

Rotorua Girls High School
Te Mātārere #1
Celebrating Academic Excellence



Te Riri Williams (right - 2018 Head Girl and
Te Ao Leach (left - 2018 Deputy Head Girl)

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 .
We welcome any feedback.

ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL


STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

our VISION	our MISSION	our VALUES	our PRINCIPLES
Every young woman is a LEADER in the GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT	To create a CONNECTED LEGACY of EXCELLENCE	T The willingness to learn: RESILIENCE E Engaging to achieve: INTEGRITY A Always shows respect: RESPECT O Offers to serve: EMPATHY	THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR CURRICULUM DECISION-MAKING ARE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovate through personalised learning • Engage through powerful partnership • Inspire through deep challenge and inquiry



Our teacher - student relationships are based on Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy

Where power is SHARED

- Learners have the right to self-determination

Where CULTURE COUNTS

- Learners bring who they are to their learning

Where learning is INTERACTIVE and DIALOGIC

- Learners speak and listen

Where CONNECTEDNESS and RELATIONSHIPS are fundamental

- Learners are valued

Where there is a COMMON VISION

- Learners experience EXCELLENCE in Education

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1.
All students and staff are engaged in meaningful learning opportunities that develop connected critical thinkers
2.
Inclusive and inspirational opportunities have meaning and approved pathways are maximised for all learners
3.
All students and staff are supported emotionally, spiritually and physically
4.
 - Community and Stakeholders are involved with the life of the school
 - Parents and caregivers are engaged in their students' learning
5.
The Strategic Plan is effectively resourced and implemented

“Crafting Future Leaders”

ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL



GRADUATE PROFILE

Is a citizen for this world

Is confident in her
languages, culture
and identity

Is strong and
proud in her
whakapapa to
RGHS

Puts service
before self

Is humble

Takes risks to achieve
excellence in all her
endeavours

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 and differentiate and learners' needs

expectations for all learners
adapt our practice to meet

- We create a safe and and outside the take risks and find out

supportive environment inside
classroom to enable learners to
who they are.

- We are constantly engagement and whānau as active learning.

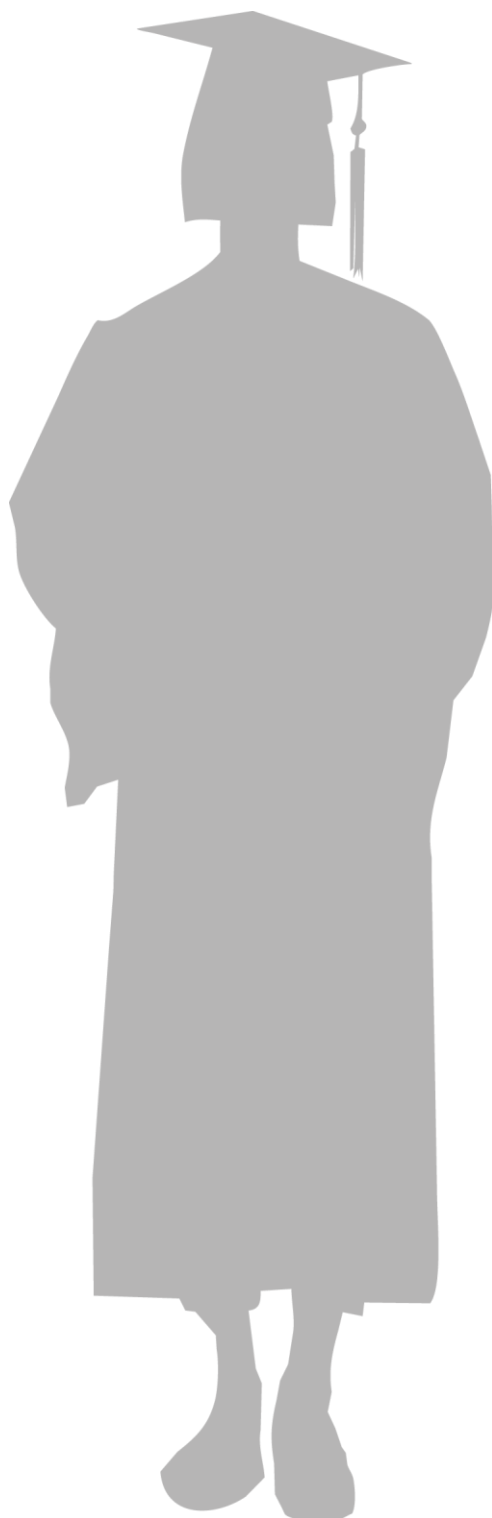
focussed on student
achievement and work with
participants in their student's

- We create contexts for learners and affirm their identities.

learning that excite and engage
languages, cultures and

- We model respectful want our girls to leave Resilience, Integrity and

relationships and the values we
our school with: Respect,
Empathy.



Target 1 – Reading and Writing

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

Reading: Year 9 = shift 2 sub levels Year 10 = shift 2 sub levels
Writing: Year 9 = shift 2 sub levels Year 10 = shift 2 sub levels

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 Pacifica.

Target 3 - Curriculum

By the end of 2018, 90% of Year 10 students will be working at Level 5 of the New Zealand
Curriculum.

1. 90% of targeted students working towards Level 3 and 4 upon enrolment will be working at Level 5 by the end of Year 10.
2. 90% of targeted Māori students working towards Level 3 and 4 upon enrolment will be working at Level 5 by the end of Year 10.
3. 90% of targeted Pasifika students working towards Level 3 and 4 upon enrolment will be working at Level 5 by the end of Year 10.

Target 4 - NCEA

Increase the percentage of students achieving NCEA:
Level 1: 90% Level 2: 98% Level 3: 92%
UE: 100% of students intending to go to University.

Target 5 - 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 Pacifica)	For
	Level 2 Māori and Pacifica)	Merits and
	Level 3 Māori and Pacifica)	Excellences

Target 6 - Attendance

The average student attendance in 2018 will be 85%.

Focus: Year 9 Māori and Pacifica Year 10 Māori and Pacifica Years 11 – 13 All

Across the Principal's Desk

Date: Friday, 9 March 2018

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou katoa

Welcome to the 2018 school year.

I would especially like to welcome the new families and whānau who have joined our school community. I hope that this year will be the first of many happy associations with our wonderful school. We look forward to the year ahead, working in partnership with you to support your daughter's learning.



The 2018 year started with a pohiri on Tuesday, 30 January welcoming the new members of our school community, which included 139 Year 9 students, six international students from China and four new staff members.

Our school motto, 'Crafting Future Leaders' - has been very much evident in these first four weeks. I would like to thank the peer supporters and Year 13 Leaders, who have played a key role in supporting our new Year 9 students to get to know each other, the school routines and who got alongside them as they competed in our annual Athletic and Swimming Days.

On Monday, 26 February, we held our Athletic Sports Day and on Wednesday 28 February, our Swimming Sports Day were a sea of colour, costumes and fun. Photographs capturing the costumes, enthusiasm and competition between houses can be seen on the Rotorua Girls High School Facebook page. I would encourage you to join Rotorua Girls High School's Facebook page - not only is it a wonderful record of school events and activities, but it is where we will be posting 'alerts' / reminders about what is happening at the School.

Since the beginning of the school year, staff and students have been working together to ensure that students are making the right choices for good learning. This includes coming to school on time, being prepared for class, showing respect for others and their property, participating fully in class activities, and taking responsibility for their own actions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring your child arrives at school wearing the correct uniform, arriving on time, having the correct gear and completing her homework.

The relationship between home and school is crucial in supporting our young women through their learning journey. Later in Te Mātārere you will find the contact details for Kahui Ako Class Teachers, Year 11-13 Whanau Teachers, Deans, Heads of House, Learning Leaders and the Senior Leadership team. Please do contact us, if you wish to discuss your daughter's progress or have any concerns that you would like to discuss.

2018 sees us focusing on developing our culture of learning through the goals of engaging students in new ways of learning and improving student achievement. We want to see all students at all levels working towards achieving their own personal levels of excellence, whether it be in the classroom, in the cultural arena, on the sports field, or in leadership.

It is with immense pride that I congratulate our Year 13 cohort for their excellent achievement pass rates in 2017. Our provisional results are: Level 1 - 91.8%, Level 2- 98% and Level 3 -92.3%. Congratulations to Alysa Mae-Pinder who achieved a scholarship for Design. Her folio has been chosen to tour NZ in the NZQA Top Art Exhibition .

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.

To our senior students we encourage you all to aim for merit and excellence endorsements in NCEA. Whether you are planning to go into the workforce, an apprenticeship, or tertiary study, we want our students to leave Rotorua Girls' High School with the best qualifications they can achieve as the launching point for their career.

By the time Te Mātārere goes online I will have started my Principal's sabbatical for ten weeks. During my absence Aramoana Mohi Maxwell will be Acting Principal and she will be supported by Deputy Principal-Raewyn Krammer and Acting Deputy Principal- Tui McCaull.

Ngā manaakitanga



Ally Gibbons
Principal

Welcome to our new staff

Elizabeth Tai - Guidance Counsellor

Talofa Lava,

It's great to be here at Rotorua Girls High School as the new Guidance Counselor.

I am a mother of 6 beautiful children. I was born and raised in West Auckland but hail from 2 stunning villages in Samoa, Pesega and Falelatai. I have been in Rotorua for 10 years. I have been working within the social sector for 8 years, working with youth, children and families.

I bring my passion to RGHS which is supporting individuals to reach their potential and supporting them to flourish.

Come in and see me in the Wellness Center. I would love to meet you.

Ashleigh Milne



Ashleigh is teaching English to both juniors and seniors as well as teaching Media Studies to a senior class, and all Year 9's as an option. She has also joined the Cactus programme for Term 1, three mornings a week and is having fun getting to know the girls and being inspired by their efforts. She comes to us from Auckland where she was teaching for three years.

Ashleigh originally comes from Taupo and is excited to be back in the local area. She likes keeping fit and running all the beautiful trails on offer around Rotorua.

Erica Tuese



Erica only teaches English at RGHS but is also qualified to teach Dance and Drama. Erica has already learnt so much about the school and its culture. She is enjoying every bit of being a teacher here, as well as continuing to learn the traditions and history of Rotorua. Erica looks forward to taking on the challenges and rewards of teaching. It is going to be an eventful year for her but one she already knows will be worth the ride!

O lo'u igoa o Erica Eila Tuese ma ou te sau mai le pitonu'u e sili ona aafia i matagi malolosi, Ueligitone. My name is Erica Eila Tuese and I hail from the windiest side of the country, Wellington. I have descendants from Tonga, England but mainly from Samoa.

Wendy Simpson - RTL



I have joined the staff of Rotorua Girls' High part time, after many years of teaching English in Rotorua. I am enjoying working with a small group of Year 11 Girls to ensure they gain their NCEA Literacy and Level 1 Certificate. Originally from England, I have lived in both Rotorua and Papamoa for the last 40 years. I am married and have 4 adult children and several grand children and two great granddaughters. I love travelling and have just returned from 10 weeks travelling through Europe.

Althea Oldman - Careers Advisor



Introducing Althea Oldman our new Careers & Trades Academy Coordinator. Althea has come from a Secondary School background in Careers Administration and in Business Administration and Secondary School Liaison in the Tertiary Sector.

Althea is married with two adult children and 3 grandchildren. She is delighted to be part of our school community and hopes to bring her wide range of skills and experience to the careers role.

Board of Trustee News

The following are our current BOT members.

NAME	
Mr Chris Nairn	(Parent Rep - Chairperson)
Mrs Sharlene EasthopeHarper	(Parent Rep – Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Herman Jansonius	(Co-opted)
Ms Mercia Yates	(Parent Rep)
Mrs Leonie Kiff	(Parent Rep)
Mrs Ally Gibbons	(Principal)
Ms Sarah Riley	(Staff Rep)
Vaishali Morarji	(Student Rep)

BOT meetings for this year will be held at 5.15pm on the following days:

4 April

1 May

3 July

16 October

29 May - BOT AGM @ 7pm

7 August

13 November

19 June

4 September

11 December

At present the Board of Trustees are reviewing their Governance Policy Framework and Policies. The policies that are being currently reviewed are:

- Policy 1: Strategic Direction
- Policy 2: Student progress and achievement.
- Policy 3: Effective Governance
- Policy 4: Continuity of Governance
- Policy 5: Principal Employment and Management
- Policy 6: Delegations to the Principal
- Policy 7: Complaints
- Policy 8: Personnel.

These can be found on our school's website. Please take the time to read them and email any comments, amendments etc to principal@rghs.school.school

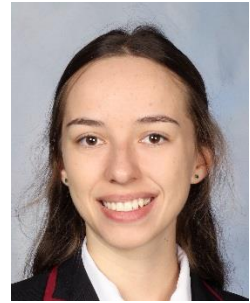
The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 April 2018 at 5:15pm.

Congratulations to our 2018 Student Leaders

Te Ririū	Williams	Head Girl
Te Ao	Leach	Deputy Head Girl
Moerewa	Hunt	Academic Leader
Vaishali	Morarji	Deputy Academic Leader & BOT Student Representative
Teina	Cassidy	Arts Leader
Te Raumawhitu	Nawainilaga	Deputy Arts Leader
Allannah	Tapara	Sports Leader
Matalena	Rapana	Deputy Sports Leader
Marina	McGarvey	Makereti House Leader
Kahlia	Kiel	Deputy Makereti House Leader
Juvilyn	Heath	Taini House Leader
Manawa	Rongo-Apanui	Deputy Taini House Leader
Rebecca	Cocker	Witarina House Leader
Iesha	Thomas	Deputy Witarina House Leader
Daytona	Te Kowhai	Kohine Whakarae
Manaiah	Le Comte	Student Council Leader
Danielle	Selwyn	Raukura Leader
Rodellie Beatriz	Bae	CATCH Leader
Thu	Phan	Deputy CATCH Leader
Keleni	Foliaki	Pasifika Leader
Gloria	Leauga	Deputy Pasifika Leader

Kai nga kaiako, kai nga kohine, kai nga whanau
Nau mai haere mai, Haere mai ki te hui Whakahui nei

Ko Te Riri Ahau
No Ohinemutu
Ko Ngati Whakaue Ko Patutoka oku hapu
Tena koutou Katoa



I am truly honoured and privileged to be selected by our kaiako and my peers to be the Head Girl for 2018.

Leaders come in many different forms.

Over the past 5 weeks the leadership team have faced a lot of hurdles and no doubt many more will come, but that apart of our journey, we haven't got all the answers or solutions, however this will put us in good stead for life.

A key skill I have learned is that we have 2 ears and only one mouth, so as a team we need to use the we have the most of.

Kuia Witarina one our house group name was a prime example of this quality. She would listen and speak when she needed to be heard.

There is a quote I want to share with all girls to think about from the famous tennis player Serena Williams. One of my aunties....nah I wish!!

She said "the Success of every women should be the inspiration of others, we should rise each other up, make sure we are courageous, be strong, be extremely kind and above all be humble...."

To the special group of Year 13 and those who have not attained a position...a title does not mean you are not important. We should all be celebrating that we made it to our final year of schooling...If we support each other and work as a group everyone will see our classy and unique ways.

Our school offers many opportunities for us all to Shine, in Academia, Sports and The Arts and Culture. So give everything a go, Keep in mind not all of us will be great in each area...However do what you can in a GREAT way.

During your schooling years, starting all the way back to primary school we are asked to set goals. What do you want to be? Where do you see yourself in 7 years etc
This really hits home in your final year at school and to some a scary reality. To those in that position like myself look closely at what you are good at and make that everything because "if its to be its up to me".

To our Juniors work hard and set out of your comfort zone. Never be afraid of failure if you fail, fail forward, rise up, aim high, have fun and embrace every moment. Before you know it you too could be walking across this stage.

Now I want to thank everyone who supports me my friends/sisters, staff at RGHS and of course my whanau most importantly my aunty and my Nanny Te Riri. I love you Nan and thank you for being here today.

He mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa, ma te atua hei tiaki hei manaaki I te huringa tau o te kura kohine.

Tena Koutou Katoa

Celebrating Academic Excellence

The Willingness to LEARN

Engaging to ACHIEVE

Congratulations to:

- 2017 Year 13 students, **Mairaatea Mohi** and **Atawhai Ngatai** who received a 2018 Beverley Anaru Memorial Scholarship at the Awards ceremony held on Wednesday, 24 January 2018
- 2017 Year 13 students, **Pareunuora Pene** and **Anahera Teinakore-Curtis** who received 2018 Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust Tertiary Awards at a ceremony held on Thursday, 8 February 2018.
- To the following students who received Excellent Endorsement in the 2017 NCEA Examinations:

First Name	Last Name	Year Level	Number of Excellences
Atera	Apirana	1	94
Geraldine	Atchico	1	102
Sarah	Atkinson	1	63
Natalia	Healey Forde	1	59
Hinekaa	Heta	1	66
Tiana	Jones	1	51
Ayushi	Kataria	1	63
Maia	Kemp	1	66
Mere	Kemp	1	53
Ji Yeon	Kim	1	57
Joelle	Paki	1	52
Kristia	Paras	1	114
Ti'an	Paretoa	1	68
Amohia	Peka	1	50
Tiakiawa	Reweti	1	47
Tayla	Stone	1	59
Christian	Te Whare	1	79
Georgia	Brouwer	2	140
Teina	Cassidy	2	61
Isobella	Cook	2	91
Moerewa	Hunt	2	54

Te Ao	Leach	3	61
Holly	Looijen	2	50
Vaishali	Morarji	2	57
Martine	Ocangas	2	60
Daytona	Te Kowhai	2	66
Matiria	Wilson	2	72
Dejah	Winikeri-Motu	2	53
Grace	Dorman	2	50
Manaiah	Le Comte	2	53

2017 University Graduates:

Congratulations to the following nine past students from Rotorua Girls High School who have graduated with tertiary qualifications in 2017 from Waikato University:

Raiha Manahi	Postgraduate Diploma in Education: (Specialisation Maori Medium Teaching / Te Roopu Tohu Paerua)
Deborah McKellar	Postgraduate Certificate in Management (Specialisation Health Management and Leadership)
Ngahuia Corbett	Master of Education
Emily Iles	Bachelor of Communication Studies
Angela Gilmour, Santana Ammunson-Stephens	Bachelor of Management Studies
Janae Krammer	Bachelor of Science
Jamie Perham, Jayde Pike	Bachelor of Laws
Lyric Ratahi	Bachelor of Social Sciences
Lay Ona	Certificate of University Preparation

From the across the Desk of Deputy Principal –Student Support Raewyn Krammer

NZQA Fees – Due September 2018:

These fees are collected at the school's accounts office on behalf of NZQA; they are for all internal and external credits. You will be advised by invoice as to how much you have to pay in NZQA fees. **The last day for paying the fee at the school's accounts office is Monday, 3 September 2018. Candidates who fail to pay the fee by this date will have to pay the fee directly to NZQA before the 1 December 2018. If paid after this date a \$50.00 late fee will be charged for NCEA and Scholarship fees.**

You are most welcome to make weekly or fortnightly payments through the school so that by the time the fees are due in September your daughter's qualification fees are paid. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Ms Brenda Green at the accounts office.

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 hand it in at the school's account office with the fee of **\$20.00** per individual or **\$30.00** maximum per family by **Monday, 3 September 2018**.

For any further assistance or any queries please contact **Mrs Raewyn Krammer** (Principal's Nominee NZQA).

Academic Planning Session #1:

On Thursday, 29 March 2018 we will be holding our Academic Planning Session #1 for 2018. This day provides any opportunity for you and your daughter to come into school to meet with either her Kahui (Year 9, Year 10) teachers or her Whanau teacher (Year 11, 12, 13) to discuss your daughters goals for 2018 and her 6 weekly Interim Progress Report. Junior students will meet in their Kahui rooms,

Year 11 students will meet in the Library, Year 12 and Year 13 will meet in D Block.

Your daughters Interim Report will be sent out on Monday 19 March 2018 with instructions for making appointments for the Academic Planning Day.

Each appointment runs for 15 minutes. Appointments can be made online using the www.schoolinterviews.co.nz website or by phoning our school office Receptionist, Rosemary Juergens, to make your booking.

Further details will be mailed out to you with the Interim Report. Your daughter is required to attend the planning session in full school uniform. We look forward to meeting with you on the day. Raewyn Krammer - Deputy Principal (Student Support).

From the Deans' Desks**Year 13 Dean – Karen Aldridge**

It's been a busy and exciting start to the year for the Year 13 students. Leadership positions and Top Scholars have been acknowledged at our investiture and I congratulate all of those students on their achievements so far.

The Police Course is well under way and the group have been privileged enough to visit the Police College in Wellington as part of their learning and discovering what the life of a Police Officer involves. I would like to thank Mrs Katu for her tireless work in developing this fantastic opportunity for our girls.

The Tuakana-Teina programme has been a huge success. Year 13 students have delivered a programme, working with Year 9. This has enabled strong relationships to be built and Year 13 to take the lead in helping the Year 9 transition into High School. Feedback from the sessions has been very positive. Well done Year 13.

Swimming Sports and Athletic sports were well attended and again the Year 13 took on a leading role in ensuring the events were enjoyable for everyone.

Next week students in Year 13 will be issued with lunchtime passes. These will be given to students who have attended House events and worn uniform correctly. This allows students to go out to Westend shops to have their lunch, when they are not on duty. A reminder that uniform this term is roman sandals and blazers should be worn by students at all times.

I look forward to seeing Year 13 develop as young leaders as they prepare for life after school in 2019.

Year 12 Dean – Sarah Riley

Welcome back to 2018. This is an extremely important year for Year 12. This is the year universities and other Tertiary Institutions look at your marks for scholarships and entrance to courses.

We have started the year off well with 91.8% of the cohort achieving NCEA Level One. I would like to see this improve for level 2.

Uniform for Year 12s is a blazer, long skirt, shirt and tie. If you could please ensure that this is correct. I will be doing a uniform blitz during week 7. If there are issues please come and see me.

I would like to congratulate the seventeen current Year 12 students who were awarded top scholar recognitions for excellence endorsements: Sarah Atkinson, Geraldine Atchico, Natalia Healey-Forde, Kristia Paras, Hinekaa Heta, Ti'an Paretoa, Christian Te Whare, Tiana Jones, Atera Apriana, Amohia Peka, Tiakiawa Reweti, Ji Yeon Kim, Joelle Paki, Maia Kemp, Mere Kemp, Tayla Stone, Ayushi Kataria. Well done ladies.

Let's have a great year, be here, be present, be achieving. That's all for now.

Year 11 Dean - Ngaire Tepania

We have hit the ground running and we must all keep tracking along as smoothly as we can because the year ahead will be even busier than 2017.

Year 11's returned to the new year to some great changes namely a new Whanau class and a new Whanau teacher. Week 1 was about getting to know each other in Whanau time, learning about how things happened in our school, setting new goals for achievement and extra curricular

activities, welcoming our new students to our school but also to start working on our first two NCEA Level 1 & 2 assessments based around Time Management and Creating a Curriculum Vitae. These assessments are worth 5 Unit Standard credits and are focusing on setting specific goals and being more aware of due dates. Year 11 students will need to hold their due dates in high regard and be alert to when assessments and draft tasks are to be submitted to their teachers.

We were very fortunate to participate in a Road Safety Youth Expo this week, organised by the Rotorua Lakes Council joining with other local High Schools. 54 students from our cohort including myself, were transported to the Rotorua Energy Events Centre, where we watched presentations from the Rotorua Police and Rotorua Fire Service. The Expo was about making the right choices, driving safely following the road rules, the laws of driving but also the possible consequences of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. The students participated in many practical exhibits. To show their participation, students had their licences signed by each exhibitor present.



I am looking forward to seeing how the first 6 weeks of academic progress and learning has been for your daughter/ward. You will receive her Interim Report shortly, giving a snapshot of her learning in classes so far. If you have any concerns or issues that you would like to discuss with myself, please email me ntepania@rghs.school.nz or contact the school office. I will be available during Academic Planning to meet with parents and whanau about your daughter/ward.

Tena koutou katoa,

Year 9 Dean – Jaylene Tamati

Tarawera moana

Tarawera maunga

Tarawera puia kai tangata

He morehu au na te hu o Tarawera

Tenei ka mihi

My name is **Jaylene Tamati** and I am honoured to be the Year 9 Dean for 2018. My role is to oversee Student Wellbeing and Academic Achievement. If you have any concerns throughout the year please contact me via email: jtamati@rghs.school.nz or phone: **07 3480156**.

We currently have 143 Year 9 students enrolled in our school. These are divided among five separate classes: 9AKO (Accelerate), 9PONO (Future Focussed Learning - FFL), 9AWHI, 9MANA & 9ARO (Diligent 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 this will continue. 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 marvelous evening! Thank you to those of you who came out in the rain! It was an opportunity for us to meet the different whanau' of our students', and you to meet the teachers and senior leaders, to tour the school grounds, to hear an explanation about our Future Focused Learning direction, to gain an 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.

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 \$80.00 which 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!

Mauriora

JUNIOR KĀHUI & SENIOR WHĀNAU LISTS (as at 30.01.2018)

Year 9

Dean: **Jaylene Tamati (TM)**

KĀHUI	KĀHUI TEACHER	ROOM
9AKO	Karena Ngata (NG) / Juliet Boone (JB)	E7
9MANA	Kylie Hill (HL) /	B3
9ARO	Clare Morgan (MO) / Laurelle Tamati (TL)	C5
9PONO	Caroline Beamish (BM) / Jo Vari (VR)	C4
9AWHI	Puarito Jennings (JE) / Rana Motu (MT)	C7

Year 10

Dean: **Janaye Biddle-Kite (BE)**

KĀHUI	KĀHUI TEACHER	ROOM
10AKO	Gary Dender (DD) / Yugeshwari Naidu (ND)	J3
10MANA	Jade Fleming (FL) / David Groot (GR)	B4
10ARO	Wai Morrison (MW) / Carolyn Katu (KC)	E6
10PONO	Geraldine Cunningham (CN) / Ashleigh Milne (ML)	C6
10AWHI	John Burton (BR) / Erica Tuese (TS)	E3

Year 11

Dean: **Ngaire Tepania (TP)**

WHĀNAU	WHĀNAU TEACHER	ROOM
11MAK	Laura Falconer (FA)	A6
11TAI	Bridget Donovan (DN)	C1
11WIT	Michelle Goeth (GT)	B5

Year 12**Dean: Sarah Riley (RL)**

WHĀNAU	WHĀNAU TEACHER	ROOM
12MAK	Noeline Finlay (FN)	D6
12TAI	Bryony Edwards (EW)	D11
12WIT	Olivia Holmes (HM)	C3

Year 13**Dean: Karen Aldridge (AL)**

WHĀNAU	WHĀNAU TEACHER	ROOM
13MAK	Charlotte Hazlett (HZ)	D3
13TAI	Felicity Kaiwai (KW)	D7
13WIT	Carolyn Compton (CP)	D2

EVOL	Trish Pike (PK)	F3
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ALLOCATION OF STAFF TO HOUSES (as at 30.01.2018)

Makereti (Pink)	Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Puarito Jennings (JE) Head of House ● Gary Dender (DD) ● Noeline Finlay (FN) ● Carolyn Katu (KC) ● Laura Falconer (FA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yugeshwari Naidu (ND) ● Laurelle Tamati (TL) ● Ashleigh Milne (ML) ● Charlotte Hazlett (HZ) ● Yvette Nelson (NL)
	Support Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brenda Green (GRE) ● Mary Kururangi (KUR) ● Alison Blakey (BLA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clare McKinlay (MCK) ● Wendy Simpson (SIM) ● Carol Holt (HLT)
Taini (Purple)	Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Felicity Kaiwai (KW) Head of House ● Caroline Beamish (BM) ● Bryony Edwards (EW) ● John Burton (BR) ● Bridget Donovan (DN) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clare Morgan (MO) ● Karena Ngata (NG) ● Geraldine Cunningham (CN) ● Kylie Hill (HL) ● David Groot (GR)
	Support Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shirley Tickelpenny ● Tina Sutherland ● Rosemary Juergens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kay Asplin ● Catherine Cassidy ● Noreen Keno
Witarina (Orange)	Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trish Pike (PK) Head of House ● Jade Fleming (FL) ● Olivia Holmes (HM) ● Jo Vari (VR) ● Erica Tuese (TE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carolyn Compton (CP) ● Michelle Goeth (GT) ● Wai Morrison (MW) ● Rana Motu (MT) ● Juliet Boone (JB)
	Support Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nikki Motu (MOT) ● Helen Tina (TIN) ● Heidi Symon (SYM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Althea Oldman (OLD) ● Barbara Leckey (LEC) ● Elizabeth Tai (TAI)

Faculty News

Art and Technology Faculty

Our 2017 NCEA results were outstanding. We particularly wish to acknowledge the following girls for their success in Design and Photography.

Excellence Endorsements Level 3:

Mania Witoko - Photography and Design
Kalani Bosley - Photography and Design
Hannah Mareroa – Photography
Bianca Poihipi-Fladkjar - Photography
Rose Pickernell - Photography
Nadia Elers – Photography
Liana Apiata - Photography
Natthakarn Poolyaem - Photography
Jaylin Henry – Photography
Kalani Walsmley-Kume – Photography
Darleen Roberts – Design
And of course Alyssa Pineda – Design!

Excellence Endorsements Level 2:

Manaiah Le Comte – Photography and Design
Martine Ocangas – Photography and Design
Daytona Te Kowhai – Photography and Design
Matiria Wilson – Photography and Design
Jashika Kumari – Design
Te Ao Leach – Design
Grace Dorman – Photography
Te Awa Forrest – Photography
Holly Looijen - Photography
Hinemihi Taylor – Photography
Amber Wolfgram - Photography.



CONGRATULATIONS

ALYSSA MAE PINEDA

Alyssa was awarded NZQA NZ Scholarship for her 2017 Design submission and invited to have her folio tour NZ in the NZQA TOP ART Exhibition.

This places Alyssa in the top 2.97% of Level 3 Designers in New Zealand.

This year Alyssa is studying Engineering at Waikato University.

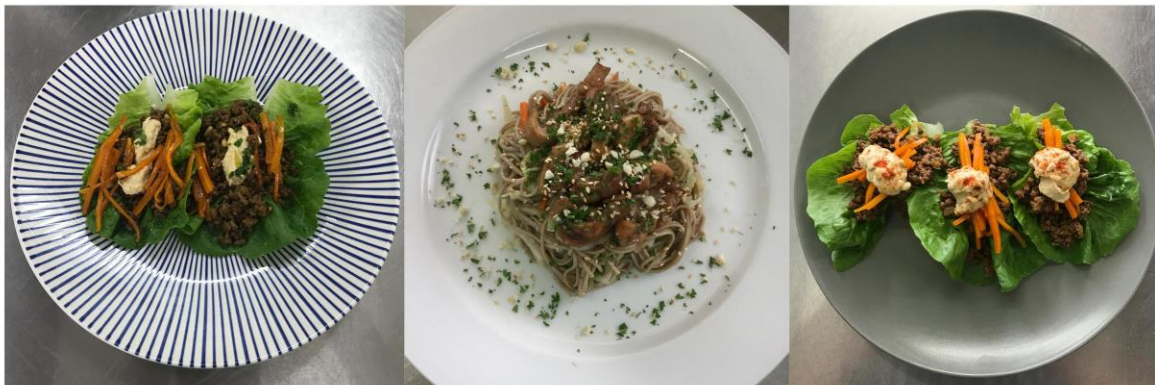
Exciting things have already happened in our Art and Technology classes this year.

Year 11 Visual Arts ventured out to Paradise Valley with Mrs Carolyn Compton to draw and record native flora and fauna as part of their Level 1 theme, "Domestic, Wild or Native". Girls looked at traditional uses of these plants and they produced line drawings to overlay in their work back at school.

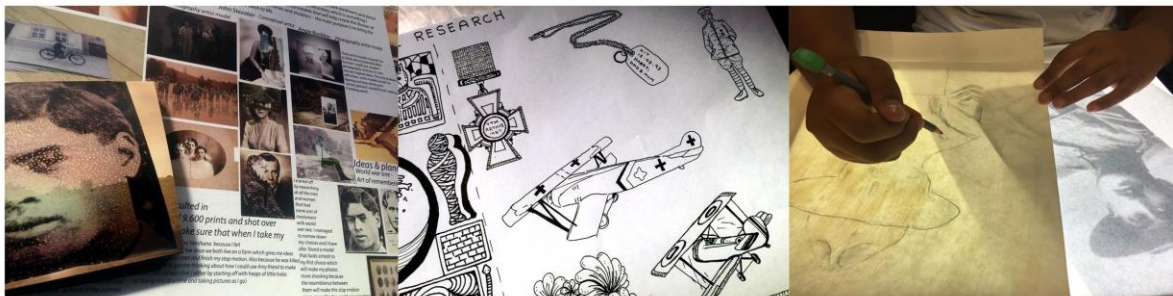


Our Year 11 Digital Technology girls are going on a trip to Whakarewarewa Traditional Maori Village to look at Tourism enterprises in Rotorua, as part of their website and booklet assessment.

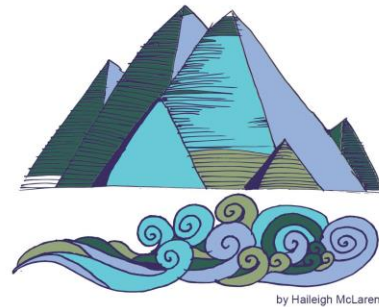
In Food Technology and Hospitality, the year is well underway with girls already producing delicious dishes for assessments. Here is a selection of Year 12 and 13 work so far.



Year 13 Photography, Year 9/10 Art and Year 9/10 Photography+Design, are currently working on pieces to enter Rotorua Museum's "Art of Remembering WW1" art competition. This celebrates 100 years since WW1 ended and concludes 4 years of remembrance celebrations. Ngati Whakaue plays a major role in this Art competition as they provide prizes including a generous Scholarship and the winner gets to travel to Wellington with their teacher for a day! Fingers crossed one of our girls takes home this fabulous win!



In the "AT" faculty we provide opportunities for students to use the facilities to complete homework and assessments every lunchtime and after school on Mondays. Fashion and Textile students have been making the most of this time to work on their first project, where they are drafting a pattern for a bodice from measurements.



Year 9 and 10 Photography and Design have been in using the photography studio and practicing their skills in illustrator!

English and Theatre Faculty

Welcome back to 2018. We have an exciting year ahead of us. The English and Theatre Faculty have welcomed two new staff this year, Miss Ashleigh Milne and Miss Erica Tueese.

We wish both of them a warm welcome and wish them all the best on their journey at Rotorua Girls' High School. Make sure if you see them around, say hi and ask them about their lives. They have done some pretty interesting things.

Google Classroom

As you may be aware we use Google Classroom extensively in this Faculty. It is for this reason we strongly recommend that students' have appropriate devices (notebook, laptop, chrome book, or iPad).

We would also like to invite the parents/caregivers of students to join Google Classroom so that you are aware of deadlines and the content and context of student learning.

The use of Google Classroom is vital for students, who are absent, as well as a great tool to support classroom teaching. To know what is going on and what learning has taken place in times when they are absent or desire clarification is essential. Please encourage your daughters or wards to use this as much as possible, as it will assist them in their learning.

Up and Coming Events

We have a fantastic opportunity coming up for students to watch a poetry performance from Apirana Taylor, a well-known author of both poetry and short stories. He will be performing to the whole school during an assembly on the 26 March 2018. After this he will be running a small creative writing workshop for around 30 students. If you are interested please contact Ms. Riley, to see what space is available.

Also coming up is Shakespeare in Schools, which Ms. Donovan has been working hard on with a group of students. We will give you an update after the local competition being held at Rotorua Lakes High School on the 17th March at 12pm. All the best for the competition.

Auckland Theatre Trip 2018

In week 4 of this term, 27 theatre students joined, Miss Biddle-Kite, Miss Morgan and Miss Donovan for a two day trip to Auckland. The first stop of the jam packed itinerary, was a matinee performance of Under the Mountain at the beautiful ASB Theatre. The story written by Maurice Gee and adapted for stage by Pip Hall, was part adventure, part thriller and lots of action. The incredibly talented cast kept the audience glued to their seats, watching a cosmic battle between good and evil unfolding in an Auckland suburb. The production was incredibly polished with fantastic lighting, staging and brilliant effects. It was really inspiring for the students.



The girls were then treated to a mini tour of Auckland including the Viaduct Basin, Downtown, the Auckland Art Gallery and the Sky Tower.

The second day saw us off to Ellerslie Racecourse, to the excellent Pop- Up Globe, for a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Regarded as Shakespeare's comic masterpiece, Girls' High and an 800 strong audience were enchanted with the mix of hilarious physical comedy and beautiful poetry. The all-male cast of actors and musicians made the experience all the more special. This particular adaptation of the play saw Elizabethan characters meet patupaiarehe and typical New Zealand tradesmen in a very funny, very bawdy romp. It was the highlight of the trip for many of us. We came home exhausted but full of ideas to work with in Theatre this year. We look forward to seeing more live theatre in the future.



Humanities

2018 has started well in the Humanities Faculty! Our Junior program is now integrated with the other curriculum areas and this is exciting for both the teachers and students. This year we welcome back Whaea Rana Motu from study leave. Whaea Karena Ngata this year is teaching History, Tourism and

Social Studies and Miss Jo Vari is teaching Classical Studies, Tourism and Social Studies. Sociology and Social Studies are taught by Wai Morrison.

What students are currently learning in the Humanities Faculty?

Social Studies:

As we are now on an integrated program with the other Faculties all students are currently working on their first Inquiry. This inquiry is "Be The Change". Students have the opportunity to work collaboratively, on looking at an area that interests them. Some Kahui students are looking at topics such as 'the evolution of music', 'the change in New Zealand families over the years' and 'the evolution of dance'. It is very exciting and students are working well.

Students are also learning many skills which will help them in their inquiries. Specifically aligned to Social Studies, they are learning the skills of analysing information and looking at correctly referencing and acknowledging primary and secondary sources.

We look forward to presenting the work to parents/whanau and the community in three weeks. We encourage you to come and view your daughters work.

Senior Subjects

All Senior subjects are well underway and students are enjoying the learning. In History students are looking at annotation and ways of sourcing information. Classical Studies students are looking at historical information during the Classical era, Tourism students have started their first assessment and Sociology students in Level 1 and 2 have just completed their first units.



Over the Christmas holidays our Humanities Faculty were fortunate to have a set of 15 computers installed in our Block.

On the left are some of our student enjoying these computers during Sociology class.

Physical Education And Health

Year 13 Police Studies - Takiri Ko te Ata

The official launch of the Police Studies Course was held at Te Takinga Marae on the 1st and 2nd February. RGHS and RBHS are the first schools in Aotearoa to participate in this initiative in conjunction with Unitec and the NZ Police. Students participated in adventure based learning activities with students from Rotorua Boys High School, as well as engaging with various members of the Rotorua Police. On the final day, students took part in a Solemn Undertaking ceremony, attended by Rotorua Area Commander, Inspector Anaru Pewhairangi and the Bay of Plenty Area Commander Superintendent Andy McGregor.

Since the noho marae, we have been working hard with our Police mentor, Senior Sergeant Nicky Cooney on our fitness. This includes pre testing for the 2.5km run, push ups and vertical jump. We have also been working on Module 1 of the UNITEC course as well as our first Unit Standard - Plan a Career Pathway. Students are finding out more about the Police and the role they play in our society.

On Saturday 17th February, we took part in a community event by ushering and car parking at Rotorua Lakeside. This was a successful event that enabled students to work on their communication skills when dealing with the public. It was also an eye opener, as students watched police dealing with a number of fights that broke out amongst youth. It is sad to see a small portion of youth letting down the community through their actions, however, our young women and men on the Police Course were fantastic role models throughout the event.

On Sunday 4th March, we will have our first trip away to the Royal NZ Police College in Wellington. Here we will be immersed in College life and will really get to taste what is on offer during a recruit's course. This is a hugely exciting challenge that we are excited to be taking up.



Year 9 Duathlon

As part of the inquiry project - Be the Change, all year 9's have been undergoing fitness testing and training towards a duathlon which consists of a 2.5km run and a 400m swim. This will take place at the Blue Lake as part of their Noho Marae on Wednesday 14th or Friday 16th March. Students will be bused to the lake after their stay at Pakira Marae. They will do the duathlon in the morning and then engage in some Adventure Based Learning activities for the rest of the day. Be the change is about us all making positive changes in our daily fitness routines to improve our wellbeing. A notice informing you of a run / swim at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre was sent out to parents in Week 5. If you are a parent of a year 9 and did not get a letter, please ask your daughter where her letter is and contact ckatu@rghs.school.nz for another copy (or see the RGHS Year 9 2018 Facebook page for a copy).

Sexuality Parents Hui - Year 9 / Year 10

This year we have implemented a new Year 9 rotation called Hauora. This is an extension to your daughter's normal Health lesson and has a particular strong focus on Sexuality Education, which is a part of the NZ Health Curriculum. On Thursday 8th March we held a parents hui to outline the course as well as to consult with your community as to what you would like included in this course. If you were unable to make the hui and would like to view the powerpoint that was presented, please contact Puarito Jennings - piennings@rghs.school.nz. If you would also like to provide feedback on what you would like your daughter to learn, please also include that in your email.

Physical Education Faculty Endorsement Students Lunch

On Thursday 15th March we celebrated the students in our Faculty who gained a Merit or Excellence Endorsement in PE and Dance in 2017. Motivational speaker Rawiri Tapiata came and spoke to us about the importance of being true to yourself and your values and living a life that honours what your goals in life are.

Congratulations to the following students and to their teachers - Miss Fleming, Mrs Beamish, Mrs Katu and Miss Biddle-Kite. We also acknowledged Te Ao Leach who is a PE scholarship candidate in 2018

Kristia Paras (Excellence) - 11 Dance (BE)
Moerewa Hunt (Merit) - 12 PE (KC)
Ana Ngagera (Excellence) - 12 PE (BM)
Hanna Penman-Coull (Merit) 11PE (BM)
Jubbah Hati (Merit) 11 PE (FL)
Wairua Lloyd (Excellence) 11 PE (FL)
Ashly White (Merit) 11PE (FL)
Tayla Stone (Merit) 11PE (FL)

Mitche Ced (Excellence) 11 Dance (BE)
Dejah Winikerei (Excellence) - 12 PE (BM)
Natalia Healey-Forde (Excellence) 11 PE (BM)
Unique Rapana (Merit) 11 PE (BM)
Keeley Dean (Excellence) 11 PE (FL)
Amohia Peka (Excellence) 11PE (FL)
Tiakiawa Rewiti (Excellence) 11 PE (FL)



Endorsement students enjoying their lunch



Mitch Ced, Kristia Paras, Dejah Winikeri-Motu, Ana Ngagera



Amohia Peka, Tiakiawa Rewiti, Wairua Lloyd,



Unique Rapana, Moerewa Hunt and Tayla Stone
Natalia Healey Forde

Year 13 Physical Education trip into Waipa. Our task was to understand safety in the outdoors. On Friday 2nd March our class headed off towards Waipa bypass road on foot to fulfill our challenge- to organize a return journey from the front of school without using a van. Once we reached Planet Bikes after about an hour walking or running depending on various abilities, we rested and had a snack. Everything we needed was carried.





Planet Bikes gave us a safety talk and bikes were matched up. We then took off into Whakarewarewa Forest for one of the most exhilarating experiences most of us have ever had. Students were so pumped that they quite happily jogged back to school. Here we are at the start of our Journey.

Ameria . Emma, Tiana and Chevi going through their safety check.

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!

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 friends and whanau to watch. More information and a date for this will go out later in the year.

Science

Students have now settled into a routine and hopefully are reinforcing the learning concepts at home with revision of class work or further study using recommended websites. They should all have purchased the required Workbooks for their course, which support the learning both in the classroom and at home.

The Science Faculty has registered every student onto a website that is aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum, which means every student can engage in self explorative research and learning. This site is www.



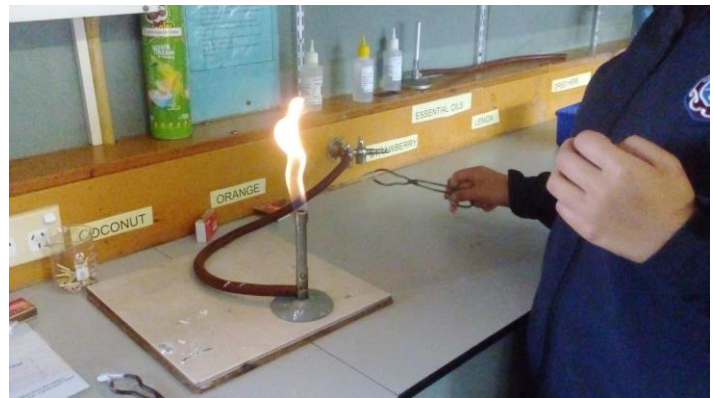
Educationperfect.co.nz. Each class has been instructed how to register with a password and can access this anytime. We encourage students to use the tutorials and practice assessments for preparation of their internal and external NCEA assessments.

Opportunities:

Year 11 and 12 students have a great opportunity to experience science from another part of the world. This is through Wallacea - an organisation that enables high school students from around the world to work on environmental projects alongside experienced scientists. The results of the student's surveying contribute to published scientific reports while the experience gained through this work is held by the students forever. Year 11 and Year 12 students have the opportunity to form a group of committed, enthusiastic environmentalists and contribute alongside students from around the world to real conservation work in Indonesia.

This will require significant fundraising and time commitment by those involved. It will be an invaluable experience and would contribute favorably to any student CV.

Dr Roger Poland is a Wallacea representative and will outline the survey work in more detail during a presentation on the 19th March from 3.15-4.15 at RGHS.



Interested students have been provided a letter outlining this visit.

Year 11 FFL will be conducting survey work at Maketu Estuary with assistance from Environment Bay of Plenty. We are organising a Skype interview with a council employee regarding the restoration of the Maketu Estuary to provide deeper understanding of the wider issues relating to the area. The students will use these experiences to write a report on achievement standard 1.12 "The biological impact of an event in a New Zealand ecosystem".

Year 12 Biology will also be attending the survey site to gather data in order to complete achievement standard 2.6 "Investigate a pattern in an ecological community."

Sports News

Welcome back to our sports fans and students to what has already been an action packed first few weeks of term.

Athletic Sports

Athletic's Day was a great success with most students competing in more than one event. Once again, in each age group of the championship events, we had some hotly contested races on the track.



The day started with the march pass, followed by the heats for each event. By lunch time the build up to finals and the annual house chant event was well worth the wait. Witarina came 1st with an action packed chant with some great disciplines and an extremely entertaining act. Taini followed in 2nd place and Makereti a close 3rd.

Our champions of the day, were celebrated to coincide with the Commonwealth Games by receiving medals for placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd. It was wonderful to see the student's reactions upon receiving their medals.

Our Champions of the day were as follows:

Junior Girls Champion	Alyssa Webster	22 pts	Makereti House
Intermediate Girls Champion	Jasmine Morrison	40 pts	Witarina House
Senior Girls Champion	Ana Nagera	29 pts	Taini House



Our Athletic Champion House and Winners for 2018: WITARINA

Thanks to our students and staff for a wonderful Day



Sports Captain, Allanah Tapara led well by example in everything all day.

Swimming Sports

Swimming Sports was two days later and even though the weather was a little on the chilly side, the girls still swam and enjoyed the day.

In our standard or non championship events many girls choose to swim and gain points for there house.

After lunch was the house chant competition. Once again we were treated to some very powerful performances by all three houses. Witarina took top honors again, followed by Taini House and then Makereti

In our championship grade our swimming girls had a long hard day competing in several events.

Congratulations to the following girls our 2018 Swimming Champions

Junior Girls Champion	Carly Ohia	29pts	Taini
Intermediate Girls Champion	Ruth Rika	42pts	Witarina
Senior Girls Champion	Ana Nagera	50pts	Taini



The Champion House and Winners of Swimming for 2018: [WITARINA](#)

Basketball

The Te Arawa Under 17 Girls were triumphant in their challenge to retain for the 2nd year in a row, the title of Under 17 Division Champions for 2018. Our school representatives were Grace McCarthy-Sinclair, Kararaina Pene, Te Aomihi Paul, Dubai Whata and Kiri Tepania. The players had barriers to power through such as full attendance to training, as some players were also apart of Touch and Waka Ama teams competing over the Summer period.

These girls were certainly not short of experience and were able to bring together a strong bunch of starting 5 players supported by reliable replacements, led by Head Coach Darrell Pene. It was nothing unusual for the girls to step up to the plate. Parents and whanau were especially proud of this fantastic achievement. Being back to back Champions is not an easy feat when you have strong competition like Rakaipaaka from Ngati Kahungunu. Well done kotiro ma!



Academy 2017

We would like to congratulate and thank Head Coach, Mrs Sue Pene, for another fantastic year with our Junior and Senior Academy teams, in leading our Basketball Academy through another successful season. Head Coach Sue also led an amazing tour to compete in the Under 17 Division of the Australian National Basketball Competition in December. The RGHS team challenged hard to come away with Silver medals from the 2-week tour, afterwards, travelling to the Gold Coast to visit the Theme Parks. This was another amazing opportunity for these players and was made possible through the energy and experience of Head Coach Sue and our fantastic band of hardworking parents and whanau.

We look forward to another tour this December to the same competition to compete with our younger Year 9 students in a higher Division.

I am excited and I look forward to another year of great Basketball representing Rotorua Girls High School - tau ke kotiro ma!



Wellness Centre 2017

Welcome to the RGHS Wellness Centre of 2018. We aim to assist you, with your daughter's / ward's health and wellbeing. We offer a Nursing and Social Work/ Guidance service, alongside a Doctor's service twice a week, an Osteopath's 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 the School Nurse Shirley Tickelpenny: stickelpenny@rghs.school.nz or phone the school and ask for extension 245.

We farewelled our 2016 -2017 Guidance Counsellor Tayla Sloane during the holidays and have Elizabeth Tai BA Social Sciences (Biculturalism) joining us for 2018. She is able to be contacted on etai@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 of Physical and Mental Health.

If your daughter / ward is new to the school and 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 on Athletics Day, Swimming Sports Day and when they go on Trips Outside of school.

We also ask that if you daughter/ward is unwell and you ring in, please could you state the reason that they are sick ie: Cold, Diarrhoea and Vomiting etc. We have two students in the school that are immunocompromised and we need to be protective and mindful of this.

Students may self refer to any of the outside providers that come in to provide a service to our students. As long as they are able to understand what the treatment entails and have this outlined to them and a discussion around their treatment, they are able to consent themselves. We advise all students to discuss their treatment with parents or caregivers

We would also like to take this opportunity of thanking those families who have donated uniform articles for the wellness centre staff to give out in emergencies. Feeling truly blessed that you thought of us. Thank You

Nga mihi
Wellness Centre staff

THINGS YOUR TEENAGER NEEDS TO KNOW

The start of school can be an exciting and a frightening time for many teenagers. Here are five things you should tell your teenager.

1. “Everyone else isn’t doing it.” There’s a lot of talk about all the things teens claim to be doing—drinking, using drugs, and having sex to name a few. The truth is, many of those claims aren’t true. Teens who believe the popular kids are using drugs or having sex or staying out late are more likely to engage in those activities. The notion that ‘everybody’s doing it’ can fuel poor choices in high school. Set the record straight and explain how some adolescents exaggerate and fib to be perceived as cool.
2. “I expect good grades from you.” While it’s not healthy to put too much pressure on your teens, it’s important to set your expectations high enough that you’ll encourage them to do their best. Reassure them that the workload will be manageable. Stay involved in your teen’s education and take steps to ensure they motivated to get good grades.
3. “Kindness matters.” Many teens believe their parents want them to be smart, more than they want them to be kind. Talk to your teen about healthy values. Make it clear that you want your teen to be successful, but explain that you want them to show kindness and compassion.
4. “You can earn freedom by showing you can make good choices.” Explain they can have more independence but extra responsibility must be earned. They can show you when they are ready for more freedom by doing well with the independence they already have. If they can’t arrive home on time, why would you allow them to stay out later? If they can’t get their chores and homework done on time, why would you trust them with the car? Explain to your teens that their ability to gain more freedom depends on their behaviour.
5. “The decisions you make now can affect the rest of your life.” Teens need to know that many of their decisions can impact them forever. Whether it’s an inappropriate post on social media, or a risky decision that doesn’t turn out well, there can be serious consequences for their choices. You can’t be there to see what they’re doing when they are at school or out with friends. Show confidence in them to think before they act and make healthy decisions, regardless of what others choose to do, but don’t set them adrift. Be their staunch friend and supporter. (From Principals’ Digest Volume24).



YEAR 13 – THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS YEAR!

Check the school notices **every day** for notices that concern you such as University, Polytechnic and Outside Provider visits. Let your mates know if they miss a notice! The Careers Department will also use Facebook and school email addresses to keep you informed! You can make an appointment to see Mrs Oldman in the Careers Office to assist with your career planning.

The major universities visit twice a year. The first visit is about what is unique at their University. The second visit is really important as it is all about course planning. In some cases appointment times will be set up for you for these second round visits.

Student Loans & Allowances – a session will be held in the third term for students to register online with StudyLink – Work & Income, to register you for the student loan or allowance process. Put this APP on your phone now – NCEA PAL

Understand from your subject teachers exactly how many credits you need to achieve NCEA L3 and UE. Check if your credits are being gained in approved UE subjects.

Get into the habit of good time management, set aside homework time and stick to it! You will be amazed at the results!

Save some money this year, at least \$1,000 for you to have as an emergency fund and spending money for the first semester at a University or other Tertiary provider or even if you are starting work.

The school offers the GATEWAY programme for students to gain real time work experience in an area you are interested in pursuing when you leave school. All Gateway courses have credits attached and should be considered as a great way to gain top up credits if you need them whilst offering meaningful skills for the world of work and enhancing your CV! Being selected for a Gateway programme is a privilege and students are expected to keep up with subjects they miss when they are on a course.

Gateway Placements can be set up with many outside providers in the electrical, plumbing, building, hospitality, hairdressing, retail industries to name but a few.

If you want to know more about Gateway courses please see Whaea Heidi, the Gateway Coordinator in the Careers Office located next to the staffroom.

Important Dates To Diary

12 -16 March	Year 9 Noho
15 March	6.00pm Top Scholars Evening in Performing Arts Centre
19 – 23 March	Summer Tournament Week
29 March	Academic Planning Day #1
30 March – 3 April	Easter Break
4 April	5.15pm Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting in the Boardroom
7 April	CACTUS – Longest Day and Graduation
13 April	End of Term 1; Bulletin #2 online

Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday, 30 January to Friday, 13 April
Term 2	Monday, 30 April to Friday, 6 July
Term 3	Monday, 23 July to Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 13 December

2018 Public Holidays

Waitangi Day	Tuesday, 6 February	Good Friday	Friday, 30 March
Easter Monday	Monday, 2 April	Easter Tuesday	Tuesday, 3 April
ANZAC Day	Wednesday, 25 April	Queens Birthday	Monday, 4 June
Labour Day	Monday, 22 October		



**YOUR EDUCATION
HIGH SCHOOL
EXCHANGE
INFORMATION MEETING**

Thursday, 15th of March 2018
6:00 – 7:00pm

Location:
Rotorua Library
2nd Floor
1238 Pukuatua Street
Rotorua

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The role will be .8 – 1FTE

Responsibilities include: general office work, health and safety co-ordination, accounts processing, reception cover.

This person must really enjoy young people, be friendly and flexible, with a sense of humour.

Please email CV and cover letter to; spowell@raphs.org.nz





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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

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

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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.

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Thank you.
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