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# Te Mātārere

## *Rotorua Girls High School Bulletin*

### CREATING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE



### What the Judges Said

This School has an outstanding focus on Māori women achieving as Māori. By upskilling staff and strengthening connections with iwi for vision and guidance, the School has built a strong culture for its students.

The Board of Trustees, staff and the principal work in a positive and collaborative way, with the board focused in the School's priorities and vision.

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## ***Excellence in Governing/Awatea Award***

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This award celebrates governance and management that create the conditions for leading and teaching that improve and sustain outcomes for all children and young people.

We received a package that included a trophy, a certificate, a financial award (\$20,000), and a professional development opportunity (\$10,000).

As finalists in two categories, **Excellence in Governing/Awatea** and **Excellence in Teaching and Learning/ Atatū Award**, we also received \$3000 for each category.

This award truly puts Rotorua Girls' High School at the pinnacle of our education system. It acknowledges the achievement of our school community, staff, students and whanau/families. We can all be extremely proud of our school community for this acknowledgement of excellence on a national scale.

***Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora te manuhiri***

***Your food basket, alongside my food basket, will nourish the people.***

In this Whakatauki (proverb) we are reminded that we all have something to contribute; something to benefit our wider school community.

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## *School Crest*

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- 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

After Raukura's back to back Ngā Kapa Haka Tuarua win it was pleasing to receive this letter of acknowledgement from Chris Hipkins the Minister of Education.

## Office of Hon Chris Hipkins

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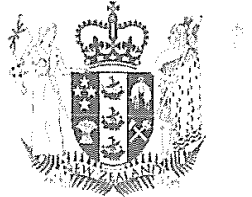
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Minister of Education

Minister of State Services

Leader of the House

Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services



**- 6 AUG 2018**

Chris Nairn  
Board of Trustees Chair

Ally Gibbons  
Principal

Rotorua Girls' High School  
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Dear Chris and Ally

You must be very proud of your students' success in winning Ngā Kapa Haka Tuarua o Aotearoa 2018. As defending champs there would have been a lot of pressure and expectation on Raukura to perform at a very high level.

It is great that Raukura has become such a formidable team. I know that successes such as these are not without considerable skill, determination and many, many hours of practice.

Being up against 41 teams and taking the top prize is a wonderful achievement. I hear the performance was very moving and paid tribute to former teachers in your combined school community.

Please pass on my congratulations and best wishes to your students and to the dedicated team of tutors and whānau that supported them along the way. An achievement like this brings a sense of pride, not only to all those involved but to the wider community.

I have also written to congratulate the students of Rotorua Boys' High School.

Yours sincerely

**Chris Hipkins**  
Minister of Education

**Rotorua Girls' High School had the pleasure of hosting Iona Holsted the Secretary of Education and Principals from our Rotorua Central Kahui Ako.**



28 June 2018

Ally Gibbons  
Principal  
Rotorua Girls High School  
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Tēnā koe Ally

Thank you for hosting me at Rotorua Girls High School last Friday.

I really enjoyed my visit, and was very impressed and honoured by the welcome I received from the confident, talented young women of Rotorua Girls.

It was great to have the opportunity to hear about the positive changes that you and your team have been achieving for your young people, and your commitment to making Rotorua Girls High School a school that delivers equitable and excellent outcomes. It was particularly inspiring to hear and see some of the ways that the identity, language and culture of your students are reflected and celebrated in every aspect of school life.

The conversations with you and your colleagues from the Rotorua Central Kāhui Ako also gave me some valuable and interesting insights. As I said on the day, your experience of using the PaCT tool across the Kāhui Ako reinforced for me the value it can provide by creating a common language, and helping to build trust and confidence between schools. Please pass on my thanks to all of the leaders who took the time to meet with me that day.

My thanks again for your manaakitanga during my visit, and my very best wishes for the rest of 2018.

Ngā Mihi

Iona Holsted  
Secretary for Education

cc: Chris Nairn, Chairperson, RGHS Board of Trustees  
Ezra Schuster, Director, Bay of Plenty Waairiki





Principal Ally Gibbons, RGHS Board Chair Chris Nairn, Iona Holsted Minister of Education, Deputy Principal aramoana Mohi-Maxwell (who wrote and submitted our Prime Minister's Excellence in Education Award's application and Ezra Schuster ( Director of Education Ministry Of Education)



Left to right Principals– Hinei Taute (Whakarewarewa), Chris Grinter (Rotorua Boys' High School, Ally Gibbons ( Rotorua Girls' High School), Roana Bennett (Taumata), Nancy McFarlane(Kahui Ako Leader, Glenholme), Lanea Strickland ( Seventh Day Adventist), Nicky Brell (Malfroy ) Garry de Thierry ( Rotorua Intermediate)



**ROTORUA  
GIRLS**  
HIGH SCHOOL

*"Crafting Future Leaders"*

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

26 July 2018

Dear Parents & Caregivers of Rotorua Girls' High School students

I am writing to inform you that the Board of Trustees has received notification from Mrs Ally Gibbons that she is resigning from her position as Principal of Rotorua Girls' High School, effective from the end of the 2018 school year.

Mrs Gibbons has decided that it is time for new challenges and a new lifestyle, which includes further study at Waikato University, accepting an appointment onto the Secondary Qualifications Advisory Group, and more time with her whanau.

At the conclusion of her tenure Mrs Gibbons will have been Principal for the past five years. Under her leadership and her devotion to achieving the best educational outcomes for the students, in 2017 the Education Review Office acknowledged the school had successfully addressed in-school disparities in achievement and the learners are achieving excellent educational outcomes. This year the school was recognised at the Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards. Out of the 127 entries we were finalists in two categories: the Atatū Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and the Awatea Award for Excellence in Governing. The school went on to win the Awatea Award.

Mrs Gibbons is also a former student and Deputy Principal of the school and coming back home after a 20 year absence and being a part of the Rotorua Girls High School whānau again has been the highlight of her teaching career.

I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her well for her new challenges and lifestyle, which she has earned and thoroughly deserves. There will be a farewell organised for Mrs Gibbons later in the year.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting next week to commence the appointment process.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Nairn  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

## Across the Principal's Desk



Ka mihi kau atu ki a koutou katoa

Dear Parents and caregivers

***'Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari, he toa takitini'***

'Success is not the work of one, but the work of many'

It is hard to believe that it is Week 6 into Term 3 and already it has been a really busy term. This newsletter showcases the many achievements of Rotorua Girls High School students and the activities they have been involved in. Term 3 is also a key term for our senior students. For students in 11 - 13, the next weeks are crucial. Not only are many students completing their internal assessments, they are also preparing for the external examinations.

It is also an important time for students in our junior school where they are consolidating their learning. Key in supporting our young people to achieve is the partnership between home and school. Professor John Hattie's research shows that parent /whānau involvement in their child's learning has a positive effect. Improvements in engagement with learning, behaviour, and attendance, lead to improved academic achievement.

Other research suggests that parental involvement changes when their daughter enters secondary school, with parents becoming less involved. Some parents feel that it is too long since they went to secondary school, so they do not understand enough about today's learning programmes; or that their child is old enough to take full responsibility for their own learning.

We are committed to further developing our relationship with parents and whānau and will be looking to provide useful and meaningful opportunities to strengthen links with families. As part of this ongoing commitment we are looking forward to seeing you at Academic Subject Reviews on Friday 31 August.

## Celebrating Cultural Excellence

During the last week of Term 2, Raukura Rotorua Boys' and Girls' High students, won the top prize at the National Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition; Ngā Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua o Aotearoa 2018, in Palmerston North for the second time, both of their performances. I know many students, staff and whanau worked very hard during the campaign to develop an impressive range of kapa haka items for our performance. My congratulations are extended to all students, staff and whanau involved but special acknowledgment is made of our tutors Whaea Laurelle Tamati and Jamus Webster, supported by Michael Rurehe and Talitha Webster, managers Jaylene Tamati and Rie Morris, to our support team, who took the week off work, to support Raukura in various roles: Cooks Whariki Gardiner, Rob and Natasha Kemp, Tipene Haira, Aroha Rikiti, Jayde Selwyn, and wardrobe team – Hemi Richards, Nathan Wharton, Heke Tarei.

At the finals on the Friday, Raukura were first on stage. We were treated to a very polished, stunning performance and their energy was just amazing. We were so lucky to have such support for such a special occasion. Raukura's performance made me, and indeed all the Raukura supporters in the crowd, feel very proud.



Raukura brought the audience to tears with their waiata-a-ringa (action song) and apakura (lament) dedicated to late former Girls' High Teacher Talei Morrison who died in June and former Boy's High Teacher and Rotorua Girls' High Kaumatua Hori Kaiwai who died in March.



Senior Examinations will be held the week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. I know this seems sometime away but in fact we have only three full weeks of school leading up to these exams. Students will have their timetable next week, so they are able to plan ahead.

This is their only opportunity to have an actual practice as to what it will be like in the end of year NCEA exams. It is an opportunity for them to gain indications that they are on track for success, for gaining their subject endorsements and for gaining the grades needed to continue on in a subject.

These exams are important: students need to prepare well. It is effort, not luck, which will make the difference in the results achieved.

Winter sport is drawing to a close and this week our Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV play off for the Chiefs Competition. Well done to all girls who are playing in this team. A big thank you to our coaches, managers, and supporters as without you the girls' would not be able to have these opportunities.

**Nga manaakitanga**  
**Ally Gibbons**  
**Principal**





Danielle Selwyn – Raukura Leader 2018

Kia ora, it has been my privilege this year to lead this Rōpū.

Personally leading isn't my cup of tea because it creates so much pressure but after 5 years, it has been a real honour. I'll be honest, at the beginning of the campaign I was nervous because we've never had such a new team. I've always been surrounded by a whole team of seniors and experienced performers but we did it, I'm so proud of everyone.

Behind our win is a lot of sweat, tears and endless amount of practising and critiquing, Raukura comes with high expectations in and out of practices, on and off stage. You have to be prepared to say goodbye to lunch times, weekends, time after school and during school and even be prepared to sacrifice a hobby. You also have to be willing to represent and support things such as tangi, conferences and then even after we've performed we still have so much stuff happening, that's just the way of Raukura.

So again I want to say how proud I am of my team for dedicating so much time, not only to get us to the top but also for the love of our culture. Growing up in Raukura for the last 5 years has been beneficial in so many ways. I've learned so much. To be taught by top kai haka is really valuable to me. I gained so many brothers and sisters, I have been able to travel the world and share our culture and that's just the highlight of my years apart from performing.

For me winning back to back is such a different feeling because I've grown up in Raukura. It's always been my goal to finish my year with the win. So I'm really humbled and privileged to be able to say that we did it, again.

Raukura has definitely been the best years of my life. I'm sad to see that it's finally over. So apart from wanting to give a big thanks to my amazing brothers and sisters, I really want to thank our master minds: Whaea Laurelle and Whaea Jaylene, Uncle Jamus and Uncle Kimi, Auntie Leeda and the rest of the Webster Whānau, Auntie Rie, Uncle Michael and everyone else that supported and helped throughout the years. I'm so glad we were able to to give back to you all again this year because we wouldn't be here without you.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.



## Celebrating Excellence in Sport



On Wednesday 15 August, a piece of Olympic history returned to Rotorua after 25 years. Every year Rotorua Girls' High School and Tauranga Girls' College compete in a sports exchange. The overall winner claims "The Shoe" trophy, but it is not just any old shoe.

The shoe, perched on top of a block of rimu, is the left shoe, Peter Snell was wearing, when he won the 800m at the Rome Olympic Games in 1960, at the age of 21. He donated it to Tauranga Girls' College in the mid-60s to encourage competition between the two Bay of Plenty Girls' Schools in athletics.

The summer sport we won was Touch and for our winter exchange, we won the Junior and Senior Basketball, the 1st X1 Hockey and the Debate.

Our team also won the Baywide School 1st XV Rugby game against Tauranga Girls 27-17. The girls were determined to finish the season on a high for their long-time fitness coach Mark Edmonds, which they did.





## Staff News

### Celebrating Academic Excellence

Mind Lab Graduates – Congratulations to David Groot, Geraldine Cunningham and Angela Jones



**Geraldine Cunningham  
David Groot**

The course is a 32 week blended learning programme split into two stages, each of 16 weeks. The first stage comprises four hour weekly face to face sessions, combined with online support materials accessed via a multi media portal. The second stage of the course is primarily online, with occasional face to face support sessions.

This course helps teachers to become more aware of the challenges that our learners will face when they leave school and enter the workforce. Studies predict that almost 50 percent of the jobs people are currently employed to do won't exist in 20 years. In 20 years' time, our current Year 9 students will be 33. Digital technology will look totally different from what it looks like today.

The Mind Lab course creates a shift in one's mindset and causes teachers to reconsider and re-evaluate the effectiveness of their teaching practice.

"The pace of technological change has led to a growing need for teachers and schools to consistently integrate digital literacy into the curriculum, and build an education system that sets our children up for a successful and rewarding future in a technology – enabled world" (Chief Executive Bill Kermode – Next Foundation)

### **Raewyn Krammer 30 Years Teaching at Rotorua Girls High School (1998-2018).**

Raewyn began her teaching position at Rotorua Girls High School in 1988 teaching Business Studies, Young Enterprise, Economics, Accounting, ISP, Careers, Information Management, Technology and Legal Studies. In 1993, Raewyn became the Assistant Head of the Commerce Department and in 2001 became Head of the Commerce Faculty. In 1990 Raewyn was appointed the Year 9 Dean and in 1991 appointed the Year 10 Dean. In 2000-2002, Raewyn was appointed the NCEA Facilitator for Information Management and Technology. In 2004 Raewyn upskilled and studied towards and Post Graduate Diploma in School Management, graduating in 2005 and in 2006 received a Study Leave grant which enabled her to complete her Masters in Educational Management. In 2007, Raewyn was appointed the Deputy Principal of Hinemoa House, a position that she "loved as I was in charge of a quarter of the school."



**"I have thoroughly enjoyed my 30 years at RGHS, and it definitely does not feel that long! Students and Staff are my why!"**

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## *Student Support and Principal's Nominee*

### *Deputy Principal Raewyn Krammer*

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#### **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 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).

#### **NCEA Catch Up Week - held Monday, 10 September 2018 to Friday, 14 September 2018:**

During Week 8 of this term we will be running our second NCEA Catch Up week for seniors. We encourage all senior students to attend this week as it will be their final catch up week for the year.

We also encourage students to use Google Classroom to find resources and to talk to their teachers.

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## *From Across the Desks of the Year Level Deans*

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### **Year 13 Dean - Karen Aldridge**

It has been a busy few weeks for Year 13 and I commend all of those students who have represented our school in a multitude of disciplines.

Footloose was a great success and I applaud Teina Cassidy, Manawa Rongo-Apanui, Gloria Leauga, Te Raumawhitu Nawainilaga, Danielle Owen, Iesha Thomas, who performed and Ngaire Pahl who helped with hair and makeup behind the scenes. The girls really did do themselves and our school proud. Amazing work as always girls.

Congratulations to Wendy Xu from 13MAK, who won the recent attendance raffle and enjoyed a shared lunch with her friends last Friday.

The Ball Committee are busy fundraising for the Ball at the Agrodome on 13th October. Letters are now available from the front office and tickets are on sale until Friday the 14th September. Tickets cost \$100 and this includes a beautiful dinner and entertainment throughout the night. There will be a photographer taking photos capturing the memorable moments. It should be a great occasion. I would like to thank the Ball Committee, especially Kati Riri, and Kayla Uata, who have been the driving force behind the organisation. They are a pleasure to work along side.

So now the finishing line is in sight with only a few more weeks of this term left. Keep working diligently, girls and I'm sure you will reach your goals.

### **Year 12 Dean - Sarah Riley**



2018 is proving to be a year full of exciting achievements for our girls Footloose, Rugby, Pasifika Group, Netball, Execute and much more.

Academically I would like to congratulate Atera Apriana, Brooke Ngaroto-Teddy, Tayla Stone, Christian Te Whare who have all passed level 2. We have 15 students who are within a few credits of passing. Keep working hard as we only have seven weeks of classes left of 2018.

Keeping academics in mind, it is vital that NZQA fees are paid by the 3rd of September 2018. If they are paid after this date they incur a late fee of \$50. Please pay at the front office by the end of Monday.

We have some important weeks coming up. Week 7 is Winter Tournament week and we wish all the sports involved good luck. Week 8 is NCEA Catch up week, which will allow students the opportunity to resubmit, reassess standards, or study for prelims, which are in Week 9 and Week 10. Good luck for these important weeks.

This is an exciting time for the year 12's as we are leading up to the time when leadership positions are decided. If you are interested in standing for a position, please make sure that you pick up application forms from the front office from the 4th of September. These application forms and supporting material are due to Kay Asplin, the Principals PA, by Thursday 27th September, which is the last week of Term 3.

Just a reminder that attendance is vital, and I am greatly concerned with the poor attendance across year 12. I expect there to be an improvement if you girls are wanting to attend activities and the ball.

Work hard girls not only on your school work but on coming to school, attendance matters.

## Year 11 Dean - Ngaire Tepania



As Year 11 students are on Study Leave today, it's a good time to reflect on what is coming up for the students in the last weeks of Term 3. The conclusion of Footloose, Choosing Subjects for 2019, Winter Sports Tournament week, Catch Up week, Hawaii Trip, Preliminary Exams, NZQA Fees are due in and not to forget the Rugby game against Hamilton Girls High School during mid-week in Hamilton. These are just a few things that occupy our busy schedules and calendars.

Congratulations to these Year 11 students have completed NCEA Level 1, Taruke Rangawhenua, Te Mihiroa Tangira, Jayda Rossi Baker and Kiri Tepania, Atawhai McMahon-Pukepuke. Your fabulous efforts and continued persistence to successfully reach this important milestone has been outstanding. There are many more students who are within the 70-80 credit level, of whom I know will be names alongside these students shortly. Tau ke kotiro ma!

### Attendance and Achievement

I am very worried about the number of students who miss days off school and who do not bring in notes to explain absences or in many cases, medical certificates for absences. I cannot stress how important achieving NCEA Level 1 is for your daughter/ward this year. You could:

- email her Whanau teacher or myself if she is going to be absent
- text via the RGHS App if she will be absent
- ring the school office on 348 0156
- check on KAMAR via the RGHS website for all information about your daughter - you can request this information from the Whanau teacher as well if you don't have this information

The NCEA results for your daughter is reflected in her attendance. If you have concerns and know your daughter has missed a lot of school, please do not hesitate to contact me [ntepania@rghs.school.nz](mailto:ntepania@rghs.school.nz)

### Choosing Subjects for 2019

Please come in and discuss these Options with your Whanau teacher on Friday 31st August at Academic Planning. It is very important that you consider these Options carefully and look at which Career Pathway is best fit for you. If you are undecided, you speak also to Althea in our Careers Office, who can advise on Training Institutions following on from High School. She will even be able to talk with you about the possibility of participating in Trades or Gateway next year. Again, your attendance must be flawless to be considered for these practical options.

I am also available to discuss future subject choices - [ntepania@rghs.school.nz](mailto:ntepania@rghs.school.nz)

### Uniform

Please refrain from wearing Hoodies underneath your proper school uniform. This is not acceptable or part of our school uniform, therefore we ask these items be left for after school or at home.



There are a small number of students who are wearing Roman sandals, considering the unpredictable weather we have, this term is that every student **MUST** wear black stockings with black closed in shoes for Term 3. If you look good, you feel good and you do good, so please wear your uniform with pride.

#### Year 12 Uniform 2019

Every student must have the new Year 12 uniform at the start of the 2019 new school year. No exceptions will be given as we have had the uniform change in place for some time and parents/whanau are aware of the expectations of having this uniform. The tie is maroon and the blazer will be determined by Academic results - Striped Blazers are for students who gain 50 or more credits at Excellence. The plain Black Blazers are for everyone else. The school skirts are also a longer length that those students have currently.

Very soon, our Year 13 students will be leaving our school for Tertiary studies or employment and they will be wanting to sell their Secondhand Uniforms. Please watch our Year Level Facebook page for these posts.

If you have any further concerns, please contact me via email at [ntepania@rghs.school.nz](mailto:ntepania@rghs.school.nz)

## Year 10 - Janaye Biddle-Kite



The Year 10 students have been working well to gain credits towards their Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement (JCEA). It has been a busy term combine with extra-curricular activities such as Production, Kapa Haka, Netball, Basketball, Hockey, Rugby and other exciting opportunities. These valuable opportunities enable our students to foster positive friendships with peers across all year levels and getting to know others is very precious. I would like to congratulate all of the students that have been involved in these groups. It is great to see students extending themselves beyond the classroom.

### ACADEMIC PLANNING

Please come in and discuss these Options with your Whanau teacher on Friday 31st August at Academic Planning. It is very important that you consider these Options carefully and look at which Career Pathway is best fit for you.

### CHANGE OF YEAR 11 UNIFORM FOR 2019

In 2019 our Year 11 students will require the following uniform items:

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|------------------------|---------|
| • Senior Skirt (Black) | \$80.00 |
| • Navy Blue Tie        | \$28.00 |
| • White Blouse         | \$55.00 |

These items can be purchased from the NZ Uniform shop.

Students will continue to wear the maroon school jersey and the navy blue soft shell jacket, black roman sandals in summer and black shoes and black stockings in winter.

If you have any concerns please contact the Year 11 Dean for 2019, Janaye Biddle-Kite - [jbiddle@rghs.school.nz](mailto:jbiddle@rghs.school.nz)



## Year 9 - Jaylene Tamati

Tena koutou katoa



This year has been full of diverse learning opportunities, challenges, celebrations, changes, mentoring and fun. Thank you to our year 13 students who organised a series of Tuakana Teina (Big Sister / Little Sister) workshops where the senior girls mentored the Year 9s to ensure they had the best start possible here at RGHS, Nga mihi ki nga tuakana o te kura nei.

Also a huge congratulations to all those students who have been involved in extracurricular activities such as sports teams, Raukura, and the school

production - Footloose.

### Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following 3 students who has gained 100% attendance to date, Tayla Lockhead (9AKO), Mekura Papuni (9AKO) and Delcia French-Ngauora (9ARO). Those that make it to the end of term 4 week 7 with 100% attendance will receive a special reward by your dean and a pizza lunch. Those students who are over the school expectation of 89% attendance or more will be invited to the deans pizza lunch shout too.

### Curriculum for 2019

This year students have and an equal opportunity to experience the various option subjects that are offered at Rotorua Girls High School. Your daughter will now need to choose two option subjects for Year 10.

Choosing options for 2019 is a task that should be discussed by students and their whanau. When choosing your subjects it is important that you plan ahead and think about the subjects that will lead you to your chosen career pathway. If you are unsure about your intended career pathway then choose subjects that will challenge you, that you enjoy and in that you can succeed in. Please take the time to discuss subject choices with your daughter

### School uniform

In term 4, we switch to our summer uniform as the days will be getting a lot warmer. Which means the girls will no longer wear stockings and closed shoes but will be expected to wear roman sandals. Please start organising some shoes for your daughter now as in the past those that leave it for the last minute usually miss out. Kia kaha tatou!

## 2018 RGHS Young Achievers

### Congratulations to our 2018 RGHS Young Achievers:

#### **Te Riri Williams**

Leadership, Arts, Service to School and Community



#### **Danielle Selwyn**

Leadership, Arts, Cultural, Sport, Service to School, Community and Global Representation.



#### **Teina Cassidy**

Leadership, Academic, Arts, Sport, Service to School and Community



#### **Te Ao Leach**

Leadership, Academic, Arts, Cultural, Sport, Service to School, Community and Global Representation



#### **Ana Nagera,**

Sport, Arts, Cultural, Service to Community



## Footloose

The Footloose season has closed after 13 amazing shows to a total audience of over 5000 people. The show received fantastic reviews and showcased the amazing singing, dancing and acting talent of students from Rotorua Girls High School. It was a bittersweet moment for our Year 13 students, Teina Cassidy, Danielle Owen, Te Raumawhitu Nawainilaga, Manawa Rongo-Apanui and Ilesha Thomas, performing in the last school show. We know that they'll continue to shine brightly in whatever performing arts they choose. Behind the scenes we also farewell the fabulous Ngaire Pahl who did an amazing job as the Wardrobe Manager and Gloria Leauga and Manaia Le Comte in the hair and makeup department. To all the girls in the production, on stage or behind it, we would like to offer our congratulations for the hard work and commitment you all put into making the show such an amazing success.



Nei kā mihi ki ngā rau rangatira mā,

*I would like to congratulate both schools for another outstanding production. The combined talent demonstrates the significant wealth of multi-disciplined learners that we have within Rotorua. However the talent not only resides in the learners but those that enable them to reach their potential both on and offstage - nō reira, to all of those behind the scenes ... WoW! Thank you for supporting and encouraging our tamariki/mokopuna to be stars.*

*Te Manaia was so impressed he had to go again with Dixie.*

Ngā manaakitanga, nā

**Mercia Dawn Yates-RGHS Deputy Board Chair**

*Footloose was absolutely outstanding - I went last night with my Grandchildren who have just returned from living in Scotland and they were blown away with the whole production, not to mention the spine chilling spontaneous Haka that the RBHS students performed for the cast at the end of the show. I loved the show being back in the school auditorium, it really gave everyone a memorable high school atmosphere.*

**Althea Oldman (RGHS Career's Advisor)**



## Zony Award Nomination

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that our 2017 school production of Hairspray, has been nominated in the Best Youth Production category for the prestigious Zony awards. Only four other schools and musical societies have been nominated for this area which covers the Central North Island including Hamilton Tauranga, Taupo Coromandel and Gisborne. The winner of this award will be announced later in September.



## Project Youth Hip Hop Dance Competition - Xecute Megacrew

On Saturday the 2nd of June, our school Megacrew Xecute participated in the Project Youth Hip Hop Dance Competition at the ASB Baypark Arena. Project is a dance competition for youth who have a passion for Hip Hop Dance. Participants came from throughout NZ. We then competed in the NZ Dance Made Regional Competition, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open Division and will head to Nationals in Palmerston North late September. Both competitions were able to provide the perfect platform for NCEA assessment. Each performing student was able to gain credits towards their NCEA programme through participating. The events allow young people to engage in creative expression, in a supportive and positive environment, that encourages participation and enjoyment. It was a rewarding experience for our students, opening their eyes to opportunities that are out there for dancers. Congratulations to all the students involved! I am so PROUD of you all!



Janaye Biddle-Kite

TIC Dance

## *Learning Areas News*

### **Art and Technology Faculty - FAREWELLS, WINS & WELCOMES**

We were very sad to farewell Miss Charlotte Hazlett and Mrs Noeline Finlay. Miss Hazlett, our former Head of Faculty leaves us to grow her design company REMM with her partner David Remmerswaal. She was with us for 10 years and we wish her well in her new venture!

Mrs Finlay, has been cooking up a storm here for 7 years. She leaves us to join the team at Service IQ as a Hospitality School Advisor. This means that she will be back to visit! She left with a bang as she took her team to the Waikato Culinary Fare where the girls all won medals in their categories.

#### **2018 WAIKATIO CULINARY FARE RESULTS:**

**Juvilyn Heath** - Silver (Barista & Chicken Dish)

**Precious Bravo** - Silver (Chicken Dish)

**Nafisa Khatoon** - Bronze (Salmon Dish)

**Nisha Tawa** - Silver (Creative Burger)

**Beatriz Bae & Juvilyn Heath** - Gold Medal (Mystery Box)

With over 550 entries this year our girls did us proud.



We welcome **Miss Kate Townsley** who has been on our staff at The School for Young Parents but is now our Fashion and Textiles Technology teacher at Girls' High. Kate has experience as a self-employed fashion designer of her sports label Kori Kita and previously taught Technology at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College.

We also welcome **Mrs Josephine Carson**, who comes to us from Toi Ohomai, where she has been a Chef Lecturer for four years. She now joins us as our Food & Technology and Hospitality teacher. Mrs Carson previously taught at Otumoetai College in Tauranga.



Miss Charlotte Hazlett



Mrs Noeline Finlay



Miss Kate Townsley

Mrs Josephine Carson

## *Science Faculty*

On the 22nd of August while most of the junior school watched the talented performers of the Footloose production, a group of students traveled to the Waikato University Engineering School. Here they were tasked with building and programming a robot to follow a track, collect litter and deposit the litter at a depot.

During the construction phase, students wrestled with how and where to fit the electronic circuitry and energy source. Some 'interesting' designs were created with the girls paying attention to not only the functional design but also aesthetics and the character of their robot.

Programming the robot illustrated the need for logical thinking and breaking down robot actions into 'parts' that were then constructed with code. Most of the groups managed to programme the robot to follow a black line painted on the floor while a few groups also managed to get their robot to take the litter to a depot and stop before crashing into a wall.

The girls experienced construction within an engineering lab; they combined programming with functional hardware and had to overcome 'glitches' in their programming.

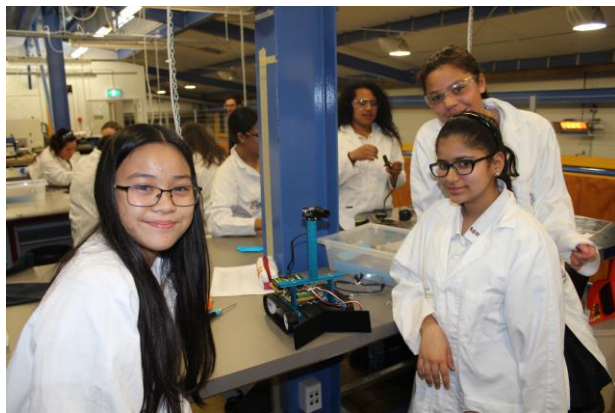
Success was experienced by all while the excitement, creativity and potential of a career in engineering was highlighted.



The girls were a delight to be with and were fantastic ambassadors for Rotorua Girls High School. Thanks to Jo Vari for her valuable support during the day.

Mr Groot





## *Physical Education Faculty*

### **TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT**

The year 10 Sports Performance and the Year 11 Physical Education classes competed in the 2018 Annual Tough Gal Secondary School challenge. This was offered as part of their course content where they had to design and implement a training programme and demonstrate strategies for improved performance. This enabled them to improve their own Cardiovascular fitness along with some other individually selected components of fitness. They looked at goal setting, principles of training, and methods of training. We took 19 Students out to Lakes Ranch where our girls competed against more than 1500 other students from schools all over NZ. Our girls came away with some amazing results. Five girls finished with a Merit grade and 11 girls completed the course within the Achieved grade timeframe. Three students gained top 20 placings, finishing 13th, 14th and 16th overall (out of 1500).



At RGHS we pride ourselves on our ability to engage to succeed. Not only did our students give it their best on the day but even when they knew they were struggling to make the time, they did not give up as it was the willingness to succeed despite difficulties. Our girls ran through thick mud, rivers, ran up very long arduous hills, crawled under electric wires, leaped over barbed wire, scaled climbing walls and showed determination and discipline. The fitness level of each student improved throughout the previous 4 weeks and was certainly apparent on the day.

Overall, it was a great day where our students represented themselves, their whanau and their kura with heart and dignity. Engaging to Achieve and the willingness to get out of their comfort zones was a huge part of the learning that took place. Be very proud of yourselves girls!

From your very proud Teachers Mrs Jennings and Mrs Beamish

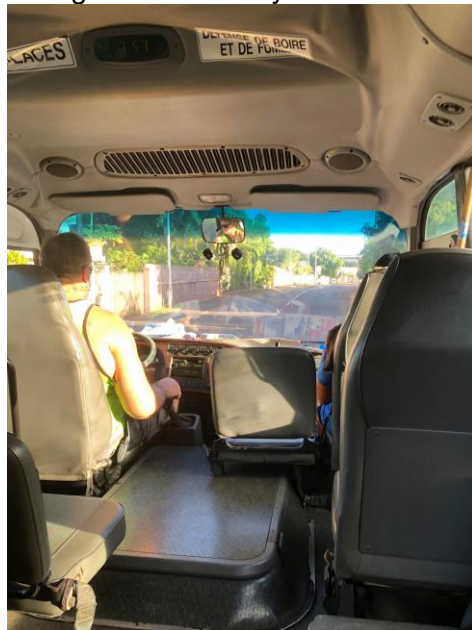
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## *Sports News*

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### **Experiencing the Tahitian Culture with Lycee Samuel Raapoto High School and Waka Ama World Sprint Championships 2018 in Tahiti Ngaira Tepania**

Earlier this year in April, **Mrs Tui McCaull (former Assistant Principal)** organised a cultural experience with students and staff from Lycee Samuel Raapoto School. We were very fortunate to stay at their school during our recent stay in Tahiti as their local students were on a long School holiday.



Here is a photo of their school where we stayed in classrooms and used the school mini bus to transport us to and from the event. Their school layout was quite different however we valued their hospitality and generosity as they shared with us, their special culture.



We shared the school's accommodation option with Australian and NZ paddlers from different clubs, which was awesome as our Tahitian and French speaking skills were extremely basic. We felt very much at home. We hope Lycee Samuel Raapoto will come to NZ.

The purpose of our trip to Tahiti was to participate at the 18th World Sprint Waka Ama Championships from the 16th-26th of July. We were very fortunate to have 6 RGHS students with one paddler from Ruamata School. The NZ contingent was the largest travelling group with over 550 people ranging from J16 to Golden Master age divisions. Participating against people from Australia, Hawaii, Canada, Cook Islands, Rarotonga, California, some smaller Nations and the home-bound Tahitians.



(from left dressed in black travel uniform)

**Te Mihiroa Tangira, Khobi Paretoa, Anahera Smith** (Ruamata School), **Atawhai McMahon-Pukepuke, Jada Beckham, Ti'an Paretoa** and **Kiri Tepania**, they performed absolutely outstanding from their first race to their last race. Racing was over 7 days with the first 2 days to become familiar with the race course.



Featured here was our first paddler, **Khobi Paretoa**, who competed in the J16 W1 Singles event. **Khobi** finished 3rd throughout the World in her Final, against (from left) **Rangi-Riana Williams** with a Silver medal and **Gabriell Wainohu** with her Gold medal (both girls from Gisborne and in the J19 NZ Elite team). **Khobi** raced with her heart on her sleeve and dug extremely deep to achieve what she did. **Khobi** definitely set the scene for the upcoming club races as the girls were determined and focussed to continue at the high level she had set. Thank you very much **Khobi**, to **June Paretoa** (Khobi's Mum) and to **Stevie Paretoa** (Khobi's oldest sister) for setting the platform so high and for supporting our girls throughout the entire campaign.



For this Worlds event, the Tahitians were ready to change the history laid out two years prior so the Tahitians tried to double our NZ Gold medal tally this year. The Tahitian men were very strong and solid with unbeatable rates of speed and many world records were broken by the home teams. However our girls raced hard enough to break 2 World Records, although slightly slower than our W12 friends in our W6 500m race.



The first race of the event, was the W12 race with Horouta Waka Hoe, whom were the other top team in the J16 Division throughout NZ. These girls set a World Record together, earning a Gold medal and becoming 2018 World Champions.



Team Okareka raced the W6 1000m race and won Bronze medals. In their final race, the W6 500m race, they won Silver medals. We were extremely pleased with these final results as our entire contingent were battling as NZ, as Kiwis not as individual clubs. The camaraderie between Kiwis was so positive and the vibe was very infectious.



I would like to sincerely thank **Tui McCaull** for all the behind the scenes organisation of accommodation, communication with our Tahitian hosts and for coaching our girls to reach such extremely high and demanding expectations of competition that a Worlds event demands. As a parent yourself, you lead and role model what it means to win medals, because you won World medals as well with your paddling teams. **Tui**, you helped the girls with what we all expected whether we travelled or for the unlucky ones who were home-bound in Aotearoa - thank you very much **Tui**.

Our travel companions mentioned, earlier **June** and **Stevie Paretoa**, who both supported our Sports women through the best experience they could have ever asked for. Looking after the team, keeping hydrated and all those extra tasks that Mums do, you both were there for everyone - Thank you **June** and **Stevie**.



**Khobi Paretoa (2nd place) & Kiri Tepania (Winner) of the 2018 Te Aito Waka Ama Long Distance Race at Kohimarama Beach in Auckland, March 2018 for J16 Girls Division. Participants from NZ, Australia and Tahiti.**



**Jada Beckham, Atawhai McMahon-Pukepuke, Kiri Tepania, Ti'an Paretoa, Khobi Paretoa and Te Mihiroa Tangira  
Okareka J16 Waka Ama Crew  
At the National Secondary Schools Waka Ama Sprint Champs, March 2018  
Medallists**



**Team Okareka**

**From Left: Ti'an Paretoa, Atawhai McMahon-Pukepuke, Khobi Paretoa, Kiri Tepania, Jada Beckham, Te Mihiroa Tangira**



**International Va'a World Sprints in Tahiti, July 2018  
W12 World Champions (Okareka and Horouta Waka Hoe)**





## Highlights from 2017 Senior Basketball Tournaments



Runner Up for RGHS Junior A1 Girls, Auckland, September 2017



**Winners of the Tip Off Tournament**



**Playing in Cambridge on Friday Night**



## RGHS 1ST XV RUGBY TEAM - WINNERS OF PREMIERE 1 BAYWIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS COMPETITION.



On Saturday 18th August, at the Rotorua International Stadium, the RGHS 1st XV realised their goal of winning the Premiere 1 Baywide Secondary School Girls competition, beating Tauranga Girls College 27 - 17. Their motivation, has undoubtedly been to win for their beloved fitness coach, trainer and mentor "Koro" **Mark Edmonds**, who passed away in June. Mark's legacy has continued through the girls commitment to regular fitness sessions at Smallbone park as well as Friday morning fitness sessions in the Arena. This was driven by the students and led by our inspirational captain **Kahlia Kiel**, who initiated and ran the sessions. Our superior fitness was a contributing factor in being able to last the whole 70 minutes and withstand some determined attacks from the TGC players.



**Emma Tonihi-O'toole** makes a burst



**Daeyal Biddle** and **Donna Mutu** lift **Finesse Johannsen** in the lineouts.

Having lost to Tauranga earlier in the season by 1 point, we knew that we could beat them, but TGC are a strong team who you cannot underestimate. However, RGHS showed right from the first whistle, that they had more to play for. Mistakes were kept to a minimum throughout the game and all players were on point with their tackles and support play. At the final whistle, there was a huge sense of relief and jubilation to be the recipients of the Hurihanganui Family trophy, which is the trophy gifted by ex RGHS coach Charlie Hurihanganui and Mrs Gibbons, who is Charlie's sister. It is good that the trophy has returned home not having been won by RGHS since 2013. Congratulations to **Kahlia Kiel** who was named Player of the Day for RGHS and to **Kataraina Rauwhero** who was named Most Valuable Player of the game and was presented with a NZ Black Ferns 7's Jersey.



**Kahlia Kiel** is congratulated by **Ian Parata** from Rugby BOP



**Kataraina Rauwhero** - MVP

From here, we go on to challenge the winner of the game between the Waikato and Counties/Manukau rugby unions. If we win, we will go to Nationals to represent the Chief's region. Although we have accomplished our main goal of winning Baywide, we know that Koro Mark would want us to continue to reach our potential by going as far as we can. Therefore, our season is far from over and we know that Koro is always watching over us. #4KORO.





## ***Important Dates To Diary***

17 August	Opening Night for Footloose
25 August	Closing Night for Footloose
29 August	Year 8 Open Day for contributing intermediate schools
31 August	Academic Planning Day #2 - 2019 Subject Choices
2 - 8 September	Winter Tournament Week
4 September	Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
8 - 16 September	Hawaii Trip
10 -14 September	Senior Catch Up Week
19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 Sept	Senior Prelim Exams
26 September	Board of Trustees Student Rep Election
28 September	End of Term 3; Te Matarere # 6 online
6, 7, 8 October	Rangitira 2018
13 October	RGHS School Ball
15 October	Term 4 begins

### **Free Driving Lessons!**

Students,

Did you know the rules around the AA Free Lesson programme have changed? If you have held your learner licence for less than 12 months, you are entitled to three free driving lessons if you or your parent are members of the AA Breakdown.

\$50 for a year's membership gets you \$210 worth of lessons.

Phone Tony (AA Instructor) on 027 333 4400



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