



Te Mātārere

Rotorua Girls' High School

Congratulations to:



**Taini Paul-Tomoana (right) – 2020 Head Girl
and
Anipātene Williams (left) -2020 Deputy Head Girl**

Across the Principal's Desk



Friday 21 February 2020

Kia Ora, Rotorua Girls' whanau!

Welcome back to 2020 and in particular, to the new students and whanau to the school.

In 2020 there are over 200 new students in the school, this is about one third of the total school roll. This, with the number of new staff, means that Rotorua Girls' High is a very much, a different school to last year.

We have a number of events this term to welcome you to our school and to give you a chance to meet your daughter's new teachers. We are wanting to have a close relationship with whanau this year to support your daughter to achieve the best she can. In this newsletter there is plenty of information for you to read regarding who you can call if you need assistance. We want to know how we can help in any way we can.

Currently in the daily notices there is a huge amount of information about events and activities available for our students. If you are interested in getting involved with any of these activities such as sports, the arts or culture, please ask your whanau teacher or ring the school. Many of the lasting friendships made at school come from being in teams, kapa haka, choirs or performances. Take a chance on trying something new! You never know what opportunities this may bring!

This February has been particularly hot and humid. I appreciate the calm and settled start to the year.

I have a sense that this will be a stunning year for our school.

Kia kaha
Kia toa
Kia manawanui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.D.' followed by a horizontal line.

Sarah Davis
Principal

2020 Senior School Prefects

Following a robust and transparent selection process the students below have been named as prefects or House leaders for 2020. I have every confidence they will do an excellent job leading the school this year.

Congratulations to our 2020 Senior School Prefects

Position	Name
Head Girl	Taini Paul-Tomoana
Deputy Head Girl	Anipātene Williams
Academic Prefect	Shay Tahana
Academic Deputy Prefect	Suzie Ravudi
Arts Prefect	Tomairangi Paterson-Waaka
Arts Deputy Prefect	Awhimate Nikora
Sports Prefect	Khobi Paretoa
Sports Deputy Prefect	Te Aomihi Williams-Paul
Cultural Prefect	Melaia Kolibasoga
Cultural Deputy Prefect	Finesse Johansson
Kohine Whakarae	Maria Tini
Kohine Raukura	Taruke Rangawhenua
Environmental Prefect	Faye Pohoiwi
Environmental Deputy Prefect	Bella Watling
Makereti House Co-Leader Prefect	Kiri Tepania
Makereti House Co-Leader Prefect	Trinity Nikora
Taini House Leader Prefect	Manaia Lewis-Wano
Witarina House Leader Prefect	Salaseini Kaitani

The Prefect Investiture Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 4 March 2020 at 11.20 am. All families are welcome to attend this occasion.

Welcome to our new staff for 2020

Jerym Walker

My name is Jerym Walker. It is a pleasure to be taking up the mantle of English Teacher at Rotorua Girls' High School.

I look forward to imparting my knowledge upon your daughter and in turn learning much during my time here at the kura.



Cynthia Hy

Born in Auckland but grew up in the mighty Waikato where I completed my BSc and PGCert in Secondary Teaching. My aim and passion is to empower young women to want to make a positive impact in our society.

I look forward to working with and seeing what the future holds for our girls at RGHS.

Aishwarya Sheth



Kia Ora, I am Aishwarya Sheth. I have joined Rotorua Girls' High School as a Science teacher. I have four years of teaching experience. I have done Bachelors of Science and Bachelors of Education as well as Master of Business Administration from India.

I came to New Zealand 2 years back to pursue my Post graduation in Mentoring and Leadership from Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology, Rotorua.

I enjoy sharing my knowledge and experiences with students and looking forward to my journey ahead.

Natalie Oliver-Caldwell

Kia Ora, I'm Natalie Oliver-Caldwell, I grew up in Tauranga and went to the girls' college there, so not too far from home. Then onto Auckland University to study engineering. I worked as a water engineer for a while, before heading overseas to volunteer with orangutan conservation.

Before I left overseas I ran a beginners coding class and loved it, so here I am at Rotorua Girls' teaching Maths. I'm new to Rotorua and excited to get to know the area and people. I like playing guitar, yoga, nature, chocolate, all sorts! Ngā mihi, Natalie.



Jordyn Ewert - see Physical Education and Health

Also - **Morgan Aperahama, Heidi Wolfaard, Mark Breetvelt** and **Kathy Gordon**

From the Deputy and Assistant Principals' Desks



Raewyn Krammer – Deputy Principal

Congratulations to the following students who received a NCEA **Excellence Endorsement** at Level 1, 2 or 3. To receive these endorsement students must achieve a minimum of 50 credits at Excellence level. This is a fabulous achievement and one which students must work towards throughout the year. For those students who achieved a **Merit Endorsement**, this is also a very good achievement. To receive a Merit Endorsement students need to achieve a minimum of 50 credits made up of Merit and Excellence credits:

Excellence Endorsement Achievement last year in the NCEA Examinations:

Level 3	Kristia Paras, June Wang, Geraldine Atchico, Sarah Atkinson, Atera Apirana, Savana Paul-Kite.
Level 2	Taini Paul-Tomoana, Sara Cooper, Taruke Rangawhenua, Manaia Lewis-Wano, Shay Tahana, Maria Tini, Awhimate Nikora, Irem Aydin, Tomairangi Paterson-Waaka, Baylee Earle, Te Rina Chesley-Heyder, Bree St George, Anipātene Williams.
Level 1	Lexie Brothers, Rosemary Barron, Raiha Mahaki, Maia Thomas-Kingi, Tai-Mikaere Ututaonga-Tait, Heriata Rukupo, Hope Smith, Aimee Whata, Jade McCormack-Bevin, Sonya Cropp, Te Aowheoro Hohepa-Gardiner, Helena Dou'ble, Ebony Farmer, Emma Magill.

Merit Endorsement Achievement last year in the NCEA Examinations:

Level 3	Tayla Stone, Raumati Lawson, Tiana Jones, Tenika Dudson, Natalia Healey-Forde, Chanaran Sirisawat.
Level 2	Faye Pohoiwi, Tran Nguyen, Ashly Atchico, Jasmine Morrison, Jayda Rossi-Baker, Sophia Smith, Shean Aton, Kiri Tepania, anahera Herewini-Waiariki
Level 1	Kendra Cotterill-Konui, Raena Smith, Manaia Peeti, Marama Watling, Teina Te Papa, Nisha Tawa, Ani-Makere Taare, Louise Oliver, Cassandra Kiff, Tiana Nicholls, Aponiva Fepuleai.

Congratulations to all students who were successful in achieving Level 1, 2 or 3 and I hope they have already set their 2020 goals to push themselves even harder to improve on these results and to work towards ensuring they receive an endorsement in their year level.

I wish all students every success for the 2020 Academic Year and encourage students to come and see me if they have any concerns regarding their Academic programme and progress.

NCEA Information for Parents/Caregivers

NCEA – (National Certificate of Educational Achievement)

At secondary school level, your daughter will begin her NCEA assessment journey usually in Year's 11, 12, and 13. However, some subjects offer Level 1 NCEA in Year 10.

Please visit the NZQA Website at www.NZQA.govt.nz

Then CLICK on the Home Page, and then CLICK on the GREEN NCEA tab on the right, then CLICK on How NCEA works. This is a guide for parents and caregivers and there is a lot of valuable information on this home page.

NCEA:

- Level 1: (Year 11) – 80 credits are required to be passed at any (Level, 1, 2, 3) Including 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits in either English or Te Reo
- Level 2: (Year 12) – 60 credits are required to be passed at Level 2 or above + 20 credits from any level
The Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy requirements must also be met

Level 3: (Year 13) – 60 credits are required to be passed at Level 3 or above + 20 credits from Level 2 or above
The Level 1 Literacy and Numeracy requirements must also be met

Throughout the year, I will be putting NCEA information in the Bulletin for you and there will be opportunities at the Academic Subject Review evenings and the Academic Planning days to be held in Term 2 and Term 3 for you to ask teachers questions regarding NCEA.

If you would like any further explanation, please do not hesitate to contact me via email – rkrammer@rghs.school.nz or phone me on 07 3480156 Ext 206.

We wish your daughter and you all the best for the year as she begins her new assessment journey.

Review or Reconsideration of External Examination Scripts:

NZQA has notified us that there has been a delay in returning examination papers to some students. As a result of this NZQA have extended the date for applying for an online review or reconsideration to Friday, 21 February 2020. They have also added a message regarding this to the student Learner Login.



Aramoana Mohi-Maxwell – Deputy Principal

Nau mai, hoki mai!

Welcome! We are excited to have you as a member of our learning community. The year has started with the building of the relationships that are at the heart of our learning journey. Our young women have taken on board all that is on offer and there have been opportunities to connect through our vertical pastoral system (whānau groups and whānau teachers), House activities (Athletics Day and House chants) and above all, their learning through the array of subjects that we provide.

As Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning, our foundation for creating the best learning experiences comes from the relationships we create with each other as learners and the learning contexts that are relevant and exciting. We have three key initiatives which will help us create this type of learning environment - Poutama Pounamu (Cultural Relationships for Responsive Pedagogy), Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) and the Digital



Technology Curriculum and I look forward to sharing the experiences of both staff and students.

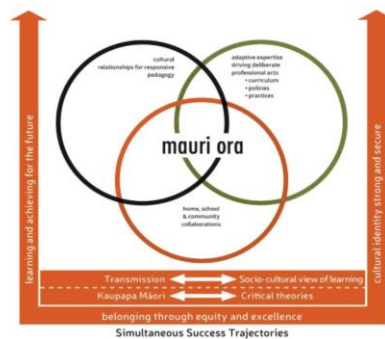
Our first Bulletin provides the opportunity to showcase the Professional Learning undertaken by teachers for 'Poutama Pounamu.'

Rotorua Girls' High School PLD: 2018 - 2020

- Develop greater confidence and competence to use the Poutama Pounamu processes and tools to strengthen inquiry focused on cultural relationships for responsive pedagogy.
- Develop capacity within faculties to use the Poutama Pounamu processes and tools to strengthen inquiry focused on cultural relationships for responsive pedagogy.



Ako: Critical Contexts for Change



We look forward to sharing our journey and hearing from you as our learning partners.

Nāku noa nei, nā



Wai Morrison – Assistant Principal and Head of the Junior School

I am Wai Morrison and I am the Head of our Junior School. I work closely with the Year 9 and 10 Deans. My goal this year is to ensure that your girls succeed and enjoy their time here.

Currently we have 150 new Year 9 students which is exciting for us. I look forward to meeting all of you at some stage and encourage you to contact either the Deans or myself if any problems arise.



Sarah Riley – Assistant Principal

Kia ora my name is Sarah Riley and I am one of the newly appointed assistant Principals.

In my new role I have responsibility and/or oversight of, professional development and learning, first and second year teachers, teacher trainees, reporting, the specialist classroom teacher, and English area curriculum leader. A lot of my new role is dealing with staff, so I love and cherish the time that I get to spend in the classroom with the students teaching English.

Looking forward to a great year ahead. Nga mihi.



Gary Dender – Assistant Principal

As a newly appointed Assistant Principal, I have responsibility for the day to day management of the school including the timetabling of classes and staffing, education outside the classroom (EOTC) as well as being the Assistant Curriculum Leader for Science.

This year I am teaching Year 13 Biology, Year 12 Vocational Science and a Year 9 Science class.

I am actively involved in rugby through refereeing and administration across all areas of the BOP Rugby Union.

From the Year Level Deans' Desks



Ngaire Tepania -Year 13 Dean and Assistant Principal

Nga mihi nui ki nga whanau o te kura, we are very excited about the year ahead.

The Year 13 students have had a busy start to the year with Prefect speeches to staff and peers, Peer Support with the Year 9 cohort.

Our Year 9 and new student BBQ saw our newly announced School Prefects as hostesses as well as preparing for the competitive school events of Athletics next week and Swimming Sports later in March.



The Year 13s are truly admirable with the new timetable they each have, their attitude towards their learning and also working together to get the jobs done. In this photo, girls are collaborating in their House groups to teach the Year 9 students about Peer Support - which focuses on starting High School in a positive way with tools to assist and support them as 'newbies' to our school.



(left: Witarina House, right: Taini House group work)



Left: Witarina in action with Year 9s, teaching session #2 about communication. Middle: Makereti working in a small group situation) and Right: Taini house demonstrating physical activity with Year 9 students

Such a fantastic start to the year - we are ready for the rest of Term 1. Kia kaha kotiro ma!



Year 12 Dean – Janaye Biddle-Kite



Year 11 Dean – Jaylene Tamati



Year 10 Dean – Trish Pike

Welcome back to all Year 10s, and nau mae haere mai to all my new enrolment and whanau members.

Interacting with my year 10s and observing them in their learning environment in the last 4 weeks, I have been super impressed to see the level of maturity our girls have grown over the holidays.



Moving into vertical whanau this year has seen the girls in mixed year level whanau groups, this has enabled strong peer support and mentoring program, building positive relationships between senior and junior students. Five-day timetable and four option subjects throughout the year, also meant greater opportunities in a range of learning areas for our year 10s. With all the changes in place, I am so happy to see my year 10s adapt to the change with a good level of maturity, and quickly settling into their timetabled classes with ease.

As the Year 10 Dean, my main objective this year is to retain enrolment numbers and maintain average attendance rate of eighty five percent. With strong support from parents/whanau members I believe this is achievable. Secondly, promote stronger student engagement in the classroom and enable positive learning environment that is inclusive and holistic, to do this – I hope to continue to grow 'Positive Mindsets' and build on student resilience.



With the addition of teacher aides in the classroom, and implementation of learning hubs, this will enable our girls, positioned at various curriculum levels, to experience educational success. Instilling and maintaining Positive Behaviour for Learning will also continue to be on top my priority.

Last and not least, I hope to draw out leadership potential among my year 10 group by offering a range of leadership workshop opportunities throughout the year.

The Duke of Edinburgh International Award is just one of many opportunities on offer.

I look forward to the year ahead with my year 10s. Let's do this whanau!

This year we are proud to work in partnership with Escape Adventurous Journeys to promote The Duke of Edinburgh International Award. Escape Adventurous Journey is initiating this scholarship program to help support anyone on our Duke of Edinburgh International Award. To register your daughter please log on to: <https://dofehillary.org.nz/> , once registered please email Ms Pike to add you to the school group.



This programme will seek to enable young people to gain experience which will support them to manage their circumstances. Contractors from 'Escape Adventurous Journeys' will deliver the award to:

Partner schools introducing the programme to young people between the age of 14 – 18 years who are disadvantaged as a result of:

- Personal Adversity
- Family Circumstances
- Lack of role models or mentors
- Extreme Financial hardship
- Limited social engagement
- Failing at school because some or all of these.

This scholarship programme will provide the participants with regular contact and guidance, safe places to work on their Award and respond to what they are planning and learning. This will give our girls practical hands on development and skills relating to the journey and exploration, provision of the resources/equipment to empower participants to achieve success.

On offer for RGHS is scholarship placement into this programme. Anyone who might be interested in this please contact TIC Ms Pike email: tpike@rghs.school.nz or ph. 07 3480156 (Junior Dean's office). Once placements have been confirmed a meeting for all students/whanau in week 5 will be held school Library, and a representative from 'Escape Adventurous Journey' will be coming in to present more information to those interested.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND | HILLARY AWARD



The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award is available to all 14–24 year olds, regardless of their background. The Award has three levels, each progressively more challenging.

BRONZE

For those 14 years and over

SILVER

For those 15 years and over

GOLD

For those 16 years and over

Participants are required to complete four sections at each level: Voluntary Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey. At Gold level, participants also complete a Residential Project.

EXPERIENCE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME...

Challenge yourself to leave your comfort zone and discover the world around you.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award is all about getting out there, gaining real life experiences and creating unforgettable memories along the way.

You'll find yourself helping people in the community, getting fitter, developing skills and going on an outdoor journey in our great Kiwi backyard.

The Award provides you with life skills and qualities that are recognised and sought after by employers and educational institutions worldwide.

WHAT'S INVOLVED...

AGE:
Open to everyone aged 14 to 24 (you can start during the school year that you turn 14).

THREE LEVELS:
Bronze, Silver and Gold, each progressively more challenging.

FOUR SECTIONS:
Physical Recreation, Skills, Voluntary Service & Adventurous Journey (plus Residential Project at Gold level only).

KEY REQUIREMENTS:
Over the required time you'll need to do each activity for an average of an hour per week. You'll be supervised by an Award Leader and Activity Assessor (Mentor).



BRONZE
Starting age : 14 years
Time: Minimum of 26 weeks
Sections: 🏃 🎨 🤝 🏔️



SILVER
Starting age : 15 years
Time: Minimum of 26 weeks
Sections: 🏃 🎨 🤝 🏔️ 🏠



GOLD
Starting age : 16 years
Time: Minimum of 52 weeks
Sections: 🏃 🎨 🤝 🏔️ 🏠 🏡



SECTIONS IN A NUTSHELL...

PHYSICAL RECREATION: BREAK A SWEAT

Participate regularly in a team or individual sport, eg: netball, soccer, athletics, kayaking, kickboxing, running, horse riding, dance.

SKILLS: FIND YOUR GENIUS

Challenge yourself to improve your skills and widen your interests, eg: learn a musical instrument, learn to drive, drama, photography.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE: GIVE BACK

Give back to your community by regularly volunteering, eg: coach or manage a sports team, volunteer at the SPCA, volunteer at Escape Adventurous Journeys.

ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY: GET WILD AND EXPLORE

As part of a small team, plan, train for and undertake an expedition or exploration for a set number of days & nights in the outdoors. You can work towards this section of the Award through Escape Adventurous Journeys.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECT (Gold Award only): LEAVE YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Attend a Residential Project and undertake purposeful activity with people who you don't already know, eg: leader at a youth camp, restoration projects, voluntary work with national parks.

Check out our website for more examples of things you can do: www.dofehillary.org.nz

HOW ESCAPE ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS CAN HELP YOU GAIN YOUR AWARD...

OPEN AWARD CENTRE:

Escape Adventurous Journeys is an Open Award Centre for the Central North Island. This means if you live in this area, you can sign up with Escape Adventurous Journeys to do their Award. You will be assigned an Award Leader who will assist you to do the Award.

ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY PROVIDER:

Escape Adventurous Journeys runs a range of programmes which covers the training, practice and qualifying journey for all levels of the Award.

Their upcoming Award programmes are advertised on their website. It's as simple as finding the right programme for you and signing up.

<http://www.escapeaj.co.nz/>

Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award Level	Camp Days	Escape Adventurous Journeys Cost Per Person
Bronze Training and Practice	2	\$500*
Bronze Qualifier	2	\$500*
Silver Training and Practice Trip	4	\$900*
Silver Qualifier	2	\$500*
Gold Practice	4	\$900*
Gold Qualifier	2	\$500*
Cape Range Expedition	6	\$450*

*Costs per person can change due to location / number in group / other uncontrollable factors



Take up the challenge – the Award will give you **confidence, problem solving skills and the resilience** to thrive in our ever-changing world

Get started today -

- Step 1 Decide which level of The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award programme you would like to do – this will depend on your age, time commitments etc.
- Step 2 Talk to your Escape Adventurous Journeys Award Leader and arrange to register to do your Award programme.
- Step 3 Decide with your Award Leader what you are going to do for each section of your Award programme and find appropriate Assessors.
- Step 4 Get started! Don't forget to log your progress on ORB, our online record book, and ask your Assessors to sign off each section as you complete them.
- Step 5 Once your Award programme is complete, speak to your Award Leader who will arrange for you to receive your certificate and badge. They can also advise you about starting the next level of the Award if appropriate.

To find out more, check out:

Escape Adventurous Journeys
Email: enquiries@escapeaj.co.nz
Ph: 021 709 209
www.escapeaj.co.nz

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award
www.dofehillary.org.nz

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S
INTERNATIONAL AWARD
ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS INLAND HILLARY AWARD

Working together...



A guide to completing your Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award with Escape Adventurous Journeys



Year 9 Dean – Olivia Holmes

Welcome to all our brand new Year 9 students!

What a great start to the year already! We have 150 enrolled Year 9 students and I am busy trying to make my way around to meet you all and get to know you. It was great to see that we had to add in a sixth class, such a positive sign for the school and it has created an even better learning environment for the students.

The girls have dived head first into school life and the participation has been excellent. The Year 13's have been leading Peer Support sessions, here the girls will get to know the seniors as well as each other, a bit better. They will work on building relationships, communication, values and culture.

It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and participation at our House Chant practises. We had such a successful Athletics Day and the chants went off beautifully. We have Swimming Sports coming up on the 5th March, another day to see some more active participation.

Thank you to the whanau who came to the 'Meet the Whanau' evening we had in Week 3. There was a positive buzz around the event and it was lovely meeting you all.

I am looking forward to a full and exciting year ahead with all our Year 9s.

Curriculum Area News

Art and Technology

Food Technology

We have been exploring food safety across all levels this term. It is really pertinent with the hot weather to ensure our food is stored, prepared and cooked correctly. We have been practising on Chicken and making sure we are cleaning and sanitising our boards and knives before it can cross contaminate!!



Fashion Technology



Senior students are in full swing with their Technology portfolios researching and designing what they intend to make this year. Junior students have been getting back to the basics with hand and machine sewing on individual projects.

We are very fortunate to have secured special Arts Education funding from the Ministry of Education. "Anna Hayes Creative" raranga expert is welcomed into school to share her knowledge and skills. Anna will be in the school

every Thursday and will be working with students in Fashion, Art and Te Reo.



It was identified that senior students are becoming increasingly interested in Raranga to incorporate into their senior NCEA Technology and Art projects. A few photos from her first day are below. She taught the students about the Tikanga of Raranga and made a variety of putiputi.





Visual Arts

Year 9 Art students have been learning about the elements of art including colour, tone and texture. They are painting their assessments based on a taonga. In Year 10 we have moved into Principles of art such as balance, contrast and scale, looking at various cultural artworks from around the world. Years 11, 12 and 13 should have their A3 Visual Arts Process Diary by now.



If they would like to buy from National Arts Supplies, students may receive an art pack with a set of paints, pencils and brushes as well as the A3 visual Diary.

Creative Arts - Meet the Team



Bridget Donovan
Curriculum Leader
Creative Arts/Theatre



Laura Falconer
Teacher in Charge
Music



Janaye Biddle Kite
Teacher in Charge
Dance

We are super excited about 2020. We have an action packed year ahead celebrating all areas of the Arts. First up we would like to congratulate our Arts Prefects for 2020.....



Tomairangi Paterson-Waaka



Awhimate Nikora

These two students will be leading the Arts Council, promoting and encouraging Arts in the school. Keep an eye on the notices for opportunities to try new things and shine.

Up and coming

- **February:Choir**
Miss Falconer has put together a new school choir. Regular rehearsals and any performances will be in the notices.
- **February:Much Ado About Nothing**
Theatre students will be travelling to Auckland to see the Pop Up Globe's latest Shakespearean comedy, Much Ado About Nothing.
- **February:Xecute Auditions**
Love to dance? Come along to try out for the RGHS award winning dance crew. Watch the notices or see Miss K.
- **March:Shakespeare in Schools**
A friendly competition/festival between local schools demonstrating their awesome Shakespearean skills..."All the world's a stage"
- **March:Saturday Night Fever Auditions**
Auditions for the RBHS & RGHS 2020 production. If interested check the notices for audition dates or see Miss Donovan.
- **May: NZ Music Month**
Watch out for lunchtime events around the school including open mic sessions.
- **June:Creative Arts Showcase Evening**
Music, Dance and Theatre students showcase their assessment work to whanau and friends.
- **June: Rotorua Speech and Drama Competition**
Open to anyone interested. Poetry recital, speeches and acting. Prizes to be won. See Miss Donovan for details.
- **June:Marriage of Figaro**
Opera Trip for senior music students.
- **June: Wellington Arts Trip**
Performing Arts Students travel to Wellington.

- **August:NZMade Regional Competition**
Xecute junior and senior crews perform.
- **August:Talent Quest**
Sing, dance, play, whistle, juggle or walk on your hands....Bring you best to the Talent Quest.
- **September:Saturday Night Fever**
Production week. Hair, makeup, costume and backstage needed as well as performers.
- **September:NZMade National Competition**
Regional winners perform in Palmerston North.

English

2020 will be such an exciting year. We have welcomed from the Far North, **Mr Jerym Walker** who is teaching Years 9 to 12. Mr Walker is settling in well and his classroom is buzzing with learning conversations.

We also welcome back **Morgan Aperahama** who has come back to teach Year 9 English and Social Studies and covers Tuesdays for **Mrs Simpkins-Jones**, who is on study leave one day a week.

We welcome them both and look forward to them joining our team.

Mathematics

2020 is off to a great start! Welcome to our new teachers **Mrs Heidi Wolfaard**, **Ms. Natalie Oliver-Caldwell** and **Mr. Mark Breetvelt**. We are looking forward to a great year where students are engaged in learning Mathematics.

It is important for students to remember that they can succeed in Mathematics and that there is no such thing as a “maths brain”. Self-belief is a potential predictor of how successful students will be in Mathematics. Messages about Mathematics from home, friends and elsewhere can either help or hurt student self-belief. When students believe that they can do well in Mathematics and work hard through practice and persistence, they can thrive and excel in Mathematics. It is important that students are given positive messages about Mathematics and reminded to keep working hard so that they can achieve their highest potential.

The Mathematics Faculty welcomes whānau who want to know more about how they can support their daughters in Mathematics education—or provide us with ideas about how we might serve their daughters better—to contact us.

Physical Education and Health

Kia ora e te whanau / Greeting everyone.

Classes in the PE faculty are well underway and it is great to see most of our students in the correct RGHS PE uniform (navy blue shorts and shirt). Changing into PE gear sets our mind to “mahi mode” or “work mode”. Mahi in PE looks like lots of movement which tends to be quite hot and sweaty in these summer months, so please ensure your daughter/ward knows what days she has PE and therefore, when she needs PE gear.



All classes have a system of measuring who has and hasn't brought PE gear and have co-constructed what the consequences will be if they are not bringing gear - this may include a phone call home to ask for your help. Bringing gear also shows 'The Willingness to Learn', which is one of our TE AO values, so classes will also use their tracking system to reward students who demonstrate this value consistently.

Introducing our faculty members

This year we are pleased to introduce a new staff member to the PE faculty,

Ms Jordyn Ewert. Jordyn is no stranger to RGHS students having relieved here 2019 and also having previously taught at Rotorua Intermediate. Jordyn is covering the maternity leave of **Miss Jade Fleming** who left to have her son Tamati late last year. Miss Fleming, however, is teaching one day a week so she will be here every Wednesday to take 11 PE for theory and 9 Tika for PE and Health.



Along with myself, **Mrs Beamish** and **Ms Atutahi** (formerly Mrs Jennings), we make up the PE faculty this year and we are really excited about the year ahead.

Teacher	Email	Classes	Area of Responsibility
Carolyn Katu	ckatu@rghs.school.nz	12/13 HEA, 13 PED, 10 Awhi PE, 10 Pono Health	Head of Faculty TIC Rugby
Caroline Beamish	cbeamish@rghs.school.nz	11 HEA, 12/13 SPL, 9 Awhi, 10 Pono, 9 Aro, 10 Mana	Assistant HOF TIC Hockey
Puaritio Atutahi	patutahi@rghs.school.nz	11/12 PED, 10 SPF, 9 Pono, 10 Awhi Health, 9 Ako,	Makereti House Leader, TIC Basketball TIC Pasifika
Jordyn Ewert	jewert@rghs.school.nz	11 PED, 10 Ako, 10 Aro, 9 Mana,	
Jade Fleming	jfleming@rghs.school.nz	11 PED, 9 Tika	Scholarship PE

EOTC for Term 1

In the Physical Education faculty we believe in providing our students with meaningful opportunities to engage in education outside the classroom (EOTC). These trips enrich the learning being done in class and enable students to write in depth reflections on the process or their experience.

Below is an outline of our EOTC for Term 1. More information will be sent home about these trips, but there is an expectation that your daughter/ward will participate in the experience.

CLASS	DATE	TRIP	LINKS TO ASSESSMENT
11 PED (Ms Atutahi / Ms Ewert)	Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March	Surfing Trip at Mt Maunganui	Achievement Standards 1.3, 1.7, 1.2
12 SPL (Ms Atutahi)	Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March	Tarawera Journey - tramp from Te Wairoa to Tarawera Landing	Achievement Standards 2.7, 2.8
9 PED (All classes)	Thursday 2nd April and Friday 3rd April	Year 9 Duathlon and Adventure Based Learning at Lake Okareka	Year 9 PE Assessment - Fitness and ABL
10 PED (All classes)	Monday 6th April	Year 10 TRY-athlon	Year 10 PE Assessment - Fitness
13 SPL (Mrs Beamish)	TBC	The Journey - Mountain Biking SUP Boarding	Achievement Standard 2.7

Police Studies Noho Marae at Waiaituhi Marae, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January.



The new intake of Police Studies students joined with Rotorua Boys High School to hold our Noho Marae for two days with the Rotorua Police.

The objective of the noho is to develop relationships between students and our Police mentors, Inspector Nicola Cooney and Senior Sergeant Graeme Hill.

We also had a number of other Police personnel attend over the two days, including acting Area Commander, Inspector Phil Taikato, who came to present students with their Police pin during the Solemn Undertaking.



(RGHS Police Studies Students with Ashley)



We also had ex students from RGHS and RBHS come and speak about their experience working in the Police. RGHS were fortunate to have Constable Ashley Mountfort who was a student here in the early 2010's.

On the Thursday evening we held a parents information hui and had the pleasure of listening to ex Police Studies student and Top Female student of 2018, Allannah Tapara. Allannah is currently working for the NZ Police in a non-constabulary role and is looking to apply for Police College this year.

We also did Adventure Based Learning, where students worked on interpersonal skills, problem solving and communication and learned about the Police Core Values, which underpin our course - Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Commitment to Maori and the Treaty, Empathy and Valuing Diversity, otherwise known as our PRIMED values.

At the end of the Noho, the first PRIMED student awarded was given to Wikitoria Thomson from RGHS who demonstrated the values consistently throughout the noho.

Many thanks to Mr Lockwood from RBHS for his organisation of the venue, to the Police staff for taking the time to attend, the parents and whanau that attended the information hui on the first night and to our Police Studies class of 2020 for the way you conducted yourselves over the two days.

Nga mihi nui

Mrs Katu (TIC 13 Police Studies and Head of PE Faculty)

International Students

Welcome

This year we welcome the following international students from China:

- **Xuanyi MA** and **Qiuping YANG** who will be with us for the whole year
- **Qianzi XU** who is attending for the Terms 1 and 2

Welcome back to **Sijia (Emerald) LUAN** who joined us half way through last year and will be here until the end of the second term.

Interested in Hosting an International Student...?

Rotorua Girls High School is seeking local families who would like to homestay Chinese fee-paying students who come to our school for up to 12 months to further their education before going onto university.

Host families are expected to provide students with their own room, three meals every day and transport to and from school. Being a homestay family can be incredibly rewarding not only for the visiting students, who experience NZ life first-hand but also for the host families.

A homestay fee of \$260 per week for hosting a student will be paid to host families to contribute to costs.

Please note that we have a responsibility to ensure that international students are well informed, safe and properly cared for, through following the Pastoral Care of International Students Codes of Practice 2016. To ensure the safety of the students, a Police Vet Check will be conducted.

For additional requirements and more information on how to become a host family, please email principal@rghs.school.nz.

Sports News



Term One is here and already we are deep in Sport.

A big welcome to all our new students and their whanaus, especially our new Year 9 students.

Congratulations to our new Sports Prefects



Khobi Paretoa Head Sports Prefect (left) and

Te Aomihi Williams Paul our Deputy Sports Prefect (right).



I'm looking forward to working with to outstanding athletes and I know they will do an awesome job for 2020

Several girls attend touch Nationals with the BOP Age groups teams and did very well.

Tayla Stone and Te Aomihi Williams-Paul travelled away with their NZ Age Groups teams to compete against Australia.

Our summer sports are still running and the girls are currently trialling for their winter sports teams too.

Below is a list of the TIC's for each sport and any other sport that is not listed please come down and see Mrs Holt at the sports office.

Mrs Katu	RUGBY
Mrs Holt	NETBALL
Miss Atutahi	BASKETBALL
Mrs Tepania	WAKA AMA
Mrs Beamish	HOCKEY
Miss CUNNINGHAM	CRICKET
Miss Ewert	FOOTBALL
Mrs Holt	TOUCH
Mrs Holt	KI O RAHI
Miss Biddle-Kite	DANCE
Miss Donovan	PRODUCTION
Miss Falconer	MUSIC
Any other Sports please see Mrs Holt	

Basketball Trials for Senior and Junior are taking place now.

Netball trials for Prem 1 & 2 teams ONLY are taking place now and JUNIOR trials for Year 9 and 10 in week.

If you are interested in Coaching or Managing a sports team at RGHS PLEASE let me know

If you need any help with sport, please not hesitate to contact me.

Athletic Sports 2020

We had Athletic Sports on Monday 17th February and what a great day. To all those students who took part WELL DONE. To all the parents and whanau who came out to watch thank you and we hope you enjoyed the day.

Watch this space for results to follow.





Wellness Centre News



Welcome to the RGHS Wellness Centre 2020. We aim to assist you, with your daughters / wards health and wellbeing over the year.



We offer a Counselling and Nursing service alongside, visiting Doctors , Drug and Alcohol Counsellors, Mental Health Clinicians and Youth and Social Workers, so please if you feel your daughter / ward requires any assistance to engage better in education then please contact either the School Nurse Shirley Tickelpenny stickelpenny@rghs.school.nz or phone the school and ask for

extension 245 or Guidance Counsellor Chanel Hall chall@rghs.school.nz or phone the school and ask for extension 246.

All Year 9 students will undergo a Year 9 Assessment over the year, carried out by our visiting Nurse RN Aneta Stone Martin, this is based around vision, hearing and other aspects around Physical and Mental Health.

If your daughter / ward is new to the school, has a significant health issue, you will receive a call from us to see how we can assist her transition into the school and assist you with her condition.

We also ask you as parents and caregivers of students with allergies, to make sure that the student brings any necessary medication to cover those allergies etc on Athletics Day, Swimming Sports Day and when they go on Trips Outside of school.

We wish to thank Quota International for their kind donation of hygiene products to the value of \$100 for the Wellness Centre to distribute to students.

Nga mihi
Shirley & Chanel

2020 School Fees

We are pleased to advise that Rotorua Girls' High School has opted into the Government's school donation scheme. This means that we will no longer be asking for a donation or charging subject fees. Please however be aware that some activity fees do still apply and you will be notified as soon as possible about the costs.

If you have any outstanding fees from previous years please continue to clear these outstanding amounts as soon as possible. If you would like to set up an automatic payment please contact our school office.

Upcoming Important Dates

25 February	PhotoLife - Class / ID / Individual Photos
4 March	11.20am Prefect Investiture - PAC
5 March	School Swimming Sports – Aquatic Centre
11 March	5.30pm Young Scholars and Top Scholars Evening in PAC
12 March	2.00pm – 5.30pm: Meet the Teachers Afternoon in PAC
23 – 27 March	Year 9 Noho Marae - for all classes
30 March – 3 April	Summer Tournament Week
8 April	Last Day of Term 1 for students
9 April	Teacher Only Day; Te Mātārere #2 online
25 April	ANZAC Day
27 April	ANZAC Day Holiday
28 April	Term 2 begins

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)

2020 Year Level Deans Contact Details

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

Year 9 Dean	Olivia Holmes	oholmes@rghs.school.nz
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Year 11 Dean	Jaylene Tamati	jtamati@rghs.school.nz
Year 12 Dean	Janaye Biddle-Kite	jbiddle@rghs.school.nz
Year 13 Dean	Ngaire Tepania	ntepania@rghs.school.nz

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Gary Dender Assistant Principal	(07) 348 0156 ext 212	gdender@rghs.school.nz
Ngaire Tepania Assistant Principal	(07) 348 0156 ext 211	ntepania@rghs.school.nz

Other Important Contact Details

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Chanel Hall School Guidance Counsellor	(07) 348 0156 ext 246	chall@rghs.school.nz
Tina Sutherland Attendance Officer	(07) 348 0156 ext 234	tsutherland@rghs.school.nz
Carol Holt Sports Co-ordinator	(07) 348 0156 ext 259	cholt@rghs.school.nz



CAREERS DEPARTMENT NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO ALL STUDENTS TO A FABULOUS 2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

This is an important year for Year 13 students as you enter your final year at secondary school.

Many of you will be still deciding what career path you will take on leaving school. The Careers Department are here to assist and advise you in preparing for your next step into Tertiary Education or Employment. If you are needing help working out what to do when you leave school the Careers Advisor Mrs 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 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. Students who are keen to engage in a Gateway Programme must discuss this firstly with their Year Level Dean and if approved then register their interest with Mrs Henderson.

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.

The following Tertiary Liaison Visits will be happening in Term 1. These are first round visits by University Liaison Officers. They are scheduled in the lunch hour in Library C. It is in your interest to attend to understand the process of applying to a University of your choice later this year! Both Year 12 & Year 13 Students welcome.

Date	Time	What	Where
25 March 2020	1.20pm	Massey University Liaison Visit	Library C
6 April 2020	1.20pm	Victoria University Liaison Visit	Library C

TECH AND MARITIME CAMP FOR GIRLS
13 – 19 April 2020

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The marine industry offers something for everyone, whether you want an adventure on the oceans or a career onshore!

The Royal New Zealand Navy is excited to offer Girls in Year 13 a hands on experience with STEM careers

13 – 19 April 2020 @ Devonport Naval Base

WHAT YOU WILL GET TO DO:

- Learn about life on a Ship
- Get hands-on with machinery, robotics & electronics.
- Plan and execute a real navigation exercise.
- Learn how to translate maths & science subjects into real career opportunities!
- Develop your leadership and resilience skills in our specialist workshops.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Parental/Guardian permission to attend
- Studying NCEA Level 3 Maths AND science
- Fund your own travel to and from Devonport (We will take care of all other expenses!)
- Applications close on Monday 2nd March.

Apply now!
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18-25 April 2020



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Y9-Y13 STUDENTS

Come along, bring your friends and learn more about our short-term, semester and full year exchanges. GAP year options, tours and scholarships available.

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Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience for the whole family

Welcome a new family member into your home

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED 2020

- ✓ Experience a foreign culture firsthand
- ✓ Be exposed to a new language at home
- ✓ Rediscover and share the beauty of New Zealand
- ✓ Develop friendships that last a lifetime

We have a wonderful group of students arriving in May and July 2020 for 3, 5 or 10 months and are excitedly waiting to hear news of their host family in New Zealand.

All students have a wide range of interests and hobbies.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today
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www.studentexchange.org.nz/hosting
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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.