



Te Mātārere

Rotorua Girls' High School



**Congratulations to
2019 Top Scholar and Dux –
Kristia Paras (right)
and
2019 Proxime Accessit (Runner Up to Dux) –
Geraldine Atchico (left)**

Across the Principal's Desk



Tuesday 12 November 2019

Kia Ora, Rotorua Girls' whanau!

Last week we celebrated our Senior Prize Giving in the Nina Hogan Hall.

It was fantastic to see all of the accomplishments from our senior students. It was wonderful to see so many whanau at this evening. I'd like to congratulate our *Dux*, Kristia Paras, and our *Proxime Accessit*, Geraldine Atchico, the two highest awards given out by a school.

While the Senior Prize Giving is now over there is still plenty of the academic year left to go. NCEA external examinations are underway. These exams are extremely important and should be the culmination of all the huge amount of work done during the year. For those students who are yet to get the credits they need to finish their qualifications, there is still a chance to be at school and to work with the senior deans to finish your NCEA qualifications. In some cases this won't take long.

Please contact the dean of the relevant year level to check the credit totals if there are any concerns. The school is here to assist in every way possible.

2020 will see Rotorua Girls' participating in the Ministry of Education School Donation Scheme. This means that there will be no family donation next year. In addition, a number of other charges will cease to be made. However, please be aware that some fees will still remain. Enrichment activities such as trips, camps, cultural and sporting events, as well as some voluntary activities will still include a cost for participation. We will distribute more detailed information about this in the New Year.

A junior examination schedule will be out this week for our assessment time from Tuesday 19th November to Thursday 21th November. Monday 18th November will be a study preparation day for students, so they will not be required to be at school this day. If you wish your daughter to be supervised at school this day, arrangements can be made.

Nga Mihi

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Sarah Davis – Principal

Senior Academic Prizegiving

On Tuesday 5 November at 5.30pm we held our senior academic prizegiving in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC). It was a very enjoyable evening and a proud occasion for us to celebrate the academic successes of our senior students. A special thank you to Her Worship The Mayor, Steve Chadwick for supporting and attending our prizegiving. Thank you to the staff who organized this event and worked hard to make it a success. Listed below are the recipients of our Top Scholars and Prestigious Special Awards.

Top Scholar Awards 2019

Kristia Paras	Top Scholar and Dux for 2019
Geraldine Atchico	Proxime Accessit (Runner Up) to Dux 2019
Taini Paul-Tomoana	NCEA Level 2 Trophy - Presented By Angus Family
Lexie Brothers	NCEA Level 1 Trophy - Presented By Houston Family

Prestigious Special Awards

Atera Apirana	2019 Head Girl And Head Girl Shield
Geraldine Atchico	2019 Deputy Head Girl And Excellence In Leadership
Taini Paul-Tomoana	2020 Head Girl
Anipatene Williams	2020 Deputy Head Girl
Geraldine Atchico	The Keaney Trophy For Commendable Effort To School Activities
Kristia Paras	The Lapwood Trophy For Contribution To The School Community
Ti'an Paretoa	The Kristi-Rae Ruri-Gardner Memorial Trophy In Memory Of Kristi-Rae
Tiana Jones	The Mandy Jane Pitt Memorial Trophy Always Strives To Achieve, Exemplifies School Values
Jasmine Hati	Carol Findlay Memorial Award
Ti'an Paretoa	Westend New World Scholarship
Ayushi Kataria	Westend New World Scholarship
Kristia Paras	Te Rau Huia O Hikihiki Memorial Trophy

Congratulations to all recipients for their achievements. A full list of the academic and special awards can be view on our website by clicking here www.rghs.school.nz

Also congratulations to the following students who have gained sponsorship and scholarships:

- WAIKATO UNIVERSITY BACHELOR LAW AND MAORI AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES - TE ARA WHANUI - \$10,000
Maia Kemp
- WAIKATO UNIVERSITY BACHELOR OF ARTS (POLITICAL SCIENCE) WITH A CONJOINT BACHELOR OF BUSINESS - KO TE TANGATA (BOP)
Ti'an Paretoa
- WAIKATO UNIVERSITY BACHELOR OF BUSINESS - KO TE TANGATA (BOP) - \$3,000
Tenika Duson
- WAIKATO UNIVERSITY BACHELOR LAW AND MAORI AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES - TE ARA WHANUI - \$10,000
Tiana Jones
- WAIKATO UNIVERSITY BACHELOR - PSYCHOLOGY
Kristia Paras
- WAIKATO UNIVERSITY BACHELOR OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES WITH HONOURS MAJORING IN MARKETING - SIR EDMUND HILLIARY - \$10,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS
Atera Apirana
- AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY BACHELOR OF DANCE STUDIES - THE PRIME MINISTERS VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD FIRST EVER AWARD - \$2,000
Claudia Dain
- AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY - TOP ACHIEVER \$20,000 1 YR
Geraldine Atchico
- AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY - BACHELOR PSYCHOLOGY - TOP ACHIEVER \$20,000 1 YR (\$15,000 PAID ACCOMMODATION \$5,000 LUMP SUM
Kristia Paras
- OTAGO UNIVERSITY MAORI ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP
Ana Graham

- OTAGO UNIVERSITY LEADERS OF TOMORROW ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP - 2019
Ayushi Kataria
- OTAGO UNIVERSITY 150TH ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP 2019
Geraldine Atchico
- OTAGO UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP – 2019
Kristia Paras
- TOI OHOMAI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SECONDARY SCHOOL ACHIEVER AWARD - \$2500 - TOWARDS FIRST YEAR OF STUDY
Kalani Sykes-White
- TOI OHOMAI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SECONDARY SCHOOL ACHIEVER AWARD - \$2500 - TOWARDS FIRST YEAR OF STUDY
Fatima Pari
- TURANGI MERITO DANCE SCHOLARSHIP - ONE YEAR TUITION TO THE TURANGA MERITO DANCE ACADEMY - 2020
Tomairangi Paterson-Waaka
- TURANGI MERITO DANCE SCHOLARSHIP - ONE YEAR TUITION TO THE TURANGA MERITO DANCE ACADEMY - 2020
Tapuni Mauroa

Arts, Sports and Cultural Awards (ASCA)

On Tuesday, 22 October at 1.00pm, we held our annual Arts, Sports and Cultural Awards. Again a full list of recipients can be viewed on our website www.rghs.school.nz

Message from Student Accounts

When making an on line payment please make sure you put your students legal name as a reference.

Please update phone numbers & email addresses, as our communication with caregivers will mainly be through email.

All accounts will need to be paid in full by 18 December 2019 thank you.

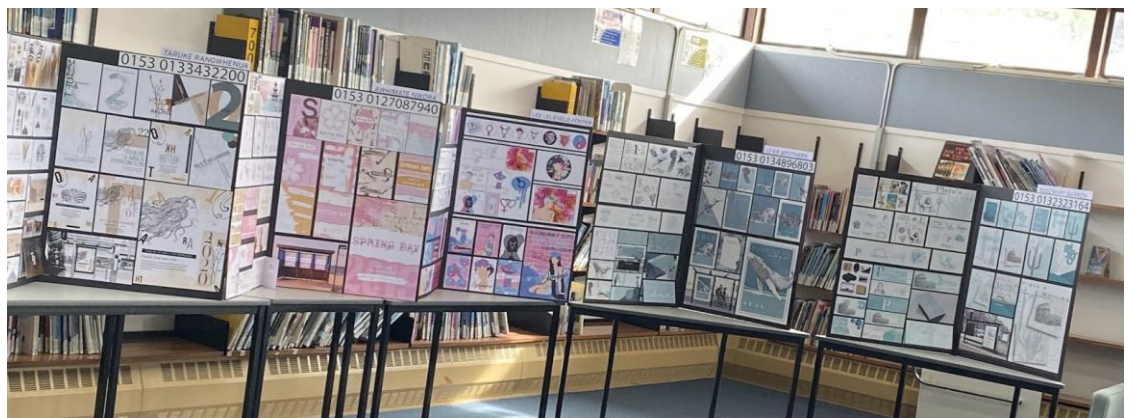
Curriculum Areas News

Art & Technology

Photography & Design

All Year 12 & 13 students have finished their folio boards. They have all put in a massive effort and should be very proud of themselves for completing these huge bodies of work. A years work all put onto a folio board.

Students had the chance to show their work in the annual Art & Tech exhibition.



Fashion

Congratulations Year 10 students on your completed quilts. So much effort and hard work has gone into completing these.



Year 11 Students have completed their major assignment for the year. Congratulations Cass, Kimalyn, Pauline, Roimata, Emma, Teina and Brooke.



Sports News

Rugby

At the end of the season our Coach of the 1st XV Jimi McLean was named Coach of the Year at the Mataatua Sports Awards.

Carolyn Katu was also named Administrator of the Year at the Bay of Plenty Rugby Awards for her role as Teacher in Charge of Rugby at RGHS.

In her acceptance speech, Carolyn talked about the reason why she does rugby: "I used to do this because it was a requirement that teachers do extra curricular activity, but five years on I can honestly say that I do it because I am passionate about girls playing rugby and being good at it, being a champion, being physical, being valued and having a place of belonging".



Congratulations to Jimi and Carolyn who are both absolutely deserving of this acknowledgement.

Brazilian Ju Jitsu

Congratulations to Nicky Karaitiana in 9 AKO who has been ranked 3rd in New Zealand for Youth Orange Belts.

Nicky won Silver at the recent BOP Open, no GI, Competition (Under 61kg) division and also won Silver at the New Zealand Nationals in the Under 61kg division.

Ka mau te wehi Nicky



Physical Education



Congratulations to Year 13 PE student Jasmine Hati who submitted her 25 page report for Scholarship PE. Her topic was The Drinking Culture within NZ Rugby - what has created it and how does it impact our Society?

We won't know the results until January 2020 but to work at this level shows a huge commitment to doing extra work as well as an ability to critically analyse and reflect.

A huge thank you to Miss Fleming who has also mentored Jasmine through this process even while she was on maternity leave. Whatever the result Jasmine, we are proud of you for giving this opportunity your very best effort.

13 POLICE STUDIES GRADUATION

On Wednesday 30th October we joined with RBHS to celebrate the graduation of our Year 13 Police Studies students. Eleven students from RGHS completed all components of the course and received their Level 3 UNITEC certificate as well as a Certificate of Completion from the New Zealand Police.

In attendance we had the District Commander - Superintendent Andy McGregor, the Area Commander - Inspector Anaru Pewhairangi, our Police Mentors - Inspector Nic Cooney and Senior Sergeant Graeme Hill and a number of Police personnel who had supported us throughout the year. To have our regions top Police officers attend goes to show the value they place on this course and the benefit not only to the students but to the Police as well.

Tenika Dudson was named as the Police Studies Top Student for 2019 for her dedication to her studies this year.

Congratulations to those students who have passed the requirements of the course - Tenika Dudson, Danielle Fonotia, Jasmine Hati, Maia Kemp, Mere Kemp, Wairua Lloyd, Unique Rapana, Kataraina Rauwhero, Tiakiawa Rewiti, Erei Sagato, Kalani Sykes-White. Participation - Harlym Wetini-Ransfield.



10 AKO Accelerate Class Trip To Adrenalin Forest

10 AKO travelled to Adrenalin Forest for an outdoor experience working on self management and interpersonal skills, while completing a high ropes course amongst the tall Pine trees.

All students managed to climb to at least level three but because of high winds we were unable to go higher, however all students were challenged by the variety of obstacles presented along the way. They worked well to support each other and their teacher, Mrs Beamish, who climbed to level two.





Upcoming Important Dates

Friday, 8 Nov	NCEA Examinations start
Tuesday, 12 Nov	Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
Monday, 18 Nov	Study Day for Juniors/ Teacher Only Day
Tuesday, 19 - Thursday 21 Nov	Junior School Examinations
Wednesday, 20 Nov	2020 Year 9 Orientation Day
Tuesday, 3 Dec	NCEA Examinations finish
Thursday, 5 Dec	9.30am – 11.30am Junior Academic Prizegiving in PAC

2020 Term Dates

- Term 1 Tuesday 28 January – Thursday 9 April (104 half days - 11 weeks)
- Term 2 Tuesday, 28 April - Friday 3 July (96 half days – 10 weeks)
- Term 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September (100 half days – 10 weeks)
- Term 4 Monday 12 October -Monday 7 December (80 half days – 8 weeks)

2020 Public Holidays

- Waitangi Day 6 February (Thursday)
- Good Friday 10 April (Friday) during school holidays
- Easter Monday 13 April (Monday) during school holidays
- Easter Tuesday 14 April (Tuesday) during school holidays
- Anzac Day 25 April (Saturday) during school holidays
Observed on Monday, 27 April
- Queen's Birthday 1 June (Monday)
- Labour Day 26 October (Monday)

Year Level Deans Contact Details

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

Year 9 Dean	Trish Pike	(07) 348 0156 ext 224	tpike@rghs.school.nz
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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 Year 12		
Sarah Davis	(07) 348 0156 ext 208	sdavis@rghs.school.nz
Principal for Year 13		

Other Important Contact Details

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Sports Co-ordinator		



CAREERS DEPARTMENT NEWS



Year 13 Students should have their online Halls applications into the institutes they are planning to attend in 2020. All programme applications are now open and students can apply now. Late applications will be waitlisted by the University Halls Office and offers made as places become available.

2020 Course Applications are open at all Universities and Polytechnics. All applications are now made online. You may need a passport photo to upload and also copies of birth certificates and/or passports and your IRD number.

Please see us in the Careers Department if you require any assistance with your applications.

If you would like a copy of the Rotorua Girls High School *Future Pathways Booklet* please email Althea Oldman, Careers Advisor for a copy and we will send it out to you. We also hope to have the booklet available online on the school website.

Email: aoldman@rghs.school.nz

TOI OHOMAI 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are available please check the closing dates online:

- Toi Ohomai Study Award
- Toi Ohomai Community Organisations Study Award
- Share 2 Care – Single Parent Scholarship
- Toi Ohomai Peter Bulfield Memorial Scholarship – Business
- Te Ara Poutama – Maori & Pasifika Trade Training Scholarships – Trades

For more information & closing dates or to apply for these scholarships please visit www.toiohomai.ac.nz/scholarships

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.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS



MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2020. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list. Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success. For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)

The scholarship page is free to use and always will be. Unlike GivMe, students can access the information at home and on their mobiles etc. We have published a number of tips for application success as well, designed to make the application process less stressful for your students.

The University of Otago is pleased to announce the launching of a new programme for first year Māori students.

Kia Ita University Preparation Programme is a six week summer school paper that will help prepare taura Māori for life at university.

Kia Ita is a mix of lectures, workshops and social activities designed to have students hit the ground running.

They will learn new skills to kick-start their university journey, be inspired and welcomed here on campus.

Additionally, students will have the opportunity to meet our amazing Māori staff who will be there to support them every step of the way.

For more information visit <https://www.otago.ac.nz/maori/students/kia-ita/index.html> or email barlow.anderson@otago.ac.nz

The Careers Department wish to acknowledge the success of all students who have achieved Gateway and Trade Academy Course credits throughout the year.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at our Senior Prize-giving:

PRIME MINISTER'S VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD 2019

CLAUDIA DAIN	LEADERSHIP COURSE, 10 CREDITS
YEAR 13	SAFETY MATTERS, 12 CREDITS
	GATEWAY WORK PLACEMENT LAKES
	PERFORMING ARTS
	DESTINATION 2020 - AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY B.
	PERFORMING ARTS DEGREE
	ATTENDANCE 85%

GATEWAY PROGRAMME

Congratulations to our 2019 Top Gateway Student, Denise Nothdurft. She is a very motivated student with an excellent work ethic. Well Done.

TRADE ACADEMY PROGRAMME

Toi Ohomai Top Student Award:

- Melaia Kolibasoga - L2 Building & Construction
 - Kelis Nuku - L2 Outdoor Experience and Adventure Tourism
 - Finesse Johansson - L2 Tikanga Hauora Health, Education & Social Science
 - Toi Ohomai Most Improved Student Award:
 - Wikitoria Thomson-Rawhiti - Automotive Trades - Build a Go Cart
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*Wishing you all a
Meri Kirihimete
Me nga mihi nui mo te tau hou*