

ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN ISSUE #6

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WINNERS OF THE

BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE SCHOOL COMPETITION



RGHS students Atawhai Ngatai, Mairaatea Mohi, Alyssa Mae Pineda, principal Ally Gibbons, Kayla Kautai and Keighley Jones. Photo/Stephen Parker.

Alyssa Mae Pineda, Kayla Kautai, Mairaatea Mohi, Atawhai Ngatai and Keighley Jones will fly to Belgium to attend the 100th Anniversary Commemorations for the Battle of Passchendaele.

The Battle of Passchendaele competition, was organised by the Ministry of Education in partnership with the Fields of Remembrance Trust and the Passchendaele Society, saw the winners use digital technologies to successfully develop a curriculum resource about the Battle of Passchendaele.



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

HEAD OF FACULTIES

English/Drama/ESOL Sarah Riley

Mathematics Yvette Nelson

Humanities Wai Morrison

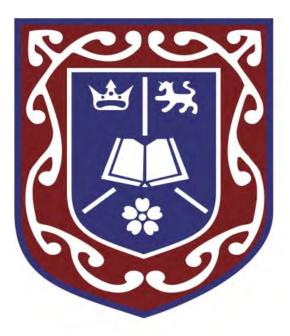
Science Michelle Goeth

Marautanga Laurelle Tamati

Physical Education/ Health and Dance Carolyn Katu

Art / Technology Charlotte Hazlett

SCHOOL CREST



- the crown is the symbol of loyalty to the Queen and to our country
- the rose, beautiful and elegant, symbolises care for our environment
- the lion shows strength and with paw outstretched is indicating friendship and peace in our school community
- the book represents knowledge and learning
- the kowhaiwhai pattern surrounding and encompassing these symbols represents the tangata whenua

Below is the Rotorua Girls' High School Strategic Overview and we welcome any feedback.



ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL 🢥



GRADUATE PROFILE



Is a citizen for this world

Is confident in her languages, culture and identity

Puts service before self

Is humble

Takes risks to achieve excellence in all her endeavours

Is strong and proud in her whakapapa to RGHS



Is resilient, empathetic, respectful and acts with integrity

Honours mana wahine and mana wairua

MANA MOKOPUNA

MANA-A-KURA

MANA TANGATA

MANA MATAURANGA

MANA TIKANGA

MANA REO

MANA WAIRUA

"Crafting Future Leaders"

Rotorua Girls High School Teacher Profile

- We have high expectations for all learners and differentiate and adapt our practice to meet learners' needs
- We create a safe and supportive environment inside and outside the class room to enable learners to take risks and find out who they are
- We are constantly focussed on student engagement and achievement and work with Whānau as active participants in their student's learning
- We create contexts for learning that excite and engage learners and affirm their languages, cultures and identities.
- We model respectful relationships and the values we want our girls to leave our school with Respect, Resilience, Integrity and Empathy.

Target 1 – Reading and Writing

For improving student achievement
Shift Year 9 and Year 10 Reading and Writing Levels by enough sub
levels to enable students to cope with Level 1 NCEA

Reading: Year 9 = shift > 2 sub levels

Focus = Māori and Pacific Year 10 = shift > 1 sub level

Writing: Year 9 = shift 2 sub levels

Year 10 = shift > 1 sub level Focus = Māori and Pacific

Target 2 - Numeracy

The goal is for 90% of Year 9 and Year 10 students to move up at least two sub-levels of the New Zealand Curriculum Focus Year 9 and 10 Māori and Pacific

Target 3 - NCEA

Increase the percentage of students achieving NCEA

Level 1 > 85% Level 2 > 85% Level 3 > 70%

UE – 70% (of students intending to go to university)

Focus Māori and Pacific

Target 4 - Merits and Excellences

Increase the percentage of

Merits and Excellences at both subject level and certificate endorsement level in NCEA Levels 1-3 to meet National and Decile 3 comparable schools

Focus Level 1 Māori and Pacific) For

Level 2 Māori and Pacific) Merits and Level 3 Māori and Pacific) Excellences

Target 5 - Attendance

The average student attendance in 2017 will be 87%

Focus: Year 9 Māori and Pacific

Year 10 Māori and Pacific

Years 11 – 13 All



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ACROSS THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Friday, 29 September 2017

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou katoa

By the time 'Te Mātārere' goes on line I will be in Ohakea preparing to leave with a contingent of 90 participants travelling with the New Zealand Defence Force to Belgium. My role is as a Chaperone for Youth Ambassadors selected by NZ Veteran's Affairs. Some Youth Ambassadors were chosen for developing a social media campaign to engage other young New Zealanders in understanding the scale of New Zealand's involvement in the Battle of Passchendaele.

Also travelling to Passchendaele with a delegation organized by the Ministry of Education are five of our Year 13 students: Kayla Kautai, Atawhai Ngatai, Alyssa Mae Pineda, Mairaatea Mohi and Keighley Jones. These amazing young women created a website called "The Missed" with a scrolling menu of pages that detail learning and material in Te Reo Māori. Their website impressed the judges because it enables students to think critically about the Battle of Passchendaele.

They are wonderful examples of RGHS Vision in Action – Our young women are leaders in the Global Environment. I am looking forward to meeting up with them at the Peace Village in Belgium and attending the National Commemoration Service on 12 October at the Tyne Cot Cemetery near Zonnebeke in West Flanders.



Special thanks to Kay Sutherland, Joan McMullan, Stella Nairn, Kay Asplin, Barbara Leckey for accepting the challenge of knitting poppies for a Rotorua Girls High School Banner to be presented at Passchendaele. Thank you also to Graeme Simpson from QE Health and their many volunteers who made poppies for the QE Project which he generously gave to us to use.

We are grateful for every one's contributions and look forward to leaving our koha at the 100th Anniversary Ceremony of Passchendaele. The wall hanging was made Barbara Leckey our Executive Officer and her husband, Gordon.

With senior exams now completed, your daughters have an opportunity to reflect on their learning; what needs to now be learnt again in more depth, practised more often, questions asked in class for clarification and a plan created to start preparation for the external NCEA examinations in November. You can help by ensuring that there is a place to study, distraction free from social media and TV, that there is a plan, a priority on study until exams are finished, and lots of encouragement balanced with supporting resilience.

We often forget in our attempts to care for our young people, to build their capacity to learn from mistakes, that it is okay to find things hard and that it is important to prompt them to find the next steps that will pave the way to success. They need to find that way with a careful mix of support and independence.

As a whanau it's worth looking at everyone's plan for the upcoming study weeks and exam season. Eating and sleeping well are also key ingredients for success. It is okay to say "No" in order that schedules are less busy and there is more time for study. Start now to plan together a focused September, October and November of study, exercise, sleep, good nutrition, attendance and focus in class.

Be ready to support them to problem solve and think through their plan by asking the question "So what do you need to do now?

"I didn't get there by wishing for it or hoping for it, but by working for it" - Estee Lauder

Last week Manaia competed in the Junior English section of the National Nga Manu Korero Competition hosted in New Plymouth. Her chosen topic was 'foresight and vision'. Although Manaia didn't gain a placing in the competition, she stood with mana and represented our school well. We are proud of her efforts and look forward to her future in this competition.

Congratulations to our Senior Girls' Basketball team who are off to the Secondary School National Basketball tournament in Palmerston North in a fortnight. This is a great achievement and we wish them well. Our Junior Girls' basketball team had an amazing tournament and



Congratulations to our new BoT Student Representative Vaishali Morarji (right)

I would also like to take this time to acknowledge the contribution of Chelsea Pita (left). You have been an excellent student representative Chelsea. Thank you for setting a high stan-



Hi I'm Vaishali Morarji. I'm a year 12 student and the new board of trustees students representative. I feel very honoured and privileged to be representing the student body and I will strive to do my best for the school and most importantly the students. I would like to think I am a very fun, bubbly and approachable person. My goal whilst I'm on the board is to be fair, open and most importantly represent the views of the students in the school.

As the winter sports season draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support we have received for our winter sports codes this season. All these various sports teams could not have competed without the consistent and determined assistance of family, whānau, clubs and the wider community. The coaches' long hours of training and practices, trips near and far, fundraising and a host of other activities have been undertaken to ensure successful seasons. Thank you one and all.

The annual school ball will be held on Saturday, 7 October 2017 at the Distinction Hotel. It is always a wonderful evening and special thanks to Ms Hill (Year 13 Dean) and the Ball Committee.

Our focus now turns to supporting our senior students. The weeks ahead for them are vital. The school provides extensive additional support to senior students for NCEA. This includes an After School Homework Centre on Tuesday and Thursdays afternoons. Staff are also providing additional individual lunchtime and afterschool tuition plus a raft of further assessment opportunities. Other staff will provide additional support for students over the weekends which will continue in 2018.

Speaking of next year, while we have a focus on ensuring each student is tracking towards a successful academic year, our eye is also on the horizon as we need to make plans for 2018. Year 8 enrolments, curriculum guides for seniors, preparation for prize givings, planning for Year 13 leavers dinner, are just some of the current items on the go.We are indeed so fortunate to have such a supportive staff who go above and beyond the call of duty.

Finally I look forward to your attendance at our upcoming Sports and Cultural Prize Giving on Thursday 26th October (2nd week in Term 4) Day followed by the Senior Academic Prizegiving on Friday 3 November 2017

Enjoy the holidays

Ngā manaakitanga

Allabors

Ally Gibbons - Principal

STRANGER DANGER

After recent news of a man approaching young women in Rotorua, it is a timely reminder of stranger danger!

Please be careful when walking to and from school and also while you are out and about during the holidays. Never get in the car with a stranger, and always make sure your phone is charged so you can call for help.

Cyber safety is also super important, you never know who is on the other side of the screen so be careful what you share!

Parents – Talk to your teens! Check in with them, have open conversations and monitor their social media use. Talking with them and reminding them to stay safe is the best prevention. If you are worried about them or need advice, feel free to contact the Wellness Centre.

STAFF NEWS CONGRATULATIONS

QSM Award

On Thursday, 17 August 2017, staff member Carolyn Katu had the privilege of attending Mark Edmonds' investiture at Government House in Auckland as he received his QSM. It was a fantastic opportunity and we are all proud of Mark and how deserving he is of this accolade.



Rotorua, QSM for services to sport

Mr Edmonds has trained marathon and long-distance runners, triathletes, rowers, and rugby, hockey, and netball players. He has worked as a fitness trainer with national and representative athletes and teams. He has trained Olympians and players in the All Blacks, Black Ferns, Black Sticks, Touch Blacks, and Women's 7's and Rugby League teams. He continues to train local teams, club rugby, and school-level girls' rugby and netball. Mr Edmonds runs open training sessions, on a voluntary basis, every Monday and Wednesday after school in the local park.

Occasion: Investiture ceremony

Location (region): Auckland

Celebrating Academic Excellence **CONGRATULATIONS- The Willingness to LEARN**

On Wednesday, 6 September 2017 a full school assembly was held to celebrate Senior Academic Excellence.

The recipients were:

First Name	Last Name	Level	Whanau	Exc Subj	
Puhirere	Akuhata	1	TNG	Dance (3), Nga Mahi a Rehia (1), Te Reo Maori (1), Physical Science (2), Digital Technology (1)	
Atera	Apirana	1	MDD	Dance (5), English (1), Physical Science (1), Sociology (1), Mathematics (1)	
Geraldine	Atchico	1	TAP	English (4), Drama (3), Physical Science (2), Humanities (1), Mathematics (1)	
Sarah	Atkinson	1	TDN	English (1), Mathematics (1), Sociology (1), Fashion and Textiles (2)	
Mitch	Ced	1	WVR	Dance (2), Mathematics (3), Physical Science (1)	
Claudia	Dain	1	WJB	Dance (3), English (1)	
Adrienne	de los Reyes	1	TNG	English (1), Sociology (2), Humanities (1)	
Natalia	Healey Forde	1	TTM	Physical Education and Health (3), Mathematics (4), Physical Science (1), Sociology (1)	

Hinekaa	Heta	1	WVR	English (4), Mathematics (2), Physical Science (1), Humanities (1), Sociology (1)	
Vijuan	Karaha-Paki	1	ТМО	Dance (3), English (1), Sociology (1), Mathematics (1)	
Ayushi	Kataria	1	MFN	English (2), Physical Science (2), Humanities (1 Mathematics (1), Digital Technology (1)	
Ji Yeon	Kim	1	TBR	English (2), Mathematics (3), Physical Science (1), Humanities (1), Digital Technology (1)	
Joelle	Paki	1	MND	Drama (1), English (1), Mathematics (1), Physi Science (2)	
Kristia	Paras	1	MTL	Dance (4), English (4), Physical Science (2), Sociology (1), Mathematics (1)	
Ti'an	Paretoa	1	WVR	English (1), Mathematics (2), Physical Science (1), Sociology (1), Humanities (1),	
Aroha	Rapana	1	MTL	Dance (2), Nga Mahi a Rehia (1), Physical Education and Health (1)	
Tayla Raine	Sherman	1	МКС	English (2), Mathematics (1), Fashion and Textiles (2), Food Technology (2)	
Chanaran	Sirisawat	1	MDD	Dance (3), Mathematics (2)	
Rhiannon	Stone	1	MKC	Dance (3), Drama (2)	
Tayla	Stone	1	WGT	Dance (3), Nga Mahi a Rehia (1), English (1), Physical Education and Health (1), Fashion ar Textiles (1)	
Kalani	Sykes-White	1	WHM	English (3), Fashion and Textiles (2)	
Pareeya	Tabpramool	1	MND	English (2), Physical Science (2), Humanities Digital Technology (1)	
Christian	Te Whare	1	MND	Dance (8), Drama (1), English (3)	
Georgia	Brouwer	2	TAP	English (3), Physical Education and Health (1)	
Aira	Cabatingan	2	EVOL	Dance (1), Mathematics (1), Economics (1)	
Teina	Cassidy	2	EVOL	Dance (6)	
Isobella	Cook	2	EVOL	Economics (1), English (3), Classics (2), History (2), Media Studies (1), Sociology (2)	
Brittany	Coote	2	WGT	English (1), Physics (1), Mathematics (1), Trades (2)	
Moerewa	Hunt	2	WCP	English (2), Physical Education and Health (1), Biology (3), Sociology (2)	
Те Ао	Leach	2	WFL	English (3), Sociology (1), Biology (1), Mathematics (1)	
Vaishali	Morarji	2	EVOL	English (3), Mathematics (2), Classics (1), Fashion and Textiles (1)	
Ana	Nagera	2	TAP	Physical Education and Health (3), Biology (1)	
Te Raumawhitu	Nawainilaga	2	WMW	Dance (5), Drama (1), Physical Education and Health (1), Biology (1)	
Martine	Ocangas	2	MDD	English (2), Chemistry (2)	
Danielle	Owen	2	WMW	Dance (3), Sociology (1)	
Manawa	Rongo- Apanui	2	TDN	Dance (3), Drama (1)	
Rawinia	Te Whare	2	EVOL	English (2), Mathematics (1), Chemistry (3), Physics (1), Media Studies (1)	
Mallory	Walsh	2	TDN	Sociology (3), Mathematics (1)	
Te Ririu	Williams	2	WRR	Dance (4), English (2)	
Dejah	Winikeri-	2	WVR	English (2), Physical Education and Health (3),	

Yunus	Asby	3	WCP	Dance (2), English (1), Calculus (1), Biology (1), Sociology (1)	
Raven Kyle	Baruelo	3	TTM	Mathematics (2), Chemistry (1)	
Kalani	Bosley	3	WVR	Dance (5), Fashion and Textiles (1),	
Danielle	Coote	3	EVOL	Dance (2), Drama (1), English (1), Mathemati (4), Sociology ((1)	
Eden	Hepi	3	WJB	Dance (4), English (1), Mathematics (2)	
Levius	Hitchens- Chapman	3	WIN	English (2), Mathematics (3), Biology (1)	
Sophie	Jansonius	3	EVOL	English (3), Calculus (3), Chemistry (3), Biology (2), Sociology (2)	
Keighley	Jones	3	TGR	English (2), Calculus (1), Sociology (2), Mathematics (2)	
Kayla	Kautai	3	EVOL	English (1), Calculus (3), Chemistry (2), Web Design (1)	
Sinitia	Lee	3	WCP	Dance (4)	
Dennise	Lorilla	3	WMW	Chemistry (2), Sociology (1), Mathematics (2)	
Rangipurei	Manley	3	MFN	English (2), Sociology (2), Mathematics (1)	
Hannah	Mareroa	3	TNG	English (3), Fashion and Textiles (1)	
Mairaatea	Mohi	3	MTL	English (1), Calculus (2), Classics (1)	
Atawhai	Ngatai	3	EVOL	Mathematics (3), Classics (1)	
Chloe	Nicholls	3	EVOL	English (2), Sociology (1), Mathematics (6), Chemistry (2)	
Pia	Padayhag	3	WIN	Dance (2), English (3), Mathematics (4), Chemistry (3), Physics (2), Biology (2)	
Alyssa Mae	Pineda	3	WRR	English (4), Calculus (3), Chemistry (3), Physics (1)	
Chelsea	Pita	3	WGT	English (2), Calculus (2), Chemistry (2), Biology (1), Sociology (2)	
Kirsten	Purdie	3	MND	Mathematics (4), Biology (2), Sociology (2)	
Rose	Smith	3	EVOL	Dance (4), English (2), Sociology (2)	
Anahera	Teinakore- Curtis	3	WRR	Dance (2), English (2)	

FROM THE COUNSELLOR ...

Technology and Possible links to Anxiety and Depression: There has been an increasing correlation between technology use and anxiety. This is really concerning for a generation using technology so frequently. What is happening with youth culture presently has been described as an "anxiety tsunami".

Although technology and social media can be so beneficial in everyday life, it increases risk of developing self-esteem issues, bullying, anxiety and depression. Indeed, bullying and harassment in many forms can take place in social media with an instant huge audience and opportunity for others to join in. It seems that as a group, teenagers and pre-teens in recent years have become less skilled at managing intense emotions, managing friendships and relationships.

Dr Catherine Steiner-Adair, clinical psychologist, has been quoted stating, "as a species we are very highly attuned to reading social cues. There is no question that kids are missing out

on very critical social skills. In a way texting and online communicating-it's not like it creates a nonverbal learning disability, but it puts everybody in a nonverbal disabled context, where body language, facial expression, and even the smallest kinds of vocal reactions are rendered invisible." Therefore, at a crucial time in their lives teenagers are left without these social cues. "An increasing dependency on activities associated with the brain's excitement-pleasure circuitry is partly to blame for the rising levels of anxiety and depression in teenagers today. Prominent in this cerebral circuitry is social media", experts say.

Students at Rotorua Girls High School benefit from technology use in a learning environment and it can help to promote connection with others, however, its' over usage, and/or technology without significant time socializing and interacting (outside of school) with other teens face-to-face may add to social skill and emotional skill deficits. Setting limits on social media use for your teen would be one strategy to support their wellbeing. A second strategy is to encourage them to participate in social (sporting, cultural, hobby, interest) activities with others. As with most things in our lives, having a balance is the goal.

Talking with your teen and spending time with them is likely the most important strategy of all. Through interacting with you, they can learn emotional resilience and social skills. If you have concerns that your child is being bullied on social media or seems to be more anxious or shows signs of depression; please feel free to contact me.

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

'KIA ORA '

The theme Kia ora te reo Māori was chosen to celebrate New Zealand's indigenous greeting, and also as the words 'Kia Ora' are an exact description of the intent of the new partnerships for te reo Māori revitalisation between the Crown and Māori under the new Māori Language Act 2016.



A Pic Collage created as Highlights from Te Wiki o te Reo Maori 2017 (above) Mr Mohi talking about Voyaging at Assembly and Staff showcasing their Character/Personality costumes.



Hinemoana project leader Patrick Mohi spoke about the waka Hinemoana, which is used to take young people on development voyages. He said the programme was designed to offer youth the chance to discover what was possible to achieve in their lives.

"It's the perfect opportunity for our young people to get onboard and feel good about themselves. The waka, the ocean and the environment itself takes away all the clutter of cultural belonging and makes us one, working on an even playing field."

The crew was a highly experienced group of people in their 20s that started sailing as teenagers "So it's not like some old pirates that take the kids out," he said.

The voyages give youth from all walks of life and cultures a belief in themselves and their future potential, he said

Hinemoana is an impressive double-hulled fibreglass waka that has been modelled on its Polynesian sailing canoe heritage, with a nod to modern-day technology and sustainability. Equipped with solar panels its electric motors are powered by the elements and it requires no fossil energy. The

experience of living and working together on a waka creates connections that can last a lifetime, and can change perspectives forever. The youth learn to fish, dive for kaimoana, sail with the wind, navigate, work as a team and experience camaraderie and life-long learnings, says Pat. They also learn to be away from home, make new friends, cook, clean, and face up to an early-morning swim, and around-the-clock shifts, he says.



ACROSS THE DESK OF DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT SUPPORT RAEWYN KRAMMAR

The Senior Internal NCEA Assessment Catch up Holiday School Programme will be running during Week 1, Monday, 2 October 2017 – Thursday, 5 October 2017.

If your daughter has been identified as needing to catch up on any internal assessments during this week you should have received a letter from me this week encouraging your daughter to attend. Please assist us by ensuring your daughter attends this programme.

NCEA fees:

Payment for NCEA fees through the school has now closed. If you have not paid your daughter's NCEA fees you will need to pay these directly to NCEA by 1 December 2017, otherwise you will incur a late payment fee of \$50.00.

FEES FOR DOMESTIC CANDIDATES:

Enrolment	Fee
Any number of NQF standards and up to 3 scholarship subjects	\$76.70 per candidate
Scholarship entries are now an additional cost as they are not included with your NCEA fee.	\$30.00 per paper

FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL FEE PAYING CANDIDATES:

Enrolment	Fee
Any number of NQF subjects	\$383.30 per candidate
Scholarship subjects (additional to NQF fees)	\$102.20 per subject

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Application forms for Financial Assistance are available from the school office. If you qualify for Financial Assistance, please fill in the application form and send this off to NZQA with your payment fee of \$20.00 per individual or \$30.00 per family. For any further assistance or any queries, please contact Mrs Raewyn Krammer (Principal's Nominee NZQA).

FACULTY NEWS

Year 9 Fonterra Road Show

9Pono students had fun experiencing the forces of mechanics and motion at the 2017 Fonterra Road Show.

The hands on stations involved quizzes and challenges based on light, forces, sound and motion.

They engaged themselves with inquiry and good cheer, as well as proudly modelling the TEAO values.



Year 13 Biology Zoo Trip

Two Year 13 biology classes took a trip to the Auckland zoo on the 16th August early this term. This trip allowed our senior students to get a better and deeper understanding and knowledge towards the topic of understanding trends in Human Evolution, which our two senior classes have been studying for the past two terms in preparation for one of our Level Three Biology externals.

The zoo staff were very helpful and engaging during our discussions/activities before heading out to view the animals. The zoo host allowed our senior girls to do hands on activities such as



getting a close up look at skulls and tools that have evolved over time and how these evolving features have guided our people to survive and grow over the years.

It was a great experience and learning opportunity for our two classes especially with the class activities/discussions as well as being given the opportunity to see how those evolutionary trends have also taken place in the animals featured at the zoo.

ACROSS THE SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR'S DESK

Our Junior Prem team are the winners of the Rotorua Netball Association Junior A Grade for 2017. This team went through the competition undefeated. Most of these girls are part of the School Netball Academy and

the Rotorua U15 Representative team that finished in 8th place of the A Grade at the National U15 Tournament held in New Plymouth.



SJunior Prems A Grade Championship Winners AGAIN in 2017

These girls have fully committed to the Junior Programme and have come a long way since starting two years ago as year 9 students. Several girls were in the team that went through unbeaten last year in the same age group.

This team also competed at the Waikato/BoP Tournament where they were runners-up. The girls won all their games in the lead up to the final. They played six games winning the semi-final against Tauranga Girls High by 6 points. In a tight final scoring goal for goal all the way, the girls lost by 1 point.

Taruki Rangawhenua was named in the tournament team for 2017.

In what has been a long but very rewarding season for Junior Netball here a Rotorua Girls High School, I would like to thank you and your whanau for all the support and hours you have put into the 2017 season.

Success is always achieved through hard work and commitment and once again you have all given your best to make that happen.



SENIOR NETBALL

Prem 2

Congratulations to our Prem 2 team who were Round 1 Banner Winners and the Championship Winners of their grade for 2017.

These girls turned up every week to compete and played hard under the guidance of the senior players in this team.

Our Prem 1 Netball Team lead by Marina Tahana-Beazley and Ebony Church finished runners-up in the Prem 1 Grade of the Rotorua Netball Association Competition for 2017.



The girls showed some real flair and the building of combinations was getting better each week. In a team sprinkled with new and experienced players we were starting to get a true understanding of the use of game plans and structure, without losing the flair.

In week seven of this term we travelled to Auckland to compete in the UNISS Netball tournament for 2017. The team had some very hard fought games which were in the end, won and lost by the smallest of margins, but overall the team strived both on and off the court to achieve the goals set.

This team of girls worked hard all year to rebuild a new culture The RGHS way, which I believe with more time we will get. The week was another great learning opportunity for us all and I would like to applaud the girls for everything they have done to make it all work under new structures.

The goal was to stay in the A GRADE and I am very proud of the effort that the girls put in at the end of the campaign to win their last five games.





Thank you to **Luana Hunt** our Manager, **Oots Ormsby** our PCP, and all your whanau for their continual support of you and netball.

RUGBY



Congratulations to Matalena Rapana, Anaya Waiomio Anapu, Tonihi Emma O'Toole and Allannah Tapara who have the made Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools U18 Team.

They have played two games already in the Chiefs regional tournament, beating Waikato and Counties Manukau.

From left to right:

Anaya, Matalena, Allannah and Emma.

BASKETBALL

Junior Basketball Premierships In Auckland

The Junior Premierships in Auckland, was what the Junior Academy had spent many hours of intense trainings, development of skills, using games to focus on individual playing goals, putting theory to the test and not to forget Thursday night and Baywide games leading to Premiers. The basketball tournament of Zone 1 and 2 started on Saturday 2nd to Tuesday 5th September.

We were intending on playing at the Bruce Pullman Arena however the Draw swapped the playing venue to the Franklin Leisure Centre which was over 20 minutes away from our accommodation. This seemed a small issue compared to the very competitive teams that the girls were about to face over 4 very hard-hitting and physical days of Basketball. Thankfully, our girls rose to the challenge and fought well to lose in the Final against St. Mary's of Ponsonby. A hard team with tall timber - up against our girls who went down by 4 points 55 to 51.



Representing OUR junior team this year (photo on bottom right side left to right) Dekoda Roberts, Te Aomihi Paul, Te Mihiroa (Captain), Tangira Mapuna Kohunui-Rio, Aimee Whata, Tepania, Teina Te Papa, Wairua Tapara (back row), Nina Rutene. Jada Beckham, Ani-Makere Tagre and Taini Tomoana (front row).

These girls were absolutely great on and off the court, awesome team bonding made some new friendships and strengthened old friendships, especially as our Year 10s move onto senior basketball for the upcoming Nationals in Palmerston North but also for 2018.

The Junior Basketball Academy magnifies the development of skills and plays for every girl that participates - the outcome is clearly obvious in tournaments such as this. Fundraising and working together to ensure we put our best team forward really paid off - finishing 2nd overall was a fantastic achievement for RGHS. Placing 2nd was definitely an improvement compared with last year finishing 6th overall for Zone 2. The highest ever placing for RGHS Junior Basketball has only ever been has been 3rd.

To Coach Mrs Sue Pene, we could not have achieved as much as we had without your wealth of knowledge, your leadership, your guidance and most of all, your patience. To our parent supporters and Mrs McCaull for coming up to support our team, we appreciate your time and for helping us when we needed help. Kiri's Dad also came with us and we really enjoyed his cooking and he ironed our uniforms each day especially for our Final against St. Mary's - we thank you all very much.

Senior Qualifiers Basketball In Tauranga



The road to Qualifiers has been very challenging as our senior girls are very busy students with other events they have been involved in during Term 2 and 3. Compounded by the pressures of study and then onto Senior Exams - the girls have handled the bumps and bruises (physically and mentally) extremely well.

We have been playing every Friday evening in Hamilton to build our own and each other's playing ability, which has been one of the best competitions we could have entered into to build physical and mental strength, game plays, stamina and togetherness. With only 7 players (6 senior players in the team) that travelled to Tauranga to play at the ASB Arena on Day 1 of competition, was not ideal. These girls were Pareunuora Pene, Hinekura Kingi, Te Ao Leach, Dejah Winikeri-Motu, Kararaina Pene, Dubai Whata and Grace McCarthy-Sinclair coached by Mr Darrell Pene, who had offered to assist Coach Sue as she was in Auckland with the juniors. The other members of this qualifying team, were to remain in Auckland and play their Finals game against St. Mary's of Ponsonby. They were Te Mihiroa Tangira, Kiri Tepania, Jada Beckham, Aimee Whata and Dekoda Roberts. The junior players were not to arrive in Tauranga until the early hours Wednesday morning, missing 2 pool play games against Otumoetai and Hillcrest High.

Senior Qualifiers Basketball In Tauranga



Back row: Dubai Whata, Hinekura Kingi, Kararaina Pene, Te Mihiroa Tangira, Aimee Whata, Dejah Winikeri-Motu

Front row: Te Ao Leach,
Dekoda Roberts, Pareunuora
Pene, Jada Beckham, Kiri
Tepania
and Grace McCarthy-Sinclair

'Sitting on the edge of your seat' games were played throughout the whole tournament - the game against our closest rivals Western Heights High School saw whanau supporting both sides as Jada played against her older sister Parys and Te Ao playing against her younger cousin Waiata Jennings. Fortunately, our girls finished strong to come away with the win.

We are so excited to have qualified 4th to compete at the National Competition in Palmerston North from the 1st to 8th of October. We are very appreciative of the hard mahi, coaching and support for the girls from **Coach Sue Pene** and **Coach Darrell Pene** plus our very busy parents and whanau who come to games, trainings and who look after us off the court.

New Zealand Basketball Academy trip to Las Vegas - By Jada Beckham



I went to America for 2 weeks, we flew from Wellington to Sydney Australia then a 13 hour flight to Las Vegas LA, and then drove to Las Vegas for about 4 hours. There were 6 teams that went to Las Vegas,

2 girls teams, 14 girls and Varsity girls, while the rest of the teams being boys. 13, 14, 15 and Varsity.

The whole of New Zealand Basketball Academy (NZBA) stayed at the university, UNLV. University Of Nevada Las Vegas. The University was huge, where there were massive basketball gyms, stores and food courts. It was so hot over there and got up to maybe 60 degrees, even at night it was still hot!

Some of the things that I really enjoyed over there was going to the Summer League Basketball finals, where some of the girls got to watch future basketball players, even driving around was amazing to see the big lights and going on roller coaster was so much fun! Also seeing Lebron James and the talent that little children have as well at a young age.

We played in 3 tournaments, Jam on it, Jam on it Classic and Bigfoot

Senior Qualifiers Basketball In Tauranga



The Jam On It tournaments were played at a massive convention center with 77 courts, because it was an international tournament, teams from all over the world were there! We played teams from Mexico, and others from all over America including Hawaii and some of the other islands. The Bigfoot tournament was played at a school with different teams and people. My team made the semi finals but unfortunately we lost by 1.

One of the best things that happened to me over there was meeting people from all over the world and getting the chance to play them as well. I learned a lot over there as a player and as a student, I got a massive opportunity and I'm so glad that I got to go over again.

Overall I had an amazing experience, and it was my second time going!



Report by Ngaire Te Pania-TIC Basketball



A Pic Collage created as Highlights from Te Wiki o te Reo Maori 2017 (above)
Students playing Ki o Rahi at Lunchtime (shared by Mrs Katu) and our Staff Dressing as
Famous
Maori Characters or Personalities (shared by Mrs Beamish)

YEAR 10 STUDENTS EXPERIENCING OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES



Te Aomihi Paul

Te Aomihi has been to the Gold Coast Australia, within the last few days to represent New Zealand in Touch.

(a full story will be published in the next Bulletin)

SWIMMING

On the weekend of 2 and 3 September 2017, **Ana Nagera** from RGHS took part in the Central Swimming (SC) Championships.

This is a competition for swimmers from Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay, Waikato, Taranaki and Bay of Plenty, as well as some from other regions.

In her age group, **Ana Nagera** (17yrs) won GOLD in 50m breaststroke, SILVER In 100 Breaststroke, BRONZE in 200 breaststroke. **Ana** also was an open age finalist in six events, placing 5th overall in 50m breaststroke.

CAREER NEWS

Interviews with Year 13s

Those of you who haven't yet seen Ms Gracie about your career pathways for 2018, please come to the careers office and make an appointment to see her during the last week of this term. These interviews are compulsory so please make a time with her.

Girls, it's your future and we are here to help you decide what that future will look like.

Year 13s should be thinking about...

- Planning for 2018
- Courses of study
- Student Loans & allowances
- Applying for scholarships
- Applying for Halls of Residence (some applications out now)
- Applying for University

All Year 13 students should be familiar with course application dates. Applications for scholarships have opened and if you need more information of what's available please see Ms Gracie for a list of some of the main scholarships on offer.

Each course is different so make sure you go online now to the tertiary provider you are interested in and find out by when you MUST have your application in! Most halls of residence applications for the various universities open on August 1 and close on October 1 apart from AUT which do not open till October 1.

What should I be doing now to be organised to apply for University?

Here are a few things that you could be doing now to get yourself sorted for applying for university, polytech, Studylink student loans/allowances and scholarships.

- Verified Bank account details Go to your bank and get verified copies of this. If you
 don't yet have an account then get one set up now! There are a range of special Student
 Specific Accounts that Banks can offer you.
- Verified copies of either your birth certificate or passport. If you don't have either of these, then you will need to apply for your Birth Certificate through the Department of Internal Affairs.
- IRD number if you do not have your IRD number call 0800 377 774 to get it.
- 4. Get onto your NZQA page and 'order' a printed version of your Record of Achievement -THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT! Do it now as it can take up to a month to arrive through the mail. It is free to order your first copy. You will need to have your NCEA Level One and Two certificates as well as your current RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT. A print out of your results from KAMAR does not qualify as an official document!
- 5. A **reference from one of your teachers** who will write awesome stuff about how fabulous you are! This is actually really important to get. DONT wait until your application is nearly due in and then ask a teacher to RUSH a reference letter. I know from personal experience that when students rock up and ask for a reference letter by tomorrow it's not quality!
- 6. Start compiling the **lists of all your achievements**; set them out in sub categories eg academic, cultural, sporting, community involvement etc. Most people are looking for your involvement in a range of areas so please provide as much evidence of this as possible. Start looking for all those old certificates that you've filed away somewhere!
- If you know what you want to do start applying to universities

For more information about how to write a CV - go to the careers.govt.nz CV builder

\$\$\$\$ SCHOLARSHIPS \$\$\$\$

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.

Get your share of the "free" money that is out there to assist with the costs of tertiary study.

- UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are open for scholarships being offered by the various universities and polytechnics in New Zealand. Here are the links to various websites where you can apply.

While a lot of the main scholarships offered by the Universities are closed, you should check with the institution you are planning to attend as there are possibly still faculty based scholarships available.

University of Waikato: http://www.waikato.ac.nz/study/scholarships.shtml

Auckland University:

https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/for/current-students/cs-scholarships-and-awards.html For example the University of Auckland Faculty of Law Entry Level Scholarships which close October 8

Victoria University:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/student-finance/scholarships/school-leaver-scholarships

Massey University:

http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/admission/scholarships-bursaries-awards/other-scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships_home.cfm

Otago University: http://www.otago.ac.nz/study/scholarships/

Canterbury University:

http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-funding/scholarships-at-uc/

Lincoln University: http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/Apply/Scholarships/

Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology:

http://www.waiariki.ac.nz/study-options/fees-and-finance/scholarship-and-grants

AUT University:

http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/fees-scholarships-and-finance/scholarships/school-and-community-partnership

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS

Tourism Industry New Zealand Trust Academic Tourism Scholarship

The Tourism Industry New Zealand Trust awards up to three tourism scholarships to pay tuition costs up the value of \$2500. The scholarships are open to New Zealand citizens and permanent residents who completed NCEA Level 2 and are due to commence a tourism-related course of study at a New Zealand tertiary institution in 2017. Applicants will need to write an essay (max 300 words) explaining their interest in the tourism industry. Applications close on October 3, 2017. For more details go to www.tinzt.org.nz/tinzt-tourism-academic-scholarships

Zonta Young Women Study Award

The Zonta Club of Rotorua is offering a study award to a senior female student from a local high school enrolling in a tertiary based qualification in 2017. The recipient of this award will have limited access to financial assistance, show potential to succeed in their chosen field of study, be active in school and community, be a diligent achiever and have received no other scholarships or awards. The successful applicant receives a one-off payment of \$1,500. Closing date for applications is 30th November 2017. All applications must be sent as a PDF to to traventa@gmail.com

Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The Zonta Club of Rotorua is offering a Young Women in Public Affairs award to a female student aged between 16-19 on the 1st April 2018. The successful candidate will have an active commitment to volunteerism, experience in local government, student government or workplace leadership (paid or unpaid), volunteer leadership achievements, knowledge of Zonta International and a commitment to empowering women worldwide The successful candidate will receive \$500. Their application will be forwarded to be considered at the District level and, if successful, at the International level. Both of these awards offer further monetary recognition. The application can be found on the Zonta International website: www.zonta.org/. All applications must be sent as a PDF to tmzonta8@gmail.com

Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust

Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust awards up to 20 scholarships that are worth \$2000 per year for up to 4 years. These scholarships are open to students who have attended a high school in the Rotorua District and have achieved university entrance and enrolled to attend university next year as a full time student. 5 of the scholarships are given out based on either academic achievement during 2017 and the other 15 will be based on the applicant's leadership skills as well as their level of involvement in school, cultural and wider community activities. Applications close November 30, 2017. For more information go to

http://rotoruatrust.org.nz/funding-and-support/tertiary-study-awards/

There are many Agriculture Scholarships on offer for example:

Perrin Ag Consultants Agricultural Scholarship

Perrin Ag awards two scholarships of up to \$3000 each. One is for an applicant wanting to study agricultural or related science at either Lincoln or Massey Universities and the other is for an applicant with whakapapa to one of the Incorporations, Companies or Trusts for whom Perrin Ag Consultants supervises farming operations to study agricultural-related subjects at Massey or Lincoln. Applications close March 31, 2018. For more information go to http://www.perrinag.net.nz/news/perrin-ag-scholarships

DairyNZ Scholarship

DairyNZ awards many scholarships worth up to \$6,325 per year for up to 4 years. Applicants need to have NCEA Level 3 and are going to study at Lincoln, Massey or Waikato University and evidence of and/or planned activity to support the New Zealand dairy industry. They are also looking for students with potential leadership skills and/or service to the community or sporting activities and academic merit. Recipients are also supported and mentored throughout their time at either Lincoln, Massey or Waikato Universities as well as being given opportunities to network with industry leaders. Applications close December 7, 2017. For more information go to https://www.dairynz.co.nz/people/dairy-careers/awards-and-scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships

FMG Agriculture Scholarship

FMG Agriculture awards two scholarships to promising agriculture students starting their first year at university worth \$5,000 towards your course fees for each year of your undergraduate degree at Lincoln, Massey or Waikato Universities. Applications open on October 1, 2017 and close December 5, 2017. For more information go to

https://www.fmg.co.nz/about-fmg/giving-back/fmg-agriculture-scholarships/

There are many more scholarships still available, see the list you were given which is also on the year 13 Facebook page or there are copies in the Careers Office. Also see the giveME website mentioned above

For more information on Studylink and how to apply for a student loan and student allowance go to www.studylink.govt.nz or call 0800 88 99 00

Students thinking about further study after they leave school have a lot of decisions to make. StudyLink's website is a great place to visit to get you thinking about what it will cost to live and study. StudyLink can help you work out if study is right for you and how you'll support yourself. How much money you may need to support yourself could surprise you.

Once you've made the decision to study it's a good idea to sign up to receive emails from StudyLink. This way you won't miss out on important information, like when to apply and documents you need to send. We encourage students and parents to check out www.studylink.govt.nz.

There are some really important decisions to make. A little effort, planning and commitment now can turn into exciting jobs, higher wages and only having to pay back what you really needed to borrow to get there.

Let's figure out what things you'll need for your tertiary education, and how you might pay for them. Sign up to receive emails now

Studylink have an eligibility test as part of the application process, this will tell you what you are eligible for. For this you will need: Course details (including start and end dates and break period), Citizenship/residency details, Income information (if applicable), Parents' income information, IRD number and tax code

https://www.studylink.govt.nz/starting-study/thinking-about-study/information-for-parents.ht

UNIVERSITY COURSE PLANNING VISITS IN TERM 4

DATE	UNIVERSITY / TERTIARY INSTITUTE	TIME AND PLACE
Thursday 19 October	Wintec	10:40-11:20

University of Auckland UniBound Certificate in Academic Preparation Programme

Applications are open for the Unibound Certificate in Academic Preparation. The certificate is a pre-degree programme for Year 13 Maori and Pacific students. It is open to students without University Entrance who have gained NCEA Level 2 and completed the Literacy and Numeracy requirements for University Entrance. For more information contact UniBound Co-ordinator Peni Fa'Alogo on unibound@auckland.ac.nz or Phone: +64 9 373 7599 ext 85067, or see Ms Gracie in the RGHS careers office.

https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/study-options/undergraduate-study-options/preparation-and-foundation-programmes/unibound-certificate-in-academic-preparation.html

Waikato University Certificate in University Preparation (CUP) Programme

Applications are now open for Waikato University's Certificate in University Preparation (CUP). CUP has been designed to help students who don't initially meet the entry requirements for study at a New Zealand university and need additional academic preparation. Taught on the Hamilton campus students have full access to University facilities and services, enabling you to adapt to this new environment prior to starting your degree. Following your successful completion of CUP, you'll be eligible for entry at all New Zealand Universities and most undergraduate degrees. For more information and how to apply see

http://www.waikato.ac.nz/study/qualifications/certificate-of-university-preparation or contact Waikato Pathways College- Te Huanui Phone: 0800 WAIKATO or + 64 7 858 5600 or email pathwayscollege@waikato.ac.nz

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2-7	NZSS BASKETBALL NATIONALS - PALMERSTON NORTH
7	RGHS SCHOOL BALL
16-22	NEW ZEALAND CHINESE LANGUAGE WEEK (NZCLW)
16	TERM 4 BEGINS
17	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING
26	1PM - ARTS, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS (ASCA)
<u>N O V</u>	
3	1PM - SENIOR ACADEMIC PRIZEGIVING; BULLETIN #7 ONLINE
6 - 8	SENIOR STUDENTS ON STUDY LEAVE
9 NOV -1 DEC	NCEA AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS
22-24	JUNIOR EXAMS
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6	YEAR 13 LEAVERS DINNER
8	BULLETIN #8 ONLINE

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING AND YEAR 10 GRADUATION; END OF TERM 4;

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING

ROTORUA HOLIDAY PROGRAM



We are located on the Lake Water front by the children's park from 10am-5.30pm

PRICES

1-15 children - \$20.00 per child – (Prices negotiable) 15 or more - \$15.00 per child

UNLIMITED USE OF:

Mammoth Slide - 15 metres high and 51 metres long - Water slide in summer and dry in winter

Obstacle course – 28 metres of fun

Bouncy Castle - this is a large castle and big kids love it

1 x Mini jeep ride

We can have included for an extra \$5.00 1 x Bungee (usually priced at \$10.00)

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to call 07 846 2251 Or Eric on 027 438 3687



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PERFORMING ARTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SPECIALISING IN DANCE, DRAMA AND SINGING

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Session T	Junior Drama	Junior - Workshop	Junior Dance	Junior Singing	Junior Drama
9.00 - 10.30am	Intermdiate Singing	Intermediate Dance	Intermediate Workshop	Intermediate Drama	Intermdiate Singing
	Senior Dance	Senior Singing	Senior Drama	Senior Workshop	Senior Dance
Morning Tea	10.30 - 11.00am				
Session 2	Junior Singing	Junior Drama	Junior - Workshop	Junior Dance	Junior Singing
11.00 - 12.30pm	Intermediate Drama	Intermdiate Singing	Intermediate Dance	Intermediate Workshop	Intermediate Drama
	Senior Workshop	Senior Dance	Senior Singing	Senior Drama	Senior Workshop
Lunch 12.30 - 1.3	30pm				
Session 3	Junior Dance	Junior Singing	Junior Drama	Junior - Workshop	Junior Dance
1.30 - 3.00pm	Intermediate Workshop	Intermediate Drama	Intermdiate Singing	Intermediate Dance	Intermediate Workshop
	Senior Drama	Senior Workshop	Senior Dance	Senior Singing	Senior Drama
Afternoon Tea Brea	ak 3.00 - 3.30pm				
Session 4	Junior - Workshop	Junior Dance	Junior Singing	Junior Drama	PERFORMANCE
3.30 - 5.00pm	Intermediate Dance	Intermediate Workshop	Intermediate Drama	Intermdiate Singing	
	Senior Singing	Senior Drama	Senior Workshop	Senior Dance	
Workshops - Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JUNIOR	Locking with Jacinta	Commercial Dance with Jacinta	Head Shots - Photographs	Triple Threat - Turanga	
INTERMEDIATE	Locking with Jacinta	Commercial Dance with Jacinta	Head Shots - Photographs	Triple Threat - Turanga	Crew Dance - Courtnee
SENIOR	Locking with Jacinta	Commercial Dance with Jacinta	Head Shots - Photographs	Triple Threat - Turanga	Crew Dance - Courtnee
WORKSHOPS - WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JUNIOR	Vogue/Waacking - Jacinta	Commercial Dance with Jacinta	Zumba	Triple Threat- Turanga	
INTERMEDIATE	Vogue/Waacking - Jacinta	Commercial Dance with Jacinta	Zumba	Triple Threat- Turanga	Crew Dance - Courtnee
SENIOR	Vogue/Waacking - Jacinta	Commercial Dance with Jacinta	Zumba	Triple Threat- Turanga	Crew Dance - Courtnee

Workshops with Jacinta Landon Dancer, Choreographer and Director of ELEVATE Dance Company in the UK

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Classes and Workshops \$20 each OR join for the week for only \$250

Two week price \$400.00 BOOK IN NOW!

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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.

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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

Thank you.

Your donation will help build a bright future for Rotorua Girls High School – now and forever.