange. A member of the Raukua Choir who gained highly recommended status. ANZAC day Road Marshalling. 100% pass rate at NCEA Level 2. Averaging 4's on his fortnightly report. 97% attendance.

Harry Tamblyn (Cultural & Citizenship)

As a class member, Harry is friendly, approachable and considerate to others. Member of the Raukura choir, school production, Super 8 (drama, dance, theatre sports & music), Rotorua Accelerando program and theatre outside of school. He is on track to gaining Excellence for NCEA Level 2. As a class member, Harry is friendly, approachable and considerate to others. 93% attendance.

Jacksyn Hill (Sporting)

Jacksyn has been involved in the 2024 NZ Warriors Harold Matthews Squad, the Tonga Invitational Touring Team Under 16s 2023, Tonga Under 15 PYC Team and the Warriors Invitational U17s vs Kirwan State High School. He is also a polite, responsible young man who balances his sporting goals with his classwork.

Year 13

Dayton Kidwell (Academic & Service to School)

Dayton has shown some great qualities that have lead to his success with winning the title of Bay of Plenty Secondary School Cooking Champion for 2024. Member of the school chess team competing at the Chess Power Regionals.

Tavita Pomale (Sporting)

1st XV rugby squad and senior leader, U17 NZ Māori rugby league, Hard working young man in all classes. Demonstrates Rangatiratanga - Independence. 97% attendance.

Harlem Hodge (Academic)

Demonstrates Rangatiratanga - Independence. Diligent and hardworking in all classes. This is evident through his fortnightly report scores, scoring 4s and above.

Te Waioho Tukiri (Academic)

Selected to attend the University of Auckland Whakapiki Ake COACH (Creating Opportunities for a Career in Health) program. A quiet but hard working young man in classes. On target to achieve his NCEA Level 3.

Wiremu Brailey (Sporting)

A great leader in the 1st XV squad and Demonstrates Te Whakahihiho - Self Motivation. Selected in the University of Waikato Chiefs U18 Development Camp in the holidays. Leader in the Building academy. 92% attendance.

Seathin Taylor (Academic)

A very hardworking young man in all subject areas, evident through his fortnightly report scores averaging 4s. selected to attend the University of Auckland Whakapiki Ake COACH (Creating Opportunities for a Career in Health) program. 100% pass rate and 96% attendance.



Uniform

With the weather cooling down a friendly reminder to our students and whānau about our uniform expectations:

Uniform is regarded as an important symbol of pride and affiliation with the school. The wearing of the school uniform is compulsory. Parents are asked to assist the school by ensuring their son maintains the highest standard in dress, cleanliness and personal appearance.

It gives students a sense of belonging, a source of pride.

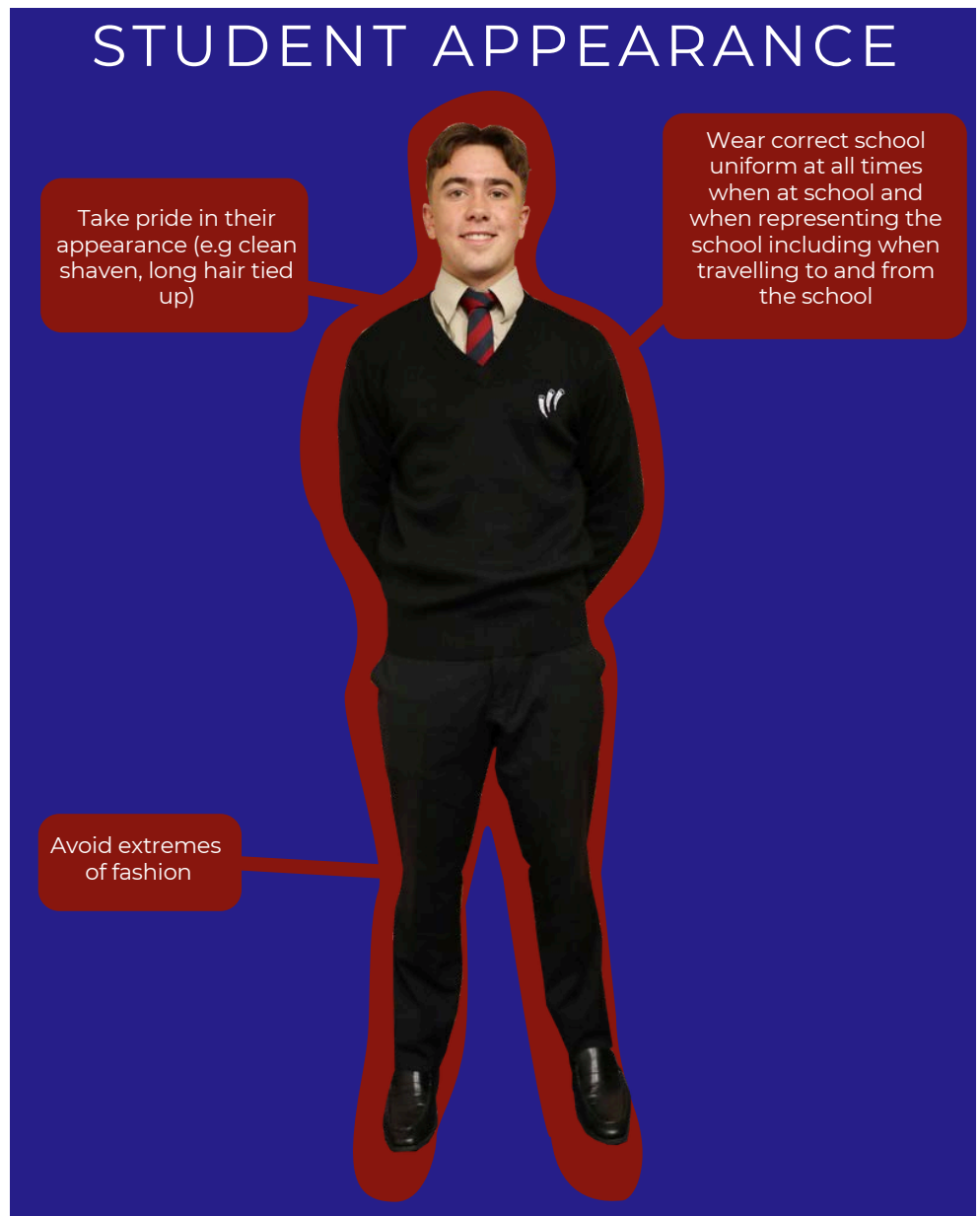
Most importantly it takes away the social and peer pressures that wearing non uniform can bring.

The school is working diligently to enable all students to be in correct uniform to and from school.

Head of House's also complete morning van runs to check for students wearing correct School uniform traveling to and from school.

If your son needs to borrow a school uniform item for a small period of time then please have him see Mr Mita, Mr Hunt, Mr Lockwood, or Mr Taylor.

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



Ngā mihi,

Mr H .Lockwood
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Tumuaki Tuarua-Taunaki Akonga

Tēnei te aumihi nui ki a koutou,

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

At Rotorua Boys High School, we believe in the value of Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) as an essential element of our students' holistic education. EOTC activities provide unique learning opportunities, enhance personal development, and fosters a deeper understanding of our local environments and community.

Raukura students have again been very active in taking opportunities for learning within our local environment and below is a list of examples that have taken place in the second half of this term.

- Level 1 Commerce to the Zorb
- Level 1 History to JPC Black Civil Rights Presentation
- Level 3 Police Studies 2 day Intensive Camp- Keswick
- Battle of the Pans- Food and Hospitality Competition Auckland
- Level 1 Pūhoro Science Extension- To Ohomai
- Epro 8- Junior Science & Technology Challenge
- MITO Bus Tour- Apprenticeships and on-job training
- Level 1 & 2 Outdoor Education Tramps- Whirinaki Track and Tarawera Trail
- Level 2 Biology to Maketu
- Level 1 Physical Education- Profiles Gym Experiences

I would like to acknowledge all of the amazing staff that prepare, plan and deliver these opportunities for our young men.

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Student Teacher:

I would like to acknowledge Miss Abby Mitchell who has been completing her eight week teaching placement as part of her Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary Education) from the Open Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga. Her enthusiasm and diligence within the Outdoor Education space has certainly added excellent value to the learning outcomes of our young men.

Her ability to build strong and meaningful relationships in the classroom backed by a positive educational philosophy has made her placement here at Raukura a successful one.

Miss Mitchell's main focus on her placement has been to implement the curriculum learning of the Y11 & 12 Tramping Units. The students were rewarded with a well executed learning experience in the Whirinaki and Tarawera Trails at the end of this term. We wish her all the very best for her future in education.



Outdoor Education- Te Ara a Tāne

Year 12 Outdoor Education

Tramping - Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne Conservation Park

The Year 12 Outdoor Education students this term have focused on tramping, bushcraft and navigation skills. In Week 7 these students embarked on a three day wilderness tramp completing the Whirinaki-Managamate Loop track via the Kakanui Stream. The focus of the trip was to apply risk management and leadership strategies in order to enhance effective group functioning.

Each leg of the journey was to be led and managed by an allocated group of students and their experience then formed valuable evidence and reflections for their written assessment. The first day included over 60 river crossings before climbing to a high saddle to the Mangamate hut. Despite the students being a little damp, sore and tired from their day they all reflected that it was well worth the effort.

An early and frosty start had the group away down the track ready to tackle the offtrack terrain of the Kakanui Stream. Here they got their first taste of stinging nettle and a real sense of wilderness with no track to follow. Regular map and compass checks finally got us all to a track junction that led to Verns Camp, the evening was spent cooking good food, playing cards and talking to each other without the distraction of a cell phone.

Despite many of these young men being out of their comfort zone, I was impressed with their positive and motivated attitudes. Each group led their section and were provided with constructive feedback from staff and peers. I can already see that these students are really developing momentum as an effective group and there were many standout performers showing off their leadership and risk management skills.





Year 11 Outdoor Education

Tramping- Tarawera Trail

This term our Year 11 Outdoor Education students have also been focussing on the skills and knowledge required for tramping, bushcraft, navigation and risk management. These students were finally able to put all of their new knowledge into action walking and camping on the Tarawera Trail.

During the thorough gear check session prior to departure, it was obvious to the students that planning is critical to a safe and comfortable journey, especially in the middle of winter.

The weather was cold and crisp and the views of Lake Tarawera along the 15 km journey were spectacular. Hot Water Beach campsite was a welcome sight and it was not long before the fly sheets were up and the students were into warm clothing and a hot meal. A few of the hardy students still managed to take the plunge into the cold lake before chasing the hot water around in the shallows.

An epic sunrise over the mountain started our second day. It was then a steep climb back over to the Wairua Stream hot pool where the students enjoyed a rewarding soak to conclude the trip. The Totally Tarawera water taxi collected the crew and as we boated across the lake, students took the opportunity to reflect and acknowledge the impacts of the Tarawera eruption which happened on 10 June 1886, 138 years ago.

For many of the students tramping is a novel experience and most had never been before. This is an absolutely stunning part of the country and it was a pleasure introducing it to our young men.

I would like to thank Mr Shaw and Miss Mitchell for their leadership in running this expedition along with Mark Chapman from John Paul College for the use of their tramping packs and Totally Tarawera for the excellent water taxi service.

Outdoor Education Trips - Save the Date!

Year 13 Mountain Biking & Bush Craft Survival Whirinaki 19-20 August

Year 12 Rock Climbing Wharepapa 12-13 September & Canoe Camp Tarawera 29-30 August

Year 11 Tramping, Mountain Biking Camp Taupo 22-23 August

Year 10 Bush Craft Survival Mamaku 19-20 September

Ngā mihi,

Mr J. Taylor - Deputy Principal - Education Outside of the Classroom

YEAR 9 DEAN'S REPORT



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Kia ora Year 9 whānau,

We are halfway through 2024 and our year 9 boys have been busy taking opportunities. Over the last few weeks we have had some traditional exchanges in the sports front with Tauranga Boys College and Gisborne Boys High School featuring some of our fine athletes in Year 9.

Our Year 9 Band "Echo Avenue", consisting of Oskar Hay on Drums, Kai Turkington on Guitar and Lead Vocalist and Thomas Fisher on Bass, performed in the Bay of Plenty regionals for Rock Quest at the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre. They performed 2 original songs and Oskar won the "Best Musicianship" award.



We also had 5, Year 9 boys represent Raukura in "The Big Sing" choir competition in Tauranga where we won the "Best performance of a piece in Te Reo Māori" and the "Audience Impact" award, they also achieved a "Very Highly Commended" placing us in the top 5 choirs for the region. Our Year 9 Boys in the choir are: Makaioh Ioane, Katina Ioane, Huni Rahiri, Rihiri Walden and Tuwhiwhia Pryor. With so much talent in our Year 9 Cohort we look forward to seeing the achievements of these boys over their years here at Raukura.

We also have had some exciting opportunities for our Year 9 Jubilee and Tai Mitchell Scholars this term. These boys travelled to Waikato University to join other year 9 leaders from schools all around the Bay of Plenty and Waikato to build their skills as young leaders at the "Waikato Young Leaders Day". We then followed this up with a day in Taupo at "Rock n Ropes" and finished the term by using the skills we had been taught, to teach and support our visiting year 8 leaders at our own "Raukura Leadership Workshop" in week 10.



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YEAR 9 DEAN'S REPORT

Congratulations to our boys who have achieved 100% Attendance for the year so far.



Mikaere, Takētenganipu



Poafa, Mosese



Relf, Simon



Rowley, Kwest



Jones, Cooper



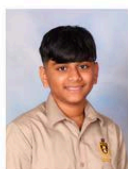
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Lloyd, Te Uranga



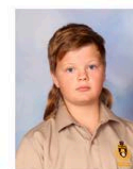
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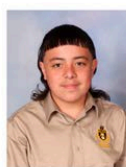
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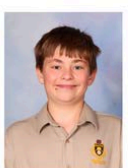
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Guest, Anthony



Herrick, Corey



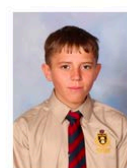
Ryan, Oliver



Tamiau, Nizzaan



Tausisi, Liam



Thomas, Luke



Titoko-O'Brien, Perez



Wyllie, Kyan

We wish our boys a happy holiday, and would like to thank you for your support so far this year in the beginning of your son's journey here at Rotorua Boys' High School.

Your Deans,
Mrs A. Hay & Mr J. Te Huia

YEAR 10 DEAN'S REPORT



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Tēnā koutou,

As we approach the halfway mark of 2024, our Year 10 boys have been very involved in their sporting, cultural, and academic pursuits. They've excelled on the sports field, showcased their talents in various cultural events, and demonstrated commitment in their academic studies. In recent weeks, we've had traditional sports exchanges with Tauranga Boys' College and Gisborne Boys' High School, Hastings Boys High school all featuring some of our talented Year 10 athletes.

In Super 8 Golf, talented student Kevin Bang placed 1st equal for the John Manihera Trophy, showcasing his exceptional Golfing talent.



We had a couple of Year 10 bands perform at the Bay of Plenty regionals for Rock Quest at the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre.

Vocalists Te Kahurangi George and Tu Maurirere Daniels-White from one of our year 10 bands "K2MB" received the best Vocals Award which is an awesome achievement for these young men.

"Rau Huia" also won the best song award for their new song "Summer Vibes".

Additionally, we had 6 Year 10 boys represent "Raukura Kapa Haka" at the National Secondary schools kapa haka competition held in Nelson, placing 6th in the entire country.

Awesome achievement from Whetumatarau Pewhairangi, Te Kahurangi George, Taiaho Huia, Maihi Tangitu, Nicholas Te Wake and Marcell Reihana-Barrett.



A huge mihi to the following boys who still have 100% attendance for the year so far.

Ngā mihi to all our talented Year 10 boys who have been out and about this winter, we wish our boys a happy holiday and thank you for your support this year as your son continues his journey at Rotorua Boys' High School.

Your Deans,
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YEAR 11 DEAN'S REPORT



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Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we come to the close of our second term, I would like to wish all Year 11 students and their whānau a restful holiday. It has been a busy term, one which has been plagued with winter bugs and illnesses. A timely reminder that attendance is a key component to the recipe of success.

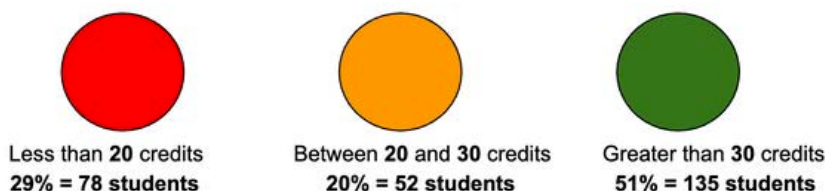
Let's move forward for the remainder of the school year and strive for 100% attendance.

NCEA is a very demanding programme and with this being our first year in this journey, we want to ensure your son has all opportunities available to him in order to succeed.

Should a situation arise where your son cannot attend school, we would appreciate a call or email justifying your son's absence. If your son is not attending school then contact will be made in regards to this. If you need to discuss anything with me please send an email to cbekar@rbhs.school.nz or you can call my office on 3486169 ext 219.

Traffic Light Update

At this point in the year, I would expect most students to have been offered approximately 20 or more credits. The Year 11 traffic lights look like the following:
1 young man has obtained his NCEA Level 1



To help support our Year 11 students in their journey through NCEA, we offer after school Academic support through Te Honoa Toi. It is a space that our young men find useful and beneficial to their learning.

With us now being at the half-way point of Year 11 and a number of students with less than 30 credits, this space is a good starting point for the students to utilise. Please read on to find out more.

Te Honoa Toi - Weaving Together - Academic Support

Te Honoa Toi runs after school from Monday through to Thursday from 3-4pm. This program is to support our students in their academic achievement. Deans facilitate this in the Library. Your son is welcome to attend these sessions for extra support, especially with this being his first year of NCEA. Milo and biscuits are offered as a refreshment to those students who come along to do some mahi. This will be particularly useful going forward for the remainder of the year as the workload of our Year 11 students becomes even more demanding. Details of staff and subject specialities are listed below.

Monday	Mr Makan/Ms Bekar	Careers /Maths
Tuesday	Mrs Aldridge	Maths
Wednesday	Mrs Hay/ Mr Te Huia	English/Physical Ed
Thursday	Mr Assen /Mr Naera	Accounting/Business

Student Highlights

Maui Old travelled and competed in the Torian Pro competition in Australia in May. He competed very well, finishing 4th overall in his age group. Kia kaha Maui! Keep up the fantastic work!

YEAR 11 DEAN'S REPORT

The following young men have attended school 100% of the year to date. Congratulations for your efforts:



Row 1 (L-R): Tristan Stewart, Tanav Gounder, Samuel Monk, Malcolm Morgan, Shubham Rawat
Row 2 (L-R): Chadwick Quiroga, Ohomairangi Wharepapa, Bayley Hopkins, Kopa Manahi, Joseph McCurdy.
Row 3 (L-R): Nga Tapiri o Rehua Hill-Wilson.

The following young men are consistently scoring on average 4+ on their fortnightly reports in 2024 so far. Well done and keep up the momentum moving forward into the second half of the year.



Row 1 (L-R): Tristan Stewart, Elliott Crimp, Samuel Monk, Marino Boynton-Rata, Tawa Thomas.
Row 2 (L-R): Kal-Ei Hetaraka-Ngauora, Te Ariki Rogers, Bayley Hopkins, Joseph McCurdy, Hareteimana Ehau.
Row 3 (L-R): Te Hei Iti-White, Tawhiri Le Comte-Hepburn, Wepiha Webster, Tevita Lua.

Ngā mihi nui Ms C.Bekar

“He tini ngā whetū e kore e ngaro i te kapua iti”
“Many stars cannot be concealed by a small cloud”

YEAR 12 DEAN'S REPORT



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Tēnā koutou kātoa,

As Term Two comes to an end, we look back and reflect on a successful term where our Year 12 students are getting amongst the fun and flying our Rotorua Boys' High School flag high and proud.

We have had a number of students participate in some exciting adventures and activities worth mentioning as we head into a term where academic studies will become more of a focus as we prepare for Prelim. exams.

One of the highlights included 2 of our young men attending the Spirit of Adventure Outward Bound experience. Luke Gifford and Zeon Hetherington grasped the opportunity to sail between Great Barrier Island and Kawau Island, whilst gaining a multitude of incredible life skills. They got to meet new friends from all around the country whilst experiencing the true beauty New Zealand has to offer.

Both boys had an amazing time and cannot speak more highly of the experience and would undoubtedly recommend it to others. Our school offers some funding toward the voyage, which is awesome for our young men.

Congratulations also go to a number of our Year 12 in the sporting arena. So many of our boys compete in a variety of codes and I commend all of you who commit their time and energy to many sporting endeavours week in week out.

Hunter Nepia continues to impress in Cross-Fit and was recently selected to compete in the World Crossfit championship in America, after his impressive third placing for his age group in the Torian Pro, which is Oceania's Premier Cross-Fit event. Hunter heads off to America in August to compete and is currently ranked 22nd in the world for his age group. Good Luck Hunter!!



Over King's birthday weekend, Harman Preet Singh was named in the Mens 'A' New Zealand Indian Hockey tournament team, as the only representative from the Bay of Plenty. Well done Harman Preet!



YEAR 12 DEAN'S REPORT

Congratulations also go to our young men, who are keeping themselves busy in a number of aspects of Performing Arts.

At the Smokefree Rockquest our Year 12 band took to the stage and impressed their audience. Well done to Ranui Gibson, Toby James, Tyler Houkamau-Peina and Basti Remaldora.



Many of our Year 12 students also competed in the 'Big Sing' in Tauranga, in June and performed to an audience who gave them a standing ovation following their emphatic performance.

The school was also lucky enough to watch them perform at our recent assembly. Amazing talent boys, and I look forward to many of you taking part in the school production Jersey Boys next term.

Congratulations to Manaia Christiansen, Harry Tamblyn, Toby James, Basti Remaldora, Tawhai Tamepo, Waahangateranginui Downes Josh Brown and Wayne Boynton-Rata,

YEAR 12 DEAN'S REPORT

Attendance

The following young men have continued to maintain their 100% attendance rate so far this year: Lopeti Taufeulungaki, Rhys Elliott, Ajmal Jamlulla Shariff, Jeremy Lin, Harman Preet Singh, Isileli Tuutafaiva and Hunter Weaver.

Our Year 12 weekly 100% attendance winners for this term have been Josh Brown, Mahammed Buksh, Gabriel Khan, Jaxon Graham, Rauparaha Peni, and Trey Sayers. Regular attendance (90%+) winners have been Te Rangi Pumamao-Herewini, Isileli Tuutafaiva, Jabin Galindo and Joshua Mo'onia all receiving canteen vouchers or other prizes for their efforts. Well done boys

If our Year 12 are to achieve their Level 2, regular attendance is crucial. Of the boys who did not pass last year, all of them had attendance rates of less than 70%.

Academic

Our senior students have only one full term left of the year. This will mean that as a Level 2 student aiming to gain a minimum of 60 credits to pass the year, our young men need to be aiming to have gained 38 credits by the end of this term to be on track to pass.

Having conversations at home around credits and subjects is an important step to help our young men reflect on their progress and adjust goals to help keep them focussed as they head into Term 3.

Using fortnightly reports is a great way to keep on track and make contact with any teachers if you have any concerns. Likewise, I am happy to help in these discussions, as well as your son's House Group Tutor. Last year Year 12 boys who attained their NCEA Level 2 at Excellence were averaging above 4 in both Attitude to Learning and Task Completion and their attendance rates were up in the high 80s. Please encourage your young men to aim for scores above 3 to give themselves the best chance of gaining their Level 2.

Opportunities outside the classroom also include Gateway and other work experience. Our Google Classroom often promotes these opportunities for boys to get out into the workforce. Our Pathways faculty can help with making this happen.

Logan Peddle is one such student, who has embraced the opportunity to attend the upcoming Career Week visit to PIHMS, the Leading Institution in Business Management within the hotel industry, where he will get the opportunity to stay at the hotel campus and find out what it has to offer.

Have a fabulous break boys and take time at this important stage of the year to reflect on your goals for the remainder of the year.

"Surround yourself only with people who are going to take you higher"

Think big and go bigger. The path to success is never easy and never alone- pick the team that will play on your side!

Ngā mihi,
Ms K.Aldridge



YEAR 13 DEAN'S REPORT



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Tēnā koutou katoa,

Greetings to all our Year 13 Raukura whānau.

As we near the end of Term 2, I would like to reflect on what has been an extremely busy period, filled with a heavy academic workload, cultural activities, and sporting events. I would like to take this moment to congratulate all students for taking opportunities and actively participating in their final year of school with us.

Term 3 will not get any easier for our boys, so they should take the opportunity over the holidays to recharge and get ready to do it all again in Term 3!

This is a timely reminder that the end of the year is very near for our Year 13 boys, and future pathway planning is well underway. Whether it be tertiary education, apprenticeships, employment, scholarships, etc., there are many options and opportunities for our boys to consider for next year, with most programmes now open for applications.

Students need to ensure they remain engaged with our Year 13 Cohort Google Classroom so they do not miss out on any opportunities.

Maintaining their time management skills and punctuality in all aspects of their lives is essential. These skills will prepare them for a positive future and serve them well in the world beyond school. As we move into Term 3, let's strive for excellence in academics and attendance, finishing the year on a positive note.

Traffic Light Update:

Now that we are more than halfway through the academic year, students should all be making good progress towards their academic goals. Remember, you need to achieve 60 NCEA Level 3 credits this year, on top of the 20 credits rolled over from last year.

Don't forget about University Literacy requirements – 5 reading and 5 writing credits across various subjects.

Students aiming for tertiary education need 14 credits from 3 University-approved subjects. If unsure about progress, talk to your house group tutor or myself.

I would like to encourage those that may not currently be thinking about tertiary education to still aim towards this qualification. Life plans can change! Having UE gives you the option to pursue university studies later in life if you decide you want to. Without it, you might have to take additional courses to qualify.



Red Zone – Less with X20 Credits = 29.1% of the cohort

Amber Zone – X21 to X29 Credits = 23.13% of the cohort

Green Zone – Greater than X30- Credits = 47.7% of the cohort

Attendance:

It is essential for all students to adhere to the Ministry of Education's guidelines regarding "regular attendance," which stipulate that students must attend at least 90% of the time. At present, only 40% of students in our cohort meet this requirement. We encourage each and every one of you to rise to this challenge and strive for optimal attendance. Remember, being present plays a crucial role in your academic success.

Student Highlights:

While we have had many amazing student achievements over the past term, I would like to take this opportunity to give special recognition to Tavita Pomale, who was selected for the New Zealand Māori Under 17 Rugby League Team. This is an incredible accomplishment and we are all very proud of you. You have a very bright future ahead!



Ngā mihi, Mr C.Makan

NEWS & FACULTIES

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

It has continued to be a very busy term. We have had a couple of awesome highlights since the last newsletter.

Our Raukura Choir competed at the Regional Waikato / Bay of Plenty Big Sing competition recently.

It was a fantastic experience for our young choir and the boys really stepped up on the day with a great performance.

Raukura Choir came away with the "Best Performance of a Piece in Te Reo" award which was jointly shared with Rotorua Girls High School. We also were awarded the Best Audience Impact award.

After our performance, the audience gave a full standing ovation which was definitely a first that I have seen at the Big Sing in 10 year of our choir competing.

It was a great day and the boys have really stepped up. This particular choir has real potential and we look forward to seeing what this group can achieve in the future.

We also recently had the Rotorua / Taupō Regional Rockquest Finals. It was another awesome night and we had five boys competing in this event. While none of our bands placed in the top 3 we did receive some good prizes.

Vocalists Te Kahurangi George and Tu Maurirere Daniels-White from one of our year 10 bands "K2MB" received the best Vocals Award.

Oskar Hay, drummer from our Year 9 Band "Echo Avenue" won the Best Musicianship Award.

"Rau Huia" won the best song award for their new song "Summer Vibes".

Really proud of the boys and their efforts with Rockquest this year, and while none of the bands hit the heights of Rau Huia attending the National Final in 2023 - the future is very bright and I feel big results will come in the coming years.

In the Solo/Duo category Toby James in Year 12 has teamed up with Nikau Grace-Chater from RGHS and they have made the next round of this part of the competition and we look forward to seeing their results in the coming months. All the best Toby and Nikau!

Now we look forward to putting a lot of our energy into **Jersey Boys** and we have a full week of holiday rehearsals to refine all of the dancing, singing and acting skills ready for opening night on 23 August.

Make sure you get your tickets online on the school website.



Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te tau

Celebrate the rising of Matariki
Celebrate the rising of the lord of the sky
Celebrate the rising of the new year

A time of reflection, remembrance, and renewal. Matariki is celebrated with various customs and traditions, emphasising the importance of family, community, and the natural world. The rising of the Matariki star cluster marks the beginning of this special time, which includes acknowledging those who have passed, celebrating the present, and looking forward to the future.

Our students continue to strive in their many undertakings, demonstrating dedication and enthusiasm in all they do. From the very first term of the school year to this present time, their commitment has been unwavering. It is truly fulfilling to witness the multitude of school activities and events that enrich our school community. Each event, each achievement, and each effort adds to the vibrant tapestry of our shared journey.

National Secondary Kapa Haka Competition 2024

Our Raukura Kapa Haka travelled to Whakatū (Nelson) to compete in the National Secondary Kapa Haka Competition. The competition was held over a week, including the final day held on Matariki. They delivered a great performance on the first day in their pool and secured a spot in the Top 9.

Pool C results are as follows:

- Kākahu (Costume): 1st = Ruātoki/TKKM o Māngere/Te Maurea Whiritoi
- Manukura Wahine (Female Leader): 2nd = Raukura & Ruātoki
- Manukura Tāne (Male Leader): 1st Raukura
- Waiata Tira (Choral): 1st = Raukura/Ruātoki/Whiritoi/Uamairangi/Te Tira Whakaau
- Whakaeke (Entry): 1st = NKKM o Te Puku/Te Maurea Whiritoi
- Mōteatea (Traditional Chant): NKKM o Te Puku
- Waiata ā-Ringa (Action Song): 1st Raukura
- Poi: 1st Raukura
- Mau Rākau (Weaponry): 1st Tupuranga
- Haka: 1st Te Maurea Whiritoi/Uamairangi, 3rd Raukura
- Wātea (Exit): 1st Raukura
- Mita Reo (Elocution of language): 1st = Te Puku/Raukura/Te Maurea Whiritoi
- Overall Pool Result: 1st Raukura; 2nd Te Maurea Whiritoi; 3rd NKKM o te Puku

It was a tough competition, and all groups were exceptional! Raukura Proud!

Special mention to Matua Jamus, Matua Michael, Whaea Rie and Whaea Talitha for their exceptional leadership and guidance in leading and preparing the group.



Raukura Kapa Haka 2024 - Photo credit Whaea Rie Morris

Pō Matariki

Matariki is a time to share, to acknowledge, and to celebrate together as whānau.

Preparations are underway for our sixth Pō Matariki. It will be held on Thursday 25 July, 5pm, first week of term 3 in our War Memorial Hall. It is an evening full of moving performances by our young men - your sons, grandsons, and nephews.

There will be tributes, performances, an interactive activity, kai for sale, and it is only a gold coin donation at the door.

It will be an enlightening, captivating and enthralling evening, so do join us! Nau mai rā!



Another great term done and dusted!

Thank you all for your support, e te whānau.

Ngā manaakitanga ki a koutou!
Nā ngā Pouako o Te Whare o Raukura.



Tupu Manuia Study Space

Tupu Manuia resumes Week 4 of this term and we look forward to working with students in this study space again.

Tupu Manuia is an after school study space where our boys can gain extra academic support from Whāea Magdalene Woodhouse, Mr James Magatogia and Miss Suitenesa Falanai.

It will be held every Wednesday from 3pm-4pm in L4 from week 4 Term 1 onwards. All students from Year 9 to Year 13 are welcome to attend.

For more information please join our Google Classroom - code: ruq57or and/or our Facebook group page: Tama Pasifika 2024

Ms M Woodhouse
Tupu Manuia Study Space Manager



For any updates regarding Tama Pasifika Facebook Group Page (Tama Pasifika 2024) and/or our Google Classroom (Code: ruq57or).

Fakafetai lahi lele. Ke fakamanuia koutou i te alofa o te Atua.

Ms S Falana'i & Ms N Setu-Galo
TIC Tama Pasifika



On Wednesday, June 26th, 2024, we hosted our annual School Market Day, featuring enthusiastic participation from both our Year 11 Commerce class and Year 12 Business Studies class.

Students offered a wide variety of treats, ranging from delicious sweets like brownies, cookies, and pancakes to savoury delights such as hot dogs, chips, and pies. The standout favourite was the immensely popular 'Mussel Madness' stand, where students sold Pāua, Whitebait, and Mussel fritters.

The objective of Market Day was for our students to plan and execute a real-life business simulation, guiding them through the entire process from ideation to execution. We're thrilled to report that most of the stands sold out, and all the profits went directly to the students. The event provided an invaluable hands-on learning experience, teaching them crucial skills in entrepreneurship and business management.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the event, especially our dedicated maintenance staff who helped set up and pack down the stalls.

The success of the day wouldn't have been possible without the collaborative efforts of our school community. Thank you Raukura!

11 Commerce Trip to ZORB Rotorua

On Wednesday, June 19th, our Year 11 Commerce class went on an educational trip to ZORB Rotorua. The primary objective of this excursion was to apply business concepts learnt in class in relation to their internal and external assessments.

The day commenced with a talk from Andrew Akers, the original owner and inventor of ZORB. He provided the students with the history and background of the company.

Following the presentation, the students engaged in a Q&A session, keen to explore how ZORB sets and reviews its prices.

They also investigated the various factors influencing pricing decisions and how ZORB caters to its diverse stakeholders.

This interactive session offered invaluable insights into real-world business operations.



Of course, the day wasn't all work and no play. The students had the exciting opportunity to experience the unique services ZORB offers.

They enjoyed a thrilling time trying out the different ZORB tracks and relaxing in the hot spas, making for a perfect blend of learning and fun.

A big thank you goes to Mark Enright for his unwavering support throughout the trip, and to the incredible staff at ZORB who made the day truly unforgettable.

This hands-on experience was not only educational but also immensely enjoyable, providing our students with a memorable and practical understanding of key business concepts.

A Spotlight on Y9 English

Kia ora e te whānau,

This term our Y9s have used language features to develop descriptive pieces about their Tūrangawaewae (a place to stand). Each student chose a place they feel a sense of identity and belonging, a place with a special connection.

Enjoy a sample of our talented Year 9 Turangawaewae writing!

Ngā mihi nui,
The English Team

My Tūrangawaewae - Shan
Way down the pacific
Under the southern cross
Looking at the long white clouds

Looking at the long white clouds
Standing on my land
Knowing that my ancestors were once here

I know I have found my land
It's a place of belonging
I stand here, the place of my birth
It's where my family and my heart reside

It feels like home
Where my body is able to recharge
Where me and my family are able to come
whenever
This is our tūrangawaewae

When I'm older I want my family to know that,
that's where I come from
And that's where they are from
And they know that it's their home

Turangawaewae - Ryan Squibb

While I am in the land of the long white cloud, I am somewhere in this vast and beautiful country. I stand atop a Mountain in the small city of Rotorua and gaze upon the gorgeous great city that is so gracious. I'm so grateful to be here.

As I look around I see the cars and trucks driving across the town like ants in a colony. I lay back and let the wind wash over me, and I can feel the soft grass brushing against my clothes, I stop and listen to the wind howl and rest. I feel so grateful to be here.

Now that I'm here taking pictures with my family, I laugh with them and relive my moment's happily. The air up here may be extremely thin, but up here I always feel different within. I'm so grateful to be here.

Just thinking about this place gives me a tingle and a shiver goes down my spine, but now that I'm up here and I take a look around I realize that everything looks so divine. I'm so grateful to be here.

I just feel so calm and relaxed, as if everything I was worrying about solved itself. This is my home, my place, this is where I stand. I am grateful to be here.

Tūrangawaewae Poem

By Josh Roberts 9 Rata



Mum is like a dove, so full of love.
She is loving and caring, amazing and kind.
And even when she's mad, she loves me in her mind.
Her love is like the sun, never ending, and shining down on me.

Dad is like a cave, protectful and sheltering.
Like a ten tonne digger, he works hard so we can have dinner.
He is helpful and caring, brave and daring.
He could be a comedian with his great jokes.

My house is comfortable and warm.
Sheltering and protectful, it withstands every storm.
Without my else I would be frozen and miserable.
I would be drenched and have frostbite, now that would be dull
My house is like the atmosphere, protecting me from everything.

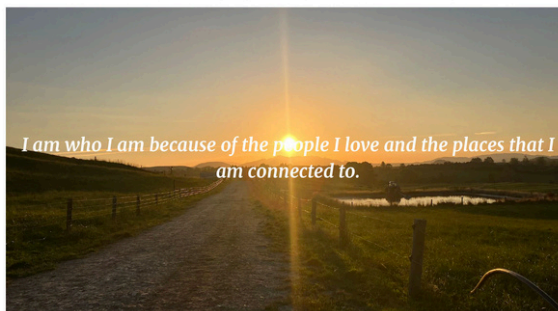
Mount Tarawera towers over us like a skyscraper.
A dormant volcano, it's a sleeping warrior.
Covered in trees, so full of life.
Remembering its last eruption, one 1886 night.

Lake Rerewhakaaitu, as smooth as a mirror.
A great place to swim, or if you're a hunter or fisher.
Spending hours there all summer, but in winter it's a tundra.
It's where I belong, and I could stay there all day long.

Riding my bike makes me feel like a bird.
Speeding down the farm track, zooming past the cow herd.
I skid and I jump, my suspension absorbing every bump.
It's something I like, riding my bike.

My friend is reliable and helpful.
Like a comedian, he makes me laugh.
Like a dog, he's loyal and always there for me.

My school is like a neighbourhood, everyone helps each other.
It is as busy as Auckland, full of life.
Where people learn and train.
From this school came heroes and men of fame.



MATHEMATICS

At the start of this term we assessed all of our Year 11 boys on the new "Explore data using a statistical enquiry process" unit. This was a big learning curve for all as it was our first attempt at the new standard which has been introduced in the new NCEA Level 1 program. Our student rose to the challenge and it was pleasing to be able to award the first 5 credits of the year.

With this cohort, we then shifted our focus onto our second Internal Assessment, "Use mathematical methods to explore problems that relate to life in Aotearoa New Zealand or the Pacific."

This unit encompasses aspects of Number, Geometry, Measurement, and Algebra. Assessment for this unit will be conducted through a contextual task scheduled for a few weeks into term 3.

So far they all seem to be enjoying the change of focus away from statistics onto more traditional maths skills such as Pythagoras.



NUMERACY

During weeks 4 and 5 of this term, a significant number of students from Years 9 to 12 participated in the first round of this year's Numeracy Common Assessment Activity (CAA). The atmosphere in the exam was positive and the students seemed to be well prepared and happy with the assessment. The attendance was also excellent and we would like to thank all the parents who supported us in ensuring the students turned up at the right time on the right day. Results for this External Assessment will be released next term.

Another opportunity for students to attain the essential 10 Numeracy credits required for Level 1 will be available during weeks 8 and 9 of Term 3. Currently our plan is that all Year 10, 11 and 12 students who do not yet have their Numeracy corequisite, in addition to any nominated Year 9's, will be entered. Details will be shared with those students nearer the time.

Throughout their allocated Numeracy hours this term, students have been given the opportunity to engage in either foundational skill reinforcement through Back to Basics sessions or preparatory exercises aimed at familiarising them with the types of questions featured in the CAA.

During one such Numeracy session, some Year 9 and 10 students ventured outdoors to conduct measurements of their shot put throws using varying weights. This practical activity facilitated hands-on measurement exercises, with the data collected being used for the calculation of averages.

One great way to support the use of practical Numeracy at home is getting boys involved with food shopping and cooking. Comparing prices in local supermarkets for the ingredients for a recipe for the whanau can be a great way to see how discounts and promotions apply in a real life scenario.

Recipes often need to be scaled up or down as well, which is great practice of ratios.

Technology - Engineering Academy (3ENT)

2024 Take home project:

In this year's Engineering Academy our students have been making their own pizza oven as their take home project. Each pizza oven is double skinned and insulated for fire safety and comes with their own fire bricks to cook on. The rear of the oven is where we tend to the fire which we need to have the fire bricks at 350 degree celsius.

Matariki - Pizza Day:

With this being the period of Matariki we took the opportunity to come together as a class and use our pizza ovens for the first time. We shared in kai and took the opportunity to refocus for the new year ahead and the rest of the year. As individuals the students were able to think about what is next for them and what they need to do to be successful in 3ENT.

Thank you to our on school catering team for supplying the ingredients and to Mr Elers for preparing the bases from scratch, our ingredients and organising the afternoon.



FOOD & HOSPITALITY

Food and Hospitality

Term 2 has been extremely busy for the department. We were privileged to have had an informative presentation from Renee Coleman from the Pacific International Hotel Management School. We were also lucky to have Dharmesh Joshi also come along, who is the Pullman Rotorua Hotel's Operation Manager. Whom imparted valuable knowledge about what's involved in working within the industry.

Students have been busy in class working on course material and completing units that are assessed internally throughout the year. They have also needed to complete online assessments that have been posted. In order to progress with keep up to date with the content that is being shared and taught.



We also had two of our hospitality students travel to Rutherford College in Auckland to compete in a culinary competition called "Battle of the Pans". The competition was run by Service IQ which is our subjects industry training organization. Our students competed in a selection of classes and Dayton Kidwell claimed the title, Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Cooking Champion for 2024.

The Level 3 students have planned, prepared and cooked a hangi this term. This has been done using the geothermal steam that our region is famous for. It was a great way for them to also celebrate Matariki and they shared the hāngī they made with others.

This aligns with our Raukura values and shows great manaakitanga. Another wonderful event that kaiako from Raukura got to experience this term was a wonderful hākari prepared with the help of Kārena and Kasey Bird from Master Chef. At our Matariki Teachers Only Day held in Maketū. There was plenty of knowledge shared on the day which we look forward to sharing with our students.



SCIENCE

Level 2 BIO visit to Maketū

During the past few weeks Mr Carroll and Miss Russell took a class full of our budding year 12 Biologists to Maketū to explore adaptation and species distribution as part of the Rocky shore unit. The weather on the day was absolutely perfect and our boys enjoyed getting outside of the classroom to explore the organisms that call Maketū home at such a relevant and historic site to the Te Arawa people.

It wouldn't be a trip to Maketū without a taste of the world famous Maketū pie which our boys quickly sold out the local store of. We look forward to bringing next years cohort here to expand on the work we started in 2024.



EPRO 8 - Engineering Competition

This term we had a junior and senior team participating in the regional EPRO 8 competition that was held in Western Height High School on the 12th of June.

Epro 8 is an Engineering and Science competition, where students have to build several challenges including automated roller coasters, washing machines, scooters and more.

Both our teams ended up in third place for this local competition that also had representation from Lakes, Western Heights, JPC and Whakatāne High Schools.

The Junior team will represent our school in the semi-finals that will be held in Hamilton on the 3rd of July.



Junior Team Members
Loki Bladwin (Year 9)
Lorne Mudie (Year 9)
Logan Pook (Year 10)
Olly Pook (Year 10)



Senior Team Members
Bayley Hopkins (Year 11)
Kieran Putt (Year 11)
Dean Richardson (Year 12)
Tristan Stewart (Year 11)

POLICE STUDIES

Two day Police Studies Intensive Camp

We had our combined two day intensive camp with RGHS on Monday 17th to 18th June. Great two days focusing on informal and formal interviewing processes based around a mock burglary.

We had Inspector and Area Commander Rotorua Police Station Herby Ngawhika (Board Chair) talk to the students.

Then Superintendent Inspector Tim Anderson BOP district commander also spoke to the students.

Allan from Scene of crime

Cognitive conditioning (PT Session) with Mr Enright was completed .

Day two focused on the formal interview and we completed a tour of the Rotorua Police station and kōrero from the delta dog division at the station.

In the afternoon Students completed their 10 minute formal interview of the suspects.

Big mihi and thank you to RGHS Police studies Teacher Mrs Katu and Mr Enright for your support on camp.

Also Graeme hill, Terri Simpkins and Lania Day at the Rotorua Police Station for your help facilitating the Tour of the station and police officers.



GATEWAY

The purpose of Gateway is to enable schools to give senior learners opportunities to access quality structured workplace learning that is integrated with school-based learning. Gateway provides valuable learning experiences and may lead to employment opportunities. Learners can achieve specific vocational skills and make significant progress towards industry recognised qualifications. Students who participate in these opportunities are better equipped to make informed decisions for their future.

A Gateway retail service workshop has been held with Service IQ and students have one more day of work experience to complete with The Warehouse and Woolworths stores. These students have had the opportunity to work on their employability skills and will gain credits towards their level 2 qualifications. Congratulations to Andy Whippy, Jayden Howe, Kupah Ipo, James Hapi, Slade Curtis, Gildeon Tagilala, Arran Farnden and Alizae McCarrison. Well done on making the most of this opportunity.

We have some exciting Gateway opportunities and Career Pathway events coming up in term 3.

These will include:

- Public, Social and Community
- Manufacturing, Construction and Infrastructure
- Sports, Recreation and Arts
- Crane Conference
- Job and Study Expo

Students will have the opportunity to visit local businesses, hear about career experiences from people who work in different sectors and have networking opportunities with employers and course providers. Students are welcome to arrange Gateway work experience placements through these business connections.

Once these events are advertised, students will need to register quickly in the Pathways Hub as spaces are limited.

A big thank you to Metalcraft Roofing, Hayes International, Patchell Industries and The Warehouse and Woolworths stores who continue to host our students on Gateway programmes, your support is most appreciated and we could not run this programme without you.

If you have a business and would like to partner with Rotorua Boys' High School to help students gain work experience please contact Angie Hine on 0211909272.

Any student wishing to register for Gateway can visit the Pathways Hub in C3 or email: ahine@rbhs.school.nz



LITERACY

Term two has been a busy time for our young men. The first Common Assessment Activity was held earlier this term. We had a total of 527 students engage in the Assessment Activity. There were a lot of nervous students, a lot of brave students, and a lot who came out of the Assessment Activity feeling very proud of themselves.

Our fifth literacy hour each week is certainly paying off in many ways. Students have learned how to read and analyse the questions they're being asked so they know how to formulate the answers. They have increased their reading stamina so they're not so daunted by the texts they're being asked to read.

One of the things we're trying to do both within the literacy hour and within standard English lessons, is learning through games. While there's a great range of online games, the tried and tested ones are often the best. Nothing beats a game of Hangman. At the beginning of the year many students didn't have the confidence to put themselves out there and put a word on the board. Now, we're being challenged to words like produce and character, and they don't even need our help to spell them. It's such a wonderful testament to how well the fifth hour is working for our students in a variety of ways.

Having exposed students to the questions, expectations, and skills to enter the Assessment Activity with confidence, we're going to be learning more technical skills in reading and writing. It's our aim to ensure students are not only equipped to find success in the CAA, but are well equipped to move to the next level of their education, and to have fun getting there.

One way you can support your son with reading at home is to utilise the advertising flyers and local newspapers that come in the post. Getting him to read you the latest local information, find the best deals, or even work out which item has the biggest discount are all great practices in reading for information. It is also a great way to engage in numeracy and literacy.

Belinda Robertson
CoL Literacy



HOSTEL

After a very busy term it is great to be able to acknowledge all of our Hostel Staff and Students for their efforts this term.

We had Matua Ariki and Matua Tama in Hawaii representing Te Whānau-a-Apanui Kapa Haka for two and a half weeks at Pacific Festival, Festpac.



Raukura Kapa Haka competed at the National Kapa Haka held in Nelson with Manaia Herbert, Tuwhakairiora Eruera, Maihi Tangitu, Nicolas Te Wake, Hukarere Panapa, Marcell Reihana-Barrett, Taiaho Huia.

Smokefree Rockquest with Taiaho Huia and Nicholas Te Wake in the band, Rua Huia winning Best Song Award.

Hostel Enrolments for 2025 have now closed.

Student Profile:

Name: Clay Simpson

Place of Birth: Tauranga

Year Level: Year 10

Sport: Hockey, Waterpolo

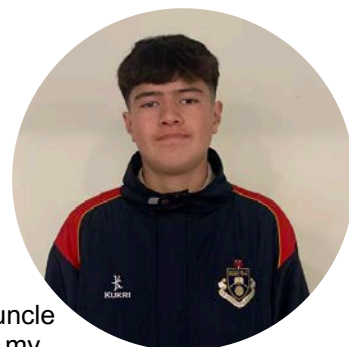
Favorite Sports Person: Michael Phelps.

Favorite Moment: As for me I enjoy diving, so when my uncle introduced scuba diving to me I thought it was mean! So my favorite moment would be trying scuba diving for the first time.

Goal for 2024: To pass the Year 10 Certificate with Excellence.

A message to Parents: Hi mum and dad im loving the hostel and what its providing, as I get to develop closer relationships with my peers and so on. Hostel also provides time for me to catch up on all the work that I'm falling behind on and if I'm struggling with anything I always know that there's a helping hand to encourage and push me through to pass the year.

A message for future Boarders: Just stay on track to becoming what you want to be and when it comes to it grab all the opportunities that are available to you



Staff Profile:

Name: Matua Tama Koopu

Place of Birth: Huntly

Attended what school: Te Wharekura o Rākaumangamanga

Teaching Position: Te Reo Māori

Coaching Position: : Rugby League and Kī-o-Rahi

Favorite Quote: "Tūwhitia te hopo, mairangatia te angitu" "Feel the fear and do it anyway"

Most memorable moment while teaching at Rotorua Boys': Watching Kees van der Heyden kick the winning goal against Tauranga in front of the whole school.



Pathways Newsletter #2 – Term 2

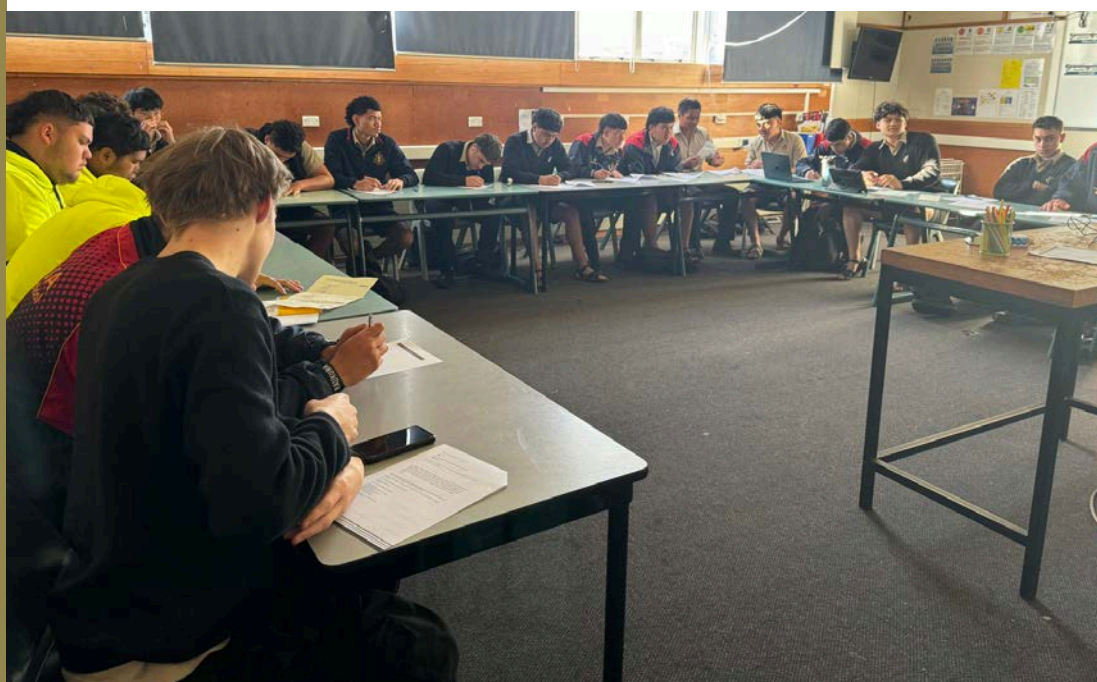
This term has been an exciting and busy one for our Pathways department. Our young men have had incredible opportunities to grow, gaining valuable knowledge and experiences that will help them make informed decisions about their future paths.

To support this kaupapa, we were fortunate to receive an Inzone Careers kiosk.



Inzone is an invaluable career resource that offers information, guidance, and support for career development and decision-making. The kiosk features a comprehensive database of career videos, providing insights into various professions. These videos often include individuals sharing their firsthand experiences in their chosen careers, making it a practical tool for our young men. This kiosk is open to all students and everyone is welcome to come and explore during their interval and lunch breaks. We must also give a big thank you to Inzone who kindly donated us this kiosk!

This term has also been busy for our drivers programme. We partnered with Moving Mountains New Zealand to help 17 boys obtain their learner licenses. This fantastic initiative has not only helped our young men get their licenses, but also made them safer on our roads. A huge thank you goes to Nouha Achmar-Tavita and her team at Moving Mountains for their incredible support.



PATHWAYS

We would also like to thank The Youth Initiatives team from ASB Bank who came in and gave all Year 13 Pathway Classes a presentation on financial literacy. These presentations covered topics such as borrowing, understanding good and bad debt, flattening costs, insurance, and other crucial aspects as students transition out of school. These lessons were very well received by our students and we are very thankful to the team at ASB!



It is vital for students to stay engaged with the Year Level Google Classrooms to keep track of important dates and updates. Many New Zealand universities have now opened their school leaver scholarships, and as new dates are announced, they will be updated on the Google Classrooms. Additionally, students and their families are encouraged to regularly visit the scholarships tab on the Money Hub website to stay informed.

By actively participating and staying informed, our students can fully utilise the opportunities and resources available to them during this important phase of their educational journey.



SPORTS NEWS

GOLF NEWS

On Tuesday 25 June seventeen members of the school golf team travelled to play in the John Manihera Golf Tournament held annually in Kawerau. In cold wet conditions the boys played well posting some good scores and as a result gaining top placings across all divisions.

Division 1 Gross competition.

Our top team, who secured 1st place at the Bay of Plenty Championships in March, again secured the top place in the gross with all three players shooting 3 over 74 to tie first in the individual gross. However it was defending champion Francis Lockwood who won the title from Kevin Bang and Harrison Beazley on count back. Taylor Beazley was also solid, finishing 4th with a score of 74.

In the stableford competition Kingston Maxwell finished 2nd adding to a fine 2024 season winning at the Māori Nationals and the Junior Lakeview championship. Lincoln Ropotini, Taylor Beazley, Americus Thompson, Makaioh Ioane and Brodie Nicholson also had top 8 finishes.

In the teams event Team Mathew Hulton took out the John Manihera memorial trophy with Lincoln Ropotini, Taylor Beazley, Americus Thompson and Kingdom Pitman the winning members.

We also took out 2nd place with the Danny Lee team consisting of Francis Lockwood, Kotoa Newton, Kingston Maxwell.



Kevin Bang continues to make excellent progress on his desired pathway as he features in phase two of New Zealand Golf development camps held at St Peters Cambridge on July 7 - 9 this term holidays.

He has been hot on the heels of some top place finishes with his runner up at the North Harbour strokeplay earning himself an official world ranking of 4700.

This also places him in the top 42 amateurs in the country which along with his world ranking gives him advantages for tournament selections.

Super Eight Exchanges

On June 6 we travelled to Tauranga Golf Club to take on Bay of Plenty rivals Tauranga Boys. Its always a good challenge to play on another team's home course, however we had some confidence as we played on the same course for the BOP championships. The players are very familiar with each other playing lots of golf in the region. The course was in good condition and the boys relished the opportunity to play on slick greens. There were some close matches but the team held out to win 7 points to 1.

On June 22, our Super eight squad faced off against Hamilton's BHS who accepted our invitation to an annual exchange. The matches were played at Rotorua Golf Club in mild conditions. The visitors got off to a solid start considering it was the first look at the course for a lot of them. The match points were pretty even at the turn with pairings up and down in the matches. However the home course advantage came to the fore for our playing group winning by a comfortable margin 7 points to 1.

Hastings boys who are developing their golf program brought up 8 players who had a mixture of ability in terms of established players and learners. For that reason we tried a new format of medal match play which allows the boys to play 18 holes keeping the number of wins and then totalling them with the entire team. Our top 4 players played off the stick whilst the second group played handicap. In windy and cold conditions the boys completed their games with the score coming in at 7.5 to .5 win to Rotorua Boys High.

It was great to see Nirai Raureti Mikaere, Lincoln Roptini Kingston Maxwell and Luke Thomas make their debut in school exchanges.



Raukura Basketball 'On the Step Up'

Senior Basketball

Senior A's Basketball has been plagued with illnesses and injuries with 4-6 players out for a majority of Term 2. Development 1 players have been called into our Senior A's Basketball team to cover this. Houkura Lloyd, Oakley Campbell, Hamuera Hodge, Jedd Heath, Brodee Hunter, Rupene Panoho-Hitaua and James Kapua-Brown have all stepped into our Senior A's Basketball team to fill the gaps left from illnesses and injuries throughout the term. With this opportunity, many of these students have shown they deserved to be in the Senior A's with their execution on offence and defence. This highlights the depth our Senior Development 1 has.

We went over to Tauranga with a shorthanded Senior team with a few Senior A players out with illnesses and injuries to compete in the Tauranga Exchange. The game was led by Xanda Marsters and his efficient scoring prowess. His scoring abilities attracted the Tauranga defence leaving opportunities for others to score as he drew a lot of help from the Tauranga defence. We won 82-75.

Term 2 has also seen the Senior A's participate in the Pukekohe E2 Roadshow tournament where they played against Tauranga Boys, Pukekohe, Mount Maunganui and St John's Hamilton Senior A's Basketball teams.

Vs Tauranga Boys 97-74 W

Vs Pukekohe 82-56 W

Vs Mount Maunganui 93-76 W

Vs St John's 98-62 W

In the Rotorua Men's Basketball League, our Senior A's are currently six wins from six games.



Senior Development Basketball

Our Senior Development 1 also competes in the Rotorua Basketball Association Men's League and currently have three wins from their six games which consist of two tight losses that could have gone either way. The Senior Development 1 team were also fortunate to travel to Taupō to compete against a Taupō Men's Invitational team and came away with a convincing 25+ point win.

Our Senior Development 2 team competes in the Rotorua Basketball Association Men's League Social Grade. They currently have five wins from six games.

Our Senior Development 3 team competes in the Rotorua Basketball Secondary Schools Senior League and has won two of their six games so far.

Junior Basketball

Our Junior Basketball season is under full stride with all our Junior teams competing in various Leagues and Competitions.

Junior A's

Our Junior A's have recently played their annual Tauranga Exchange fixture against Tauranga Boys College. We went down 90-97 but there were a lot of learnings and positives from this encounter. Going into the second half, we were down by 25 points, but we were able to claw back at Tauranga's lead bringing it within single digits. We pushed Tauranga but they were able to hold onto the lead.

Our Junior A's also play in the Tauranga Basketball Toi Ohomai Secondary Schools League and have won all 7 games by at least 30 points.

On Thursday nights, our Junior A's compete in the Rotorua Basketball League Senior Grade. So far we have played four Senior teams and won all four games.

Junior Development Basketball

Our Junior Development 1 and 2 Basketball teams are both competing in the Rotorua Basketball Junior League that takes place on Thursday night and both have had mixed results. Junior Development 1 compete in the Junior Premier grade and have won four of their five games so far. Junior Development 2 compete in the Junior B grade and have won five of their six games.



Raukura Basketball Junior League

The remaining Junior teams play on a Tuesday night in our Raukura Basketball Junior League. We currently have Year 9 Hooperz topping the standings with five wins from five games. They have some crafty ball handlers and decision makers inside their team leading their team to some tough victories. Within our Junior League, we are very fortunate to have a Rotorua Representative team compete against our teams for the past few weeks. Our Junior League will extend into Term 3 where there will be playoffs towards the end of the term.

What's Next?

We have a few tournaments coming up.

Our Senior A's have a Pukekohe Invitational tournament that takes place during the second weekend of the holidays.

Our Senior A's have the prestigious Super 8 Basketball tournament in Week 3 of Term 3. This year it takes place in Palmerston North.

Raukura Basketball Junior will continue to go during Term 3.

All Leagues our teams play in will continue in Term 3

We are also gearing up for an Australian Tour where our potential Senior A's for 2025 will get to play at the Australian Schoolboy Nationals in Gold Coast in December. There are 22 students and three coaches attending this.



Hastings Boys' High exchange 2024





Before Pūtaiao

The history of this site



Background

The site of this \$10million Pūtaiao Centre has had the most varied history of any part of the school's Pukutua St site.

Today the site is Crown land gifted by Ngāti Whakaue. Previously, it was a scrub-covered vacant site up until 1896, when it was surveyed by the Department of Lands and Survey. It was officially described as being 'Parts 1, 2, and 3 of Block LX in the Rotorua County of the Auckland Land District'. 'Part 1' was designated for use as a horse-grazing paddock, while 'Parts 2 and 3' (the Pūtaiao building stands on Part 3), was designated for railway purposes. The three sites adjoined each other but were never used for their designated purposes.

In the mid-1920s, initial steps were taken to find a permanent site for the school, which at that time was located on Pukeroa Hill. The school had moved from the original classroom at the Victoria Institute in Arawa St in August 1924. 'Parts 1 and 3' were identified as suitable for a new school and in March 1927, the Department of Lands and Survey combined these parts. They were officially redesignated for 'High School' purposes and on April 12, 1927, the foundation stone for the original part of the Rotorua High School building (now 'A Block') was laid by the Minister of Education, the Hon. R.A. Wright. It was not until 1934, however, that 'Part 2' was purchased by Rotorua High School's Board of Governors to complete the school site as it is today.

When the school was officially reopened on the Pukutua St site by Minister Wright on February 9, 1928, the quarry site was earmarked for a school swimming pool. In the meantime, trees and bushes were planted around the perimeter.

The Armoury and Rifle Range

The first building erected next to the quarry was the Cadet Battalion Armoury in 1929.

It was a long, L-shaped wooden building with a terracotta tile roof at the eastern end of the pit. The armoury served as the Cadet Battalion's headquarters and stored its munitions and other military training equipment.

In 1947, the first aerial photograph of the Pukutua St site was taken, the only known photograph showing the quarry. In 1948, the quarry was filled, the site levelled, and a small rifle range for the Cadet Battalion was built. However, it was condemned in 1949 for safety reasons.

In 1955, a large reinforced concrete rifle range was built for the Cadet Battalion. By this time, the quarry site had become a swimming pool and the wisdom of having a rifle range next to such a popular space was later questioned.

The facility was demolished in 1965 and a variety of native trees and bushes were planted in its place. That same year a new rifle range was built by the Parent-Teachers' Association on the site that is now home to Hahauterangi at Tai Mitchell Hostel.

The Quarry

Construction of the school's main building was completed in August 1927. For its construction, pumice excavated from the site of the current science building was mixed with concrete to construct A Block's original foundations and ground-floor walls. In the process of extracting the pumice, a sizable, deep hole was formed, and it would remain there for the next 20 years.

The Storage Facility

After the disbandment of Cadets at the school at the end of 1969, the armoury was used as storage for textbooks. All textbooks inside were lost when the building burnt down in the school's first major fire, during Term 3 in 1978. The cause of the fire was never discovered.

The Swimming Pool

A swimming pool was envisaged in 1928 but construction didn't start until 1953.

Costing £10,000, the pool was built on top of the former quarry and small rifle range sites. Designed by La Trobe Hill, the facility was named the 'Silver Jubilee Baths' to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the school's attainment of full High School status, which had been observed in 1952.

The Silver Jubilee Baths was unique amongst the secondary school swimming pools in New Zealand. The pool was a suspended structure surrounded by a walkway area below ground-level for access and maintenance purposes. It was originally supplied with hot geothermal water from a bore in Kuirau Park. The water first went into a large sunken holding tank between the pool and the armoury. From there, it was then originally sprayed over four tall, conical and perforated concrete cooling towers at the eastern end of the pool. These towers were intended to cool the water down before it entered the pool. However, these were not a success, and they were removed in the early 1960s.

On the northern side of the pool were the concrete changing rooms with a flat roof, used for the students' viewing purposes. A row of tiered seating was later added along its southern side for seated viewing. Stuccoed walls to match other school buildings surrounded the pool on its eastern, southern, and west-facing (front) sides.

The only access to the pool was in the front wall through a small entrance protected with a sliding iron gate. The walls surrounding the pool and the northern side of the changing

rooms were later topped with barbed wire to keep unauthorised swimmers out.

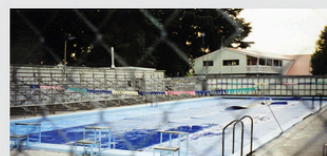
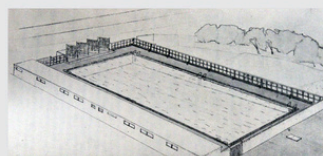
The Silver Jubilee Baths was opened in mid-1955, hosting its first school swimming sports on November 4 and 9 that year. For the next 39 years, it was the venue for all the school's water-based swimming and physical education activities. Swimming Sports, 1994 was the last held at the venue.

In 1988, the geothermal bore that supplied the Silver Jubilee Baths with hot water was closed by the Government. The pool was then converted to gas heating. By 1994 the Silver Jubilee Baths required significant upgrading, and with the well-established Aquatic Centre nearby it was decided to repurpose the site.

Most of the school's swimming activities were relocated to the Aquatic Centre by 1995, leaving the Te Arawa Swimming Club, which was originally established as the school's swimming club in 1932, as its last major user. The club ran its learn-to-swim classes and other swimming activities for the Rotorua community, at the Silver Jubilee Baths.

Silver Jubilee Baths Redevelopment

In a joint project between the school and the Te Arawa Swimming Club, it was decided in 1994 that the Silver Jubilee Baths would be redeveloped in four stages. Stages 1 and 2 started at the end of that year and involved fully enclosing the facility and a pool upgrade, which included a new floor and filtration system.





The curved roof, which resembled an airport hangar, extended over the pool and partially took in the changing rooms. It had been manufactured in Canada before being shipped to New Zealand for erection on-site. Large metal sliding doors at the front of the structure now provided access to the facility.

Stage 3 started mid-1995 and involved the upgrade of changing rooms and pool surrounds. These three stages were completed at a cost of \$275,000.

Unfortunately, the roof was not a success. Condensation became a problem and lighting was inadequate. By the early 2000s, pool maintenance costs were increasing and leaks in the pool were causing issues. In 2007 the Te Arawa Swimming Club decided to relocate its activities to the Aquatic Centre, marking the end of the facility's life. In 2008 the pool was emptied, and the Silver Jubilee Bath

In 2011, it was decided to demolish the former Silver Jubilee Baths. In early 2012, the science prefab was taken away, the storage sheds were taken down, the pool roof was disassembled and removed, and the changing rooms demolished. The rubble was used to back-fill the pool and the site was levelled.

The Jubilee Quadrangle

In 2013 a design for the site included a grassed quadrangle, named the 'Jubilee Quad' to commemorate its former purpose. Featuring intersecting cobbled pathways and two seats at its centre, the Jubilee Quad was transformed into an inviting space for the students.

Two commemorative trees were planted in the eastern and southern quarters of the Jubilee Quad. A Pohutukawa, gifted to the

school from retiring teacher and second-generation 'Old Girl' Mrs Dianne Moore, was planted in December 2014 to commemorate her 49 years (1965-2014) of service on the staff – the longest in the school's history. A second tree, a Ginkgo, was planted in 2017, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the school's association with Shiba High School in Japan. These trees were both relocated in 2019 to their current positions.

Pūtaiao Centre

It was decided to construct the Pūtaiao building on the Jubilee Quad rather than upgrade 'S Block', which had been the original intention more than a decade earlier.

last of the two Covid-19 lockdowns, that site clearance work could get underway. During this process the bottom of the old pool was briefly exposed, which unearthed remnants of the reinforced concrete foundations from the 1955-1965 rifle range.

The foundations for the building were laid in June 2022 and construction began in November. It was completed in late 2023.

The new Pūtaiao building is not only the school's third purpose-built facility for science since 1927, but now its most technologically advanced. It is also the school's most expensive building to have been constructed.

From originally being scrub-covered land in the 1800s, to a quarry formed when A Block was built in 1927, the site of an armoury, two rifle ranges, a swimming pool facility, a landscaped quadrangle, and now a modern teaching facility, the site certainly has an interesting – and definitely varied – history.



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