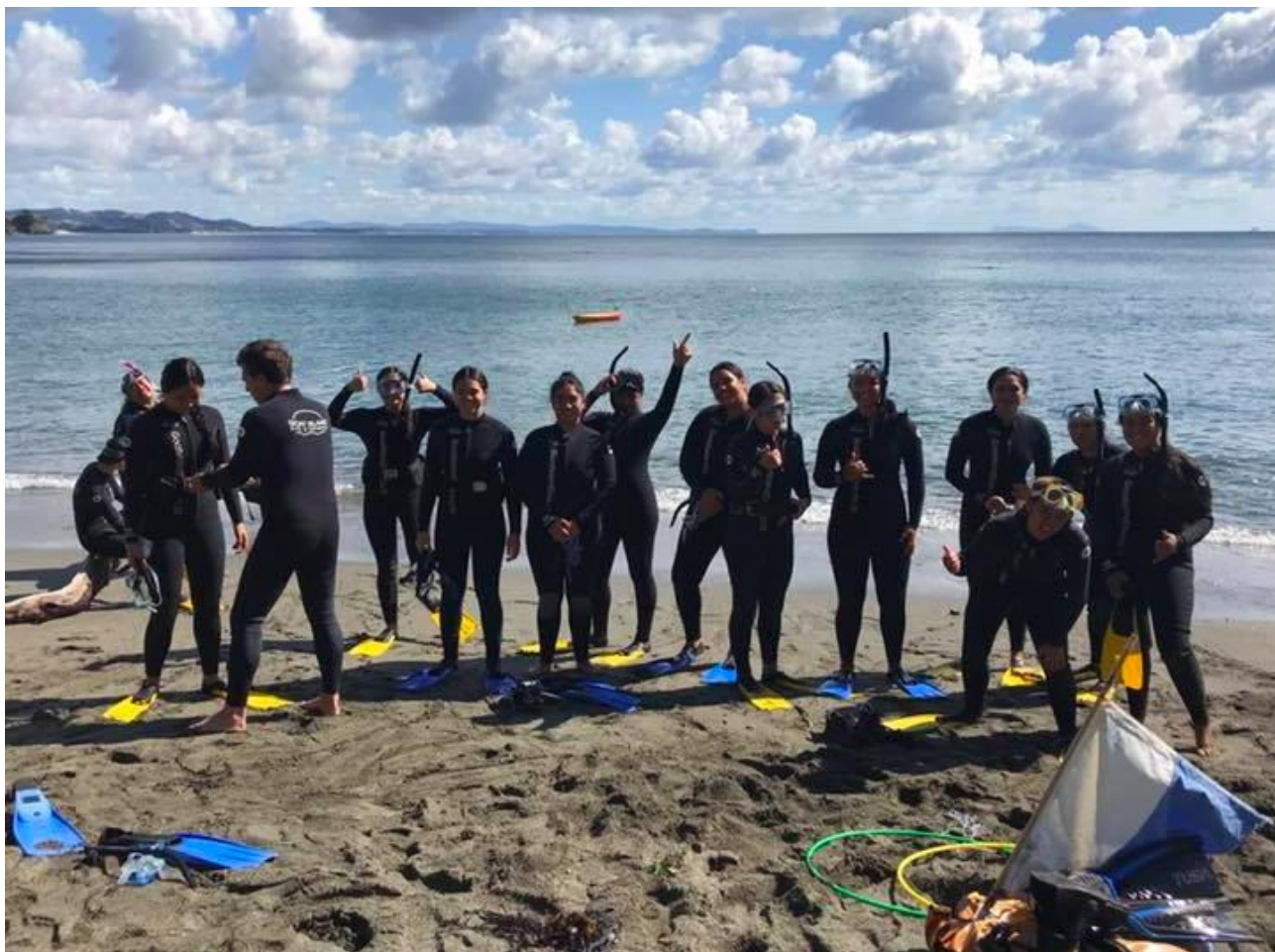


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Te Mātārere

Rotorua Girls' High School



**Year 13 Physical Education Trip to Goat Island
April 2019**

Across the Principal's Desk



Friday, 12 April 2019

Kia Ora Rotorua Girls' whanau!

Thank you for all who have contributed so much this term. It has been a particularly long first term where the seasons have transitioned from the height of summer to cool mornings of autumn.

I know that this study break will be a welcome chance to recharge and re-energise for Term 2.

During Easter our school will be hosting its 'Diamond Jubilee', our 60th Reunion! Past staff and students are travelling from around the country (and Australia) to return to the school. Registrations are still flowing in, if you'd like to be part of the occasion, Saturday will be an opportunity to come and be part of the occasion. At 2pm there will be the unveiling of the 'RGHS Hall of Fame' where 50 to 60 past students will be recognised with their portrait and profile of their achievement in the PAC. The reunion will conclude with a dinner on the Saturday night.

During this term we have commissioned the work of an outside Educational Consultant, Lisl Prendergast to survey the staff about the delivery of the curriculum in Year 9 and 10. Last week this report was presented to the Board of Trustees. As a result of this, we will be reverting to a focus on core curriculum in Term 2 ,3 and the start of Term 4. This means that your daughter will have specific classes (English, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science) taught by a teacher in these curriculum areas, instead of the 'cross-curricular' approach that there has been this term. Other subjects such as Te Reo Maori, Technology, Arts, Physical Education and Chinese will carry on unchanged.

It is envisaged that we will carry on with our Kahui Ako inquiry classes after the seniors leave to their NCEA external exams in November

The primary reason for these changes are to allow more specific teaching to occur leading up to NCEA in Years 11 to 13. The Future Focus class will also carry on as per normal.

In Term 4 we will be asking for feedback from our students and their whanau to ascertain how these changes have received. We certainly are always

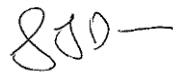
happy to hear from you at any stage if there are matters you wish to raise about any aspects of your daughter's learning.

Whaia Aramoana Mohi-Maxwell will be on study leave in Term 2. Ms Wai Morrison will be Acting Deputy Principal in her place. I hope she enjoys her time of study. Ms Erica Tuese is leaving us to return to family in Wellington, we wish her well. Mrs Liz Tai has also left her position in the Wellness Centre. Again, we wish her well with her future plans.

Thank you again for all your support and encouragement of your daughter at the school. Please stay safe over the next few weeks. We wish the Netball squad that are touring Australia all the best with their preseason competition.

Enjoy a restful break and enjoy some Easter Eggs!

Nga Mihi



Sarah Davis - Principal

Celebrating Academic Achievement

On Wednesday, 13 March 2019 we held our Top Scholar Evening from 5.30pm to 7.00pm where we recognized students who achieved in the 2018 NCEA Examinations. The evening was split into the following sections: NCEA Excellence Endorsements, Young Scholars and Top Scholars. Congratulations to the following students who received an award on the night:

2018 NCEA Excellence Endorsements:

Level 1 - **Ashly Atchico, Shean Aton, Irem Aydin, Te Rina Chesley-Heyder, Sara Cooper, Baylee Earle, Anahera Herewini-Waiariki, Humaria Higgins, Melaia Kolibasoga, Manaia Lewis-Wano, Grace McCarthy Sinclair, Jasmine Morrison, Awhimate Nikora, Kelis Nuku, Khobi Paretoa, Tomairangi Paterson-Waaka, Taini Paul Tomoana, Taruke Rangawhenua, Te Waiwhakaata Ratu, Suzie Ravudi, Jayda Rossi-Baker, Bree St George, Shay Tahana, Kiri Tepania, Maria Tini, Manaia Wharekura, Anipatene Williams, Te Aomihi Williams Paul.**

Level 2 - Atera Apirana, Geraldine Atchico, Sarah Atkinson, Jasmine Hati, Natalia Healey Forde, Tiana Jones, Raumati Lawson, Kristia Paras, Tayla Stone.

Level 3: - Georgia Brouwer, Isobella Cook, Grace Dorman, Moerewa Hunt, Te Ao Leach, Vaishali Morarji, Dejah Winikeri-Motu

2019 Young Scholars:

Year 12 - Ashly Atchico, Shean Aton, Irem Aydin, Te Rina Chesley-Heyder, Sara Cooper, Baylee Earle, Anahera Herewini-Waiariki, Humaria Higgins, Melaia Kolibasoga, Manaia Lewis-Wano, GraceMcCarthy Sinclair, Jasmine Morrison, Awhimate Nikora, Kelis Nuku, Khobi Paretoa, Tomairangi Paterson-Waaka, Taini Paul Tomoana, Kararaina Pene, Taruke Rangawhenua, Te Waiwhakaata Ratu, Suzie Ravudi, Jayda Rossi-Baker, Bree St George, Shay Tahana, Kiri Tepania, Maria Tini, Manaia Wharekura.

Year 13 - Atera Apirana, Geraldine Atchico, Sarah Atkinson, Jasmine Hati, Natalia Healey Forde, Tiana Jones, Raumati Lawson, Kristia Paras, Tayla Stone, Anipatene Williams, Casey Flavell-Campbell, Chloe Le Comte, Tran Nguyen, Evelyn Te Kaawa-Ripia, Te Aomihi Williams Paul, Tenika Dudson, Ayushi Kataria, Joelle Paki, Ti'an Paretoa, Amohia Peka, Chanaran Sirisawat, Natasha Takie, Lize van Rensburg

2019 Top Scholars:

Atera Apirana, Geraldine Atchico, Sarah Atkinson, Tenika Dudson, Natalia Healey Forde, Tiana Jones, Ayushi Kataria, Joelle Paki, Kristia Paras, Ti'an Paretoa, Amohia Peka, Chanaran Sirisawat, Tayla Stone

On Wednesday, 3 April 2019 we congratulated the following students who achieved a Merit Endorsement in 2018 NCEA Examinations last year:

2018 NCEA Merit Endorsements

Level 1 - Casey Flavell-Campbell, Chloe Le Comte, Tran Nguyen, Evelyn Te Kaawa-Ripia, Ivani Nand, Jazmin Mends, Herena Pora-Kimipe, Zara Thomas, Faye Pohoiwi, Te Rau Greaves-Borell, Maddison Kingi, Chardae Tihi, Denise Nothdurft-Ruri, Chevaania Tamepo, Finesse Johansson, Anne Leauga, Ocean Christie.

Level 2 - Tenika Dudson, Ayushi Kataria, Joelle Paki, Ti'an Paretoa, Amohia Peka, Chanaran, Sirisawat, Natasha Takie, Lize van Rensburg, Unique Rapana, Kararaiina Pene, Azrael Hansen, Ji Yeon Kim, Maia Kemp, Mahanawai Daniela, Eden Togatama, Leah Lelieveld-Foster, Brooke Ngatoro-Teddy.

Student Support and Principal's Nominee

Deputy Principal – Raewyn Krammer



NZQA Fees – Due September 2019:

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 Thursday, 12 September 2019. Candidates who fail to pay the fee by this date will have to pay the fee directly to NZQA before the 1 December 2019. 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 NZQA 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 NZQA subjects	\$383.30 per candidate
Scholarship subjects (additional to NZQA 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 Thursday, 12 September 2019. For any further assistance or any queries please contact Mrs Raewyn Krammer (Principal's Nominee NZQA).

UNIFORM:

Reminder to all students that we move into Winter Uniform terms 2 and 3. This means, black stockings and black flat shoes only (no ankle boots). School Jackets and Blazers are only to be worn, no hoodies or puffer jackets. If your daughter feels the cold we suggest she wears a white camisole or singlet underneath her school blouse.

If you have any concerns re your daughter's uniform, please contact her Year Level Dean:

If you have any major concerns, please contact your daughter's year level dean.

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Year 11 Dean Janaye Biddle-Kite (07) 348 0156 ext 22 jbiddle@rghs.school.nz

Year 12 Dean Ngaire Tepania (07) 348 0156 ext 211 ntepania@rghs.school.nz

Year 13 Dean Sarah Riley (07) 348 0156 ext 221 sriley@rghs.school.nz

e-Vol Dean Karen Aldridge (07) 348 0156 ext 251 kaldridge@rghs.school.nz

Teaching and Learning

Deputy Principal – Aramoana Mohi Maxwell



As we reach the end of term one, we find ourselves with an opportunity to pause, reflect and celebrate all that has transpired. There have been numerous opportunities to take our learning outside of the four walls that we would ordinarily find ourselves and even beyond who we are as ubiquitous learners. Education outside

the classroom has helped us provide physical connections to the learning experiences and contextualised our curriculum in a way that draws on our ability to physically connect to our natural environments.

Our Year 9 Noho integrated the learning across a range of subjects but was framed inside of customs and protocols associated with gathering kai and the use of geothermal activity.

Our students learned from those who live their lives in the Whakarewarewa village and connect strongly to Te Pakira Marae

The integrated learning happened with the P.E.team of kaiako who worked with students to complete their Duathlon activities. Senior students were also involved which strengthened the relationships with the junior school.

Staff and students had the opportunity to learn more about each other and see each other in a reciprocal learning relationship.

Every Faculty in our school is bringing their subject content to life in a way that is meaningful to their learners. There is much to celebrate!



Ka nui ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa!

Our connections to our community are heralded through an exciting partnership with Ngāti Whakaue. There are six kaupapa that will be shared through resources that will be created by our own Community of Learning (CoL). A group of teachers from ECE through to highschool from two CoL groups met recently to begin to look at how to present the resource and how best to establish real and authentic learning pathways for this important resource. The six kaupapa are Maketu, Mokoia, Ngongotaha, Ohinemutu, Ngā Koromatua o Ngāti Whakaue, and the Rotorua township.

As a collective we are excited to be able to work with Te Taumata in a partnership that is committed to seeing our whānau as learning partners.



The staff of Rotorua Girls High are committed to creating the type of learning environment that inspires greater outcomes for our young women. We welcome the return of our expert partners - 'Poutama, Pounamu' who worked with Assistant Curriculum Leaders, and, Curriculum Leaders of Maths and Art and Technology. We are committed to building our skillbase as teachers and understand the importance of relationships with our students and whānau.

The exciting journey is before us and we will continue to share our learnings with you all.

And finally, I have been awarded a Senior Manager's Sabbatical Award which will take place next term. I look forward to sharing my work with our school community.

Take care and savour the memories that you create this term break.

Whāea Aramoana
Deputy Principal

From Across the Desks of the Year Level Deans



Year 11 – Janaye Biddle-Kite

This has been an exciting and busy term. Our year 11 students have started their NCEA journey and are working hard to gain credits towards their level 1 programme. I feel the need to remind students how important it is for them to attend school and apply themselves in their classes so that they can get the

most out of the year.

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 any of these groups; it's great to see students extending themselves beyond the classroom.



Earlier in the term we attended the Rotorua Road Safety Expo, which is run by the Police, Ambulance, Fire Service and other supporting agencies. This was an action packed, interactive event, which challenged students to think about how they can stay safe on the roads. Nicardi Stevens was one of the winners from the event

and she won a bike helmet. Congratulations Nicardi.

If you have not done so already, please join our Year 11 Facebook Page for relevant weekly information, RGHS Year 11 2019.

Please remember that all students are required to wear black stockings and black covered shoes that are below the ankle next term.



Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you ready for action next term.

Overseas Visitors

Rotorua Girls' High School said farewell to two students from Komazawa Girls Junior High School in Japan on Friday 5th, April. They had arrived on March 24th for a two week stay and were home hosted by two RGHS families.

The focus for their visit was not only to experience school-life in another country, but to improve their English abilities and thanks to their home-stay families and 10 Ako buddies, they achieved this very well.



During their visit to RGHS, the Japanese girls participated in lessons that gave them an insight into our Maori culture, our 'Kiwi' way of life and the day to day routines of a student in New Zealand.



Combined RGHS and RBHS School Production

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE NEVER DID RUN SMOOTH....

This year Rotorua Girls' and Rotorua Boys' High Schools present a collaborative interpretation of Shakespeare's, A Midsummer Night's Dream, in the RGHS Performing Arts Centre.

Come be a part of the magic and mystery of a Midsummer's night, as four young lovers find themselves wrapped in the dream-like arms of an enchanted forest where fairies rule.

While a magical King and Queen are at war, their paths are crossed by a group of amateur actors rehearsing a play.

Mischief-maker Puck is on-hand to ensure that the course of true love is anything but smooth, and games of fantasy, love and dreams ensue in Shakespeare's most loved comedy.



Shakespeare in Schools

The 2019 Rotorua Regional Sheilah Winn (SGCNZ) Shakespeare Festival for secondary schools, took place on Saturday, 30 March at Lakes High School. The festival was adjudicated by Colleen Bassett from Hamilton. Hamilton. RGHS entered a five minute student directed piece, incorporating scenes from Macbeth.



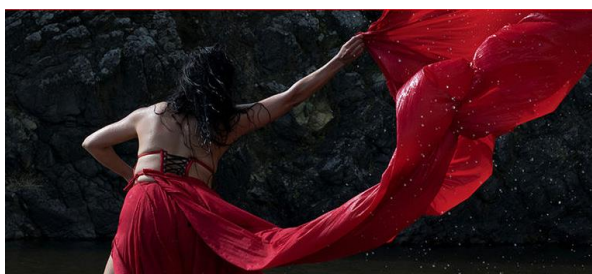
Congratulations to Shayde Taylor, Nisha Tawa, Azaria Waaka, Caitlyn Avery and Brianna Surtees for their hard work and creativity. Their piece was awarded runner up in the five minute section.

Arts Trip

RGHS Drama, Dance and Music students were treated to a smorgasbord of creative arts in their recent trip to Auckland for the Arts Festival.



This was an amazing chance for our girls to experience world class drama, music, dance and visual arts.



Some of the highlights were; "Blood Water Earth", a multimedia exhibition of a newly choreographed work at the Titirangi Art Gallery.



"Astroman", a NZ play performed at Q Theatre. "Hamlet", at the amazing Pop Up Globe, the Pacifica Arts Exhibition, at the Auckland Art Gallery, a Skytower, Museum

and Winter Garden

visit, and

an incredible piece of physical theatre called "The Dreamers", at the stunning Civic Theatre.



We all came back inspired and full of ideas to include in our own work this year. It was an unforgettable experience.

Learning Areas

Creative Arts Faculty 2019

It is with great excitement that we are able to announce the establishment the new Creative Arts Faculty at RGHS. Music, Dance and Drama will, from Term 2, be working together to produce more amazing, cross-curricular work. Laura Falconer, Janaye Biddle-Kite and Bridget Donovan are looking forward to working on collaborative projects in the future.



Art & Technology

Fashion Technology

Farewell and thank you to 9AKO. It has been so much fun and so rewarding to teach you. Students have had a great time learning basic skills on the sewing machines. The school also appreciates your input to creating woodland fairy costumes for the school production. A huge welcome to 9PONO for the new junior rotation.



Year 10 students have been working hard on a Level one Achievement Standard.

They have been making bags and have enjoyed decorating them with tie dye at the end of the sewing process.



They have learnt to use a pattern and sew hems, seams, pockets and straps.

Year 11 students have all gained their first 6 Achievement Standard Credits demonstrating basic procedures in Fashion Technology. They are now having lots of fun experimenting, trialling and modelling with denim for their next assessment.

A huge congratulations to students in year 12 Fashion Technology. 6 students in the class are working on designs for the professional Tiki Ahua fashion show being held at Te Puia in July. They are combining a variety of challenging fabrics and flax into their designs. Some students are working to merge traditional Maori designs and techniques with modern fashion. Other students are creating designs for individual stakeholders and two students are creating costumes for the school production - A midsummer night's dream.

Food, Nutrition and Hospitality

Congratulations to the year 11 class who have all achieved their first 5 credits in a Food Safety Achievement Standard. They have followed correct procedures for preparing, cooking and storing food. They have learnt how to complain about food handling situations and the specific illnesses that can occur from poor food hygiene. This is a great standard for anyone looking to get a part time job in a food business.

They are currently working on a Teenage Nutrition 5 credit standard. They are learning how to create healthy meal plans based on the food and nutrition guidelines. Students are also learning about diet related health conditions and how nutrients work in the body.

Year 12 students have been working on providing a 'high energy diet' to athletes. Our bird-seed bars (for people) are scrumptious and full of energy and nutrients. They have been cooking lots of nutritious foods that provide our bodies with energy to sustain us. The hockey team were given chocolate brownie one week before their training session and then birdseed bar the following week, and asked to compare their energy levels. Birdseed bars won hands down!!



Year 13 students have been investigating breakfast cereals and made their own muesli, and even admitted that they liked it!! :) it proves much cheaper to make your own than store bought.

This links into their investigation about breakfast choices and people not eating breakfast. They have also been rocking with their Barista skills and are making some fabulous coffees for staff and students. It is quite a challenge to make the perfect coffee and the photo above is one that Azarya made. Well done!!

Photography, Painting and Visual Arts

Year 11 have been making headpieces for the upcoming production “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”. They will receive four credits towards their course assessment as they are following the cultural conventions in wearable arts. Without giving too much away, here is a small cropped sample.



Year 9 ARO have been working on Blaine Fontana style paintings and we say farewell to the next rotation.

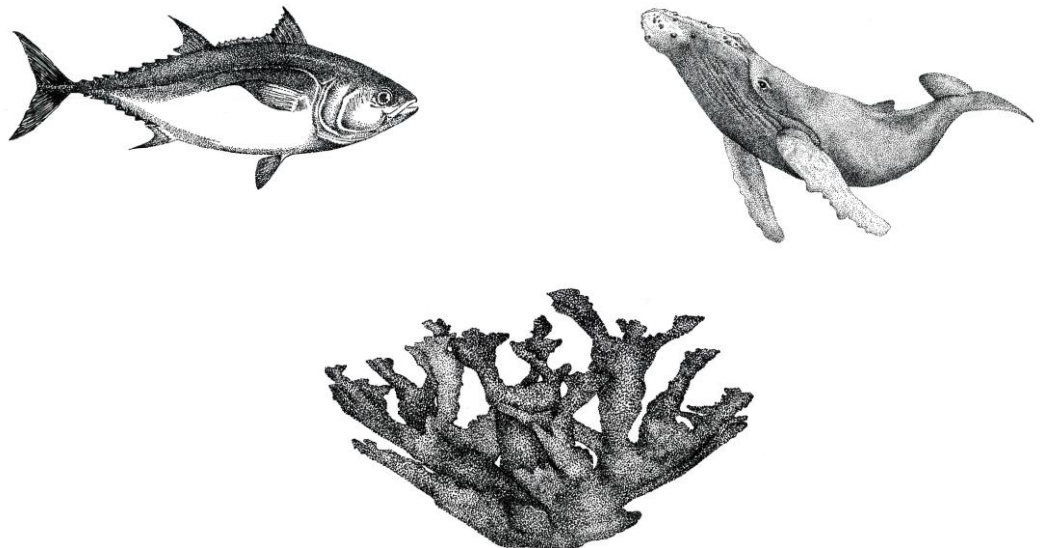
Top Art has been on display at Te Aka Mauri library and senior art students across Painting, Design and Photography have had an awesome talk with Rebecca from Rotorua Museum. We learnt about appropriation and what ingredients across the conventions we need to put into our end of Term 3 Folio Boards for external assessment.

Design and Photography

DESIGN

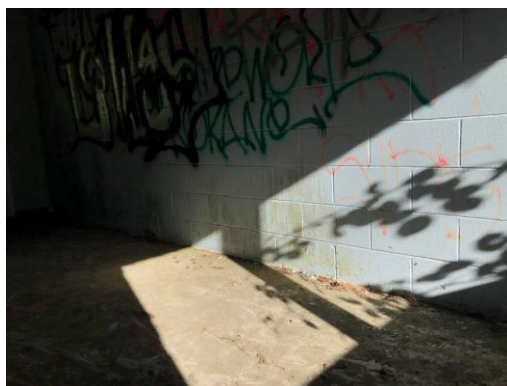
Year 12 & 13 Design have been working hard on finalising a theme for the year and creating a logo. They are becoming familiar with the conventions of design and the design process learning how to navigate their way through the Adobe suite.

Drawings by Lexie Brothers, Level Two Design



PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 12 & 13 Photography have been out and about location scouting finding the some interesting hidden gems in and around Rotorua. Student's will then choose one location and develop their ideas which will lead on to their folio boards.



Kaingaroa Village Location Scout - Photos taken by Year 12 student Awhimate Nikora

Carolyn Compton

Head of the Art and Technology Faculty

Mathematics



We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Learning Leader of Mathematics **Mr Christopher (Chris) Niles** and his beautiful family.

The Team:

Kylie Hill (Asst. LL). **Miss Pike**,
Ms Aldridge, **Mrs. N. Yugeshwari**,

& Statistics



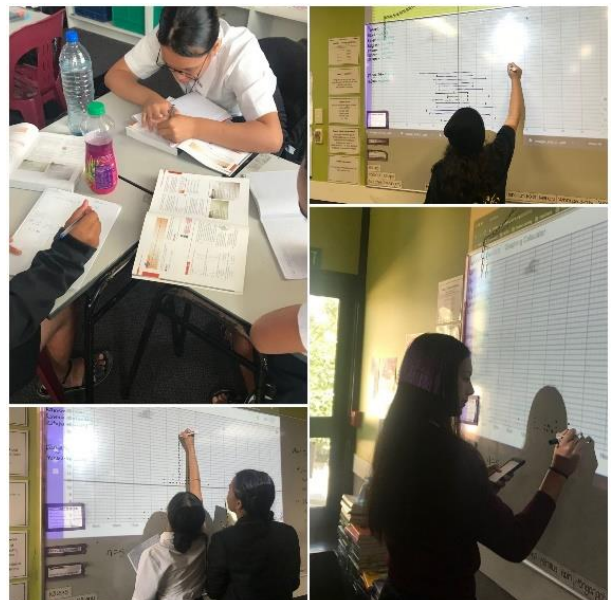
JUNIOR MATHS Curriculum:

This term our junior kahui classes have been working hard integrating statistical investigations in an inquiry-based learning project. The focus has been around “Wellbeing”, so our juniors have been planning and conducting statistical investigations using statistical enquiry cycle. They have been working on developing statistical literacy by evaluating statements made by others, and demonstrating some knowledge of probability concepts using real life situations through an array of rich learning activities.

This term has also seen a strong focus around the use of Technology & Maths. E-Blending in the learning of mathematics have been an integral part for ensuring student engagement, allowing for differentiated learning. Online applications like



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Values in Action 🧐



Mr Chris Niles
Head of Mathematics

Marautanga

NOHO MARAE at Te Pakira, 2019.
"Experiencing life on a Marae"



Our proposed curriculum programme for 2019 includes a wananga based unit of work. It is our belief that students learn a great deal by working alongside each other and experiencing life and culture on the marae. This has extended their cultural perspectives beyond the classroom.

Our girls experienced Whakarewarewa where they were guided through the valley on a tour of the village, to learn about significant

landmarks and the geothermal environment. This wananga also consisted of a series of workshops that were designed to enhance their Reo and give them practical everyday examples of the language,

On the third day of Noho, our girls joined the P.E Faculty to complete their duathlon at Lake Okareka.





Laurelle Tamati

Head of Marautanga Faculty

Physical Education

What a busy busy term the PE Faculty has had - and we've loved every minute of it!! All classes have been engaging in some form of Education outside the Classroom (EOTC):

- 13 PE have been snorkeling at Goat Island in Leigh
- 12 PE tramped the Tarawera Trail from the Buried Village to Hot Water Beach, then camped overnight.
- 11 PE went surfing at Mt Maunganui for two days
- 10 PE engaged in a triathlon comprising of a 4km bike, 2.4 km run and 400m Swim
- 9 PE did their duathlon at Lake Okareka or at Kuirau Park and the Rotorua Aquatic Centre, followed by Adventure Based Learning activities.
- Senior Dance and Music students went on the week long ARTS trip to Auckland



We have purposely done this to enable our senior students to have new experiences, outside of their norm, with the intention that it will enrich their standard of writing for their assessment work. In the junior school, we have wanted to challenge our students to be more physically active more often and also to step out of their comfort zone. Well done to all of our students and to our dedicated staff who have worked tirelessly to plan and implement these experiences for our girls.

Year 9 Duathlon

All year 9 classes engaged in regular training as part of their PE lessons as well as two training sessions which saw them running to the Aquatic Centre and



then swimming. After the noho marae at Te Pakira, we collected them and took the first group to Lake Okareka, however the atrocious weather later in the week meant we had to change venue on Friday to Kuirau Park and the Aquatic Centre. Our top 3 students

were Pounamu Roberts-Nurse (9 Mana), Jodie Perrett (9 Ako) and), Nadya Tapara (9 Awhi). At the completion of the duathlon the Year 13 Peer Support leaders assisted in delivering some Adventure Based Learning activities as part of the Year 9 Channel your inner Te Aokapurangi unit on self and interpersonal skills. It was a great opportunity for the Year 9's to work with the Year 13 leaders who were excellent role models for our students.

Student Voice:

The fitness we did made me lose a bit of weight and cleared my mind so that I'm being more happy. I noticed this because I can think more and go further than I could before.

When I heard we had to train for the duathlon that was due in week 9 I felt anxious and scared cause I thought people would judge me but they didn't, they actually supported me.

When we got to lake Okareka I felt like it was still gonna be hard and scary and I thought that I would be the last one to finish the duathlon but when it started I actually liked it cause everyone was cheering and supporting everyone and they were all positive.



Year 10 Triathlon

As an extension from the duathlon that students did in Year 9, we were able to secure funding to hire bikes so that our students could participate in a triathlon this year. Students biked 4km around our fields then ran to the aquatic centre and then swim 400m.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 3 - 1st place: Ardia Jackson (10 Aro) & Alyssa Webster (10 Mana), 2nd - Tayla Lockhead (10 Ako), 3rd Carly Ohia (10 Ako).

Many thanks must go to Mark Leishman who organised the hireage of our bikes, to RATs (Rotorau Association of Triathletes/Multisport) for funding the bikes and Bike Rotorua for providing our bikes and helmets.



Any students interested in continuing with triathlons/duathlons should give the RATs winter duathlon series a go as well as the Manawahe multisport event in May. Keep training and keep an eye out for more information in the coming months.

Year 11 Surf Trip to Mt Maunganui

The two Year 11 classes engaged in 2 days of surfing with O'Neil Surf Academy. Everyone managed to stand up on their board and surf after the two days as well as learn about Rips and how waves are formed. Students have completed two achievement standards since our return and will have 8 credits **loaded on shortly**.



"I rated this trip as a 5 because it was an incredible experience to have done. It was so much fun being able to push myself out of my comfort zone and to learn something new that I have never tried before and it was lots of fun"

"It was well enjoyable because I got a lot of information from the O'Neil Surf Academy. I got the opportunity to experience how to surf properly, the safety rules on what to do and what not to do when surfing, how waves are formed, how Rip currents occur and the parts of a surfboard."



Year 12 Tramp on the Tarawera Trail

Year 12 Physical Education excursion to Hot Water Beach via Tarawera Trail took place on the 9th/10th of April. The classes learnt about risks in the outdoors and how to prevent them, studied Tuckman's model of group processes where



they practised cooking pancakes on the camp stoves and walked the two and a half hours to the Trig in the Whakarewarewa forest and back to school. All students stepped out of their comfort zone and took on the challenge gaining more social responsibility and awareness of the risks in the outdoors and how to keep themselves and others safe. There are nine credits that can be gained from this experience.



Year 13 Snorkeling trip to Goat Island

The Year 13 Physical Education class headed off at the start of week 11 for their snorkeling trip to Goat Island (Leigh). We stayed at Whangateau Campground which was an amazing facility in a beautiful location by the water. In the lead up to the trip students had been at the aquatic centre every week to practice



their snorkelling skills and analyse swimming biomechanics. On Monday we headed to Goat Island Marine Reserve to spend the morning snorkeling



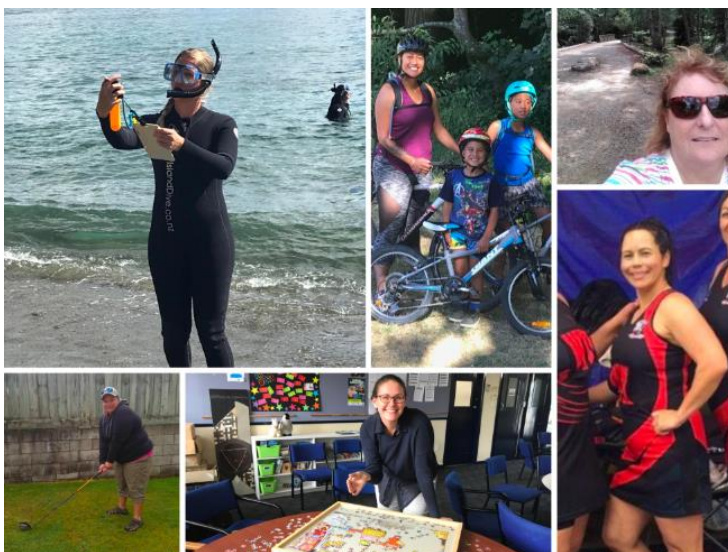
and going through our assessment. The girls were lucky to have amazing weather and great conditions for snorkeling. We saw a wide variety of sea life including some massive snapper who were hiding out in the safety of the reserve. All the students

passed the snorkeling performance standard with flying colours, and our instructors were very impressed with the skills and attitudes of our students. We visited the Marine Discovery Centre at the reserve after snorkeling which gave us a lot more insight into the history of the reserve and the importance of the reserve for environmental sustainability. Overall the trip was an amazing experience for all involved and as a teacher I was extremely proud of the students that came away with is on the trip and the way they represented themselves and the school. Students have had the opportunity to gain 10 NCEA Level 3 achievement standards through this unit of work, and are all well on their way to having them complete. A special thanks to Carolyn Katu, Geraldine Cunningham and Rick and Julie Fleming for their support in making this trip happen.





We hope you all get time to recharge the batteries during the holidays as well as get out into our amazing community to do some form of physical activity that brings you joy. Check out some of the ideas from our PE faculty members.



Mrs Katu

If you have a mountain bike, hit the free trails at Waipa - Creek and Diamondback are good beginners tracks to start on.

Mrs Beamish

get out onto some of the tracks at the Redwoods, especially a walk up to the Trig with it's

great views out over Rotorua.

Mrs Jennings

Netball grading is starting soon, so join a team and get into it

Miss Fleming

Find some water and go for a swim before winter sets in well and truly

Mrs Cunningham

Try your hand at some golf over the holidays at one of the local golf clubs

Miss Falconer

After you've done everything above, find a quiet space and enjoy a good Puzzle to rest and recover!

Dance

Dance classes have gotten 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.

During the first half of term 1, we had been focusing on getting to know one another and building positive relationships through meaningful 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 second half of term was our first set of assessments. Year 9 and 10 students have been learning the basic fundamentals of dance and learning about techniques, performance and choreography. The year 11 students have completed a written assessment called 'Demonstrate understanding of the Elements of Dance,' they are now working towards choreographing a group dance based on Kowhaiwhai patterns. Our year 12 and 13 students have choreographed a solo dance sequence that is based on issues that are relevant to youth today and are now learning a Musical theatre dance inspired by the Cell Block Tango in the movie, Chicago.



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.

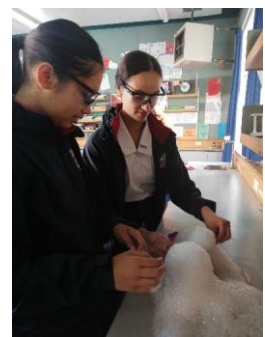


Our plan later this year is to have a showcase evening where students can demonstrate their work from throughout the year and invite their friends and whanau to come and watch. More information and a date for this will go out later in the year.

MAURIORA - Mrs Katu, Curriculum Leader.

Science

Students working on practical assessments





Term 1 has been extremely busy with full-on learning journeys for all the students. We encourage students to manage their time using a weekly and monthly planner and to prioritise their tasks and commitments. This is a skill which becomes a necessity in the senior school. Level 1 Science students have been focussing on the Material World and investigative procedures which are being internally assessed in both Chemical and Physical contexts. Results are available on Kamar after they have been moderated. Level 2 students have also been busy with practical assessments, and can look forward towards the next term - critical thinking and analysis through identifying false and valid communications. EOTC has involved Year 13 students experiencing the G Forces at Manukau (Rainbows End). Level 2 Biologists will visit Hamilton Zoo in the first half of Term 2 in support of their internal assessment on Adaptations and arguing the pros and cons for having zoos.

We would also like to thank Mrs Cherry Andrews for taking Mr John Burton's classes for 2 weeks while he was away. Some of the students in his classes may have wondered why Mr Burton was away - Here is an account of his trip and encounters.

Assessment in Year 12 Biology

Students are currently working on an assessment task for Level 2 Biology using microscopes to look at the details of plant leaves and stems as well as single-celled paramecia.



Students are required to produce a microscope slide, which can be viewed under the microscope, and either drawn from their observations or drawings are made from photographs taken through the microscopes using



student cellphone cameras (these produce amazing images).

Above are two photographs of Year 12 students – **Jayda Rossi-Baker** and **Shean Aton**

Students need to label the structures they have drawn and then carry out some research online to prepare a brief report on the cellular structures.

Michelle Goeth

Head of Science Faculty

Board of Trustees News

It is that time again where we will be calling for nominations for five vacancies on the Board of Trustees for parent representatives. Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning.

For more information please go to www.trustee-election.co.nz

2019 School Trustees Triennial Elections Timeline

Select returning officer by	Wednesday 1 May
Open main roll	Thursday 11 April
Close main roll noon	Wednesday 8 May
Call for nominations by	Friday 10 May
Close supplementary roll noon	Wednesday 22 May

Nominations close noon	Friday 24 May
Voting papers sent by	Wednesday 29 May
Close poll election day noon	Friday 7 June
Count votes	Thursday 13 June
Board takes office	Friday 14 June 2019

The following are our current BOT members:

Mr Chris Nairn	(Parent Rep - Chairperson)
Ms Mercia Yates	(Parent Rep – Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Herman Jansonius	(Co-opted)
Mrs Sharlene Easthope-Harper	(Parent Rep)
Mrs Leonie Kiff	(Parent Rep)
Mrs Sarah Davis	(Principal)
Ms Sarah Riley	(Staff Rep)
Joelle Paki	(Student Rep)

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

7 May	28 May - BOT AGM @ 7pm	18 June
2 Jul	6 August	3 September
15 October	12 November	10 December

Sports News

Term 1: 2019

Athletics

What an action packed Term this has been. Starting with Athletics held on Friday 15th February. The weather was amazing and the students and staff enjoyed a very full on day of Athletic. We were treated to some very thrilling finals in the afternoon and the most stunning House chants. It was exciting to watch and you could see that the three houses had put lots of time an effort into practice, so well done girls.

Chant winners of Athletics Makereti, were on point and there performance was stunning Witarina and Taini drew 2nd equal. With our judges saying what a very high standard of performance by all three Houses.

Our Junior Athletic Champion was Mekura Papuni, Intermediate, Anzio Ryan and our Senior Champion for 2019 was Jasmine Morrison. Thank you to the students and staff for ensuring we had another enjoyable day of Athletics.

Jasmine Morrison went on to compete at Waikato Bay of Plenty Athletics where she won High Jump and came 3rd and fourth in the 100m finals. From there Jasmine made the team to compete at North Island Champs held on the 6th and 7th of April.

The winning House at Athletics for 2019 is MAKERETI

Swimming

Two weeks later, we held our annual Swimming sports at the Aquatic Centre and on another beautiful day the girls took to the pool to find the champion Individual and House for 2019. The competition in all age groups was close with some tight finishes in most age groups.

Sofia Rossi-Baker took top honours in the Junior Girls, Taini Tomaoana Paul had a clean sweep winning all her events as the Intermediate girls Champion and Trinity Nikora was the Winner of the Senior Girls Division.

In the afternoon we were once again treated to amazing House Chants and you could see the step up from Athletics and the time the girls had put into chasing the win of top house chant. Witarina mesmerised us with a powerful performance and Taini came in second with Makereti Third.

The winning House at Swimming for 2019 is WITARINA

Summer Sports

What a busy time it has been, and we have had several students place in a variety of sports during the summer period.

TOUCH

Touch has had several students compete at Bay of Plenty level and become champions of their age groups at national level.

Tayla Stone U 20, Te Aomihi Williams Paul, Jasmine Morrison and Taini Tomoana Paul U18 and Shadae Harris U16 have all made selection to trial at New Zealand level and our Senior Girls Coach Maurice Stone Jnr and his brother Shaq Stone have been named in the NZ Mens Open team to compete at Worlds later this month.

KI O RAHI

We are the Bay of Plenty, Ki O Rahi Champions and Runner school for 2019. This event was held here at RGHS and what a day it was. The weather was good the school came out to watch in the breaks and out teams played very well. Our top team heads off to Nationals the first week of the holidays, to Hastings and I am looking forward to watching these games at that elite level.

WAKA AMA

We have competed at NZSS Waka Ama Champs, The NZ Sprint Champs and in the holidays the Long distance Champs attached is a report from Khobi Paretoa our NZSS Gold Medalist.

ROWING

We also had two girls race at the Maadi cup and well done to these girls for rising to the challenge.

RUGBY 7's

Our two Rugby 7's teams both junior and senior competed at the Championship Tournament held at the Mount and what a great two days

they had. It was great to get along and watch the girls and all these events and see all the hard work they had put into training and then playing on the day.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL OUR WINTER COACHES, MANAGERS AND OFFICIALS WHO TAKE THE TIME TO HELP OUR YOUNG WOMEN PURSUE THEIR SPORTING DREAMS AND GOALS OF BECOMING CHAMPIONS OF THEIR CHOSEN SPORT.

WE ARE VERY GREATFUL OF THE TIME AND EFFORT YOU PUT IN THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Winter sports is now upon us so please watch this space for more sports news results and CHAMPIONS

National Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Champion

The following is a report from Nicky Karaitiana, a year 9 student at RGHS, who won a New Zealand National Title for Brazilian Jiu Jitsu on Saturday 30th March in Auckland. Jiu Jitsu is made up of grappling which is similar to wrestling because you are trying to get them on the ground to get points or make them tap. A fight will last for 2-3 rounds lasting 3 minutes. I won the fight 25 - 0 against Marama from Whangarei. I train with Gracie Gym in Rotorua out of Sunset Primary school hall.



Our day started at 4am by getting dressed, braiding hair and heading to Auckland for the 8am weigh in. After weigh in it's all about getting into the zone and completely focussing on what you're there to do. As you hit the mats adrenaline kicks in and you look for any error from your opponent to use to your advantage and get the win. Winning Gold and another National title is awesome but whether you win or lose there's always a chance to reflect and learn, to keep yourself grounded and humble and to keep striving to do your best and be your best.

If you are interested in finding out more information about Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, then check out the Gracie Gym Facebook page.

National Champion in the U61kg division. This is Nicky's 4th National Championship title.

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - written by Grace McCarthy Sinclair

During Summer Sports week, both the RGHS Junior and Senior Basketball teams participated at the 3on3 Basketball Nationals in Tauranga. The 3 day tournament took place at the Trustpower Stadium where the girls travelled together early each morning from school to the venue. The senior girls Elite team placed 7th overall which they were pleased with our final result.



Pictured right - Senior A Team

Overall our teams enjoyed the warm-up tournament which is always followed by a full-on season of Basketball. Our school was very well represented by our 2 junior and 2 senior teams who have trained well, improved on team plays and who had played in a warm-up tournament held earlier in March at St. Peter's School in Cambridge. Well done ladies for your participation and to our very experienced Coaches - Coach Sue and Coach Darrell Pene, we appreciate your guidance and support for our Basketball Academy.



Pictured above - Junior Bs Year 9 Team



Pictured above - Senior B Team



Picture above - Junior A Year 10 Team

WAKA AMA - written by Khobi Paretoa

From January 14th to January 20th, thousands of people participated in the 2019 National Waka Ama Sprint Champs at Lake Karapiro - an annual event that attracts more and more people each event. Thursday was the day I competed in the Singles 500m race in the J16 Women category. Qualifying from the Heats, to the Semis and then further on to the Finals with the fastest time. I placed 2nd, receiving a Silver medal and just missing out on Gold by 0.001 seconds against my good mate, Te Aomihia. We each showed incredible Sportsmanship on this day, by acknowledging and applauding each other's achievement. At this year's National Sprint Champs event, I competed and received a Gold medal in the J19 Women W12 500m and a Silver in the Premiere Women Regional crew W12 500m race, making me a National Champion across many categories.



Recently I competed in the NZ Waka Ama Secondary School Competition and individually won the Gold medal for the J16 Women 250m. It felt good to receive the Gold in my last year of J16 and now only makes me push and work harder for future competitions.



My next goal is Long Distance Nationals Competition which starts on April 19th where I hope to continue my double Gold, J16 Singles winning streak being back to back Champion. Here I will also be participating in a W6 event, that will hopefully qualify to travel to the World's Long Distance Competition in Australia later this year in August.

Upcoming Important Dates

19 – 21 April	RGHS 60 th Diamond Jubilee Reunion
29 April	Term 2 begins
7 May	5.30pm Combined BOT Monthly and Resource Commi Meetings
10 May	School Cross Country Champs; postponement date 15 Ma
17 May – 25 May	Mid-Summer Night's Dream School Production – R Performing Arts Centre
24 May	Te Mātārere #3 online

2019 Public Holidays

- Waitangi Day 6 February (Wednesday)
- Good Friday 19 April (Friday) during school holidays
RGHS 60th Reunion
- Easter Monday 22 April (Monday) during school holidays
- Easter Tuesday 23 April (Tuesday) during school holidays
- Anzac Day 25 April (Wednesday) during school holidays
- Queen's Birthday 3 June (Monday)
- Labour Day 28 October (Monday)

2019 Term Dates

- Term 1 Tuesday 29 January – Friday 12 April (106 half days - 11 weeks)
- Term 2 Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July (98 half days – 10 weeks)
- Term 3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September (100 half days – 10 weeks)
- Term 4 Monday 14 October -Friday 6 December (78 half days – 8 weeks)



CAREERS DEPARTMENT NEWS

If your student is needing help working out what to do when they leave school, Rotorua Girls High School Careers Advisor Mrs Althea Oldman is here to advise you and is available to help students plan their futures after school whether it be going to university, Polytech or joining the workforce. Mrs Deborah Henderson is the Gateway Programme Co-ordinator. The Gateway Programme offers students, during school time, the opportunity to experience a real work environment, and gain credits towards an Industry pathway for the future. The Toi Ohomai Trades Academy also comes under the Careers Department and we have students enrolled all year in trades courses at the Toi Ohomai Rotorua Campus. Expressions of interest to be selected for the RGHS 2020 Trade Academy programme will be notified in October. The Careers Department Office is located next to the Year 9 Deans office.

Year 13 Students will be thinking about scholarships for 2020. Students can use a school computer to access givME – Generosity New Zealand (formerly Breakout) <http://generosity.org.nz/giv-me/>. This has a database of over 4000 scholarships that are available. This is only free to access from the school network. Get your share of the “free” money that is out there to assist with the costs of tertiary study. Please see Mrs Oldman in Careers for access. All the Polytechnics and Universities have Scholarships available for first year students and these are easily accessible on their websites.



Year 13 Students engaged at the Waikato University Tertiary Update Day at School



An example of what the Hospitality Trade Academy students will make on their course!



2019 Trade Academy Students **Wikitoria Thomson-Rawhiti,**
Wairua Tapara & Preshis Hignett
In action during their L2 Automotive Engineering Trades course at Toi Ohomai.



GATEWAY COURSE: McDonalds OASIS Programme

STUDENT: Tiana Kapene-Hamilton (Year 12)

CREDITS: 17 Credits / Level 2

Work experience takes place in a local McDonald's restaurant. This is a block period of 6 weeks, with one shift worked in each week, totalling 30 hrs.

GATEWAY COURSE: SEEDS (Countdown)

STUDENTS: Shaniqua Ngamotu and Herena Pora-Kimipe (Year 12)

CREDITS: 22 Credits / Level 2

SEEDS is a Gateway Programme that gives students a chance to get valuable work experience in supermarket retail. The programme involves 10 days' work experience over 10 weeks.



WHAT'S COMING UP FOR TERM 2, 2019

If you are in Year 12 or 13 and interested in coming along to any of these below, please write your name on the form in the Careers Office. Keep an eye on Facebook and the Student Notices for details closer to the time of each visit. Other events will be notified VIA Facebook to students as they come in during the term.

Date	Time	What	Where
3 May 2019	1.20pm	Auckland Institute of Technology – Liaison Visit (AUT)	Library Careers Room
5&6 May 2019	All Day	Otago University Open Day – Parents can arrange to	Dunedin

		take their student.	
6&7 May 2019	11.20 am P3 & P4	Rotorua Careers Expo- Year 13 Only on Monday 6 May. The Expo is open after school on Monday 6 May until 6.00pm and Tuesday until 2.00pm . Free event.	Rotorua Energy Events Centre
10 May 2019	All Day	WINTERC Hamilton Open Day – Not a school trip. Parents can arrange to take their student.	WINTERC Campus Hamilton City
17 May 2019	All Day	Waikato University Open Day – Year 13 School Trip. Cost \$10 – numbers are limited.	Hamilton Campus
22 May 2019	5- 6.30 pm	Massey University Rotorua Information Evening 6-8 pm – all welcome	TBA
31 May 2019	All Day	Toi Ohomai Rotorua Campus Open Day - School trip for students who express interest.	Rotorua Campus

26 June 2019	Evening	Victoria University Information Evening for parents and students.	Novotel Rotorua 5-6.30 pm
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Rotorua Girls High School has established an Alumni Fund with the Geyser Community Foundation. Donations made to the fund will be invested by Geyser and the capital retained forever. Income earned on the capital will be made available to the School for charitable purposes every year once the fund reaches a minimum of \$50,000. To donate go to the Alumni Fund tab on the home page of the RGHS website.

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

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

Giving back to the community – a new solution

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

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

Find out more about the Geyser Community Foundation at www.geysercf.org.nz

Thank you.

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

