

Rotorua Girls High School

Te Mātārere #2

**Congratulations to Georgia Brouwer (Year 13)
for receiving the University of Otago On Campus Experience (OCE) Scholarship.**




SCHOOL CREST




- the crown is the symbol of loyalty to the Queen and to our country
- the rose, beautiful and elegant, symbolises care for our environment
- the lion shows strength and with paw outstretched is indicating friendship and peace in our school community
- the book represents knowledge and learning
- the kowhaiwai pattern surrounding and encompassing these symbols represents the tangata whenua

Below is the Rotorua Girls' High School Strategic Overview and we welcome any feedback.

ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL


STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

our VISION	our MISSION	our VALUES	our PRINCIPLES
Every young woman is a LEADER in the GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT	To create a CONNECTED LEGACY of EXCELLENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T The willingness to learn: RESILIENCE E Engaging to achieve: INTEGRITY A Always shows respect: RESPECT O Offers to serve: EMPATHY 	THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR CURRICULUM DECISION-MAKING ARE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovate through personalised learning Engage through powerful partnership Inspire through deep challenge and inquiry



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1.
All students and staff are engaged in meaningful learning opportunities that develop connected critical thinkers
2.
Inclusive and inspirational opportunities have meaning and approved pathways are maximised for all learners
3.
All students and staff are supported emotionally, spiritually and physically
4.
 - Community and Stakeholders are involved with the life of the school
 - Parents and caregivers are engaged in their students' learning
5.
The Strategic Plan is effectively resourced and implemented

Our teacher - student relationships are based on Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy

- Where power is **SHARED**
- Learners have the right to self-determination
- Where **CULTURE COUNTS**
- Learners bring who they are to their learning
- Where learning is **INTERACTIVE** and **DIALOGIC**
- Learners speak and listen
- Where **CONNECTEDNESS** and **RELATIONSHIPS** are fundamental
- Learners are valued
- Where there is a **COMMON VISION**
- Learners experience **EXCELLENCE** in Education

“Crafting Future Leaders”

ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL



GRADUATE PROFILE

Is a citizen for this world

Is confident in her
languages, culture
and identity

Is strong and
proud in her
whakapapa to
RGHS

Puts service
before self

Is humble

Takes risks to achieve
excellence in all her
endeavours

Is resilient, empathetic,
respectful and acts
with integrity

Honours mana wahine and mana wairua

MANA MOKOPUNA

MANA-A-KURA

MANA TANGATA

MANA MATAURANGA

MANA TIKANGA

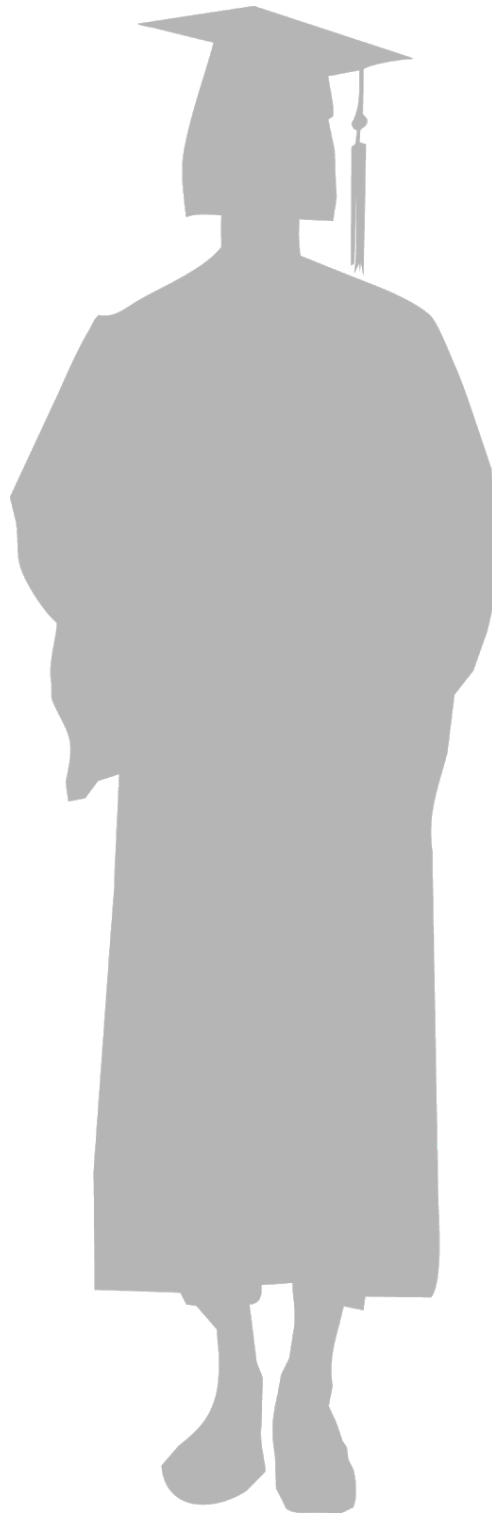
MANA REO

MANA WAIRUA

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Teacher Profile



- We have **high** learners and our practice to meet

expectations for all **differentiate** and **adapt** learners' needs

- We create a **safe and** inside and outside learners to **take risks**

supportive environment the class room to enable and find out who they are

- We are constantly engagement and **with Whānau** as student's learning

focussed on student achievement and **work** active participants in their

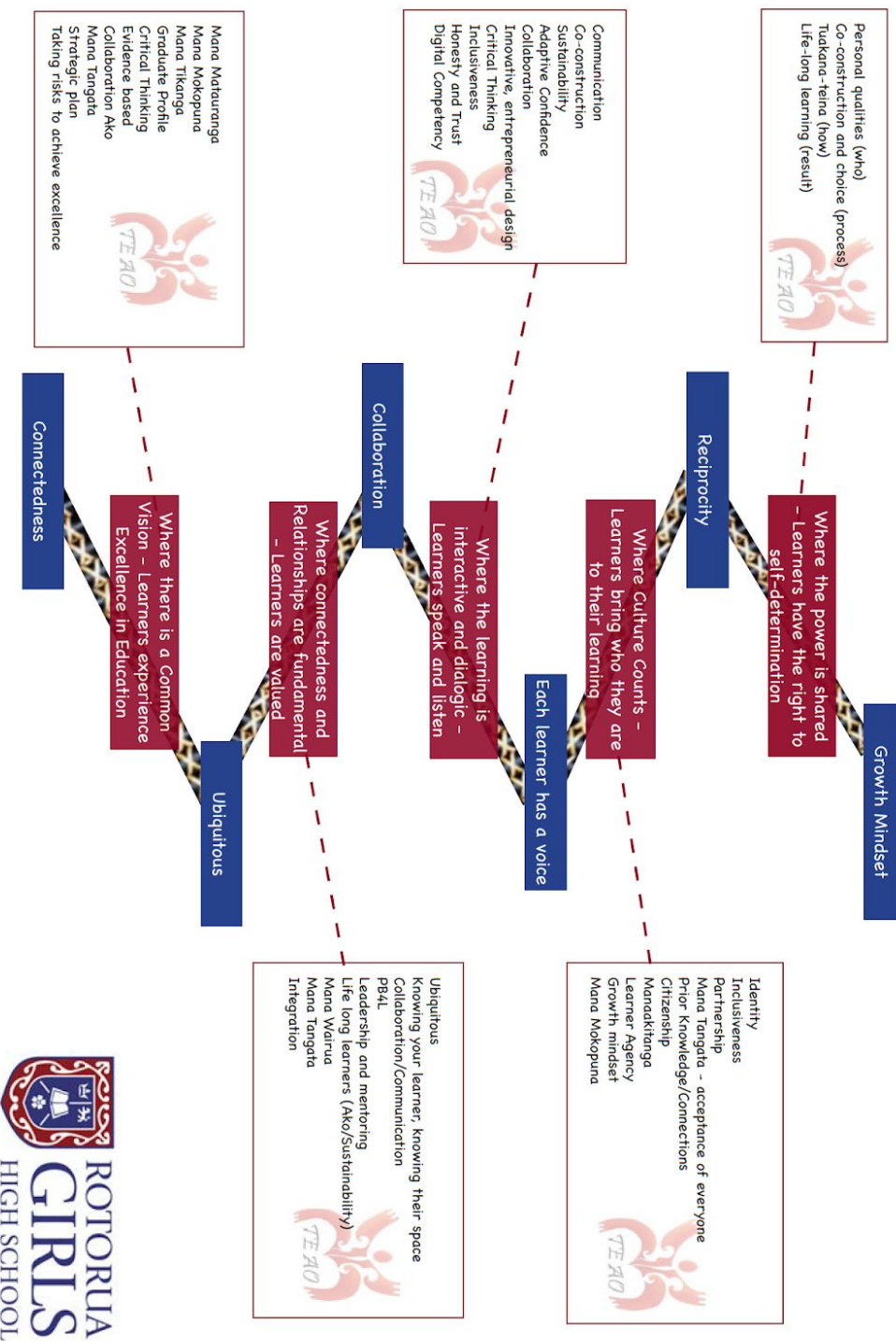
- We create contexts and engage learners **languages, cultures**

for learning that excite and **affirm their and identities.**

- We **model respectful values** we want our with **Respect, Empathy.**

relationships and the girls to leave our school **Resilience, Integrity and**

Pedagogy for *Crafting Future Leaders* at Rotorua Girls High School



We continue to build our relationships with our learners through Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy infused with Future Focused Learning Competencies and this will be the continued pathway forward in 2018.

Target 1 – Reading and Writing

The goal is for 90% of Year 9 .
Year 10 students to move up at least two sub-levels of the
New Zealand Curriculum.

Focus Year 9 and 10 Māori and Pacifica.

Reading:	Year 9 = shift 2 sub levels	Year 10 = shift 2 sub levels
Writing:	Year 9 = shift 2 sub levels	Year 10 = shift 2 sub levels

Target 2 - Numeracy

The goal is for 90% of Year 9 and Year 10 students to move up at least two sub-levels of the
New Zealand Curriculum. Focus: Year 9 and 10 Māori and Pacifica.

Target 3 - Curriculum

By the end of 2018, 90% of Year 10 students will be working at Level 5 of the
New Zealand Curriculum.

1. 90% of targeted students working towards Level 3 and 4 upon enrolment will be working at Level 5 by the end of Year 10.
2. 90% of targeted Māori students working towards Level 3 and 4 upon enrolment will be working at Level 5 by the end of Year 10.
3. 90% of targeted Pasifika students working towards Level 3 and 4 upon enrolment will be working at Level 5 by the end of Year 10.

Target 4 - NCEA

Increase the percentage of students achieving NCEA:

Level 1: 90%	Level 2: 98%	Level 3: 92%
UE: 100% of students intending to go to University.		

Target 5 - Merits and Excellences

Increase the percentage of Merits and Excellences at both subject level and certificate endorsement level in NCEA
Levels 1 – 3 to meet National and Decile 3 comparable schools.

Focus	Level 1 Māori and Pacifica)	For
	Level 2 Māori and Pacifica)	Merits and
	Level 3 Māori and Pacifica)	Excellences

Target 6 - Attendance

The average student attendance in 2018 will be 85%.

Focus: Year 9 Māori and Pacifica	Year 10	Māori and Pacifica	Years 11 – 13	All
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2018 CACTUS Programme



Mind over matter. As I look back on our cactus journey together, these three words can be heard in every memory. Good Evening everyone, my name is Geraldine and alongside the girls who sit in front of you today, I am very honoured and proud to say that we have completed the Cactus programme!

The first Cactus session, Staff David told us to sprint as fast as we could from one end of the gym to the other then back again, so eagerly and determined we all did. Then again he told us to repeat the sprint. And to no surprise, again after that, he told us to sprint again. This went on for about 7 rounds. I remember sprinting the 5th round and thinking "Please stop, I can't do it anymore". Coincidentally after that round, Staff David said "Mind over matter, your body won't go where your mind doesn't push it." 13 words that at the time were the last I wanted to hear and 8 weeks later, it's the one phrase that's never left my mind.

For the past 8 weeks, we've all gotten up at half past 4 in the morning, carried posts the size of ourselves, disturbed a few neighbourhood sleep-ins with our cadence, ran kilometers we could've only dreamed of, pushed ourselves to the absolute limit, and struggled together to get here. When I look back, I don't remember all the pain or moments of absolute exhaustion, but rather the laughter, the ambition and the endless screams of support "You've got this, keep going!" We did have it, we pulled a firetruck and I'm so proud.

Cactus has been one heck of a rollercoaster and I do not say that lightly. There were days where I jumped out of bed, smiled my way through training no matter how hard it was, and felt absolutely satisfied with my effort. Then there were days when I rolled out of bed just so that I had to get up, and finished a session absolutely devastated that I didn't run all the way up the hill or failed to beat my first RFL by 20 seconds. Days where I thought, heck yeah I love Cactus - let's do it all year, and others where I found myself questioning why I was putting myself through all of this. I think of what we did today and I know my answer, I did it for myself, and all of you did it for yourself too. Personally, I grew as a person. Mentally, emotionally and physically, I am stronger and so are all of you. Whether you liked Cactus or not, you have to agree - it grew you to be a better version of yourself and that's something that we all have to be thankful for.

On behalf of the Cactus girls, thank you Staff, for everything. The planks, wall-sits, grenades, squats, push-ups, jumping jacks, and every other exercise that you've taught us to master. Thank you for believing in us, especially when we didn't believe in ourselves, and for teaching us lessons such as the importance of integrity, that we would've never learned in a classroom. Day One, you said and I quote "We are not here to break you, we are here to push you", and you did. You pushed endlessly, consistently and strongly, because you knew that we had it in us and now we do too, so from all of us - thank you!

Thank you parents and teachers, for being there no matter what. Whether it was the early wake up to drive us to training, the effort to cook breakfast before you had to go to work so we had something to eat, for running alongside us to motivate us, or simply acknowledging all our hard work, we couldn't have done it without you.

When asked this afternoon by a friend what I loved most about Cactus, I couldn't single handedly pick one thing. I loved the sleepy conversations we had in the changing rooms about how tired we were before we started training, the effort we gave regardless of how we felt, the laughter my rank constantly had together, the pain in my core after our boxing session, the mindset I developed, being mistaken as Georgina for the first few weeks, the new friendships, the endless support from the other squad members and an experience I wouldn't trade for the world.

Cactus is demanding, its hard-work, but I'd do it again in a heartbeat. I've learned more than I expected to, pushed myself to places I didn't think I'd ever come across, and discovered how truly powerful our mindsets are. The past 8 weeks have been everything but easy, and I wouldn't have wanted to do it with any other squad than you guys. Bathe in today's glory, be proud, because we finally did it, we completed Cactus! I'd like to end my speech with a relatable quote to the team I was lucky enough to train with, as perfectly said by an african proverb: If you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far go together. Thank you.

Geraldine Atchico



Kai ngā hoa o te mahi taumaha, kai ngā kaiako, kai ngā whanau tēnā koutou.
Nau mai haere mai ki tenei PŌ WHAKANUIA!!

Wow! Girls we did it! Through the many weeks of hard work and commitment we accomplished our goal of 'the longest day in our Cactus Programme.' All the early mornings of moaning, groaning, sweating and yelling has paid off. This has made us not only body strong but most importantly mind tough to take on whatever hurdles we may come across. We learned that when working as a team, it is crucial to communicate with the right attitude and with team support, we can achieve all challenges!

We would not have achieved the longest day without **Staff David** and his wonderful **team**. Thank you for all the form ups, four walls, wall sits, press ups and planks..... You have made it an *unforgettable experience*.

Yum! Yum! Yum! Thank you to our delicious... fabulous *early morning cooks*. Without your time and support our puku would not have been ready for a school day. We will certainly miss those warm *early morning breakfasts*.

To the *staff at RGHS*, thank you for making this possible. All the behind the scenes mahi, the organisers, the rides, the notices, the laundry and those staff that joined in with training sessions. Big Hugs and Cuddles. **Thumbs up to you all!**

Thank you to Ms Finlay and her students for a spectacular finale dinner.

I have gained so much from this programme and I hope this programme continues at RGHS as the skills learned and character development aspects are beneficial in **crafting future leaders**.

No reira tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Te Riri Williams



Across the Acting Principal's Desk

Friday, 20 April 2018

Ka mihi kau atu ki a koutou katoa
Dear Parents and Caregivers

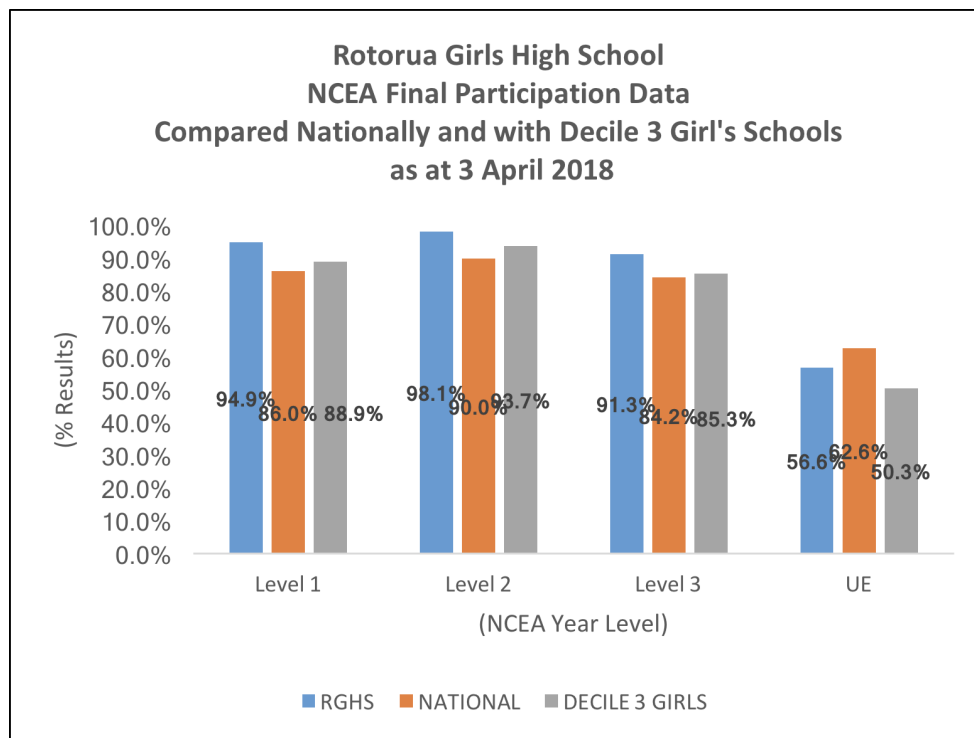
'Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini'
'Success is not the work of one, but the work of many'



Term 1 has come to an end and as Acting Principal, I would like to take the opportunity that Te Mātāreke provides to highlight the many successes we have celebrated as a learning community this term. Staff and students alike have committed themselves to 'Ka Hikitia' - 'Step Up' and our culture of excellence continues to grow across the four cornerstones of Academic, Leadership, Cultural and Sporting endeavours:

ACADEMIC:

Congratulations to our girls and special thank to our dedicated staff and support staff for these extremely pleasing NCEA results 2017. Our prime focus continues to be the academic achievement of our students.



Scholarship:

Alyssa Pineda achieved a Scholarship in Level 3 Photography and is having her Board exhibited due to the very high calibre of work she has produced. This continues the success Mrs Bryony Edwards, our Year 13 Photography teacher is creating in her subject. Both Alyssa and Bryony were also acknowledged in our recent Prefects Investiture/Academic Excellence Awards and Top Scholars evening.

University of Otago on Campus Experience (OCE) Scholarship:

Congratulations to Georgia Brouwer (Year 13) for receiving the University of Otago On Campus Experience (OCE) Scholarship. This fully funded Scholarship provides an amazing opportunity for senior secondary students of Maori descent to experience learning at the University of Otago. The OCE Scholarship will cover costs of flights, accommodation (at the residential college), food, programme activities and light entertainment.

Georgia will explore the Otago campus and the student city of Dunedin. She will also have the opportunity to attend lectures in Maori Studies and Psychology as well as meet academic staff and students. The OCE allows students to experience life in a residential college and meet the Maori Centre staff who provide great support for Maori students when they attend Otago. The OCE experience runs from Sunday, 15 July to Thursday 19 July 2018.

Young Scholar/Top Scholars:

On Thursday, 15 March 2018 we held the celebration of our Young Scholars for 2018. This celebration began in 2007. The inaugural event started with a total of 26 students achieving Young Scholar status and in 2018, a total of 67 students were celebrated.

Young Scholar Recipients were:

First Name	Last Name	Whanau
Atera	Apirana	12MAK
Geraldine	Atchico	12TAI
Sarah	Atkinson	12TAI
Natalia	Healey Forde	12TAI
Hinekaa	Heta	12WIT
Tiana	Jones	12WIT
Ayushi	Kataria	EVOL

Maia	Kemp	12MAK
Mere	Kemp	12WIT
Ji Yeon	Kim	EVOL
Joelle	Paki	12MAK
Kristia	Paras	12MAK
Ti'an	Paretoa	12WIT
Amohia	Peka	12WIT
Tiakiawa	Reweti	12WIT
Tayla	Stone	12WIT
Christian	Te Whare	12MAK
Georgia	Brouwer	13TAI
Teina	Cassidy	13WIT
Isobella	Cook	EVOL
Moerewa	Hunt	13WIT
Te Ao	Leach	13WIT
Holly	Looijen	EVOL
Vaishali	Morarji	13WIT
Martine	Ocangas	13MAK
Daytona	Te Kowhai	13TAI
Matiria	Wilson	13TAI
Dejah	Winikeri-Motu	13WIT
Grace	Dorman	13MAK
Manaiah	Le Comte	13MAK
Airish	Cabatingan	EVOL
Mahanawai	Daniela	12TAI

Adrienne	de los Reyes	12TAI
Tenika	Dudson	12WIT
Jasmine	Hati	12TAI
Amohia	Peka	12WIT
Aroha	Rapana	12MAK
Chanaran	Sirisawat	EVOL
Rhiannon	Stone	12MAK
Kanakope	Arahanga	13TAI
Brittany	Coote	13WIT
Te Raumawhitu	Nawainilaga	13WIT
Hinemihhi	Taylor	13WIT
Rawinia	Te Whare	13WIT
Te Ririu	Williams	13WIT

Top Scholar Recipients were:

First Name	Last Name	Whanau
Te Ao	Leach	13WIT
Georgia	Brouwer	13TAI
Teina	Cassidy	13WIT
Martine	Ocangas	13MAK
Vaishali	Morarji	13WIT
Moerewa	Hunt	13WIT
Dejah	Winikeri-Motu	13WIT
Holly	Looijen	EVOL
Rawinia	Te Whare	13WIT

Brittany	Coote	13WIT
Isobella	Cook	EVOL

These gains are reflective of the support mechanisms we have in place through subject teachers, whanau teachers and Deans as well as a specifically designed Mentoring programme with a staff member of their choice.

LEADERSHIP

Te Riri Williams, Te Ao Leach and **Vaishali Morarji** attended the Young Leaders Day at Waikato University and have continued to step up in our Student Leadership body.

Te Riri Williams was also the successful recipient of the Hawaiiiki Voyagers Scholarship and participated in a five day traditional sailing experience. Her love of raranga (weaving) could see her back with her waka hourua whānau as they are keen to explore ways for Te Riri to share her love of raranga with others and even contribute to their waka maintenance programme.

Tenika Dudson, Te Aomania Grace-Paul, Tamar Fitzgerald, Natalia Healey-Forde and **Seona Healey-Forde** were invaluable in their roles as Mentors for our CACTUS participants and exemplified our TE AO Values.

SPORTS

We celebrate three of our young women who have secured places in New Zealand teams. Congratulations to **Tayla Stone** - New Zealand Secondary School Ki-o-rahi team, **Kishona Thapa-Chettri** - New Zealand Māori Women's Under 21 Hockey team and **Kahlia Kiel** - Youth World Cup Under 18 Mixed Touch team.

Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament

Our Junior Team successfully defended their title for the third time in a row and the Senior Team were also first in their division.

Our students are now well settled into their classes and the wide range of extra -curricular activities are in full swing. This includes, the Shakespeare Festival, summer and winter sports, and the Stage Challenge rehearsals to name but a few.

It was great to see so many parents attend the first Academic Planning Day which was a very successful event. Your input into your daughter's education is valued by the school and plays an essential role in her progress. We received very good feedback from parents, whānau and staff on the day. Staff valued the opportunity to establish positive relationships with families and whānau. Such opportunities provide a positive platform for the year.

Next term is filled with an array of activities and we expect the students involved in Stage Challenge, Kapa Haka or sports teams' groups to practise so that they can achieve their best. Likewise, our students need to attend school regularly as our target for every student is 87%. We expect them to engage in regular study and homework to achieve their best in the classroom.

Research has shown that quality homework can positively enhance student engagement and achievement. Homework designed to develop higher order thinking skills improves the student's ability to become a better thinker and learner. This improved capacity to think and learn leads to greater potential for success at school and throughout the rest of a student's life. Also one of the best things we can teach our children is to have the courage to face up to mistakes and failures, reflect on them, put things right as best they can, learn the lesson and move on.

We know that the majority of our students not only do the right thing, but also offer their talents and time to serve their fellow students, the school and community. We have experienced this first-hand through peer support, peer tutoring for younger students, the mentoring of this year's CACTUS participants, coaching sports teams, assisting staff with duties and the many other activities that happen on any given day within our school community. It is this type of attitude that exemplifies our TEAO values; 'The Willingness to LEARN.' 'Engaging to ACHIEVE.' 'Always shows RESPECT.' and 'Offers to SERVE. Our young women are finding their own expressions of our illustrious ancestress, Te Aokapurangi and I am thrilled at the difference it is making for others.

Te Mātāreere evidences the multitude of activities that have been on offer this term and I reiterate the gratitude I have for all our staff, families, outside coaches and organisations who continue to 'Ka Hikitia' so that our young women experience the richness of the world that is so rightfully theirs - ***ehara taku toa...*** is epitomised by all your support, commitment and dedication and their successes are your successes.

Peer Support Activity at Year 9 Noho



Enjoy the term break with your daughter/s and we look forward to seeing the girls back refreshed and ready for another productive term on Monday 30 April.

Ngā manaakitanga



Whāea Aramoana Mohi-Maxwell
Acting Principal



We continue to acknowledge and celebrate the Police CACTUS Trainers 2018 who have shared their knowledge, expertise, energy and time with us to facilitate yet another very successful CACTUS #4 programme. Our young women have been nurtured by this team who have helped shape them as future leaders and the lessons learned by trainees will certainly shape their next steps here at school and beyond.



We are grateful for the strength of this positive community relationships is a highlight as it gives our girls and their whanau an insight on how the school, police and other government agencies work closely together to deliver this fantastic programme.

**“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini”
‘Success is not the work of one, but the work of many’**

Celebrating Our Champions

On Friday, 13 April 2018, we held a Champions Assembly to recognise students who have achieved high recognition in their area of expertise. The following is a list of these recipients. Congratulations to each one of you for your wonderful level of achievement.

Name	Whanau	Area	Achievement
Danielle Selwyn	13TAI	Arts	Te Arawa Kapa Haka Regionals 2018 Te Matarae-i-Orehu – 1 st Place

Teina Cassidy	13WIT	Arts	Winner Best Connection between Actors University Sheila Winn Shakespeare Regional Festival 2018
Te Raumawhitu Nawainilaga	13WIT	Arts	Winner Best Connection between Actors University Sheila Winn Shakespeare Regional Festival 2018
Destiny Coster	13MAK	Community Service	Grand Prior Award as a St Johns Cadet - Highest Honours Award 2018
Alyssa Webster	9MANA	Sport	Junior Girls Athletic Champion 2018
Jasmine Morrison	11WIT	Sport	Intermediate Girls Athletic Champion 2018
Ana Nagera	13TAI	Sport	Senior Girls Athletic Champion 2018
Carly Ohia	9AKO	Sport	Junior Girls Swimming Champion 2018
Ruth Rika	10MANA	Sport	Intermediate Girls Swimming Champion 2018
Ana Nagera	13TAI	Sport	Senior Girls Swimming Champion 2018
Kararaina Pene	12MAK	Sport	Te Arawa U17 Girls Basketball Team Winners 2018
Dubai Whata	12WIT	Sport	Te Arawa U17 Girls Basketball Team Winners 2018
Te Aomihi Williams Paul	11WIT	Sport	Te Arawa U17 Girls Basketball Team Winners 2018
Kiri Tepania	11MAK	Sport	Te Arawa U17 Girls Basketball Team Winners 2018
Grace McCarthy Sinclair	11MAK	Sport	Te Arawa U17 Girls Basketball Team Winners 2018
Jasmine Morrison	11WIT	Sport	Mid Island Athletics 2018 1 st Place - Intermediate Girls 200m, High Jump, Long Jump

Teina Cassidy	13WIT	Sport	Mid Island Athletics 2018 1 st Place - Senior Girls High Jump
Allannah Tapara	13TAI	Sport	Mid Island Athletic 2018 1 st Place - Senior Girls 100m & 200m
Jasmine Morrison	11WIT	Sport	Mid Island Athletics RGHS Senior Girls Relay Team – Winner 2018
Teina Cassidy	13WIT	Sport	Mid Island Athletics RGHS Senior Girls Relay Team –Winners 2018
Allannah Tapara	13TAI	Sport	Mid Island Athletics RGHS Senior Girls Relay Team – Winners 2018
Humaria Higgins	11MAK	Sport	Mid Island Athletics RGHS Senior Girls Relay Team – Winners 2018
Taryn Stone	13TAI	Sport	Ki o Rahi Regional Winners 2018
Tayla Stone	12WIT	Sport	Ki o Rahi Regional Winners 2018
Kahlia Kiel	13MAK	Sport	Ki o Rahi Regional Winners 2018
Janella Hoani	13MAK	Sport	Ki o Rahi Regional Winners 2018
Taini Paul Tomoana	11WIT	Sport	Ki o Rahi Regional Winners 2018
Jasmine Morrison	11WIT	Sport	Ki o Rahi Regional Winners 2018
Kataraina Rauwhero	12WIT	Sport	Ki o Rahi Regional Winners 2018
Ataahua Walker	9MANA	Sport	W12-500m Intermediate Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Mihimanawa Mihaka	9ARO	Sport	W12-500m & W6-500m Intermediate Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Te Mihiroa Tangira	11WIT	Sport	W6-1000m J16 Women

			Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Atawhai Pukepuke	11WIT	Sport	W6-1000m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Jada Beckham	11MAK	Sport	W6-1000m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Kiri Tepania	11MAK	Sport	W6-1000m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Te Mihiroa Tangira	11WIT	Sport	W12-500m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Atawhai Pukupuke	11WIT	Sport	W12-500m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Jada Beckham	11MAK	Sport	W12-500m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Kiri Tepania	11MAK	Sport	W12-500m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Ti'an Paretoa	12WIT	Sport	W12-500m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Khobi Paretoa	11WIT	Sport	W12-500m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Nataliah Kingi	9AKO	Sport	W12-500m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Ruth Rika	10MANA	Sport	W12-500m J16 Women Gold Medallist and National Champion 2018
Kahlia Keil	13MAK	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018

Tayla Stone	12WIT	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Jasmine Morrison	11WIT	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Pirihira Taupe	10PONO	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Manaia Wharekura	11MAK	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Manaia Lewis Wano	11TAI	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Taryn Stone	13TAI	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Te Aomihi Williams Paul	11WIT	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Chloe Le Comte	11WIT	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Kataraina Rauwhero	12WIT	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Te Wai Ratu	11MAK	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Shadae Harris	9MANA	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Ani-Makere Taare	10MANA	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Nina Rutene	10AKO	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Summer Christie	10MANA	Sport	BOP Regional Touch Champions 2018
Wairua Lloyd	12WIT	Sport	BOP Bowls Doubles Champion 2018
Unique Rapana	12WIT	Sport	BOP Bowls Doubles Champion 2018
Ana Nagera	13TAI	Sport	BOP Swimming Champion 2018
Kishona Thapa-Chettri	11WIT	Sport	Selected in the New Zealand Maori Women's Under 21 Hockey Team 2018

Dekoda Roberts	10MANA	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Junior Champions
Jahzell Roberts	10MANA	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Junior Champions
Aimee Whata	10MANA	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Junior Champions
Teina Tepapa	10MANA	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Junior Champions
Ani Taare	10MANA	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Junior Champions
Jaya McMahon	10MANA	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Junior Champions
Nina Rutene	10AKO	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Junior Champions
Ruth Rika	10MANA	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Junior Champions
Summer Christie	10MANA	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Junior Champions
Te Oriwa Collier	13MAK	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Senior Champions
Grace McCarthy-Sinclair	11MAK	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Senior Champions
Dubai Whata	12WIT	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Senior Champions
Kararaina Pene	12MAK	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Senior Champions
Ocean Christie	11WIT	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Senior Champions
Te Aomihi Williams-Paul	11WIT	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Senior Champions
Taini Tomoana-Paul	11WIT	Sport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Senior Champions
Te Ao Leach	13WIT	Ssport	Tip Off Basketball Competition – Senior Champions

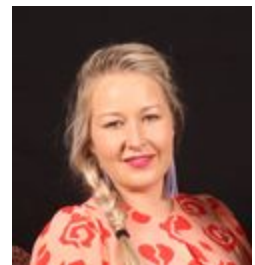
Farewell to staff



Mrs Olivia Holmes, Assistant Learning Leader in the ENGLISH Learning Area is on Maternity Leave from the end of Term one.

We wish her all the best and we are thrilled to know that her new son will be welcomed into her whānau in the next month. We look forward to Olivia's return in 2019.

Charlotte Hazlett was also farewelled by staff and students at our final assembly for the term. She has given the school nine years and one term of amazing service and there are so many who had stories to share that highlight her passion and total commitment to the young women in our school. There will never be enough words to express our appreciation for all that Charlotte has done in the many roles she has filled across the four cornerstones of Academic, Leadership, Cultural and Sporting endeavours. Charlotte is an entrepreneur who is leaving us to pursue a career in Design and we wish her every possible success. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Charlotte for agreeing to stay on and teach her classes for the first few weeks of Term two as we manage the transition of her classes and the appointment of her replacement teacher.

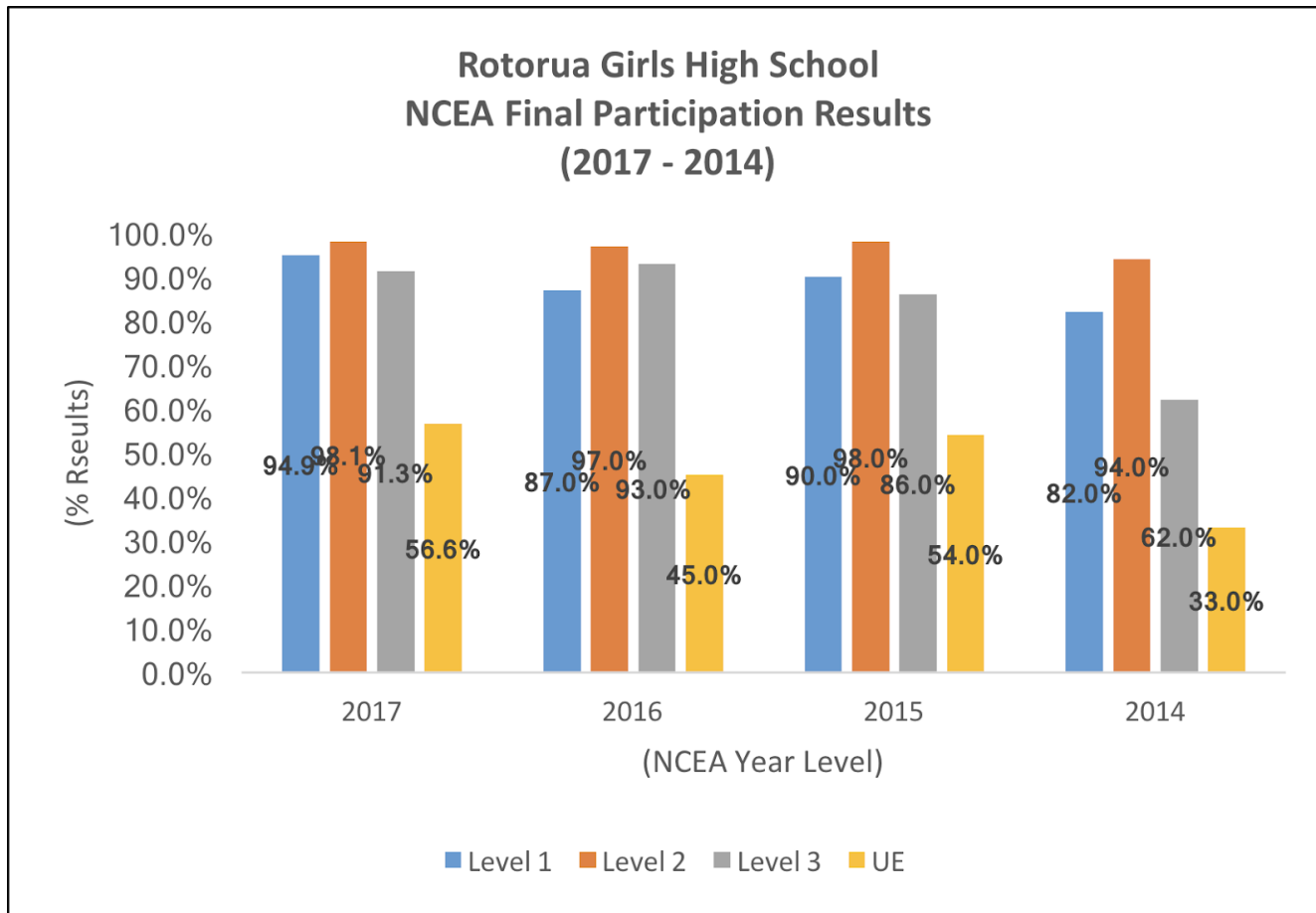


From across the desk of Deputy Principal Curriculum and Assessment - Raewyn Krammer NCEA

Congratulations to all 2017 senior students for the very positive NCEA results achieved. Your success typifies the 'TE AO' values of the willingness to learn and engaging to achieve plus having good attendance equals achievement.



Comparison of NCEA final Participation Results (2017 – 2014):



The Ministry of Education, employer and tertiary training groups all give a similar message, that NCEA Level 2 is the basic minimum qualification for school leavers so we urge students to at least complete Year 12.

Academic Planning Session #1

On Thursday 29 March 2018 we had our first 2018 Academic Planning Session in five different spaces within the school. Meetings began as early as 8 am and finished at 5.00 pm. Ngā mihi to the students who took the opportunity to come along with their parents/ caregivers to discuss their Academic Subject Interim six weekly Report, their 2018 Goals and their subject progress so far. At Year 9 and 10, the first cycle of inquiry was also shared with whanau and used as another tool to further academic goals. The 20 minute interviews are very relevant and showcase Academic Mentoring at its best.

We look forward to seeing you at Academic Planning Session 2 which is on *Friday, 31st August 2018*.

We ask that you review your daughter's assessment schedule before planning any trips so that she may not be disadvantaged. We do realise that sometimes this is not possible and a student may miss

out on a few credits. However, often this has minimum impact on her overall NCEA certificate as the number of credits in a full year course is high. Please note also that near the end of term, there are often many deadlines for NCEA internal assessments to be handed in or completed in class.

I wanted to remind you of the guidelines for students missing assessments due to Special Leave. These guidelines are given in the student handbook. Students have a copy of this and it is on the Office 365 Student NZQA site. Please note that a request for Special Leave of 3 days or more during term time, needs to be made in writing to Mrs Gibbons a few weeks before the leave.

Legitimate missed assessment could be for medical reasons, bereavements, school sanctioned events or any other significant explained absence at the discretion of the Principal's Nominee. In these cases, where possible, students may be given opportunity for an extension. This might cover in class assessments/assessment trips/assignments that will not be attended to or handed in due to future absence or that have been already missed.

No extension is available for Special Leave or any unexplained absence from class assessments, trips or handing in assignments. In this case if an assessment is due to be handed in whilst the student is away, it should be handed in before she leaves or sent electronically on the due date while away. If the assessment is an in class test, the student will miss these credits. If it is an extended assessment done over a number of lessons in class, she will be expected to hand in the work at the end of the lessons she has attended.

These guidelines are in place to ensure that our assessment practices are fair and consistent for every student. If you need clarification on any of the guidelines please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Krammer – Principal's Nominee if you have any concerns.

From across the desk of the Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning - Whāea Aramoana

Years 9 and 10

An integrated curriculum has spearheaded the learning in Year 9 and 10. These classes known as Kāhui Ako provide an opportunity for students to develop the necessary skills from each of their subjects and then apply them to a cycle inquiry in an integrated learning space. The first cycle of inquiry was called '**Be the change.**'

To showcase the first cycle of inquiry, a Learning Fair Session for all Kahui Ako was held on Wednesday 29 March. This was an opportunity for Kahui Ako to visit other year level Kahui Ako and share their presentations. Students were able to share their research findings with their peers and then their whanau at Academic Planning the next day.

It really was exciting to move through the classes and hear the learning that students had gained from this first cycle of inquiry. It is a great start and we look forward to the continued growth and strengthening of the future focused learning competencies.



9Ako and their presentation wall



There are also opportunities to integrate learning across Learning Areas and experience a shift in learner outcomes and Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy through Education Outside of the Classroom (EOTC). Mautanga & Physical Education Learning Areas are an example of the potential that lies in and Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy infused with future focused learning competencies. A traditional context can still be powerfully shared.

Daeyal Biddle 10AWHI

Year 9 Noho



The year 9 noho marae held at Te Pakira marae was a huge success. Students participated in a number of different activities which included the pōhiri - traditional welcome, haka and waiata, performance, traditional Maori legends and skits, a guided tour of the geothermal valley and watched a Maori concert and all of the students completed a duathlon. The purpose of this wananga/noho marae was to build relationships/whanaungatanga which I believe we achieved. Congratulations to all those students who participated in the wananga.

As part of the Year 9 inquiry “Be the Change” students participated in a Duathlon and Adventure Based Learning day at the Blue Lake led by the Physical Education Faculty. Students training for this all term during their P.E times. At the completion of the duathlon, students then worked in small groups on Adventure Based Learning activities that worked on channelling their inner Te Ao Kapurangi qualities. The day was all about stepping out of their comfort zones and challenging themselves to achieve their goals.



Adventure Based Learning at Lake Okareka

Champions Assembly -Celebrating Excellence in Sport

On Wednesday 12 April, a Champions Assembly was held to recognise all the students who have excelled at a sport during Term 1 2017: The recipients were:

Name	Whanau	Achievement
Maniyah Ropiha	MSM	2017 Junior Athletic Champion
Jasmine Morrison	WRR	2017 Intermediate Athletic Champion
Marina Tahana Beazley	MND	2017 Senior Athletic Champion
Marina Tahana Beazley	MND	Waikato Athletics Championship 2017 1 st in Javelin
Ruth Rika	FFL	2017 Junior Swimming Champion
Taini Paul Tomoana	WCP	2017 Intermediate Swimming Champion
Ana Nagera	TAP	2017 Senior Swimming Champion
Wairua Lloyd	WGT	BOP Bowls - Pairs Champions 2017
Kaylyn Monteith	WRR	BOP Bowls - Pairs Champions 2017
Anahera Teinakore Curtis	WRR	BOP U21 Touch Champions 2017
Marina Tahana Beazley	MND	BOP U21 Touch Champions 2017
Katarina Rauwhero	WHM	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Te Aomihi Williams Paul	WMW	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Daeyal Biddle	MND	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Helena Dou'ble	MND	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Ashlee Egan-McTainsh	TBM	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Humaria Higgins	MDD	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Salaseini Kaitani	WRR	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Taonga Kohunui	MKC	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Melaia Kolibasoga	MDD	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Jade McCormack-Bevin	TBM	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Mykaelajh Peek	WRR	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Ruth Rika	FFL	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Pirihira Taupe	WMW	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Danisha Te Kaawa	WFL	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Anaya Waimio-Anapu	MKC	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Shianne Wilson-Tahau	MDD	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Kimalyn Smith	WJB	RGHS U15's Rugby 7's North Island Champion
Marina Tahana Beazley	MND	1 st Senior Girls Javelin, Discus, Shotput Mid-Island Athletics 2017
Jasmine Morrison	MRR	1 st Intermediate Girls High Jump, 100m, 200m Mid-Island Athletics 2017
Ana Nagera	TAP	1 st Senior Girls 800m Mid-Island Athletics 2017
Suzie Ravudi	MSM	1 st Junior Girls Shot Put Mid-Island Athletics 2017
Teina Cassidy	EVOL	1 st Senior Girls High Jump Mid-Island Athletics 2017
Ana Nagera	TAP	Central North Island Swimming Championship Gold Medal 50m Breast Stroke (Broke club record twice in Heats and Final) Silver Medal 200m Breast Stroke

		Bronze Medal 100m Breast Stroke
Kiri Tepania	MKC	Waka Ama National Club Championship Gold Medallist 500m & 1000m W6 J16 Girls
Jada Beckham	MKC	Waka Ama National Club Championship Gold Medallist 500m & 1000m W6 J16 Girls
Te Mihiroa Tangira	WFL	Waka Ama National Club Championship Gold Medallist 500m & 1000m W6 J16 Girls
Kiri Tepania	MKC	NZ Secondary School Waka Ama Championship Gold Medallist 250m W6
Jada Beckham	MKC	NZ Secondary School Waka Ama Championship Gold Medallist 250m W6
Te Mihiroa Tangira	WFL	NZ Secondary School Waka Ama Championship Gold Medallist 250m W6
Ti'an Paretoa	WVR	NZ Secondary School Waka Ama Championship Gold Medallist 250m W6
Khobi Paretoa	WVR	NZ Secondary School Waka Ama Championship Gold Medallist 250m W6
Maringi James	WMW	NZ Secondary School Waka Ama Championship Gold Medallist 250m W6
Kiri Tepania	MKC	Aotearoa Maori Basketball Championship Te Arawa U15 Girls Gold Medallist
Jada Beckham	MKC	Aotearoa Maori Basketball Championship Te Arawa U15 Girls Gold Medallist
Kararaina Pene	EVOL	Aotearoa Maori Basketball Championship Te Arawa U15 Girls Gold Medallist
Grace McCarthy-Sinclair	MJN	Aotearoa Maori Basketball Championship Te Arawa U15 Girls Gold Medallist
Te Mihiroa Tangira	WFL	Aotearoa Maori Basketball Championship Te Arawa U15 Girls Gold Medallist
Kiri Tepania	MKC	Takapuna Beach Cup Gold Medallist 10km W6 J16 Girls
Te Mihiroa Tangira	WFL	Takapuna Beach Cup Gold Medallist 10km W6 J16 Girls
Jada Beckham	MKC	Takapuna Beach Cup Gold Medallist 10km W6 J16 Girls
Kiri Tepania	MKC	Takapuna Beach Cup Gold Medallist 10km W6 J19 Mixed
Harlem Pedersen	MFN	Takapuna Beach Cup Gold Medallist 10km W6 J19 Mixed
Ameria McGarvey	TDN	Takapuna Beach Cup Gold Medallist 10km W6 J19 Mixed
Ti'an Paretoa	MVR	Takapuna Beach Cup Gold Medalist 24km W2 Open Womens Relay
Khobi Paretoa	WVR	Takapuna Beach Cup Gold Medalist 24km W2 Open Womens Relay
Te Mihiroa Tangira	WFL	NZ U16 Girls Basketball Representative 2017

Te Ao Leach	WFL	NZ Basketball Academy Representative USA Tour 2017
Kahlia Kiel	MTL	NZ U16 Mixed Touch Representative
Tayla Stone	WGT	NZ U16 Mixed Touch Representative
Te Aomihi Williams Paul	WMW	NZ U16 Girls Touch Representative
Casey Flavell- Campbell	MSM	NZ U16 Girls Touch Representative
Rangipurei Manley	MFN	Regional Winner of New Zealand Race Unity Speech Awards
Te Aomihi Williams-Paul	WMW	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Kaylah Clarke	TTM	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Mapuna Kohunui-Rio	MKC	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Daisy Moke	TDN	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Taini Tomoana-Paul	WCP	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Dekoda Roberts	FFL	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Jahzell Roberts	FFL	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Ani-Makere Taare	FFL	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Wairua Tapara	MFN	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Aimee Whata	FFL	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Salaseini Kaitani	WRR	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017
Manaia Lewis-Wano	TNG	Junior Tip Off Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Winner 2017

From across the Deans' Desks

Parents, if you are dropping lunch off to your daughters then you must take it to the front office for her to collect at lunchtime or drop it off to her during lunchtime. It is not acceptable for students to leave class to collect their lunches or any other belongings.

Our role is to oversee Student Wellbeing and Academic Achievement. Just a reminder that Term 2 is the start of winter uniform, this is black stockings and plain black covered over shoes, which sit below the ankle.

Also with the colder weather we are starting to see hooded sweatshirts, blankets, and non school jackets, if we see these, they will be confiscated. They are not part of the school uniform and are untidy.

We are looking forward to the Term ahead and remind parents that if your girls' are away then you need to please contact the office.

YEAR 13 - KAREN ALDRIDGE

Our busy term continues and congratulations to those girls who have received Lunchtime Passes to go out at lunch time.

I would like to remind students who park cars on the school grounds that they need to gain a pass from myself which gives them permission to park and also so that we can monitor vehicles of those parking on our school grounds.

May I congratulate the girls from Year 13 who have now completed their Longest Day as part of the CACTUS programme. What an awesome effort and lots of physical and emotional gains achieved I'm sure. Well done, Te Riri Williams, Teina Cassidy, Matalena Rapana and Georgia Brouwer. A special mention also to our amazing CACTUS mentors, who previously completed the programme who mentored the girls. Thank you Seona Healey-Forde, Tamar Fitzgerald and Te Aomania Paul you are amazing!!!

Congratulations also goes to Georgia Brower who gained a scholarship to attend an 'On Campus Experience' at Otago University, so she can experience first hand what it is like to study at University.

Next term our focus really does shift to achievement in preparation for exciting futures in 2019. Happy holidays!!!!

YEAR 12 - SARAH RILEY

This has been a busy term for year 12 students. They have been working hard on their courses and undertaking exciting challenges and opportunities, through Gateway, Trades Courses, and Leadership opportunities.

The One Chance youth programme, which is a 10 week programme that allows students to develop their leadership skills through organising youth events. This year Atera Apriana, Christian Te Whare, Tiakiawa Reweti, and Chrystal McCormack-Swan, and other students' from other schools are planning the One Chance Youth Awards being held on 19th May 2018 at the Energy Events Centre. By doing the programme the girls receive a Certificate in Youth Leadership and 18 credits.

This term Tira Hutana, Chrystal McCormack-Swan, Eden Togatama, Sarah Atkinson, Geraldine Atchico, and Aroha Rapana have completed the 4th CACTUS programme, I am very proud of everything you have accomplished, congratulations to you all. Also to Tenika Dudson and Natalia Healey Forde who were mentors for 2018, I am proud of the support you have shown to your peers.

Well done ladies.

YEAR 11 - NGAIRE TEPANIA

Tena koutou katoa

What an action packed Term 1 with the completion of the 4th Annual Cactus Programme with 8 Year 11 students in the squad, Summer Tournament Week, Academic Planning with teachers, a trip to the 'Pop-Up Globe in Auckland, a visiting Australian Girls Basketball team playing against the RGHS Basketball Academy, Stage Challenge, Dance Crew, Production and Raukura practices.

Our Year 11 students have fully grasped the intense workload upon and ahead of us as we work towards achieving NCEA Level 1 while some students are fortunate to be working on Level 2 or Level 3 credits at the same time. As a Year Level Dean, my main focus is pastoral care being attendance to school and wellbeing of students at school, this always leads towards the academic achievement of every Year 11 student. It is from this point, we have many ways to support our learners and whanau on this journey of NCEA.

One way we support our senior students is through the Holiday School Programme where students can work one on one with teachers, or small groups, to complete or resubmit assessments across subjects. Please note, these are valuable opportunities to catch up on missed work, so kia kaha ladies - make the most of these opportunities.

Please also consider if you are involved in a Winter sport or activity, managing your time for homework and practices are vital. I am always reviewing attendance rates and reasons for absences must be report to Whanau teachers. Our Whanau teachers are **Miss Laura Falconer** for Makereti, **Mrs Michelle Goeth** for Witarina and **Ms Bridget Donovan** for Taini House. They are also watching individual student attendance, achievement and pastoral of our students.

If you have any concerns about your daughter's attendance or pastoral needs, please contact me on 348 0156 or nteponia@rghs.school.nz

YEAR 10 - JANAYE BIDDLE-KITE

Kia ora koutou,

I am excited to continue my role as Year 10 Dean for 2018. I oversee academic achievement and student well-being through my role in pastoral care. It was my privilege to support the year nine students' of 2017 through their first year of High School and it really was an incredible year.

This particular group of students have excelled across the four cornerstones of Academic, Cultural, Leadership and Sports endeavours within our school. Many of them have already gained credits towards their NCEA programme, and established themselves in groups or teams that I'm sure many of them will continue with in the future.

I continue to look to these students to uphold the TEAO values (The willingness to Learn, Engaging to Achieve, Always Shows Respect, and Offers to Serve) and be inspirational leaders for our year nine students this year.

Our academic focus for this year is that each student will gain 80 credits and attain their JCEA Certificate (Junior Certificate of Educational Achievement). We are trying to increase the number of Merit and Excellence Endorsements and encourage learning and not credit farming.

I am looking forward to working with you this year, to encourage your success and pursue your goals as year ten students' in 2018. Remember, always strive to be the best you can be, set goals and strive for personal success.

Please join our Facebook page: RGHS Year 10 2018.

If you have any concerns throughout the year please contact me via email: jbiddle@rghs.school.nz or phone: **07 3480156** ext **224**.

Janaye Biddle-Kite - Year 10 Dean

YEAR 9 - JAYLENE TAMATI

Tena koutou katoa,

Term 1 has been huge for our students as they adjust to how Rotorua Girls High operates on a daily basis, may I congratulate the girls for they way you have all transitioned, Nga mihi!

It is expected that by the end of this year each year 9 student will have achieved 80 or more credits to attain FCEA. It is important that you alongside your whanau teacher track this throughout the year to ensure a positive outcome.

The current statistics for Year 9 attendance on average is 91%. This is four percent above the school average.

9AKO 94% 9ARO 90% 9PONO 90% 9AWHI 88% 9MANA 91%

We have 17 students that have 100% attendance - Woohoo!!!

Thank you to the Year 13 students who successfully ran a mentoring programme (teina/tuakana) with our year 9 students. The year 9 students developed excellent relationships and gained a deeper understanding of our school and it's systems.

I am excited to watch you all continuously grow over the year. If you have any concerns throughout the year please contact me via email: jtamati@rghs.school.nz or phone: 07 3480156.

Mauriora

Jaylene Tamati - Year 9 Dean

From across the Sports Co-ordinators Desk ...

The school term has quickly come to its end and it has been full on for all the sporting codes here at Rotorua Girls High School.

We have registered a large number of winter sports teams across all the codes for 2018.



Hockey and Rugby will start in the new term and Basketball has been non stop with the girls competing at 3 on 3 regional and national Secondary school tournaments. As always our Basketball Academy prepares our students to be competitive at every level.

Winter Basketball will start in term two and Sue Pene has been training hard with both our junior and senior teams. Thank you Sue for all your hard work and Sue is always well support by Ngaire Tepania her manager and TIC of Basketball

Netball for both juniors and seniors has started and our Prem 1 team will play all through the holidays.

In early March our senior girls touch team won regionals and came runner-up at Zonals, to once again qualify for NZSS Touch Nationals in Auckland. Thank you to Maurice Stone Junior for coaching our girls and Laurie the team manager. What would we do without you both?

Ki-o-rahi

Our Ki o Rahi team played at the NZSS Ki o Rahi Nationals from Sunday to Tuesday in Gisborne during the first week of the holidays. The first day saw the team win three of its four games and move to the top 8 division after seeding second in pool play. The next day we lost our first game in a close game and moved to play off against Gisborne Boys and Girls High. It was a tense and hotly contested battle of two schools trying hard to take 5th spot and the Cup final Taonga. Our girls played hard and often stripped boys of there tags at vital moments to keep us in the game however we lost the match in the final moments but played with flair and class. Our girls are a stunning reflection of what is possible when you are focused, dedicated and united in your intention to be the best that you can be.

This is our second year of qualifying for Ki o Rahi Nationals and have progressed from 9th place last year, to seeded 5th for next year. Added to this achievement are the two players who have been named as NZ Representatives in the New Zealand Ki o Rahi Team for 2018 - Tayla Stone & Cory Howe, congratulations to your both!!! Tayla and Cory also co-captained our team and led the way both on and off the field. The reward of being selected into the New Zealand team was a credit to them both. They play hard, fair and with exceptional skill.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maurice & Laurie Stone for all they did to ensure our team was ready for Nationals. We couldn't have been as competitive as we were without the expertise of the Coach, Maurice and the level of care shown by Laurie as Manager of this team was outstanding. Maurice and Laurie are an exceptional team in themselves and the final results are a testament of their commitment and passion for the game and their team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Summer Coaches, managers and officials for giving up your time to help our girls succeed in sport.

Waka Ama

This year was a tough year at the New Zealand Secondary School Waka Ama Sprint Championships held at Lake Tikitapu here in Rotorua. Waka ama is the fastest growing secondary school sport and this year there were teams and paddlers representing 116 schools from around New Zealand. Combining this growth with the fact that it is a World Sprints year - and you will soon realise how fierce the competition was!

We had two teams representing our school in the J16 (under 16) age group division. There were a total of 80 teams in this division making it the largest and biggest division of the competition. Our two teams were made up of the following paddlers:

Tarawera:

Neila Curtis

Pirihira Taupe

Nataliah Kingi

Ataahua Walker

Ruth Rika

Mihimanawa Mihaka

Okareka:

Khobi Paretoa

Ti'an Paretoa

Atawhai Pukepuke

Te Mihiroa Tangira

Jada Beckham

Kiri Tepania



Our Tarawera team made it into the Championship Semi's meaning they placed in the top 24 J16 Teams in the country! With only 4 or 5 practices under their belts - this team showed grit and determination in their races and were able to come away with some great racing experience.

For many of them - this was their first time racing at secondary school Nationals! Well done team!

Okareka have a fair amount of experience and for most of them this was their last year competing in this age group - next year its off to the big kids division of J19's!

With the World Club sprint championships their main goal - this team was stoked to come away with Silver medals in both the straights and turns events!

A fabulous effort ladies and we wish you all the best for your campaign for Worlds later on this year.



A huge thank you as always to our whanau who support all our paddlers to be out on the water and

Important Dates To Diary

30 April	Term 2 begins
1 May	Combined Monthly Board of Trustees and Resource Sub Committee Meetings
5 and 6 May	Pasifika By Nature Secondary Schools Competition – Claudelands Hamilton
10, 11 and 12 May	Art and Technology Field Trip - Wellington
15 and 16 May	Rotorua Careers Expo
15 May	Waiariki/Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Pasifika Speech Competition
17 May	Hauora Day for Years 9 - 13
18 May	Waikato University Open Day – Hamilton
22 May	BOPSS / Mid Island Cross Country Champs
23 May	pm - PPTA Stop Work Meeting
25 May	Te Mātārere #3 online

Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday, 30 January to Friday, 13 April
Term 2	Monday, 30 April to Friday, 6 July
Term 3	Monday, 23 July to Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday, 15 October to Thursday, 13 December

2018 Public Holidays

Waitangi Day	Tuesday, 6 February	Good Friday	Friday, 30 March
Easter Monday	Monday, 2 April	Easter Tuesday	Tuesday, 3 April
ANZAC Day	Wednesday, 25 April	Queens Birthday	Monday, 4 June
Labour Day	Monday, 22 October		



CAREERS DEPARTMENT

WHAT'S COMING UP OVER THE REST OF TERM 1 AND INTO TERM 2 IN 2018

If you are Year 13 and planning on attending a University or Polytechnic next year it is important that you attend the following presentations. If you are not sure about where you want to go or what you want to do it is still worthwhile checking out all the options and opportunities that are available.

The Liaison staff offer valuable information about scholarships and student life. The school will be taking all Year 12 & 13 to the *Rotorua Careers Expo next term and also a list is up in the Careers Office for those students who are interested in attending the Waikato University Open Day.

DATE	TIME	WHAT	WHERE
TERM TWO			
15-16 May	ALL DAY	Rotorua Careers Expo	Energy Events Centre
18 May	ALL DAY	Waikato Uni Open Day	Waikato University, Hamilton

*See the expo poster in this issue.

WAIKATO UNIVERSITY

Unistart Programme

If you're a secondary school student, the Unistart programme gives you a head-start in tertiary education by letting you complete university papers while you're still at school.

There are more than 30 papers to choose from, most of them taught online, and completed Unistart papers can be credited towards a University of Waikato undergraduate degree.

Check our [2018 Unistart brochure](#) for more information.

Note: For information relating to how the Government's 'Fees Free' Policy affects secondary school students taking tertiary courses please see the Q and As on the Government website here: <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/faqs/>

Entry requirements

Unistart is open to all year 12 and 13 secondary school students who:

- have met the criteria for [discretionary entrance](#) to university,
- are between 16 and 20 years old at the start of the Unistart paper, and
- have approval from their school.

If you don't meet the above entry requirements, [email us](#) to discuss your options.

Please see Mrs Oldman in the Careers Office if you are interested in Unistart papers.

Are you planning on attending a University or Polytechnic in 2019???

You will need to know all about how to finance your study even though the Course Fees for your first year at University or Polytechnic are now FREE there



are a lot of other costs involved in Tertiary Study. The following information is from StudyLink:

Sign up for information - registration page

it's easy for secondary school students to register for regular updates from us on things like fees-free, what other financial support is available and what documents to send us. We had a great response last year, with 2,200 students registering to get our email and we're hoping to at least double the number of sign-ups this year.

This year's [registration form](#) is now up and running on the StudyLink website.

We encourage all Year 13 students to register. The form only takes a few seconds to complete.

You can link to the registration page from [here](#). There's also a link on the StudyLink homepage.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!

Rotorua Girls High School has a Facebook page. This page is for anyone who wants to know about what's happening at Rotorua Girls High School. It's for current pupils as well as their parents as well as Alumni of the school. We even have some foundation students of the school who are following us on Facebook.

To find Rotorua Girls High School's page click on the Facebook tab on rghs.school.nz and it will take you to it. Then like and follow us. You can also click on the link below and like and follow us.

https://www.facebook.com/RotoruaGirlsHighSchool/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for Rotorua Girls' High School. The profile picture is the school's crest, which features a crown, a lion, and an open book. The page name is 'Rotorua Girls' High School' with the handle '@RotoruaGirlsHighSchool'. A navigation menu on the left includes 'Home', 'About', 'Reviews', 'Photos', 'Videos', 'Posts', 'Community', and 'Events'. The main content area displays a post from April 15 at 6:04pm. The post text says: 'Congratulations to all our finalist for this year's 2018 Youth Awards. So deserving Rangatahi. Rotorua OneChance Youth Awards finalists announced. The 36 finalists are in 12 categories and were chosen from 122 nominations. NZHERALD.CO.NZ'. Below the text is a photo of a young woman in a black dress and a young man in a black t-shirt standing in front of the school building. The post has 'Like', 'Comment', and 'Share' buttons. On the right side of the page, there are buttons for 'Call Now' and 'Send Message'. Below these are sections for 'People Also Like' (listing Rotorua Boys' High School, Rotorua Daily Post, and Rotorua Lakes Council) and 'Pages liked by this Page' (listing RGHSSports). At the bottom, there are language options and a footer with 'Privacy · Terms · Advertising · Ad Choices'.

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Rotorua

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2018

15-16 May

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2 day expo

Tues 15 May
10am-2.30pm & 4-6pm

Weds 16 May
9am - 2.30pm

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

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

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

Giving back to the community – a new solution

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

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

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

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