



Te Mātārere

Rotorua Girls' High School

ROTORUA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XV RUGBY TEAM



**BACK TO BACK BAYWIDE
SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS CHAMPIONS**

Across the Principal's Desk



Wednesday, 28 August 2019

Kia Ora Rotorua Girls' whanau!

The days are definitely getting longer, a hint of spring is in the air!

Well done to all who completed their external exam practice last week. I know that this was a great chance to see what those assessments may look like before the 'real thing', the NCEA externals that start in the first week of November in Term 4. Whanau can expect a progress summary sent via email in the next week. Enclosed will be the results of the external exam practice, as well as a summary of internal assessment grades. There will be email contact information for each of your daughter's teachers, so please do not hesitate to contact them to check in with how your daughter is progressing in their classes. If your family would prefer a paper copy of your daughter's results, just contact the office for this information.

To the seniors, the countdown to the end of the academic year is definitely marching on! Clearly attendance at each class is now crucial. Please support your daughter by ensuring she is at school each day. Our teachers will do everything they can to get your daughter the qualifications she is capable of, but her being in class is an important aspect in achieving this!

Next week is the annual New Zealand Secondary Schools' winter tournament week. We have teams competing in Auckland (Senior A Netball), Hamilton (First XI Hockey), and locally in Rotorua (Senior A Basketball). I hope to get to all of these venues. I wish the girls every success. Have fun, play hard and make sure you respect the outcome of the games you play. We will be celebrating our cultural and sporting successes from Terms 2 and 3 at the end of the term. Congratulations also to our First XV girls who will be playing the Chiefs franchise final in Hamilton this weekend, and to Xecute who will compete in Palmerston North later in September at the NZ Made National Dance competition.

Thank you to everyone in our Rotorua Girls' whanau for everything that contributes to the great school we are. We have had our Year 8 Open Day this week, and I was proud to show the school to our new whanau of 2020.

Nga mihi

Sarah Davis – Principal

Student Support & Principal's Nominee ***Deputy Principal – Raewyn Krammer***



NCEA ACHIEVEMENT:

We wish to congratulate the following 18 students who have already passed their NCEA year level:

Level 1: (Year 11) **Rosemary Barron (11AKO), Lexie Brothers (11AKO), Sonya Cropp (11AKO), Te Aowheoro Hohepa-Gardiner (11AWHI), Raiha Mahaki, Manaia Peeti, Merenia Rogers, Heriata Rukupo, Aimee Whata.**

Level 2: (Year 12) **Anahera Herewini-Waiariki (12MAK), Salaseini Kaitani (12WIT), Anne Leauga (EVOL), Taini Paul Tomoana (12WIT), Faye Pohoiwi (12MAK), Jayda Rossi-Baker (12WIT), Shay Tahana (EVOL), Katrina Te Rupe (12MAK), Anipatene Williams (12WIT).**

Level 3: (Year 13) **Azarya Aitupuna (13TAI), Atera Apirana (13MAK), Beatriz Bae, Rodellie Bea (EVOL), Tiana Jones (13WIT), Mere Kemp (13WIT), Wairua Lloyd (13WIT), Tiakiawa Reweti (13WIT).**

We look forward to celebrating further NCEA success in the next Bulletin.

SENIOR EXAMINATIONS:

We wish to congratulate those students who were successful in passing their preliminary senior examinations and we encourage all students to keep revising for the end of year examinations. These practice examinations give the students an opportunity to find out what students don't know and allows time for them to work on these areas before the external examinations in November.

NCEA FEES:

Payment of NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship fees in 2019 are for International Fee-Paying Students ONLY.

NCEA External Examinations:

The external examinations begin on Friday, 8 November 2019 and finish on Tuesday, 3 December 2019.

PB4L – (Positive Behaviour for Learning) TE AO Values:

Our school has created a culture that encourages positive behaviours and interactions between all. Our approach is to teach students the positive behaviours we expect to see, to remind them to use these positive behaviours and to acknowledge students when they show these positive behaviours.

We have championed the story of our Te Arawa ancestress TE AO Kapurangi and have woven her qualities into our PB4L expectations using the following acronym:

T = The willingness to LEARN (RESILIENCE)

E = Engaging to ACHIEVE (INTEGRITY)

A = Always shows RESPECT (RESPECT)

O = Offers to SERVE (EMPATHY)

Each term we promote a value, this term our value is A = Always Shows RESPECT (RESPECT). We use the PB4L restorative practice model of communication skills to build positive and respectful relationships across the whole school community. Please encourage your daughter(s) to portray this value at all times.

Teaching & Learning

Deputy Principal – Aramoana Mohi Maxwell



Nei ra te mihi – he mihi manahau hoki!!

In a school that has at its heart, the learner and with academic achievement as our core business, Rotorua Girls' High weaves a leadership journey that also crafts future leaders. We look at all possible opportunities and constantly look beyond our community and out into the wider world to evolve our strategies so that our young women can be a leader in any domain that they find themselves in. My recent Sabbatical Leave accorded me the opportunity to examine women as change agents in single sex school settings. It was as heartening as it was inspiring to explore the strategies that are in place to grow young women as leaders and also build staff capacity to meet these dynamic pathways. There were commonalities between ourselves and what is on offer in other schools but there are also strategies that can help our own leadership journey too – what unites us all is our belief in the benefits of girls' education and what we can do in this learning space because of that belief. Exciting times are ahead as we explore the development of our young women as leaders in their communities and beyond.

The opportunity to review is pivotal to our growth and I am excited by the role that whānau play as our learning partners and appreciate the voice that you have in shaping our next steps in the growing legacy of Rotorua Girls' High. For the duration of the term I will be seeking your voice as we review components of our Pastoral System and the Future Focused Learning experiences of students and their whānau.

I welcome your feedback which will happen through a survey and hui with a range of randomly selected students from across the year levels and a group of parents. For those directly involved with our Future Focused Learning Pathway, there will be an opportunity to gather, celebrate and review what has been happening in these classes. If you have any queries, please contact me at school; 07 348-0156 ext 205 or via email; amohi@rghs.school.nz

As we come to the end of our Preliminary Exams, our Senior students can use this experience and the results gained to prepare for external exams. Classrooms have been exciting to visit throughout the year levels and particularly at our senior end of the school with portfolio work taking shape and learner conversations are purposeful and powerful – nei ra te mihi akonga mā.

Term 3 thus far has been filled with a myriad of experiences. I take this opportunity to thank staff, whānau and students for all that you do – this newsletter is a wonderful reflection of you all!

Our 2019 Rotorua Young Achievers Awards

Congratulations to our five 2019 Rotorua Young Achievers who are:

- **Atera Apirana** - Academic, Cultural and Leadership
- **Geraldine Atchico** - Academic, Cultural and Leadership
- **Kristia Paras** - Academic, Cultural and Leadership
- **Tyla Stone** – Academic, Cultural, Leadership and Sports
- **Ti'an Paretoa** - Academic and Sports

The Award Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 23 October at 5.30pm in the Rotorua Energy Events Centre.

From Across the Desks of the Year Level Deans



Year 12 – Ngaire Tepania

The countdown to Year 12 Leadership Day at the end of term, is on. I am very excited about the weeks ahead as we begin to tick off the must-do tasks of Senior Preliminary Exams, and move onto fun stuff such as Leadership opportunities more importantly, selecting subjects for Year 13 in 2020.

Students have Curriculum Guides with Option sheets to complete and return to me at the Options Evening on Thursday 29th of August in the Arena. I hope to see parents and whanau come in and have a look at what is on offer for 2020.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

An update from the July school newsletter, the progression of our students shows:



Red Zone - Less than 30 credits = 1 student



Amber Zone - Between 31 - 50 credits = 23 students



Green Zone - 51 or more credits = 51 students

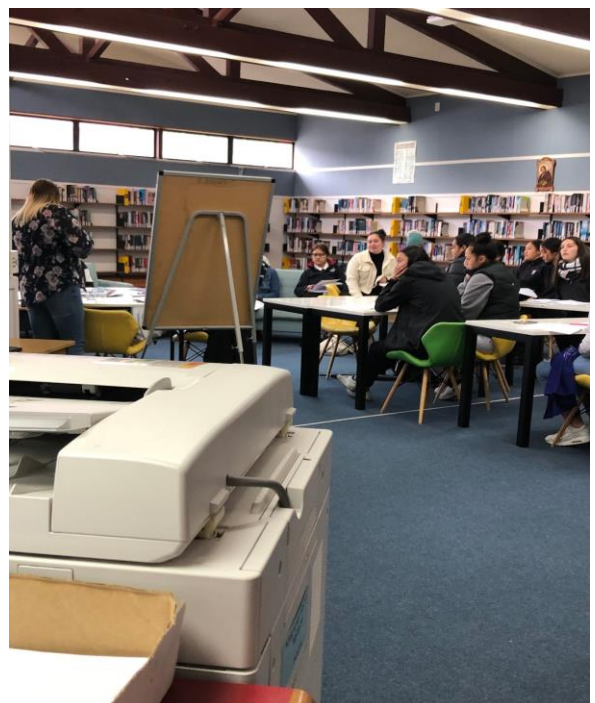
Passed NCEA Level 2 = 8 students (2 students passed in July)

The move forward has been overwhelming and students are telling me, there are still more credits to be added to their NCEA Level 2 achievement.

We are grateful to our teachers and support staff for allowing more and more opportunities not just inside classrooms but within the extra curricular opportunities such as performances for Raukura Kapa Haka, Xecute Dance Crew, the School Production,

GATEWAY with outside providers allows for students to participate in courses or work experience earning up to 20 credits at Level 2. Not forgetting the outstanding sporting achievements that translate into credits as well.

(Picture on right - students participating in the GATEWAY Get Safe Course for Year 12 students held in School Library)



HOMEWORK CLUB

The Senior students organise and run the Homework Club every Tuesday and Thursday after school in D5, from 3.05pm-5pm each week.

Please go along to these valuable sessions and get advice from students who can help and guide you through subject work you may be struggling with.

(Picture on right - Irem Aydin, Tran Nguyen and Shean Aton, Year 12 students at Homework Club)



WAHINE TOA ASSEMBLY WITH MAYOR STEVE CHADWICK, WAIATA TAUTOKO BY ANIPATENE WILLIAMS



Most recently, full school assemblies have seen guest speakers share their wonderful messages of resilience, the importance of whanau and individual learning journeys, various experiences nationally and internationally covering career pathways and what it took to get to that special place. Mayor Steve Chadwick spoke of many inspiring and memorable experiences she has had. Following Steve's korero, Anipatene sang *Nella Fantasia adapted by Sole Mio* a beautiful, sweet waiata tautoko for Steve. Anipatene's waiata left many speechless especially standing on the side of the stage, a moment I will remember for a very long

time. Anipatene is well known for her performing talents in school productions and singing performances inside and outside of school.

Tau ke Anipatene!

ATTENDANCE

If your daughter has been away from school please ring our absentee line (07) 348 0156 and leave the relevant details, you can also justify her absence with her Whanau Teacher via email. My goal is to ensure every student uses her time productively. If your daughter is not attending school, I will contact you to arrange a meeting and make a plan to support her back into school and re-engage her in work or alternative study.

Nga mihi ki a koutou katoa

19th Rotorua Inter-Schools Chinese Speech Competition

On Friday, 23 August this annual speech competition was held up Toi Ohomai

The day was a joyous celebration of students' learning of Chinese. Excited students from Years 5 to 13 and native speakers presented their well-rehearsed speeches to a proud crowd of family, friends, principals and staff. The Judges Prof. Zhao Yezhu Co-Director of Confucius Institute and Kwei-yi Dannenbring as well as Acting Director Adele Bryant of Confucius Institute applauded the students for the quality of their Chinese presentations.

21 Schools participated: (over 180 students). Rotorua Girls' High School entered eight participants in the Year 9 – 13 category.

We congratulate Asyannah Llagas who came First Equal in the Year 10 Section and Hayley Cresswell who came Third in the Year 11 Section. A great success.



Left
Asyannah Llagas

Right
Hayley Cresswell



Curriculum Areas News

Art & Technology

Visual Arts

During week 4, we had another "Late Night" for senior students. We enjoyed this with Fashion girls and thank you to Miss Townsley who bought us some kai to keep us going! We are working solidly on folio boards and these are due at the end of Term 3 for external marking. In Years 11 and 12, they are worth 12 credits and in Year 13, they are worth 14 credits.

We will be having another late night during Week 6 of Term 3. Ask your daughter for details. Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 are welcome as long as they have parent permission.

We had an artist-in-residence Lani Eyles for our year 10 and year 11 class during the double periods for each. Lani was interviewed by Year 10 students who were very respectful of her talent. Her work is usually based about interior spaces that look like they are outside as she paints the sky inside and plants as well. She showed us how to map out or set the composition using

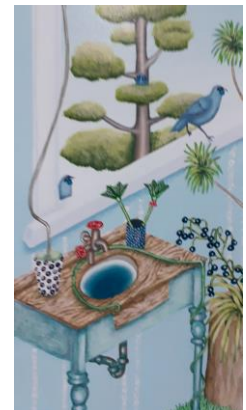
cut outs and magazine images.



Artist in residence: Lani Eyles with Year 10 students Kicha and Mehak and Max.



Left sample of her painting; and right setting composition using paper cut-outs.

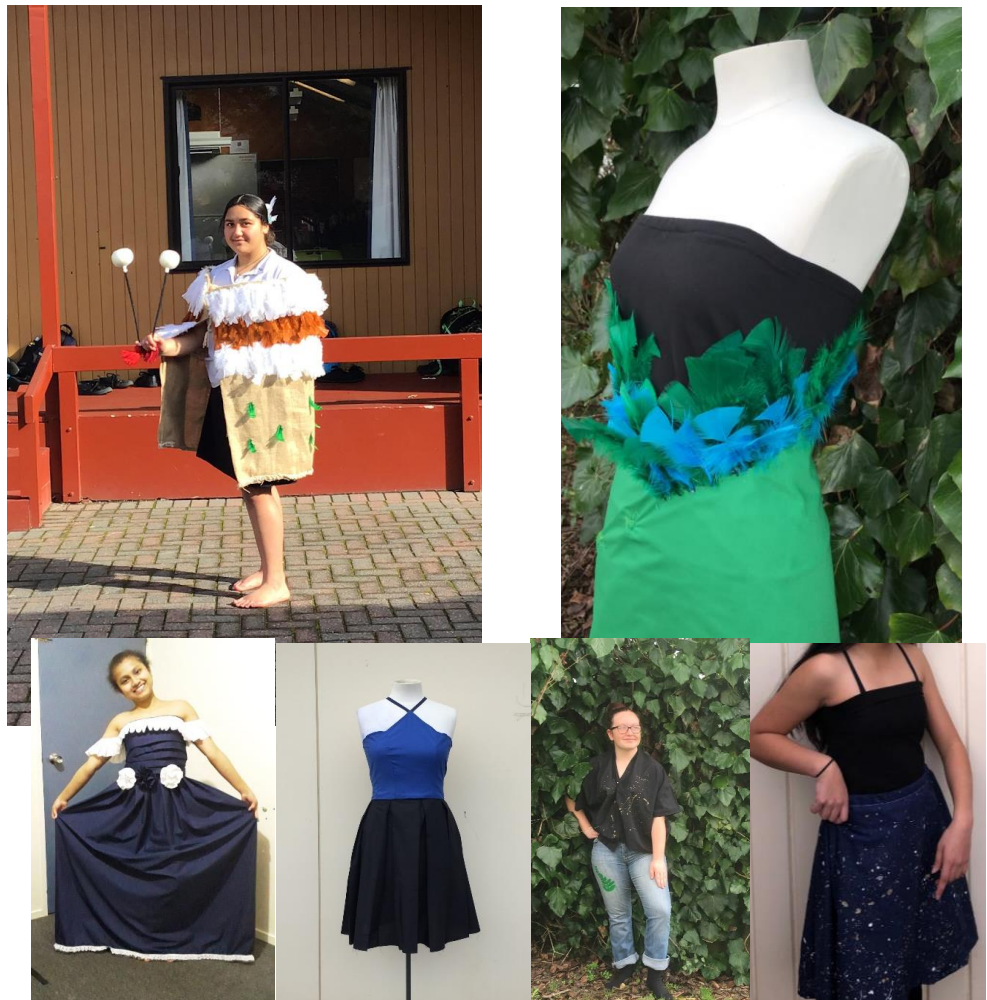


Fashion



Congratulations 9AWHL on designing and completing your cushions

Year 10 students have recently completed their group projects to create a Makariki themed outfit.



Digital Technology

Our Year 11 and 10 Digital Technology classes have started their Term Three unit of work - Robotics (Develop an electronics outcome). The goal of this unit is that students will become confident users of digital software and hardware by, planning, designing, creating and evaluating an electronic component as the final outcome for the assessment.

As part of this experience a group of Digital Technology students attended an Aquabot build day at the Rotorua Library MakerSpace Workshop. They were exposed to electronics and coding. AquaBots are a remotely operated, tethered, underwater vehicles, 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. They built the structure of the AquaBot as well as solder the components, including the controller.



The purpose of the Aquabots build day is to expose students to real life experience. They will use these educational experiences to design, build and develop an Aquabot that will then be entered into the Rotorua Regional Aquabots Competition on Friday, 13 September 2019.

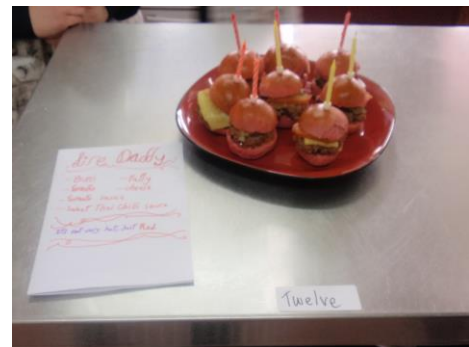


Food Technology

The Year 10's designed and produced 'Mini' Hamburgers and then presented them to the staff and students to vote for their favourite one.

They made their own bread and had different flavours in the meat patties, and also themed and named their burgers.

Great work girls they looked fantastic and tasted even better!!



Creative Performing Arts

Winners in the NZ Dance Made Regional Competition



Every year I look for new opportunities in Dance to let the stars in our school shine. Twenty three of our students took part in the NZ Dance Made Regional Competition. As well as this being a competitive event, our girls were provided with an opportunity throughout the day to participate in various workshops and extend their movement vocabulary as dancers. We had five entries in this Regional Competition and four of our girls placed. Xecute has secured a place in the National Competition after coming 1st in the Open Division and 1st overall with the top score of the night. This is a huge accomplishment for these girls and I am extremely proud of them.

I would like to thank the teachers and whanau of these students for the support we have received around this kaupapa!

Regional Competition Results - 2019

Year 12 Solo

1st Place - Tomairangi Paterson-Waaka

2nd Place - Gloria Tawake

Year 13 Solo

2nd Place - Claudia Dain

Open Division

1st Place RGHS Megacrew (Xecute)

Overall Rotorua Regional Competition Winners

1st Place RGHS Megacrew (Xecute)



Janaye Biddle-Kite - TIC Dance

Theatre Trip - Our Town



Wednesday 21 August. Several theatre students attended the JPC production of Our Town.

This famous play is by Thornton Wilder. Although written in 1938, the play still delves into important themes and issues of today.

A really strong and thought provoking production.

Up and Coming in September:

- 5th - Theatre Trip - Nightsong's production of Mr Redlight, Aotea Centre, Auckland
- 17th - Wicked - The Musical. 11 Music trip and Optional for other Creative Arts students. Baycourt Theatre Tauranga.
- 16th, 17th - RGHS Talent Quest Heats. Calling all singers, musicians, dancers, magicians, mimes and poets. Get your friends together and enter an act
- 18th - RGHS Talent Quest Final
- 19th-22nd - NZMade Nationals Palmerston. Our Xecute representing the school for the National title
- 26th - RGHS and RBHS Combined Talent Quest Boys High Thursday 27th September



Marautanga

We began our term proud of our achievements as two teams represented us at the Regional Secondary School Kapahaka Competitions held on Friday, the last day of term 2. Our Faculty takes this opportunity to acknowledge each and every one of you for the hours you have sacrificed at practices, and representing our School at different events, as a result of your success, and we celebrate your learning. Our tuakana team, Raukura added an overall first placing to their accolades while their teina showcased their learning and gained NCEA Level 3 credits with merit, for their efforts. This year Raukura was led by our Head Girl - Atera Apirana who also won Kaitataki-wahine.



Te Arawa Secondary Regional
Winners 2019 - Raukura

RAUKURA KI TE RANGI, TE
ARAWA KI TE WHENUA'

NGA KOHINE Te Arawa
Secondary Regional Kapa
Haka - Nga Kohine



The majority of this group is made up of year 9 students who performed at the Regional Competition with Senior students as mentors for the group as well as performers and this is how we prepare our students for our Senior Haka group, Raukura.

Academic achievement remains at the forefront of all that we do and our Senior Reo classes and Rumaki class have been involved in the completion of tasks and exam preparation. Our Rumaki class bring a lens that demonstrates a Māori way of expressing their understanding of the world;

‘Ko Māmā te tuara o tōku whānau, Ko Pāpā te poutokomanawa o tōku whānau, Ko au te toa o nga toa. Ko Amaia te pīwaiwaka o tōku whānau, ara ko pēpī hou te pōtiki o te whānau.’

Arahia Edwards (9AWHI)

Arahia, along with other Year 9's demonstrated their expertise at our Marautanga Year 9 Whānau Evening.



Our girls were able to perform a bracket consisting of 5 items, including a Whakaeke, Waiata-a-ringā, Poi, Haka and Whakawatea. Whānau feedback was supportive and showed how proud whānau were of their tamariki/moopuna. Kei tāwhiti kōutou katoa kōtiro mā! Kei te menemene mai a Hine-rēhia!

Woven across our Faculty is our support of wider community activities. It can be as much as a pōhiri with our kuia and kaumatua of Ngāti Whakaue to Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy at Tamatekapua or the opening of the Matariki Innovations Conference or a performance while the BOP Steamers and Waikato rugby teams warmed-up for their game. We are proud of our students' willingness to step up into this cultural arena and support our community.



RAUKURA - Our students stepped out to perform at the St Faith's Church in support of one of our Board of Trustees members, Mercia Yates as she campaigns for Council and again with our Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern and Regional Economic Development Minister Shane Jones visit to the Blue Baths, Government Gardens where they committed 20 million dollars to the restoration of the Rotorua Museum.



Our most recent performance is our girls who make up our teina cohort of Raukura. This group of girls lined up alongside our Tuhourangi whanaunga to welcome the Black Ferns. It was a golden opportunity to meet a group of role models who have worked hard to achieve goals at an international level.



BLACK FERNS - Raukura (Juniors) with our Black Ferns Team at Te Pakira Marae

And finally, our Option Evening is scheduled for 29 August. We welcome the opportunity to discuss our academic learning pathways for next year and introduce a new University Approved Subject under Marautanga Faculty - Te Whare Tapere o Ngā Kōhine. This course is designed for all year levels, and entry at any point. It comprises of Achievement Standards under Maori Performing Arts, Dance and Design & the Textiles Curriculum.

International / Exchange Students and Short Term Overseas Visits

At the beginning of Term 3 we welcomed the following students:

- From China, **Sijia LUAN** a Chinese foreign fee paying student who will be with us until July next year
 - From Belgium, **Jolien Verschaeve** and **Victoria Humblet**, two exchange students who have joined us for five and two months respectively.
 - From Japan, **Honoka Ota** and **Natsuki Nakai**, two students from Komazawa Girls Junior High School in Tokyo who were here for a short term visit from Tuesday 23 July to 15 August 2019
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Sports News

RGHS 1ST XV RUGBY TEAM - BACK TO BACK BAYWIDE SECONDARY SCHOOL GIRLS CHAMPIONS.

On Saturday 17th August, we travelled to Whakatane for Finals Day. This is where all the Bay Secondary School teams from different grades descend to play their finals. Our opposition for the final was Te Wharekura o Mauao, and although we had beaten them 65 - 5 in our regular round robin game during the season, we knew that they would be tough come finals day. Tough was an understatement as Mauao had a fire in their belly that saw them put us under enormous pressure, especially during the first half. The score at half time was 29-15 to RGHS which shows how fierce the game was. In the second half, RGHS extended the score line to 44 with three more tries to Mauao's 1 try.

At the final whistle, RGHS were victorious and achieved the accolade of finishing the season undefeated. Our inspirational captain, Kataraina Rauwhero, not only scored two tries, but was named Player of the Game, a title that she also won in 2018. Last year, the death of our beloved Koro Mark Edmonds, was the motivating factor in claiming the win, this year, it was about playing for each other and proving that last year was not a one off.



As well as each other, the girls also played for their coaches Jimi McLean and Marcus Lloyd, who will be stepping down at the end of the season.

The 1st XV are now focussing their attention on the Chiefs qualifying semi finals against New Plymouth Girls High School. Well done girls for a great Baywide season and thank you to all those who have supported the girls and the team throughout the season.



NETBALL REPORT 2019

This year Rotorua netball introduced a Secondary Schools competition for students who are of Secondary School age and from year 9 to year 13 on a Wednesday Night each week. While some nights were very cold and wet and out of there control, the competition itself was a success.

RGHS had the largest number of teams entered, which was awesome to see. We had 9 teams spread across 6 grades playing each week.

Finals night last Wednesday was exciting for a number of our teams who were playing off for various placings in their grades.

Our Junior teams (Y9 & 10) finished very well with our White team coming second in there grade and our Y10 A team finishing 4th.

Our Maroon team placed 4th in there grade and our other teams while not in the top 4 did a fantastic job.

THANK YOU ALL

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OUR PARENTS AND WHANAU FOR YOUR
HELP AND SUPPORT BY COACHING OR UMPIRING A TEAM.
WE COULDN'T HAVE THIS MANY TEAMS WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

WE ARE ALSO VERY LUCKY AT OUR SCHOOL AS THE JUNIOR TEAMS ARE
OFTEN COACHED AND UMPIRED BY OUR SENIOR STUDENTS SO I WOULD
LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING GIRLS FOR ALL THE TIME, EFFORT AND
COMMITMENT THEY PUT INTO WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETBALL AS WELL AS
COMMITTING TO THEIR OWN SENIOR TEAMS .

YOUR HELP IS ENVALUABLE - Natalia Healey Forde, Tayla Stone, Shylah Halley, Bayley Earle, Suzie Ravudi, Manaia Waharekura, Raena Smith, Chevaania Temapo, Janae Hayes, Neven Northcroft and Laila Tai

Senior: Prem 2 WIN the B Grade Championship Title

Our Prem 2 senior team who were in the B grade won their final against Reporoa College in a tight match. I would like to congratulate these girls and in particular the core group of girls who kept this team going. Thank you to Ms Naidu for helping out by being with these girls each week and to Mr and Mrs Jones thanks for all your support of this team throughout the year.

Junior Prem 2 WIN Banner Round and the A Grade Open Secondary School Division for 2019

In a final where our Junior Prem (Y9 & 10 girls) come out on top to win both the Banner and the Championship rounds has seen this team rewarded for their hours of hard work and trainings.

In the final against JPC Senior A, we were up in the first quarter by four goals. We then trailed in the second quarter by 3, only to fight back and go into the fourth quarter 17 all. This set the game up to be a battle of everything these two teams had to win the fourth quarter, the game and the title of top school for 2019.

Our girls started the fourth quarter by scoring the first five goals but JPC kept coming back. We managed to stay ahead in the quarter and when the final whistle blew, we had won the game 27 to 23.

I must say the game was definitely not an easy one but the calmness in which the attacking end went about their business was a credit to how well these girls had prepared during the week. Nataliah Kingi, GS and Mya Tamamasui at GA has become a very strong pairing in the shooting circle. Mya lead our attacking end at GA and her timing to the ball and ability to finish off in the circle was outstanding. Maia Jenner played extremely well at C and had one of her best games of the season. She controlled the tempo of the game in the mid-court and created lots of turnover ball for her team. Janae Hayes our Y 9 girl had a great game off the line at WA driving hard to the ball and feeding the shooters well. Neven Northcroft played another strong game at WD and then shifted to WA where she worked hard on defence to help turn over some very good ball for us in the fourth quarter with Mya. Our defensive unit lead by Captain Laila Tai GK and Matariki Rolleston GD worked tirelessly and picked up so much ball for us to capitalise on down the other end. Both these girls challenge every ball coming their way either together or individually.

The change at half time saw Harmony Rodgers go into GD with Laila at GK and Matariki moving into WD worked well for us. Harmony's height and timing to the ball changes how we work defensively. Matariki's height and ability to put pressure on the WA and restrict her movements again worked well in our favour.

We also have an amazing group of girls who did not take the court in the final but that does not reflect the value they bring to this team. Thank you very much Lahaina, Keylah, and Sofia you girls are a very valuable part of our team and you are irreplaceable.

JPC is not a team that we at any moment took for granted, as in our last round game they had beaten us so we knew it was never going to be easy. I think we prepared well all week, looking at why and how we could improve and be better in the Final.

The girls have worked hard all year and playing girls older and more mature is always a battle but the bond they have with each other has helped shape the team they have become today.

**CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS YOU HAVE WORKED HARD ALL YEAR
TO EARN YOUR REWARDS**

THANK YOU TO

OUR FANTASIC MANAGER, MELISSA TAMAMASUI

**AND OUR AWESOME PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS WHO CAME
EACH WEEK to SUPPORT not just their child but ALL THE GIRLS.**

SENIOR NETBALL: PREM 1

Our Prem 1 team have had an awesome season too. For the first time this year, our Premier team travelled to Tauranga every Friday to compete in their Secondary School Competition. The girls enjoyed playing other school teams of their ability, as we usually play adults every Saturday in our local competition. Adjusting to traveling each week and then playing was a great experience and taught us a lot about resilience.

We placed 5th in the competition beating Otumoetai College in the play offs. It was a great opportunity and something we would like to continue doing in the further.

In our local derby held here in Rotorua every Saturday the girls play in the Prem 1 grade of this competition finishing 3rd in a play-off final against Waikite Panthers. This competition gives the girls an opportunity to play against senior woman and the learnings are great. Learning to be strong in your presence and in the game is something you gain by experience and this competition gives us that.

The Prem 1 team is off to UNISS, in Auckland, in a couple of weeks so we will have a full senior netball report on our return.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR TEAMS THAT WILL BE OUT FOR TOURNAMENT WEEK

RGHS Z CLUB

We now have a core group of about 20 girl's attending which is encouraging. We had a successful Mufti Day with the girls bringing a can of food and/or a gold coin. The food was given to 'Love Soup' a local food kitchen and the money went into our fund for our International Project 'Classroom in the Cloud'. There is a YouTube video if you want to find out more.





Ineke Jansonius came in and did a workshop on Wellbeing. She gave girls ideas on how to cope with stress and what to look out for. She is coming back on the 27th August after the girls have finished their exams.

Jenny White came in and did another workshop on card making with the girls. The brief was to acknowledge a woman or girl that has inspired them. It went very well

with the girls talking to each other about why they were choosing this person.

Looking forward to Tuesday 10 September when will do a Bake Sale with the proceeds going to our 'Classroom in the Clouds' and possibly a National cause of the girl's choice.

Barb Stewart



Upcoming Important Dates

29 August	2020 Subject Choices Evening; Year 8 Open Day / Evening
2 – 8 Sept	Winter Tournament Week
12 Sept	Sports and Cultural Photos
17 Sept	MCAT Exam (Year 11 Maths External)
18 – 22 Sept	NZ Made National Dance Competition 2019 – Palmerston North
27 Sept	End of Term 3; Te Mātāreke #6 online

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)

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

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CAREERS DEPARTMENT NEWS

“No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

WHAT'S COMING UP FOR TERM 3, 2019

All students should keep an eye on the school year level Facebook pages for news on the many events and opportunities coming up! Other events will be notified VIA Facebook to students as they come in during the term.

Date	Time	What
19 July 2019 School Holidays	All Day	Lincoln University Open Day
1 August 2019		All University Halls of Residence application process opens
7 August 2019	All Day	Massey Palmerston North Open Day
15 August 2019		Closing date for entrance scholarships
23 August 2019	All Day	Victoria University & Massey Wellington Campus Open Days
27 August 2019	10.40 am	Otago University Liaison Course Planning at School
31 August 2019		Bachelor of Teaching applications due also Performance Music audition due.
31 August 2019	All Day	Auckland University Courses & Careers Open Day – FREE BUS FROM ROTORUA
5 September 2019	11.30 – 1.30pm	Auckland Uni Whakapiki Ake Presentation to Year 9-11 Science careers students
24 September 2019	5-8 pm	Auckland University Health Sciences Hui for Parents/Whanau
30 September 2019		All Halls of Residence first round applications close.

Rotorua Girls High School girls play a big part in the Maori All Blacks V Fiji match lead up in the July school holidays.



Year 11 Helena Dou'ble and Year 12 Salaseini Kaitani played an important role in helping to organise pre-game events for the Maori All Blacks against the Flying Fijians. The girls took part in a six-week mentorship programme which was created specifically for the Match played in the school holidays and for the Ahurei Pasifika events held prior to the game.

Helena, a Year 11 student, said helping to organise all the different activities had been a real eye-opener. The 15 year old said it was a great opportunity to share her Samoan culture with the wider community.

Salaseini, a Year 12 student, said being part of the mentoring programme showed her exactly what it took to put on a big event. The 16 year old said her Fijian culture was important to her family and she was proud to be helping promote it in such an exciting way.

Mentor Tia Smith, Rotorua Lakes Council stadium events and sports advisor, said it was the first time she had run a mentoring programme that had involved secondary students. Tia had the following words to say about the girl's participation:

"I first of all would like to extend a big thank you for your contribution in the lead up to Ahurei Pasifika & Maori All Blacks vs FIJI, your efforts were appreciated not only by myself but the entire team that delivered these events."

"You have some really great personal qualities including enthusiasm and desire to help as required, you were able to connect easily with our team and everyone loved how willing you were to learn and understand what happens behind the scenes."

Here are some links to some articles that the girls were featured in.

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/rotorua-daily-post/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503438&objectid=12248706

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/bay-of-plenty-times/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503343&objectid=12246960

SUCCESS FOR BEATRIZ BAE AT THE WINTEC ANNUAL CULINARY FARE, BARISTA!



Beatriz is a Year 13 student currently on the Level 3 Hospitality Trade Academy programme at Toi Ohomai.

Our congratulations to formally acknowledge Beatriz's achievement in winning Silver in the 15th Annual Culinary Fare, Barista Secondary Schools competition.



STUDYLINK

Are you in your final year at secondary school?

Thinking about what's next and the best option for you when school finishes can be tough. To help with your decisions sign up for our updates.

www.studylink.govt.nz



Welcome to our fees-free update, bringing you answers to some of the most common questions.

If there's anything else you'd like to know, check out the FAQs on the [fees-free website](#).

Fees-free

Fees-free is managed by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). Students can check if they can get fees-free study at www.feesfree.govt.nz.

Students who are New Zealanders and will finish school in 2019, may qualify for a year of fees-free tertiary study or two years of industry training in 2020.

Find out more about the [eligibility for fees-free](#).

How to check if a student can get fees-free study

Students can go to www.feesfree.govt.nz and enter their National Student Number (NSN) to check. The majority of secondary school students should receive a 'yes - you are eligible' response.

If a student receives a 'we are not sure' response, they may need to provide further information to TEC. The fees-free website will let them know what they need to do.

How does a student apply for fees-free?

Students don't need to apply for fees-free.

Once the student has enrolled, TEC will check the student's details and if eligible, will pay the fees directly to the tertiary education provider or industry training organisation. They can pay up to a maximum of \$12,000 incl GST per year.

Does a student still need to apply to StudyLink?

If a student only needs their fees paid they won't need to apply for a Student Loan unless their fees are over \$12,000.

If a student wants to apply for a Student Allowance or the living and course-related costs parts of a Student Loan they'll still need to apply to StudyLink.

If you've got any further questions you can check out the [fees-free website](#) or call the fees-free helpline on 0800 687 775.

2018 University Graduates

The following letter has been received from Victoria University:

Dear Principal



Former students of Rotorua Girls' High School graduating from Victoria University of Wellington

It is with pleasure that I enclose a list of your former pupils who have graduated from Victoria University between June 2018 and May 2019. We join with you in acknowledging and celebrating the students' wonderful success.

First Name	Last Name	Qualification
Keelie	Bell	GDTCS - GDip Teaching (Secondary)
Clelland	Harper	BA - Bachelor of Arts
Ellen	MacDonald	GDTCP - GDip Teaching (Primary)
Emily	Sorensen	GDTCP - GDip Teaching (Primary)
Hannah	Thompson	BA - Bachelor of Arts

Victoria University is very proud of the achievements of the students and I am sure that you and your staff will also be very proud of them.

Cathy Powley

Associate Director Student Recruitment and Orientation
Victoria University Wellington




Kaitao Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Kaitao Rotohokahoka
Jubilee
 Come along and celebrate 50 years of Kaitao

Date: 9 November 2019
 Time: 10am to 3pm / 6pm to 9pm

Photo's	Memorabilia
Time Capsule	Performances
Tree Planting	Lunch / Dinner
Class Activities	Sporting Activities

Contact: Karen at bedingfieldk@kaitao.school.nz for your registration form

Early Bird Registration - \$120.00 (if paid by September 27, 2019)
 Late Registration - \$150.00 (if paid after September 27, 2019)
 All registrations include - Lunch (this will be presented in a Souvenir Lunchbox, Dinner (at the hotel, Rotorua) and a Goodie Bag (with goodies and souvenirs)


 INFORMATION MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGES
 THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST 2019
 6PM - 7.30PM
 ROTORUA LIBRARY

Destinations: USA, Canada, UK, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Japan.

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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

Thank you.

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