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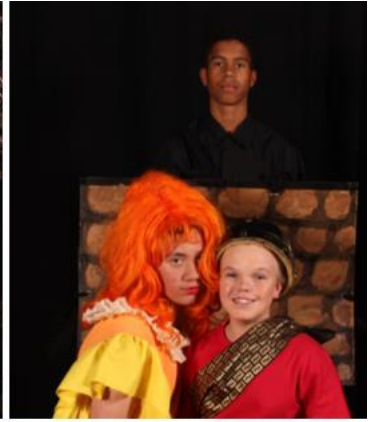


# Te Mātārere

*Rotorua Girls' High School*



**A Mid Summer's Night Dream**  
**RGHS / RBHS Joint Production**



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## *Across the Principal's Desk*

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Friday, 24 May 2019

Kia Ora Rotorua Girls' whanau!

Congratulations to the entire cast and crew of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*!

What an absolutely amazing event! I am so proud of the achievements of everyone involved, I know there has been months of preparation leading up to opening night.

This is a particularly busy time of year. All the winter sports codes are well underway. I have seen most of our teams in action. There is great hockey on a Tuesday night, great netball on a Wednesday night, rugby also on Wednesday, premier hockey and basketball on Friday nights, as well as countless other events such as badminton, duathlon and even boxing!

I know also that Raukura are busy through weekends of preparing for the regional kapa haka competition at the end of the term. Several the group have recently returned from Hokkaido, Japan as part of a Te Puia tourism contingent. I cannot wait to see this group perform in competition!

Amongst all of this please be aware that learning must continue. Near the end of the term, we will be sending out an update on what academic achievement your daughter has gained so far this year. We will have an evening for you to come and see your daughter's teachers to check in with them and see what improvements can still occur.

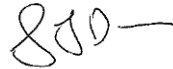
I know that for many of our students there is a lot to manage in and out of school. For the senior students particularly, I am conscious of the fact that time is passing, and along with a short last term, every assessment from now on will count. Amongst our many commitments we need to be mindful of balancing out academic subjects so that the goals we set ourselves at the start of the year can be achieved.

Please make the time to come into school for the 'Subject Teachers' Conferencing' so we can plan towards obtaining the goals we deserve.

There has been quite a large amount of news in the press about the current industrial negotiations with the PPTA and the government. As a Principal I fully support many of the claims made by members of the teaching profession with respect to their concerns around conditions and workload.

Our school will remain open for supervision for those whanau and families that are unable to look after their daughters at home that day.

Nga Mihi,



Sarah Davis - Principal

### **Strike Action by PPTA Teachers**

The Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) has advised the Rotorua Girls' High School Board of Trustees that PPTA teachers at our school will be taking strike action on:

<b>WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2019</b>
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The school will remain open on that day for general supervision of any students where alternative arrangements cannot be made.

Please contact the school if you require us to supervise you daughter until 3.05pm.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused to your family and thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Email Addresses Needed From Parents/Caregivers**

In conjunction with modern technology, our school will be moving towards communicating with parents/caregivers by email. To enable this to work effectively it is important that the email addresses which are recorded here at school for you are accurate and up to date.

It would be appreciated if you would let us know when you change your email address or provide us with one if you have not done so in the past.

We do realise that there are a number of families who do not have access to emails or internet. If you are one of these families, please let us know and we will endeavor to keep you informed by mail.



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## ***RGHS and RBHS Joint Production***

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### **A Mid Summer's Night Dream**

Director - **Bridget Donovan**

A Midsummer Night's Dream finished its season on Saturday, 25 May, playing to another full house of laughing, cheering audience. Our students bought the story to life with their talents and enthusiasm. I could not have asked for a better cast.

A huge thank you to all those involved in the many, many different areas needed to create a successful show. To **Laura Falconer** and **Janaye Biddle Kite**, thank you. I feel incredibly lucky to be able to devise work with such talented women.

A Midsummer Night's Dream 2019 was very much our own. The fairies of the forest become patupaiarehe. Nga mihi to **Darrell Pene** who has translated parts of the play into reo. **Laura Falconer** composed the majority of the music with a couple of numbers written by our clever cast members. **Janaye Biddle-Kite** choreographed dance and movement scenes that incorporated traditional Maori Performing Arts fused with modern forms. Under the watchful eye of **Caroline Compton** and **Kate Townsley** in the Technology Department, students created costumes from upcycled op shop clothes and wearable arts for the ensemble. Many of our staff and students were involved in the set construction, marketing, design and production, wardrobe and makeup, feeding the cast and cleaning up the forest. This show has really been a fabulous collaboration.

A special thank you to: **Jo Vari**, the Assistant Director for her help and support, **Karen Aldridge**, Stage Manager, **Trish Pike** in Hair and Makeup, **India Te Runa-Kite** in wardrobe, **Cam Hay** from Boys' High in Sound and Lighting and **Sarah Riley** as Producer. To all the many others in all the different departments, your work is recognised and valued.

A Midsummer Night's Dream is a play about love and in the current climate, I think, we need as much of that going around as possible. It has been a delight working with these gorgeous young people. Their energy, enthusiasm, creativity and comic timing means that this play became something even I couldn't have imagined. I congratulate all of them for their mahi.

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## ***Board of Trustees News***

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### **2019 School Trustees Triennial Elections**

Nominations closed at 12 noon on Friday, 24 May 2019. All parents/caregivers will be notified of the names and contact details for the new Board in the next Te Matatere published at the end of this Term – Friday 5 July 2019.

### **BOT Meeting Dates**

For the rest of this year will be held at 5.15pm on the following days:

30 May	18 June	2 July	6 August
3 September	15 October	12 November	10 December

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

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### **Year 12 – Ngaire Tepania**

Tena koutou katoa.

The Year 12 korero features our very own **Khobi Paretoa**, who has had some outstanding achievements in Waka Ama this year alone. Khobi shares with us her thoughts and views on how she sees Waka Ama, Life and School. Tau ke Khobi - we are always right behind you and we wish you every success!



Khobi with her paddling nemesis



Khobi winding down after a full-on race in the J16 Women's Division at Lake Tikitapu

Tell me a bit about yourself, your family, your likes/dislikes, etc.

My name is Khobi Paretoa and I come from a family of seven. My interests include Waka Ama, outdoor adventures, road trips with friends, and spending quality time with my family. Being so busy with Waka Ama it's hard to find a balance with school and the sport but I try my best to put just as much effort into both as they are my two main focuses.

Why Waka Ama, what is so great about the sport?

Waka Ama works all parts of your wellbeing. It's challenging mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually, as it is just as much of a team sport as it is an individual sport. If you were to ask any paddler, I'm sure they'd say something like, "Waka Ama is more than just a sport," and that's 100% true. The vibes you feel and the people you meet is something you can't get from any other sport.

What has been your most exciting Waka Ama experience so far?

Definitely Waka Ama Sprint Worlds held in Tahiti 2018. Being in Tahiti and being surrounded by so many people who love the sport just as much or even more than you do, there really is no better feeling. To have the opportunity to be lining up on the start line with some of the best paddlers in the world and then to be named a world champion, that's definitely an exciting experience!

Who are your role models and why?

My first role model is my Dad, Micky Paretoa. He taught me all I know about how to be strong, to never give up and always go for what I believe in. I'm pretty sure I've broken his bank account by now but I make sure to repay him in appreciation and in my hard work. None of my achievements would've been possible without him so I am truly grateful for all that he does for me, for my sporting career and for my family.

My Waka Ama role models are Yvonne Rogers, Tui McCaull and Raymond Timihou. All three mentors have played a massive role in my paddling career so far, and being professionals themselves I'm grateful to have learnt from some of the best. They each show a tremendous amount of love for the sport by coaching when the can, offering tips and encouraging people of all ages to get in and join the sport. Raymond is my current coach and isn't just a role model to me but a role model to plenty as he is the head coach of my club, Hei Matau Paddlers. I aspire to grow into and follow the footsteps of all three of my role models as they are prime examples of true leaders.

What would you like to see for Waka Ama (like at Regional, National or International level) in the future?

I hope that the sport continues to grow not only nationally but internationally, as I hope that it can become an Olympic sport. For schools I also hope that there are more races and events put on throughout the year so more students can experience the sport and learn to love it.

After RGHS, what career and sporting goals do you have in mind?

I'm currently unsure of how my life will look after RGHS, but in terms of sporting, I will most probably continue to paddle until I'm a Golden Master (50+ years old). I have thought of careers in physiotherapy, physiology and sport business. Hopefully when the time is right, I'll know what I want to do.

What five pieces of advice would you give to those interested in Waka Ama?

1. Waka Ama can either be a really family/friendly sport or it can be very competitive. It's almost as if you choose what path you want to go down for the sport.
2. There are so many people that can help and so many people that are willing to teach you.
3. You don't become a professional overnight. Just like all sports, you have to put in the long hours and stay committed if you truly want to excel.
4. Any person of any age can join! It's never too early or late.
5. For students, don't be scared to ask! I always hear things like, "I wish I started paddling," or, "that looks cool," so I hope that this can encourage more people to come and ask me questions and be confident enough to ask about the sport!

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## Learning Areas

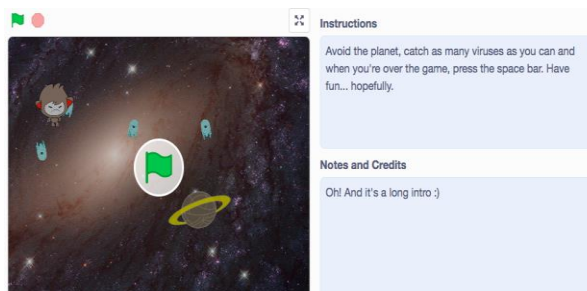
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### Art & Technology

#### Digital

Year 9 Digital Technology (9AKO) have been exposed to Computer Science with a focus on Scratch Coding. Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively—essential skills for life in the 21st century. With Scratch, students programmed their own interactive stories, games, and animations—and shared their creations with others in the online community. The ability to code computer programs is an important part of literacy in today's society. When people learn to code in Scratch, they learn important strategies for solving problems, designing projects, and communicating ideas.

Never Ending Virus by  
Oriwia Jacobs-Green



Bug Bounce by  
Zoe Kumeroa





Year 11 Digital students have been introduced to the new Level 1 Curriculum this year. Students are also encouraged to follow a computer science pathway with a focus on Robotics in conjunction with Coding.

In August 2019, Year 11 Digital students will engage in a one-day AquaBots Workshop. AquaBots are a remotely operated, tethered, underwater vehicle, designed and built by a group of students from a supplied kit. The varying levels of sophistication of the AquaBots ensures a broad appeal to students. The students must build the structure of the AquaBot as well as solder the components, including the controller.

The programme culminates in a national challenge at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre in September each year.

### Food

Nutrition and healthy eating has been the main focus for the Year 11 students. They have been creating meal plans, cooking healthy meals and learning about how nutrients in our food keeps us free from illness.



### Art

We have been so lucky in 9 Mana Art, Year 10 Art and Year 11 Art to have Stephanie Kisiel who is on practicum from Waikato University. She has been teaching sculpture to Year 9 with artist model Barbara Hepworth, Still Life Observation with Year 11 and Printmaking with Year 10.



**Stephanie Kisiel** with Year 11 Visual Arts class, **Chelsea, Reeko, Nisha** and **Emma**.

Our senior checkpoint for assessment was due on Friday 17th May, 2019.

Year 9 Mana  
Sculpture in the  
manner of artist  
model Barbara  
Hepworth



## Design

Year 12 & 13 Design students have been learning and experimenting with different styles to create their own logo design. Students have become experts using the Adobe suite and are producing some incredibly sophisticated work. Their logo design becomes their first substantial design that goes onto their portfolio of work, and is also worth 4 credits.

### *Logo Sequence by Year 13 Student Kararaina Pene*



## Photography

Photography students have been busy completing the last task of their first assessment—revisiting their chosen location.

This year our students have picked some interesting locations around Rotorua, and they are now exploring these locations with their camera using their chosen artist models to influence their ideas.

It's all about getting artsy and creative with their ideas!



Photos by Year 12 student **Layla Lacey**

## Fashion

9 PONO have had lots of fun learning to use the sewing machines. They have used tie dye and applique to create a heat pack. They are currently working independently on their own cushion designs.

It has been so rewarding to watch their progress and to see some students choosing to use their lunchtimes for extra sewing opportunities.

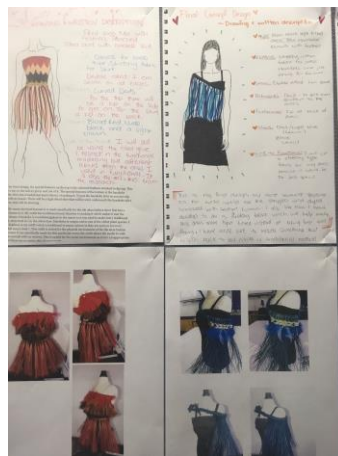
Year 10 students are on the upcycling buzz.

They are currently recreating men's business shirts purchased from the Red Cross into trendy halter neck tops.





Year 11 students are at the end of a 4 credit Technology Achievement Standard that will give them some bonus literacy credits. They are also upcycling. They have all designed their own individual project to be made out of an upcycled pair of charity shop jeans.



Year 12 students are continuing on their major project for their individual clients. It is really exciting to see some students are now experimenting with the use of flax to adorn their designs.

The drawing and modelling excerpts are from Layla and Te Rina's workbooks. Mela has recently completed a black wedding dress for her Level 2 major project.



## Science

The faculty has hosted several programmes with community groups during the last months. 9AKO and 9AWI took part in a study to understand the importance of differences in absorption of a sugar called fructose.

This is a world first research study to increase understanding of how sugar impacts New Zealanders. It is a partnership between scientists at the Maurice Wilkins Centre of the University of Auckland, New Zealand secondary schools, and their communities.

The students completed a short questionnaire in class about themselves and fasted for a night. The next morning they had a fixed amount of fructose—equivalent to a can of coke—and then recorded the amount of



hydrogen gas using a breathalyser every 15 minutes. The data collected from each student is going towards a three-year, nationwide study.

Fructose is a simple sugar (like glucose and lactose). It also forms one half of the sucrose molecule (sucrose is normal table sugar). Excess fructose has been implicated in gout, type 2 diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. Therefore, it is important to understand how we metabolise fructose and what the main sources of fructose are in our diet. The New Zealand Curriculum subscribes to a view of science education as science for citizenship.

This study provides a rare opportunity for teachers and students to participate in a real-world science investigation that provides a highly relevant context for learning about science and how science is conducted. Understanding the discipline of science helps students to engage with the science in their lives.

#### EOTC – 9Mana lake trip for Water and Sediment Analysis:

Lakes are important for many reasons.

These include:

- Fish in the lake
- People swim in the lakes
- Environmental benefits
- Water for household use

Thanks to the PTC Trust (Partnership Through Collaboration), our class 9Mana had the opportunity to work with one of the scientists from the Lakes380 project. We learnt all about the project and what they do for their jobs. The Lakes380 project is made up of a group of scientists that are going around New Zealand taking sediment core samples from 10% of NZ's lakes. The goal of this project is to find out more about the past and present health of our lakes.



We participated in three different activities throughout the day: DNA extraction, core sampling and cyanobacteria sampling. They were very useful activities and we learned a lot from them.

by Ti Amo Farmer (9MANA)



Y12 Biology and 9AKO – Reminder to return permission slips and payment for the Hamilton Zoo trip.

Senior students 16+ years – If you are in good health and have had no piercings lately then you can offer to serve in the community through donating blood. If you would like to be a donor, and start a lifetime habit of service, **please collect a permission notice from Ms Goeth in B5.**

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## ***Sports News***

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### **Winter Sport Codes Playing Nights**

- 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey on Tuesday nights
- 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby and Secondary School Netball Wednesday afternoon and night
- Secondary Schools Basketball on Thursday night
- Senior and Junior Basketball teams in Hamilton & Prem 1 Netball in Tauranga on Friday nights
- Prem 1 Netball on Saturday here in Rotorua

### **Some Sporting Highlights for Term 2**

**Tayla Stone** (right) was named in the NZSS Ki o Rahi Team for 2019

RGHS & RBHS Ki o rahi team were winners of the Plate section at Nationals 2019

Tayla with our trophy and her NZSS Team certificate





**Manaia Peeti** (left) was runner-up at the Bay of Plenty SS Squash Championships last week. She lost the final in a nail biting, five-setter.

Manaia in action during her final

**Kishona Thapa Chettri** has named in the Midland Regional Hockey Team as the goalie.

Rotorua U15 Netball Representatives

**Laila Tai, Maia Jenner, Mya Tamamasui, Neven Northcroft, Nataliah Kingi, Sofia Rossi Baker, Janae Hayes, Te Aroha Healey-Forde, Tayla Turuta, Summer Brown**

Rotorua U17 Netball Representatives

**Bree St George, Baylee Earle, Raena Smith**

RGHS Hockey Team 2019



Hockey Girls played last Tuesday against Tauhara College and won 6 - 1

### Cross Country Results 2019

After the Postponement of Friday's date, we had a very successful School Cross Country on Wednesday 15 May 2019.

The following students were the winners for the day.

Junior Girls Champion for 2019 **Te Aroha Healey-Forde** with **Steffany Silva-Delautour** coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to **Shadae Harris**.

Intermediate Girls Champion was **Tayla Lochhead** followed by **Helena Dou'ble** in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and **Delcia Fenech-Ngauora** taking third place.

In the Senior Girls race **Trinity Nikora** was 1<sup>st</sup> and the Champion for 2019. **Grace McCarthy-Sinclair** came in with 2<sup>nd</sup> place and **Te Aomihi Williams Paul** took 3<sup>rd</sup> place honours for the day.

Well done to all those who participated and to the staff who were out there running with the students.

Big ups to Miss Fleming.

## The Champion House at Cross Country for 2019 is **WITARINA**



### Upcoming Important Dates

29 May	Strike Action Day by PPTA Teachers
30 May	Combined BOT Monthly & Resource Cttee Meetings
3 June	Queen's Birthday – school closed
18 June	5.45pm First BOT Meeting for newly elected Board
24 – 28 June	Prelim Exams or NCEA Catch Ups
5 July	End of Term 2; Te Mātārere #4 online; Te Arawa Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Regionals
20 July	6pm RGHS School Ball at Te Puia
22 July	Term 3 begins

### 2019 Public Holidays

- Waitangi Day 6 February (Wednesday)
- Good Friday 19 April (Friday) during school holidays
- 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)



## Year Level Deans Contact Details

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 223	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

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Deputy Principal for Years 11 and 12

Sarah Davis (07) 348 0156 ext 208 sdavis@rghs.school.nz  
Principal for Year 13

## Other Important Contact Details

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Attendance Officer

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Sports Co-ordinator



# CAREERS DEPARTMENT NEWS

**SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE!** 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.

## WAIKATO UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE:

### More School-Leaver Scholarships

A huge number of these continue to be offered and most are open now. The usual suspects are there with the Sir Edmund Hillary, the Te Paewai o te Rangī, the DV Bryant Trust Accommodation and the recently introduced [Ko te Tangata](#) scholarships – this last one ALL students need to apply for as they have a very high chance of getting one.

In addition, a few other key ones that students should be aware of:

[UoW Professional Athletes Dual-Career Scholarship](#)

[Otumoetai Trust Undergraduate Scholarship](#)

[Tauranga Campus First-in-Family Scholarship](#)

It is also important to note that the process for applying for the UoW scholarships has changed this year due to the way the new student management system operates. Basically, an applicant for a scholarship already needs to have an application to enrol in to be able to apply. More details given [here](#).

## AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY WHAKAPIKI AKE PROGRAMME



Congratulations to our Year 13 student Christian Te Whare on being selected to participate in the “COACH” (Creating Opportunities in a career in Health) program to be held at the university 16-19 May 2019.

The University will welcome sixty Rangatahi Maori on campus, attending lectures, being exposed to the University environment and meeting inspiring young

Maori role models.

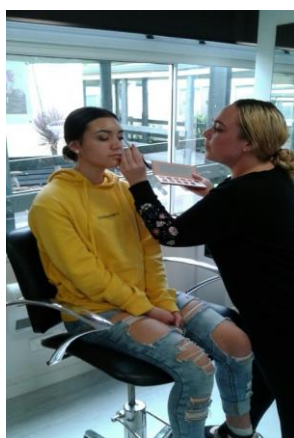
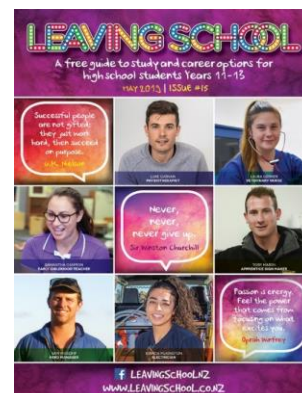
## WHAT'S COMING UP FOR TERM 2, 2019

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 the Year 13 Facebook page 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
22 May 2019	5 - 6.30 pm	Massey University Rotorua Information Evening 6-8 pm – all welcome	John Paul College
31 May 2019	All Day	Toi Ohomai Rotorua Campus Open Day - School trip for students who express interest.	Rotorua Campus
21 June 2019	All Day	Waikato University Tauranga Campus Open	Tauranga Campus

		Day – Proposed school trip TBA	
26 June 2019	Evening	Victoria University Information Evening for parents and students.	Novotel Rotorua 5- 6.30 pm
2 July 2019	All Day	WINTec Hamilton Health Open Day Proposed School Trip TBA	Waikato Campus

The school have received copies of the latest issue of my **Leaving School** magazine. Please pick up a copy from the Careers Office. The magazine is now available online ([www.oliverlee.co.nz/leavingschool-issue15](http://www.oliverlee.co.nz/leavingschool-issue15)) and can be easily downloaded onto PC's, iPads and other devices.



Trade Academy Student Kylah Williams – make-up assessment!

Students attending the RGHS/Toi Ohomai Trades Academy are now preparing for their Mid-Year assessments in their various courses.

## ROTORUA CAREERS EXPO 2019

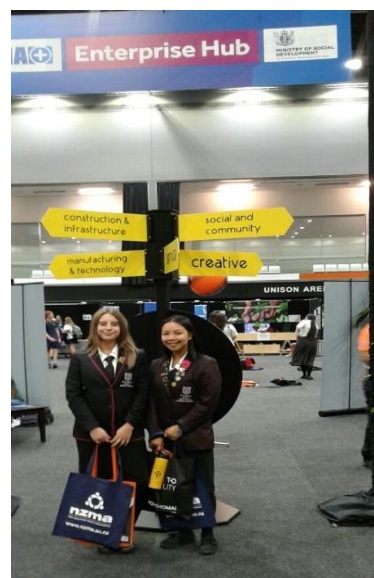


This month the Careers Department and Year 13 Students visited the Rotorua Careers Expo held at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre – Students were able to talk to industry representatives from many employment and industry workplaces. Students also made the most of the opportunity to

Speak with tertiary representatives about their planned university or polytechnic courses bringing them up to speed on what to expect next year!



All smiles at the Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology stand.



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**Help build a bright future for Rotorua Girls' High School ... now and forever!**

**Thank you for choosing to support the Rotorua Girls High School Alumni Fund. Your donation will help build a bright future for the School – now and forever.**

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

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

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

#### **Giving back to the community – a new solution**

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

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

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

Thank you.

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