

Celebrating Sporting Excellence

Congratulations to the following students who participated and won the
Tamahine (Under 16 Girls) Maori Touch Nationals
which were held in Rotorua on 6 and 7 December 2014



Top left – Briana Cardon; top right – Kahlia Kiel
Bottom left – Siobahn Taute-Collier; Tayla Earle
Absent – Taryn Stone

Celebrating Academic Excellence

Congratulations to Kayla Kautai – 2014 Dux Ludorum

First	Digital Technology	Diligence	Business Enterprise
First	Mathematics	Diligence	Graphics
First	Physical Education and Health	Diligence	Social Studies
First	Science	Graduated with Excellence	





Across the Principal's Desk

Date: Friday, 12 December 2014

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou katoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations to all students who received awards at our Senior and Junior Academic prize- givings and thank you to families and whanau who supported these occasions.

Guest speakers at our senior prize giving were past pupils , **Tania Tapsell** (Rotorua's youngest City Councillor) "When I was 14 I was part of the city's Youth Council and since then I've sat on different youth councils, and been a member of various advisory groups and funding panels for the Ministry of Social Development and Ministry of Youth Development. That's given me good governance experience and also shown me the power of individuals to make change," and Tania Ngawhika (studying Law and Te Reo at Waikato University). Key messages from both speakers were the importance of honesty, integrity, hard work and loyalty, adding that while life takes you in different directions and keeps you apart, experience and history keeps you connected. " Find what you love, dream big, be happy and keep your sense of humour, be yourself and keep working hard". **Tania** also reminded the students that, " their friends are their future".

I agree that a sense of humour is highly valued - we seek it out in others and are proud to claim it in ourselves. We know that humour can help to diffuse negative emotions and is good for our wellbeing. We need to be careful, however, to use humour in a positive way, not as a negative. A good example of "bad humour" is put down humour. This aggressive type of humour is used to criticize and manipulate others through teasing, sarcasm and ridicule. Put-down humour, such as telling friends an embarrassing story about another friend, is a way to make others look bad so you look good. We are all exposed to this frequently through TV "sitcoms" – where generally someone is always being put down. We need to be aware of how the characters are getting their laughs so that we do not start to imitate their bad behaviours.

A good type of humour is "bonding humour". People who use this are fun to have around; they say amusing things, tell jokes, engage in witty banter and generally lighten the mood. These are the people who give humour a good name. They are perceived as warm, down-to earth and kind, good at reducing the tension in uncomfortable situations and able to laugh at their own faults. We admire someone who "doesn't take themselves too seriously". Someone with this outlook uses humour to

cope with challenges, taking a step back and laughing at the absurdities of everyday life. It is hard to stay anxious or hostile for long when you have this attitude.

Blessed is the person who can laugh at themselves, for they will never cease to be amused.

What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul.

If you are too busy to laugh, you are too busy!

The Senior Graduation dinner held on Wednesday 3 December at the Novotel Hotel marked a significant milestone for many of our students and their parents. A great night and it was an appropriate way to acknowledge our Year 13s. They have been an outstanding group of students who have set their own tradition of excellence and as such are a credit to this school, to their parents and to themselves.

All the best to our Year 13 students and other school leavers. Our hope is that you have gained during your time at RGHS, the qualifications, capabilities, attributes and values which will stand you in good stead, whatever the future might hold. Thank you also to parents, particularly those who will no longer have children at Rotorua Girls High School. Your support and contribution over several years is invaluable and the experiences our young people have had as a result have been richer because of your input.

Last week we celebrated a number of final House events under the current House names – Rangiuru, Hinemoa, Karenga and Rukuwai! Staff attended House breakfasts/dinners and on Tuesday we all celebrated Ka Hikitia Day followed by Top Town. These days provided a wonderful expression of community spirit. Well done to all the Houses for their leadership, participation and contribution to the overall success of these days.

As this is our last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank you for the support you have given your daughter(s) and the school over 2014. We love that 'relationships count' both within and outside the school. Never underestimate your value to us all or the important role you play in your daughters and our lives.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, we extend to all of our students, families and whanau every good wish for the festive season and trust you have a safe and enjoyable summer break. I urge you all to head into the busy festive season ahead embracing good humour in yourselves and others.
Ngā manaakitanga

A Gibbons

Ally Gibbons – Principal



**Meri kirihimete me ngā mihi o te tau hou
ki a koutou katoa**



Jazmin Henare – Guest Speaker at Junior Prize-giving

Kia Ora, whanau, friends, teachers, students and supporters. My name is **Jazmin Henare**, if you had not already pick up from my assuring introduction. I would like to thank you all for being in attendance today in order to celebrate alongside the young women who are to be congratulated for their success' throughout the junior sector of Rotorua Girls High School. With that I would also like to thank those who have allowed me to speak before you today and having the trust that I can deliver a well-made speech though I don't know this myself. Feel free to let me know how I went at the end.



So I stand here before you as a very proud soon to be ex-student of Rotorua Girls High School. A student who in-particular takes pride in saying that I come from here and to this day, ten days, exactly I continue to miss wearing the attire of our school and the legacies carried with it. This may sound typical to you but I am not your average cookie cutter student and did not begin my high school journey here, unfortunately. I made the big move at the beginning of last year, being a sixteen year old teenager craving different opportunities I found myself in the office of **Whaea Aramoana** with no clue as to what was in store but holding an understanding that this was right for me. A huge step in my eyes, especially at the time being someone motivated to live by structure without change. But my arrival was to be a good one. I knew that this opportunity gave me the power to

be someone else, to change my future pathways and invent someone I had once only dreamed to be. This is exactly what I did. By my second week at Rotorua Girls High School I was involved in two sporting groups, one cultural group as well as two other co-curricular groups and this was only to expand.

What I'm trying to get at is it is not too late. By this time I was in year 12 and only beginning to become immersed within my school community. You girls sit here at year 9 and 10 and this is only the starting point for you, so step out and begin to be the you that you want to be. Sometimes the universe guides you in directions which may be foreign to you at the time and un-predictable, but having the faith and courage in your choices can sometimes lead you to better opportunities and a life which at one time you could have never thought of. As a result of my decision to come to Rotorua Girls High School I became a prefect, chairperson of the SADD committee, deputy house captain, event organiser for the 2014 Year 13 Graduation, alongside a number of many opportunities I may have never had at my old school.

From this speech I want you all to remember that your present is currently writing your future. Every decision from here on out beginning with what you will do with your holiday's right to which subjects you will or have chosen for next year are all contributing factors to your future life. So I ask you to be careful with all decisions you make as they may be small now but hold big impacts for yourself in the future. Not to say you should move schools because you can't get any better than girls high. But to be wise with your decision making process' and ensure that the choices you agree to now will have the power to only benefit you.

For those of you who were at attention for even a moment of my speech, I hope you took something away from my gruelling attempt to motivate even one of you in this room. It was a pleasure standing here before you all today and I wish you all the best with your future endeavours.

Celebrating Academic Excellence

Australian Maths Competition Results for 2014

Congratulations to the following five students who achieved Credit Certificates as they were in the top 50% of participants in this competition recently:

Year 9: **Briana Cardon, Ariana Halley, Rawinia Te Whare**
Year 10: **Kayla Kautai**
Year 11: **Leah Stephenson**

Congratulations also to **Claudia Thomas** who achieved a Certificate of Distinction as she was placed in the top 15% of participants.

Strive Awards

Congratulations to the following junior students who have received a Deputy Principal's Strive Award as a result of their end of year report which is enclosed with this bulletin. Strive Awards are given to students who display overall excellence in their reports.

HINEMOA: H1 - **Te Waiwhakaataata Aorangi, Jashika Kumari, Zara Lyons, Marina McGarvey, Sharda Stacey, Mallory Walsh**; RG1 - **Jacynta Fowler, Ariana Halley, Mikusha Newick, Siobahn Taute-Collier**; H3 - **Bronte Brott-Packer, Ebony Church, Norma-Jean Eynon, Caylee Hackney, Sammy-Lee Haimona, Talia Henry, Aquatania Hill, Ngaire-Leigh Horne, Emma Julian-Brown, Elora Kelly, Dana Makiha, Rebecca Mason, Bailey McKenzie, Izaria Ransfield, Brittany Thompson, Mauwhare White**; RG3 - **Yunus Asby, Maraea Gourlay, Levius Hitchens-Chapman, Keighley Jones, Rose Smith, Sasha Zhukova**; RG4 - **Chantal Taare-George**.

KARENGA: K1 - **Juvilyn Heath, Natasha Kiff, Ngairi Rurehe, Tureke Rurehe, Iesha Thomas, Mysian-Breeze Tuhakaraina-Brown, Te Riri Williams, Amber Wolfgram**; RG1 - **Briana Cardon, Ashley Coleman, Tayla Earle, Virginia McIntyre, Jalyn Rolleston, Claudia Thomas**; K3 - **Liana Apiata, Raven Kyle Baruelo, Kalani Bosley, Maata Hamiora, Kimberly McPhee, Ariana Millin-White, Jaysariah Mischieski, Pia Padayhag, Te Ana Tamiana, Te Rawhakatau Tawa, Anahera Teinakore-Curtis, Shaniah Togatama, Chelsea Whareaitu**; RG3 - **Rangipurei Manley, Te Waiarangi Manley-Merito, Atawhai Ngatai, Chelsea Pita, Kirsten Purdie, Oriwa Tamahou**; RG4 - **Awatia Tamiana**.

RANGIURU: Ra1 - **Charnce Colbert, Te Aomania Grace-Paul, Rheily Graham, Tamzyn Taiepa, Mikaira Wells, Dejah Winikeri-Motu**; RG1 - **Brittany Coote, Angel Heta-Ngahuru, Marewa Taiepa Shields, Grace Watson**; Ra3 - **Jaylin Henry, Kaye Hinga, Verjion Morgan-Rangikataua, Kanii Reweti-Werahiko, Sina Simanu, Torerenui-A-Rua Te Pou, Monique Thornton, Ngawini Timoti, Dixie Yates-Francis**; RG3 - **Zoe Allison, Danielle Coote, Parekai Hodge, Kayla Kautai, Mairaatea Mohi, Georgia Perham, Alyssa Mae Pineda**; RG4 - **Veronica Bell, Manea Benioni, Gabriel Jordan**.

RUKUWAI: Rk1 - **Grace Dorman, Jayde Durham, Tyler Elia, Tamar Fitzgerald, Seona Healey Forde, Waikeri Leathers-Moke, Jahna Mare, Vaishali Morarji, Billie-Rose Morgan, Ana Nagera, Martine Ocangas**; RG1 - **Teina Cassidy, Fatima El Saka, Kahlia Kiel, Eden Large**; Rk3 - **Yaren Aydin**.

Kaimai-Rose Lee, Hannah Mareroa, Sejal Patel, Aleen Prakash, Marina Tahana-Beazley, Madison Te Aho, Tuta'I Te Rore-Hose, India Te Runa, Tunisia Wairua-Harpur, Manaia Witoko; RG3 - Jimmee Brass, Nadia Elers, Maeva Esposito, Eden Hepi, Sophie Jansonius, Dennise Lorilla, Billie-Jo Mareroa, Chloe Nicholls, Elsie Spiers.

Attendance for Term 4 2014

Congratulations to the **66** students below who achieved 100% attendance in Term 4.

HINEMOA : H1 - Te Waiwhakaataata Aorangi, Zara Lyons; H3 - Elora Kelly, Bailey McKenzie; RG3 - Yunus Asby, Rose Smith; H5 - Jordan Andrews, Chloe Bevin, Ana-Marie Conroy, Courtney Hodge, Greir Keach, Ashleigh Nairn, Grace Wilson; H6 - Priyal Jeram, Tauvai Tereroa, Soranan Wantoom; H8 - Kirsty Lickfold, Nathalie Macfarlane, Victoria Thompson, Kerenapu Winiata-Katting; H9 - Sumire Muto, Bernice Uale.

KARENGA: K1 - Natasha Kiff, Iesha Thomas, Mysian-Breeze Tuhakaraina-Brown; K5 - Emily Cooper, Shania Toe Toe, Zahli Tukapua; K6 - Chantelle Cobby, Emily Foggin, Savani Kannangara, Mikaela Kiff, Angel Porteous, Courtney Wiggins; K7 - Zoe Potter, Te Au Waiora Waaka; K8 - Tatiana Ruaiti; K9 - Lise-Ann Barrow, Jodie Clapperton, Leah Tihi.

RANGIURU: Ra1 - Matalena Rapana, Mikaira Wells; RG3 - Zoe Allison, Danielle Coote, Kayla Kautai; Ra3 - Monique Thornton; Ra7 - Monique Megha Dahya, Rachael Thompson; Ra8 - Grace Bassett; Ra9 - Briar Bayler, Paige Sullivan-Hona.

RUKUWAI: Rk1 - Jayde Durham; RG1 - Kristen Dickson; Rk3 - Marina Tahana-Beazley, Manaia Witoko; Rk6 - Judaea Newton-Te Riini, Chelsie Thomas; Rk8 - Nicole Haack, Ishanee Illangasinghe, Georgia Moberly, Jaedyn Robinson, Airi Takahashi, Hannah Thompson, Imogen Wara; Rk 9 - Courtney-Anne Anderson, Elizabeth Randle

Congratulations to the **93** students below who achieved 95%+ attendance in Term 4.

HINEMOA: H1 - Jashika Kumari, Maia Moeke; RG1 - Mikusha Newick; H3Norma-Jean Eynon, Ngaire-Leigh Horne, Harlem Pedersen, Izaria Ransfield; H5 - Kendall Brett, Michaela Cairns, Shannon McBride, Georgina McPhee, Katie Stevenson, Patrice Te Aho, Tiara Winsor-Ngamata; H6 - Caitlyn Kelly, Summer Tahau, Lichuan Williams-Kingi, Miharo Wilson; H8 - Cheyenne Church, Clelland Harper, Amber Kirk, Amber Prouse-Morris; H9 - Brittany McNee, Ngamoe Morgan.

KARENGA: K1 - Jaylee Newell, Tureke Rurehe, Sharmyn Skipper, Te Riri Williams, Amber Wolfgram; RG1 - Janet Avellano, Briana Cardon, Tayla Earle, Virginia McIntyre; K3 - Liana Apiata, Jaysariah Mischieski, Pia Padayhag; K5 - Leana Albert-Packer, Laura Castle-Mann, Sally Haslam, Awatea Leach, Stacey Maki, Jordyn Tereu, Aimee Wolfgram; K6 - Gabrielle Jones, Leah Stephenson; K7 - Kelsey-Rose Falwasser, Ashleigh Nathan, Aroha Oneroa, Carla Owen, Alvaretta Rakuraku-Foster; K8 - Maddison Ollington, Ada Te Kaawa; K9 - Shardae Chase, Paris Pene-Tata.

RANGIURU: Ra1 - Charnce Colbert, Rheily Graham, Kaycharn Paterson, Allannah Tapara, Dejah Winikeri-Motu; RG1 - Brittany Coote, Ocean Herewini, Marewa Taiepa Shields, Grace Watson; Ra3 - Jaylin Henry, Dixie Yates-Francis; Ra5 - Kiri Kora, Jennifer Rangi; Ra6 - Tehameamea Teroi -Vainerere ; Ra7 - Zeta Howden, Emma Winiata; Ra8 - Priyesheel Kumar, Rerewa Meha; Ra9 - Sydnee Koia, Samantha Moore

RUKUWAI: Rk1 - Savania Allen, Keleni Foliaki, Fern Goodman, Ana Nagera, Martine Ocangas, Ashanti Werahiko; RG1 - Fatima El Saka, Rawinia Te Whare; Rk3 - Caitlyn Eckersley; RG3 - Maeva Esposito, Sophie

Jansonius; Rk5 - Wednesday Rongo, Sophia Tai; Rk6 - Stacey Bird, Xianar Pike; Rk8 - Sydnee Murray, Anjeeya Patni, Holly Roberts, Fionnuala Wright.

Congratulations to the **98** students below who achieved between 90% and 95% attendance in Term 4.

HINEMOA: H1 - Marama Amoamo, Erana Edmonds, Nikita Henry, Te Raumawhitu Nawainilaga, Taryn Stone, Harmony Taare-George, Stevie Taramai, Mallory Walsh; RG1 - Tamzin Coffin, Ariana Halley, Siobahn Taute-Collier, Kahlia Kiel; H3 - Aquatania Hill, Dana Makiha, Brittany Thompson; H5 - Kerry Nygard, Shayla Ram, Rerehau Raponi, Jesse-Mae Waititi-Wilson, Te Rima Walker; H6 - Merenia Morgan, Amber Swan; H8 - Ema Mason, Chantelle Osborne-Galvin, Marie Poko; H9 - June Jones, Tayla Kereopa.

KARENGA: K1 - Juvilyn Heath, Hope Henare Wynyard, Kahurangi Kameta-Noanoa, Shikyra Mitchell, Reremoana Smith-Stevens, Kalisa Thompson, Justyce Walden, Ebony Warren; RG1 - Ashley Coleman, Holly Looijen, Jalyn Rolleston; K3 - Nirvana Heke, Anahera Teinakore - Curtis; RG3 - Chelsea Pita, Kirsten Purdie; RG4 - Awatia Tamiana; K5 - Te Aroha Hemi, Oriwia Rauwhero, Rilee Rehu, Paige Skipper, Mapihi Kahurangi Tini; K6 - Tiana Tait; K7 - Shaydean Campbell, Crystal Gunn, Claudia Walsh, Phoenix Winiata; K8 - Tylah Hamon, Shyanne McPhee; K9 - Sorrento Bockman Rurehe, Jouiwharde Heath.

RANGIURU: Ra1 - Te Aomania Grace-Paul, Emily London; Ra3 - Ngawini Timoti; Ra5 - Ngahina Heurea; Ra6 - Shakyra Helmich, Waiharakeke Ruha-Hiraka; Ra7 - Brie Kinita; Ra8 - Kanwarpreet Kaur Kahlon, Selai Rakulu, Jorja Waipouri; Ra9 - Sarah Dunn, Gabrielle Grattan, Kahurangi Mana, Pang Suwanaposee, Antoni Taare-George.

RUKUWAI: Rk1 - Waikeri Leathers-Moke, Jahna Mare, Billie-Rose Morgan; RG1 - Teina Cassidy, Kahlia Kiel; Rk3 - Yaren Aydin, Jade Gear, Kaimai-Rose Lee, Hannah Mareroa, Aleen Prakash, Zipporah Shipgood; Rk5 - Charlotte Courtney-Strachan, Te Wai Pounamu Hona-Paku, Anushka Janssen; Rk6 - Alisha Falwasser, Bianca Fitzell-Tollenaar, Shivani Singh; Rk8 - Ariana Bailey, Shyvaughn Capper, Yixin Chen, Rachael Laurenson, Te Aumihi Te Hiraka Hapeta, Tegan Thompson, Daryl Wiperi; Rk9 - Jurnee Hannah, Mihipeka McKenzie-Mason.

2014 University Graduates

Congratulations to the following 7 past students from Rotorua Girls High School who have graduated with tertiary qualifications in 2014. Our total of graduates in 2014 is now 43 (from Waikato and Victoria Universities)

From Waikato University:

Vikki Seaman	Bachelor of Business Analysis
Kirsty Peterson	Postgraduate Certificate in Accounting
Tammy-Lee Holmes	Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management
Adele Pedersen	Bachelor of Laws
Ploy Juekarun	Master of Applied Psychology
Kelly Ryan	Bachelor of Sport and Leisure Studies
Staffi Varghese	Bachelor of Science

KA HIKITIA DAY 2014

HINEMOA



Top Town 2014



EOTC Activities - Thursday 4 and Friday 5 December 2014

Day One: Swim and Movies



Laurelle Tamati and **Michelle Goeth** organised this day. There were 134 girls from years 9 and 10 who participated (49% of girls on roll). The weather was a bit cloudy and cold for swimming but everyone enjoyed the time spent relaxing and socialising outside of the regular school day.



Day Two

There were two trips offered on the Friday. A total of 108 girls participated (39% of roll).

Day Two: Blue Lake trip



Wai Morrison organised this day. 52 girls headed out to the Blue Lakes. They walked around the lake and were met back at the beach with the smell of food cooking. They enjoyed relaxing and swimming in the lake.

Day Two: Community Service Day



Kevin Heitia organised this day. Girls prepared biscuits and practised singing carols in the morning and then headed off to perform at the Cantabria Rest Home. Girls were moved by the joy that they brought to many of the residents of the Home.



Year 10 Students (20), attended a week-long course at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre



BYOD- E-Learning

Our BYOD policy was implemented at the beginning of this year, starting with our Year 9 students; the expectation being that all Year 9 students will have their own device. Having said this, many students in all year levels bring their devices and use them in the classroom. Students who have their own device have access to:

Information at their finger-tips for research purposes;

- Further explanations or clarification of topics
- Collaboration tools to work easily with peers at school and at home;
- More creative opportunities, including use of creative apps;

Digital files, as subjects are saved in folders or saved in other tools.

E- Learning Tools

APPS: Useful and Free

GOOGLE TRANSLATE



If you're studying a foreign language, this app is a must-have. With the ability to translate into dozens of languages, and audio pronunciation assistance, this is a wonderful resource for students.

IBOOKS



With a huge selection, you'll likely find any book assigned in English class on iBooks. Many textbooks are also available. Quizzes, videos, and other additional content is available to extend the learning process.

CYBERSAFETY

As a parent/caregiver cyberspace (the electronic medium of computer networks, in which online communication takes place) can be daunting. It is better to lean on the side of caution, we cannot assume that learners know everything on how to keep themselves safe on the web just because they know how to tweet or text. For information on cybersafety and digital citizenship check out neta.org.nz. There are also 18 tips to keep teenagers safe online here: <http://tinyurl.com/nxt4fel>

There are many factors that must be considered when using the internet, especially if downloading, uploading or sharing personal information is involved. For instance, many apps automatically reveal a

person's location when the app is being used. This can tell someone exactly where to find the person using the app.

Additionally, photos, videos, and comments made online usually cannot be taken back once they're posted. Even after a teen thinks something has been deleted, it can be impossible to completely erase it from the internet. Posting an inappropriate photo can damage someone's reputation in ways that may cause problems years later — such as when a potential employer does a background check. It could also be very hurtful to someone else and even taken as a threat.

Spending too much time on social media can be dispiriting, too. Researchers have noted something called 'Facebook depression', which can come from constantly comparing oneself to others' slickly presented profiles. By seeing how many 'friends' others have and viewing pictures of them having fun, teens may feel worse about themselves or feel they do not measure up to their peers.

**RGHS now has a School App - Download our school app from the App Store
(instructions on our website www.rghs.school.nz)**

Rotorua Girls High School Alumni Fund

A new Alumni Fund for Rotorua Girls High School has been established with the Geyser Community Foundation.

This Alumni Fund is a special and powerful way in which students, past and present, their families, whanau, teachers and anyone else who has an interest in helping the school continue to develop, can give back for its long term benefit.

The Alumni Fund is a named endowment fund.

Donations made to the fund will be invested by the Geyser Community Foundation and the capital retained forever. Income earned on the capital will be made available to the school for charitable purposes every year once it reaches a minimum of \$50,000.

The income could be used in a number of ways for the benefits of students such as providing scholarships and prizes, providing or improving sporting and other facilities or protecting the environment.

Income could also be used to provide assistance to school students who are in need or who are suffering genuine temporary or long term financial hardship, including anyone who does not have access to the normal things of life that most of us take for granted.

In applying the income from the fund, the school would take the wishes of the donors into account. Donations of any size can be made by credit card via the Rotorua Girls High School website www.rghs.school.nz – see the tab Alumni Fund on the front page of this website. Donations can be made via Geyser's website www.geysercf.org.nz. People can also make donations of \$100 or more in cash or by cheque at Rotorua Girls High School or at the Geyser Community Foundation, telephone 07 349 7496 or email annette@geysercf.org.nz

Thank you to our first Alumni Fund donors

- **Dr Margriet Theron**



The first donation to the Geyser Community Foundation RGHS Alumni Fund came from **Dr Margriet Theron**, the mother of **Dr Marie Bismark** who was the Dux of Rotorua Girls High School in 1991.

Margriet and her family came to Rotorua from South Africa in 1978. She and her husband **Dr Louw van Wyk** were both scientists at Forest Research Institute, which is now Scion. She later became the Dean of the Faculty of Forestry at Waiariki Institute of Technology. Now retired, she serves on the Boards of the Geyser Community Foundation, the Rotorua Multicultural

Council and Speech NZ.

She says the Geyser Community Foundation is a perfect vehicle for people who have had a good life in Rotorua and who now want to give back to their community. She says Girls High provided a foundation on which her daughter **Marie** has built a career as a public health physician and health lawyer.

Margriet hopes other RGHS Alumni will follow her example and give back to their school so that future students can be supported in realising their life ambitions.

- **Marie Bismark (nee van Wyk)** - (attended RGHS from 1987 to 1991)



Dr Marie Bismark is a public health physician and health lawyer, who leads the Law and Public Health Group at the University of Melbourne. Her research focuses on the role of patient voice in improving the quality and safety of healthcare.

Marie has previously worked as a doctor in a number of New Zealand hospitals, served as a legal adviser to the Health and Disability Commissioner, and been a Senior Associate with law firm Buddle Findlay.

In 2004-2005 she completed a Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy at Harvard University.

In addition to her academic role, Marie serves as a non-executive director on the boards of a number of health sector companies, including Summerset retirement villages, GMHBA Health Insurance, and the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre. She has published widely on patient safety and healthcare complaints resolution. **Marie** and her husband **Matthew** have three children.

Top 5 jobs that could change the world

Want to make an impact on the world?

1: Ecologist

Ecologists study the relationships between animals, plants, people and their **physical surroundings**.

What qualifications do I need?

The minimum qualification is usually a first **degree** in a **biological** or **environmental** subject such as ecology, conservation biology, environmental biology, environmental management or marine biology. Many employers look for **postgraduate** qualifications. Experience as a research assistant or a conservation project volunteer may also be advantageous.



2: Hydrologist

Hydrologists monitor, manage and conserve the earth's freshwater resources. They also monitor and analyse rainfall.

What qualifications do I need?

Most hydrologists hold a degree in a relevant subject, such as **geography**, environmental science, **civil engineering** or mathematics. The **diploma** in environmental and land-based studies may be relevant. Most hydrologists also have a postgraduate qualification.



3: Immunologist

Immunologists study the body's immune system and how it works in combating disease. They use this knowledge to treat and control a range of diseases and disorders, such as allergies, cancer and AIDS.

What qualifications do I need?

Doctors specialising in immunology will have completed a medical degree and specialist training. Many other immunology posts require a degree in immunology or a related subject such as medical microbiology, genetics or biomedical science. Some jobs, especially those based in universities, need a postgraduate qualification, such as an **MSc** or **PhD**.



4: Marine biologist

Marine biologists study the plants and animals that live in the world's oceans. Their studies help us predict how marine ecosystems will cope with changes such as global warming, pollution, pressure from fisheries and tourism in sensitive areas.

What qualifications do I need?

Entrants for research posts need a relevant degree and usually a postgraduate qualification. Some entrants take a degree in marine biology or oceanography, although it is not essential to study these subjects.

It is possible to do a degree in any of the biological sciences and then go on to specialise in marine biology with a **masters** or **PhD**.



5: Oceanographer

Oceanographers are scientists who study the relationship between seawater, fresh water, the polar ice caps and the atmosphere. Their research can influence industrial processes and government policy.

What qualifications do I need?

Entrants usually have a first degree in physics, chemistry, maths or biology, followed by a postgraduate degree in oceanography. For a first degree, applicants usually need five **GCSEs** (A*-C), or equivalent qualifications and at least three **A-levels**, preferably including maths and science subjects. Entry to a **masters** degree course is usually with a first degree in a science discipline.



Start to the School Year 2015

Seniors: Years 12 and 13

Confirmation of subjects for 2015: All senior students must confirm their subjects for 2015 with **Mrs Krammer** on **Monday 19 January 2015**,

Email **Mrs Krammer** at any time – rkrammer@rghs.school.nz

OR ring **Mrs Krammer** on 3480156 (ext 206.)

between 9am - 12pm or 1 - 3pm on Wednesday 21 or Thursday 22 January 2015.

Friday 23 January- Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 27 January – 9:00am- Year 13

Friday 6 February – Waitangi Day

2015 INFORMATION AND COMMENCEMENT DATES

Rotorua Girls High School

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NEW ENROLMENTS/ADULT STUDENTS/SUBJECT CHANGES

Girls' High welcomes students at all levels who wish to enrol and enjoy a positive educational opportunity. Appointments can be made from Monday, 19 January to Friday, 23 January 2015 between 8.00am and 3.30pm for enrolments and subject changes. Appointments can be made at any time by using the school's 24 hour answer phone service. Any year 9 or year 10 student that requires to be tested can be tested Monday 19 January to Wednesday 21 January 2015 between 12.00pm and 3.00pm.

SCHOOL OFFICE AND UNIFORMS

The school office is open from Monday, 19 January 2015, 8.00am – 3.30pm. Student uniform items can only be purchased at NZ Uniforms, 1302 Ranolf St (opposite Spotlight).

DATES FOR START OF SCHOOL YEAR

All year levels will start at 9.00am on Tuesday, 27 January 2015 and it is a full school day.

WELCOME

A Pohiri to welcome new staff and students will be held in the PAC at Rotorua Girls' High School at 10am on Tuesday, 27 January 2015.

Term Dates 2015

Term One:	Friday, 23 January – Teacher Only Day Tuesday, 27 January - Thursday, 2 April – Term 1 Tuesday, 27 January – All Year Levels begin Wednesday, 28 January – Year 13 Leadership Camp at Lake Okataina Waitangi Day Friday, 6 February Good Friday 3 April, Easter Monday 6 April, Easter Tuesday, 7 April
Term Two:	Monday, 20 April - Friday, 3 July Anzac Day Saturday, 25 April (Holiday Monday 27 April) Queen's Birthday Monday, 1 June
Term Three:	Monday 20 July - Friday, 25 September
Term Four:	Monday 12 October – Tuesday 8 December

UNIFORM ITEM	PRICE Inc GST	NOTES
Rotorua Girls' Polo White	\$30.00	
Rotorua Girls Blouse White	\$45.00	
Rotorua Girls' Skirt Navy Poly Viscose	\$75.00	
Rotorua Girls' Short Navy Poly Viscose	\$75.00	
Rotorua Girls' Long Pant Navy Poly Viscose	\$60.00	
Rotorua Girls' Jersey Maroon w/ School Crest	\$90.00	
Rotorua Girls' Softshell Jacket Navy / maroon w/ crest	\$115.00	
Rotorua Girls' PE Tee Navy / Maroon	\$40.00	
Rotorua Girls' PE Short Navy	\$35.00	
Stockings	\$12.00	
Rotorua Girls' School Scarf	\$35.00	

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