

# THE BULLETIN

ROTORUA  
GIRLS HIGH  
SCHOOL

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## WELCOME TO 2017 "CRAFTING FUTURE LEADERS"



LEFT: Amaaria-Rose Bhana, TOP: Kahu Piripi, MIDDLE: Geraldine Atchico, RIGHT: Vijuan Karaha-Paki

### YEAR LEVEL DEANS

Year 9 Dean  
Janaye Biddle-Kite

Year 10 Dean  
Ngaire Te Pania

Year 11 Dean  
Sarah Riley

Year 12 Dean  
Karen Aldridge

Year 13 Dean  
Kylie Hill

e-Vol Dean  
Trish Pike



## ACROSS THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*He hono tangata e kore e motu; ka pa he taura waka e motu—Unlike a canoe rope, a human bond cannot be severed.*

Student academic success is the primary goal of the Board of Trustees and staff of Rotorua Girls High School. Students work best when there is a close partnership between school and home. We are delighted to welcome all of our new and existing students to another exciting year at Rotorua Girls High School. Relationships are important in our school and for new families being able to meet members of staff and Board of Trustees members is an excellent way to start to develop a connection which will strengthen over the time so that students achieve their best while they are at Rotorua Girls High School.

I am always energised when I think about the individual potential each of our students has and the collective potential of all our students. During this year every RGHS student will be presented with ongoing opportunities to help them develop their skills, knowledge and dispositions. To enable all our young women to reach their potential I wish to stress the importance of Term One and the need to attend school everyday. During this term they will lay down the foundations for success for the rest of this year. One of the most powerful influences on how well a student does at school is the student themselves. Students need to have a 'can-do' attitude if they are to reach their potential. The New Zealand Curriculum emphasises

the importance of a 'can-do' attitude as a key competency needed to be a successful citizen in the 21st Century. Students with 'can-do' attitude see themselves as capable learners, who set personal goals, make plans, manage projects, set high standards for themselves and have strategies for meeting challenges. Whatever background students come from, whatever our students are dealing with in their lives, whatever level of support our students have, their 'can-do' attitude is critical towards them reaching their potential at school and throughout life.

My expectations of every student are simple and they are reinforced on a daily basis in our TEAO values

**T** The willingness  
to LEARN

**E** Engaging to  
ACHIEVE

**A** Always shows  
RESPECT

**O** Offers to  
SERVE

Therefore I expect every RGHS student to:

- Make learning their priority.
- Attendance= Achievement, students must come to school each day prepared for learning.
- Take responsibility for themselves and their behaviour.
- Wear their uniform correctly and with pride.
- Look after the school property and the learning environment.
- Respect themselves, other students and staff.
- Build strong positive relationships with their teachers
- Work hard to reach their potential.

My challenge to every student at Rotorua Girls High School is to take responsibility for their education and develop a 'can do' attitude towards what they are able to achieve.

In relation to this, the Education Review Office has recently revised the outcome indicators that schools are expected to demonstrate that students are making progress in:

- Show confidence in their identity, language and culture as citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand
- Are socially and emotionally competent, resilient and optimistic about the future
- Demonstrate the attributes of a successful lifelong learner
- Participate and contribute confidently in a range of contexts – cultural, local, national and global.

How we structure and provide learning experiences which foreground these attributes is our key challenge for 2017.





# STAFF NEWS

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Congratulations to the following staff, who are our new Heads of House:



MAKERETI  
Noeline Finlay



TAINI  
Felicity Kaiwai



WITARINA  
Trish Pike

**Tania Gracie:** Careers Advisor and Gateway Co-ordinator who has completed her Diploma in Careers and Guidance with Distinction. She achieved this result from the last two years of studying part-time (with a full time job).

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I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce and welcome new staff members.

- **Mr Gary Dender**- M. Education- Administration and Leadership , PGRAD Dip E Learning, Dip Teaching . Teacher of Science and Biology.
- **Mrs Carolyn Compton**- BA Art Education , Teacher of Art.
- **Miss Jade Fleming** –M.Physical Education (Distinction) , Teacher of Physical Education and English.
- **Miss Laura Falconer**- B. Music (CCM2014),Dip Teaching.
- **Jaylene Tamati** –Post Grad Educational Leadership, B. Māori Performing Arts

## **Alison Blakey**

I am Alison Blakey and I consider myself fortunate to be the new Science Technician at Rotorua Girls High School. I have recently moved, with my family to the Rotorua area from Auckland. I have worked as a Science Technician in 5 Auckland schools spanning some 20 years, so I bring a lot of experience to this role.

I am passionate about education. It is my desire to see all students reach their potential in order to positively impact their futures. I also believe that my role here is to assist in delivering the science classes with as many practical experiments as possible to inspire future scientists. I hope to serve this school community well during my time here.

We are fortunate to be able to attract such a high quality set of staff appointments and this has also supported to a large extent the excellent start to our new school year.

Thank you to the many parents and whanau that attended the pohiri ,the Year 9 and 10 BBQ, our House Athletic's Day and parents who are cooking breakfast for our 2017 CACTUS participants. If you have any concerns or queries please contact your daughter's Whānau teacher or Dean in the first instance.

Ngā manaakitanga

*A Gibbons*

Ally Gibbons – Principal

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following are our current BOT members with contact details.

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## BOT MEETINGS

5.15pm

14 FEB      7 MAR      4 APR      2 MAY      23 MAY      4 JUL      1 AUG      5 SEP      17 OCT      7 NOV      12 DEC

BOT GM

@ 7pm

# ACROSS THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK



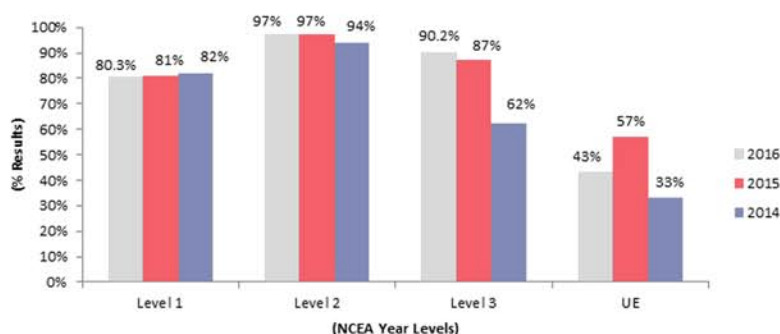
Our year has begun with the NZQA interim report showing a record standard of achievement for our 2016 NCEA results at Levels 1, 2 and 3. These achievement rates were all above national levels achievement rates. Well done students. Such achievement is gained by a lot of hard work, not only by students and their families but also by our teachers. I would like to formally acknowledge all those teachers who offered to support NCEA and scholarship students and to those other staff who went the extra mile to support students in their study and assessments. Well done Rotorua Girls High School staff.

The following results are the interim roll based results in NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. These roll based results include all students on our roll at July 1. Also 25 Year 11 students left after July 1, all of which affects our percentages, as the date used for the calculation is July 1, not the much later November date.

## ROLL BASED DATA NCEA as at 7 February 2017

NCEA Year Level	2016 Provisional Results 07/02/2017	2015 Provisional Results 01/02/2016	2015 Final Results 29/03/2016
1	80.3% (102/127)	79% (98/125)	82%
2	97% (110/114)	95% (95/100)	97%
3	93% (74/82)	82% (65/79)	87%
UE	44% (36/82)	52% (41/79)	57%
Level 1 Literacy	94% (120)	88% (108/123)	89%
Level 1 Numeracy	95% (121)	89% (109/123)	89%

## ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL NCEA ROLL BASED RESULTS (2014 - 2016)



## ANALYSIS

Level 1 provisional roll based results of 80.3% are above the National results of 74.2% by 6.1% (above by 6% in 2015) and are above the Decile 3 Girl's results of 76% by 4.3% (above by 17% in 2015).

Level 2 provisional roll based results of 97% are above the National results of 77.4% by 20% (3% in 2015) and are above the Decile 3 Girl's results of 86% by 11% (above by 26% in 2015). A very positive area of growth.

Level 3 provisional roll based results of 90.2% in 2016 are above the National results of 63.4% (22% in 2015) by 27% and are above the Decile 3 Girl's results of 69% by 22% (above by 31% in 2015). Another positive area of growth.

University Entrance provisional roll based results of 46% is below the National results of 48% by 2% and are above the Decile 3 Girl's results of 44% (29% above the decile 3 girls schools in 2015).

## FROM ACROSS THE DEANS DESK

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# 2017 Year 9 Dean

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Janaye Biddle-Kite and I am honoured to be the Year 9 Dean for 2017. My role is to oversee Student Wellbeing and Academic Achievement. If you have any concerns throughout the year please contact me via email: [jbiddle@rghs.school.nz](mailto:jbiddle@rghs.school.nz) or phone: 07 3480156.

We currently have 124 Year 9 students' enrolled in our school who are divided among four separate classes, 9PONO (Accelerate), 9AWHI (Future Focused Learning - FFL), 9MANA & 9ARO (Mainstream Classes). Each student has also been placed into a House Group: Makereti - Pink, Witarina - Orange and Taini - Purple.

We have had a fantastic start to the year and I am sure it will continue as it has started. After being officially welcomed into our school at our annual Pohiri, all Year 9 and 13 students' participated in a series of Tuakana Teina (Big Sister / Little Sister) workshops where they developed mentoring relationships and gained a deeper understanding of our school and its systems.

Our annual Junior BBQ was a marvellous evening! Thank you to those of you who came out in the rain! It was an opportunity for us to meet the whanau's of our students', and you to meet the teachers and senior leaders, tour the school grounds, view our Sports EXPO and provide more insight into our (Foundation Certificate of Educational Achievement - FCEA) programme and our Behaviour for Learning Plan. If you missed it don't worry more information will come out during the year, but all the same it would have been lovely to have you there.

Please remember that in Week 7 we have our compulsory Year 9 Noho Marae at Whakarewarewa. Laurelle Tamati (Head of Marautanga) has sent information home regarding this event. The total cost is \$60.00 and needs to be paid in full beforehand. If you are having issues with this payment please contact myself or Laurelle.

I looking forward to sharing this year with you all!

Nga Mihi

Janaye Biddle-Kite - Year 9 Dean

## HEAD OF FACULTIES

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Head of Faculty English/Drama/ESOL - Sarah Riley

Head of Faculty Mathematics - Yvette Nelson

Head of Faculty Humanities - Wai Morrison

Head of Faculty Science - Michelle Goeth

Head of Faculty Marautanga - Laurelle Tamati

Head of Faculty Physical Education/Health and Dance - Carolyn Katu

Head of Faculty Art / Technology - Charlotte Hazlett

Strategies we have in place to ensure that first and foremost girls achieve personal excellence and be the best they can be.

- We expect every student to have achieved a minimum of 16-20 NCEA credits in total by the end of term one.

We have found that once students gain some credits, it signals to them that they are capable of achieving the qualification and encourages them to put the effort in to complete their course. Teachers are reorganising their programmes so where ever possible, students are able to achieve at least a few credits in each subject this term.

- The deadline is the deadline.

When deadlines become flexible, it is a very human tendency to procrastinate. This simply pushes the work back. Students need to understand that if they do not hand an assessment in by the deadline, then they lose the opportunity to achieve those credits.

- Assessment turnarounds.

Teachers are endeavouring to stick to a two week turnaround for assessments. Timely feedback on assessments ensure that students are able to take advantage of resubmission and reassessment opportunities. (Sometimes a two week turnaround is not always possible because of NZQA check marking and moderation processes, nevertheless that is our aim.

- One student at a time monitoring.

We expect students to take responsibility for their own learning and to be recording assessments, due dates and credit tallies in their homework diaries. At the same time, the Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Faculty and Deans keep a close watch on each student's progress. If we have concerns, intervention strategies and extra support is put in place to ensure every student achieves.

When school and home work together with the student, the chances of achieving to potential increases significantly.

#### Parent forums

Each term we will hold a parent forum as an opportunity for parents to be informed, raise concerns and give feedback to our work at RGHS. There are no jobs given out at a parent forum and everyone is welcome to attend. At the initial parent forum on Thursday 17 March, 7:00pm in the Staffroom, we will be focusing on the strategic direction for RGHS.

#### Involvement outside the classroom.

We offer a huge range of extra cultural and sporting opportunities and while many staff use personal time to ensure these happen, we are also reliant on parents and others in the community to contribute. If you are able to help in any way, such as being a helper coaching or managing a sports team, we would love to hear from you. A phone call to the office and you will be directed to the right person.

## 2016 University Graduates

Congratulations to the following 11 past students from Rotorua Girls' High School who graduated with tertiary qualifications in December 2016.

<b>Leonie Nicholls</b>	Master of Business Education - Distinction
<b>Dayna O'Sullivan</b>	Master of Sport and Leisure Studies
<b>Natalie Lulia</b>	Master of Business and Management
<b>Ploy Juekarun</b>	Postgraduate Diploma in the Practice of Psychology
<b>Shevon Barrow</b>	Master of Applied Psychology – First Class Honours
<b>Muia Kelemete, Steph Luckie</b>	Bachelor of Social Sciences
<b>Loren Stokes</b>	Certificate of University Preparation
<b>Brooke Thompson, Hana Marsh</b>	Bachelor of Science
<b>Hazel Villandra</b>	Bachelor of Media and Creative Technologies

# ACROSS THE SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR'S DESK



The basketball teams have been training for the 3 on 3 Championship and Sue is well under way with the selections of her senior and junior teams for 2017.

The senior netball players are currently trialling for teams at the moment. These teams will be announced soon.

JUNIOR netball trials will be in week 6.

Volleyball Seniors are training and playing in the BOP competition which is well under way. Keri Jennings is the coach of our Senior A team.

The Tuesday night volleyball held at the RGHS Arena starts this week with Mrs Lee as the coordinator.

Our Senior touch team is practising to compete in regionals with a desire to qualify for Zonals and then Nationals under Maurice and Laurie Stone. Several girls have made BOP Age group touch teams and have been to nationals. Well done to you girls.

Ki O rahi has started with a bang and our mixed team of RBHS and RGHS has qualified for the Nationals at the end of the term.

Rugby 7's and 15's are currently running under the guidance of Fred and Mark for another season. These girls train Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3.30 pm-5pm.

Football and Hockey are currently muster teams to play during the winter season.

Miss Fleming will be helping Mrs Beamish with Hockey and will be running Football this year.

## WAKA AMA



Team Okareka! Te Mihiroa Tangira, Latisha Winata, Kiri Tepania, Rauoriwa Pou Poasa, Kyra Mita and Jada Beckham

What a week!! Sprint nationals was an absolute BLAST! I've been thinking how to best write up such a busy and full on week. Not just to summarise what happened on the water but also to try and give an idea of the busy time that we have had in building up to Nationals.

Traditionally I have attended Sprint nationals as a mama or as a coach. This year I had a number of roles at nats - Mama, coach, singles paddler, team paddler, Aunty, Camp Mother and not to mention taxi driver too!

Generally speaking over the christmas break most non paddler whanau get to have a holiday. As a teacher, I love the fact that my job gets to shut up shop for 4 weeks or so and I get to spend that time out at the lake training and paddling up a storm in preparation for Nationals. It was hard slog though I tell you! The weather this summer has been pretty AVERAGE to say the least! While I might have been out at the lake every day - I can say that there was probably only one or two day's max that I might have actually jumped in the lake for a swim. In fact on most days I would have a poly-prop or two on because it was so chilly!

As exhausting as it was being at the lake every day (twice a day) on the odd occasion when we would have a day off - the kids would ask to go the lake to 'hang' out!

## FIRST DAY OF RACING FOR J16S TUESDAY

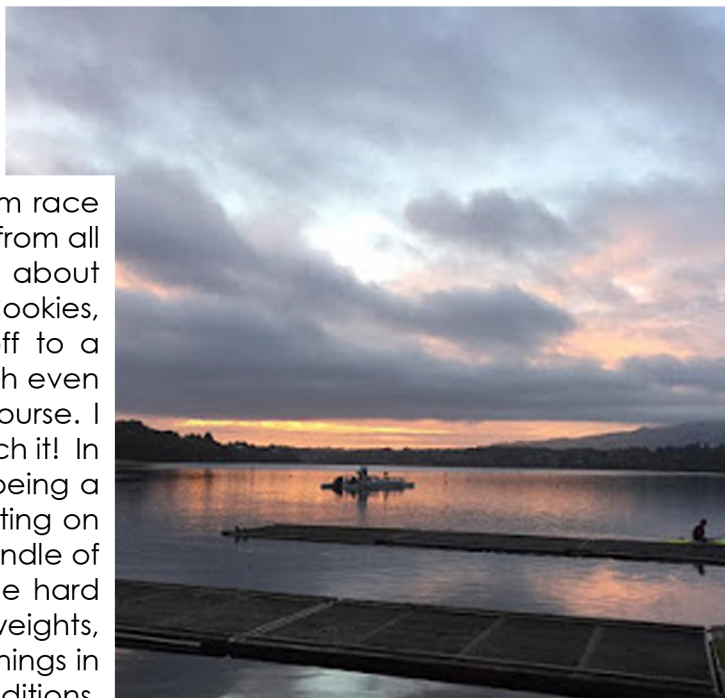
Anyway - off to Nationals and the start of the week is all about the kiddies racing. My J16 girls team "Okareka" were entered into the 500m and 1000m Turns races. The First day they only had 2 races for the 500m a heat and then a Semi. They did great qualifying for the final the following day in lane three. This means that they were the third fastest team to qualify for the final. While myself and Jarra (Manager) were with the girls in loading bay - we looked around



at the physiques of the other paddlers from Cook Islands and Manukau, Rahui Pokeka and other teams - and what a difference! There are some really strong and big paddlers in this division! But as they say - it all comes down to power to weight ratio. Its okay to be big in waka ama - you just need to be able to pull your own weight in the waka - and then some.

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Lining up for the Final of the 500m race against some amazing paddlers from all across the motu, it was now all about who wanted the win more! The Cookies, Horouta and Okareka all got off to a great start and it was pretty much even stevens all the way down the course. I could hardly sit in my seat to watch it! In fact I think it's soo much easier being a paddler in the waka because sitting on the side I was just an absolute bundle of nerves. The girls had put in some hard yards! Months of trainings - weights, swimming, running, on water trainings in some pretty cold and ugly conditions, not to mention the last 2-3 weeks of hard out polishing on technique and fitness with Uncle Ted. And it all comes down to this 2 mins and 14 seconds!



We were all jumping up and down yelling and screaming for the girls when they crossed the line first! To see that their hard work, sacrifices and commitment to each other come together in such an awesome race was all the reward I needed! I might have even had a bit of a teary moment.... I'm sure it was the sand that I got in my eye at that moment!

After all the excitement - we then had to get them settled and move onto the next part of the mahi which was the 1000m turns race. Making the final - again in Lane three meant that there was a bit of work to be done! When they came off the Semi final the girls weren't happy with their performance and so had spent some time de-briefing what they needed to do and what they could fix up in order to get their goal of podium for the 1000m race.

Turns out that the girls didn't even really need us adulty peeps anymore! After we sent them through loading bay it seems that they had their own pep talk with each other. From what I heard from them later - the girls spoke about the need for them to do this for their families. That it was their families who had made sacrifices for them to be there today and supported them to get to Nationals - and that they had to show us that they were worthy of that sacrifice. Gosh - neat alright gurlies! So proud right here.

Gosh those turns though! All season I have been talking to the girls about how it takes a team to turn that waka at speed - and they proved that in this race. Their absolute determination was just beautiful to watch! The way they kept the hammer down and worked the "straights" Just fabulous girls! Well - in saying that I was nervous as hell watching them. As soon as I saw them clear the 3rd turn - and they just had the final straight to go - I was again jumping and yelling and screaming at them! Ka mau te wehi kotiro ma! You are absolutely my idols!



I just want to take the time to thank the amazing parents that we had in this campaign for our J16 girls. I want to thank them for trusting me with their darlings, thank them for all their hard work and commitment too! Its not easy running your child up and down to the lake 2-3 times a day, keeping them fed, watered and rested so that when they came to training they were able to train hard and with intensity. I'm sorry for the times the girls were too tired to help with housework and jobs. Without your absolute support our girls would not have been able to achieve the amazing results that they did at this years Nationals!

Also - a huge thank you to Ted Sweet who came along at just the right time for us! His experience and belief in us came at a time when it was easy to doubt what we were doing and his assurances that we were on track and to keep on keeping was awesome. It was hard slog at times and having someone like Ted on your side made some of those burdens a lot easier to bear!

Congratulations to the Girls who participated over the weekend were:

**OPEN WOMEN RELAY TEAMS**

Khobi Paretoa - 18km Open Womens - Silver medal  
 Ti'an Paretoa - Open Womens 24km Relay - Gold medal

**OPEN WOMEN - W6 - won Silver medals**

Maringi James  
 Khobi Paretoa  
 Ti'an Paretoa

**J16 OKAREKA WOMEN W6 - won Gold medals paddling 10Kms**

Te Mihiroa Tangira  
 Jadad Beckham  
 Kiri Tepania

**J19 MIXED CREW W6 - won Gold medals paddling for 10kms with Boys**

Harlem Pedersen  
 Ameria McGarvey  
 Kiri Tepania



# NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE NEWS

## TOUCH

Kahlia Kiel and Tayla Stone have made the NZ U16 mixed team and will tour in September.

Te Aomihi Williams Paul and Casey Campbell have made the U16 Girls team along with

## BASKETBALL

Te Mihiroa Tangira is trialling for the NZ U16 Basketball team. She is currently in that age group squad.

Te Ao Leach is trialling for the NZ U17 team. Te Ao has also been named in the NZ Academy team which is going on tour.



## WINTER SPORTS COACHES & MANAGERS WANTED

If you are able or wanting to be a coach or manager of netball can you please contact me at the school on 3480156 ext 259

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## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

An opportunity only given to a few has risen for senior students. A 3 day voyage from Tauranga to its outer islands has become available, The voyage takes place on a traditional, double-hulled, sailing waka guided and navigated by experienced crew hands who have travelled thousands of nautical miles. This is a special opportunity that should not be passed up, so if you or anyone you know has an expressed interest, please contact **Mairatea Mohi** at [13137@students.rghs.school.nz](mailto:13137@students.rghs.school.nz). Applications will close by Friday 3rd of March, 2017.

Nga mihi





# AN OUTSTANDING HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY

Our 2017 House Athletics Day was outstanding! It showed just how wonderful Rotorua Girls High School students are. There was Strong House spirit and an undeniable sense of joyous celebration and RGHS pride. A very cool hot day.

The day is divided into championship events, where finalists from the heats held in the morning compete for titles and points, and non-championship events where students can participate and accumulate House points. The full list of junior, intermediate and senior champions follows, as does the House points and final placings.

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## FACULTY NEWS

Physical Education / Health / Dance / Music

### DANCE.

Our Dance classes have got off to a fantastic start this year! We have more and more students' taking this subject which as a Dance Teacher makes me very happy! Our 2017 Arts Captain and Prefect are both dance students', congratulations Sinithia Lee and Rose Smith, I couldn't be more proud of you both!

Over the past three weeks, we have been focusing on getting to know one another, building positive relationships through various activities. This aids in establishing a collaborative classroom environment, where all students' can confidently express who they are as people and as learners. Our focus for the rest of this term is on our first set of assessments, there are always three running at a time. One of these is theory based (written), one is student based (choreography) and one is teacher based (performance). Acknowledging the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative in our school, all Dance classes at Yr 10-13 will use Google Classroom. We have spent time in class discussing exactly how this works. All resources, templates and submission of assessments will be done through the online classroom. Having this classroom means that students can learn anywhere, anytime (providing they have internet access). Our plan later this year is to have a Dance Showcase Evening where students' can demonstrate their work from throughout the year and invite their friends and whanau to come and watch. More information and a date for this will go out later in the year.



# WELLNESS CENTRE 2017.

Welcome to the RGHS Wellness Centre of 2017. We aim to assist you, with your daughters / wards health and wellbeing over the year. We offer a Nursing and Guidance service alongside a Doctors service twice a week, an Osteopath service once a week, Drug and Alcohol counselling, Psychology and Youth Worker Clinics, and Social Worker Access, so please if you feel your daughter / ward requires any assistance please contact either the School Nurse Shirley Tickelpenny [stickelpenny@rghs.school.nz](mailto:stickelpenny@rghs.school.nz) or phone the school and ask for extension 245 or Guidance Counsellor Tayla Sloane [tsloane@rghs.school.nz](mailto:tsloane@rghs.school.nz) or phone the school and ask for extension 246.

All Year 9 students will undergo a Year 9 Assessment over the year, carried out by our visiting Nurse RN Aneta Stone Martin, this is based around vision, hearing and other aspects around Physical and Mental Health.

If your daughter / ward is new to the school, has a significant health issue, you will receive a call from us to see how we can assist her transition into the school and assist you with her condition. We also ask you as parents and caregivers of students with allergies, to make sure that the student brings any necessary medication to cover those allergies etc on Athletics Day, Swimming Sports Day and when they go on Trips Outside of school.

Nga mihi  
Wellness Centre staff

## CAREER NEWS

If you are needing help working out what to do when you leave school, Rotorua Girls High School Careers Advisor Tania Gracie is here to advise you. Ms Gracie, who is also the Gateway Co-ordinator, works in the Careers office next to the library and is available to help students plan their futures after school whether it be going to university, polytech or joining the workforce. If your daughter needs help to decide what she would like to do when she leaves school, Ms Gracie and Careers and Marketing Assistant Abbey Hartvelt are here to help.

Meanwhile, we have had a few inquiries about scholarships for next year. You can use a school computer to access givME – Generosity New Zealand (formerly Breakout) <http://generosity.org.nz/giv-me/>. This has a database of over 4000 scholarships that are available. This is only free to access from the school network. Get your share of the “free” money that is out there to assist with the costs of tertiary study

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

F O R T H E R E S T O F T E R M 1

Date	Time	What	Where
Tuesday, March 7	10.40am to 11.20am	Waikato University Visit	RGHS Library
Tuesday, March 21	10.40am to 11.20am	Canterbury University Visit	RGHS Library
Tuesday, March 23	10.40am to 11.20am	AUT Visit	RGHS Library
Thursday, March 30	10.40am to 11.20am	Massey University Visit	RGHS Library
Monday, April 3	10.40am to 11.20am	Auckland University's Whakapiki Ake Visit	RGHS Library
Tuesday, April 4	10.40am to 11.20am	Victoria University Visit	RGHS Library
Thursday, April 6	10.40am to 11.20am	Auckland University Visit	RGHS Library
Friday, April 7	10.40am to 11.20am	WINTec Visit	RGHS Library

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- 1 RGHS SWIMMING SPORTS AT AQUATIC CENTRE
- 3 - 4 BAY OF PLENTY SECONDARY SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL – SENIOR PRELIMS
- 7 5.15PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
- 8 10.30 FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TO CELEBRATE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE OF OUR TOP SCHOLARS AND SENIOR SCHOOL LEADERS INVESTITURE
- 10 MID ISLAND ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 11 - 12 BAY OF PLENTY SECONDARY SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS - FINALS
- 12 BAY OF PLENTY TOUCH CHAMPS; WAIKATO ATHLETICS CHAMPS
- 13 - 17 YEAR 9 NOHO MARAE VISIT
- 15 6.00PM TOP SCHOLARS EVENING IN PAC
- 24 ACADEMIC PLANNING DAY #1
- 27 - 31 SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK
- 28 BAY OF PLENTY SECONDARY SCHOOLS LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**APR**

- 4 5.15PM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
- 4 & 6 3.30PM JUNIOR SCHOOL NETBALL TRIALS
- 7 1.30PM HONOURS SOCIETY LUNCH
- 8 CACTUS – LONGEST DAY AND GRADUATION DINNER
- 12 BAY OF PLENTY SECONDARY SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS CHAMPS; END OF TERM 1
- 13 TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED; BULLETIN #2 ONLINE
- 14 - 17 EASTER BREAK DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- 25 ANZAC DAY

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- 1 TERM 2 BEGINS





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Rotorua Girls High School has established an Alumni Fund with the Geyser Community Foundation. Donations made to the fund will be invested by Geyser and the capital retained forever. Income earned on the capital will be made available to the School for charitable purposes every year once the fund reaches a minimum of \$50,000. To donate go to the Alumni Fund tab on the home page of the RGHS website.

The annual income could be used in a number of ways including for the benefit of students such as providing assistance to school students who are in need or suffering genuine temporary or long-term financial hardship. Income could also be used to provide scholarships and prizes, providing or improving sporting and other facilities at the School or promoting public health.

In applying the income from the fund, the School will take the wishes of the donors into account.

Giving back to the community – a new solution

The Geyser Community Foundation exists for the purpose of ensuring charitable gifts in the Rotorua and Taupo districts are managed as originally intended. Funds placed with the Foundation are invested and the capital retained in perpetuity. Every year the income earned on the capital is made available for charitable distribution.

This means that you keep giving forever and the total amount of the gift will, over time, far exceed the original capital donation. This is a very powerful way for individuals, families or organisations to provide long term benefits to their local community.

Find out more about the Geyser Community Foundation at [www.geysercf.org.nz](http://www.geysercf.org.nz)

Thank you.

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