



Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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FOCUSING ON SPORT IN 2021

Kia ora Koutou,

At our Sports Prizegiving assembly this week, I outlined a programme that we are launching in 2021. In my speech I considered what the purpose of having sport is for in a school.

Some consider school to be simply a place for academic learning, others think it is a great social environment, some take the opportunity to engage in extracurricular activities and sport activities that provide fitness, success and personal challenges. In truth, school is not any one of these things, but all of them. I think of these 3 core areas that deliver outcomes for our students.

Firstly, we have Learning – ensuring our students gain the skills and knowledge to carry them on a successful pathway through life.

Secondly, we have what I will term "Soul" – those elements of school life that provide a sense of social wellbeing – the intangible elements, difficult to measure but vitally important to engage students and provide an enjoyable school experience. These include the physical environment, creating friendships, personal interactions – the human connections with space.

Lastly, we have Sport. In this I include all student activity, which is a fundamental part of student wellbeing.

Lakes has some fantastic sports people but interestingly, despite our many successes, we are not seen by some in our community as a "sporting" school. We are going to change this. Starting 2021 we are launching the Rotorua Lakes Sports High Performance Programme that will actively support students who excel in their sport codes. We will be continuing to drive the sports in which we see current success such as Hockey and support students who compete in individual sports such as Kayaking and Mountain Biking. On top of this, we will be developing sports such as Rugby League, Rugby Union and Cricket, working closely with clubs to ensure we give the best support we can around performing well and maintaining good learning outcomes.

The High Performance Programme will be linking in with Sports Specific Coaches, Nutritional Performance Coaches, Setting and Monitoring individual goals and outcomes to deliver positive results for those students wanting to

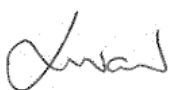
achieve to a high level in their chosen sport. Sport will be a major focus for our school to grow presence across the many codes available to NZ Students.

I sometimes hear statements like, “We don’t have a team in this or that sport” or “I can’t be bothered....” or “It’s wet and I don’t want to practice”. I’m going to lay down a challenge to every student here. I want to work with you to have every student at Rotorua Lakes High School involved in either a sporting or cultural activity in 2021. Why? Because being active and engaged has been shown time and again to improve student wellbeing, student enjoyment and pride in what we are all part of.

I have said on many occasions that school is more than just the buildings. It’s much more than a place that you are forced to be by the education act. It’s a place that sets you on a trajectory for life. Through Learning. Through it’s Soul. Through engagement in Sport and other activities.

I wish you all a great long weekend.

Nga mihi,



Jon Ward
Principal / Tumuaki



NEWS

SPORTS PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY

Our annual Sports Prizegiving was held on Thursday 22 in our gymnasium. Although very different this year, due to numerous cancelled sporting events thanks to Covid 19, it was still an excellent occasion to celebrate our talented, successful and dedicated sporting students in their chosen sports. We were also able to **thank** and congratulate our wonderful coaches and managers for their commitment and unfailing support which has ensured a great, if very diluted, sporting year.

Ms Lisa McFarlane, our Sports Co-ordinator for her brilliant organisation of this event with great support from **Whaea Pani Mc Lean**, and to non teaching staff, **Liandra Allen** and **Jayne Humphries** who assisted her so well with administration.

Our M.C. – **Kat Goodrick**, the 4 Head prefects; **Puaawai Bennett**, **Rangi Unuwai**, **Skye Cox** and **Jamie Trass** who did a great job for the event. Thank you to all.

SPORTS AWARDS 2020 **Basketball - Boys**

Deacon Brons

TK Kerr

Player of the Year

Most Improved Player

Basketball - Girls

Eden Brons

Jasmine Emile-Chhura

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Abigail Donald

Aria Galvin

Emma Paul

Joint Player of the Year

Joint Player of the Year

Most Valuable Player

Joint Most Improved Player

Contribution to Basketball

Joint Most Improved Player

Hockey - Boys 1st XI

Amanullah Abdul Rahman
Campbell Forrest
Dylan Fouracre
Tama Te Whau

Most Valuable Player
Player of the Year
Most Improved Player
Junior Player of the Year
HOCKEY TEAM OF THE YEAR FOR
OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Hockey - 2nd XI

Isaac Field
Logan Morley
Luke Sparks

Player of the Year
Most Improved Player
Most Valuable Player

Hockey - Girls 1st XI

Nicole Moree
Danielle Vooght
Toni White

Most Improved Player
Most Valuable Player
Player of the Year

Mountain Biking

Jack Eggleston
Bella Shaw
Dylan Walton

Sportsmanship Award
Best New Comer
Contribution to Mountain Biking

Netball

Genesis Smith-Huriwai

Contribution to Netball

Soccer - Boys

Rhys Downes
Pascal Gea
Pascal Gea
Jamie Trass
Jamie Palmer

Golden Boot Award
Most Valuable Player
Joint Players Choice Award
Joint Players Choice Award
Most Improved Player

Soccer - Girls

Kirsty Lyaall
Milla Phipps
Bella Shaw
Miyume Ueno

Most Valuable Player
Player of the Year
Joint Most Improved
Joint Most Improved

Waterpolo

Amanullah Abdul Rahman
Lizzie Avis
Madyson-Manaia Martin
Madyson-Manaia Martin
Samuel Trass
Samuel Trass

Senior Sportsmanship Award
Junior Most Improved Player
Junior Most Valuable Player
Joint Player of the Year
Joint Player of the Year
Junior Most Valuable Player

Sasha Temara
Jamie Trass

Junior Sportsmanship Award
Senior Most Valuable Player

Kayaking

George Snook

Kayaker of the Year

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletics

Deacon Brons
Maegan Fraser
Milla Phipps
Marco Smit
Rangi Unuwai
Bella Wyatt

Intermediate Boys Champion
Joint Intermediate Girls Champion
Joint Intermediate Girls Champion
Junior Boys Champion
Senior Boys Champion
Junior Girls Champion

Mountain Biking

Harry Lei
Milla Phipps
Milla Phipps
Dylan Walton
Dylan Walton
Dylan Walton

Junior Downhill Champion
Enduro Champion Female
Junior X Country Female
Enduro Champion Male
Junior X Country Male
Senior Downhill Champion

Squash

Ella Hollows
Taylah Hyde
Jared Nish
Wyatt Todd

Junior Girls Champion
Senior Girls Champion
Senior Boys Champion
Junior Boys Champion

Swimming

Lizzie Avis
Skye Cox
Matthew Gray
Matthew Parker
Marcus Nighy
Samuel Trass
Stella Weston

Junior Girls Champion
Senior Girls Champion
Joint Junior Boys Champion
Joint Junior Boys Champion
Senior Boys Champion
Intermediate Boys Champion
Intermediate Girls Champion

SPECIAL AWARD

Student Coaches

Briar Hogg
Riley Lambert
Robbie Meredith
Jamie Trass
Danielle Vooght

Hockey Mokoia
Hockey
Waterpolo
Waterpolo
Hockey Mokoia

HONOURS BOARD - NZ Representation

New Zealand Representative

George Snook
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George Snook
Michel Uhl
Pipi Uhl

NZ Extreme White Water Kayaking Senior Champion
NZ Junior Canoe Slalom Team
Oceania U18 Canoe Slalom Champion
Canoe Slalom National Performance
NZ Junior Development Team for Kayaking

NZ Title

George Snook

Michel Uhl

Milla Phipps

NZ Open U18 Canoe Slalom Champion
NZ Extreme White Water Kayaking Junior Champion
NZ Secondary Schools U15 Girls Cross Country MTB Champion

WHAT A FUN DAY!

What a fantastic day it was on Wednesday when our Year 13 organised a "Fun Day". Students dressed up in their House Colours and gave out cakes, cupcakes and biscuits during interval. At lunch time the Yr 13's cooked up a sausage sizzle and for a small Koha, all students and staff really enjoyed the food. For the finale, there was a mini talent quest, best dress up prize and a surprise Tik Tok Dance by our multi-talented teachers! A much needed fun day for all. Thank you to everyone who took part and especially Year 13 Students.



Mini Talent Quest: from left Caitlin Newson, Vegas Poona, Ryan O'Callahan, Genesis Huriwai-Smith, Puuawai & Hinewai Bennett



GREAT DAY FOR CAITLIN

Singer songwriter **Caitlin Newson**, Yr 10, had an amazing day with music producer, Reagan from The Porch Studios in Hamilton. She recorded her winning song from Play It Strange songwriting composition. What a fabulous opportunity to work with a professional producer in a music industry studio. Watch this space for the release date of the Play It Strange 2020 album.

As an added bonus Reagan would like to work with **Caitlin** again in the future to record her first ever EP .

Big congratulations Caitlin!



LEAVER'S JERSEYS

Leaver's Jerseys are now on sale.

- Students please complete the form which is available at student reception
- Jerseys are \$60
- Payment can be direct credit or payable at student reception

2020 LEAVERS DINNER

Come and celebrate our year 13's finishing High School. Students must bring a parent or caregiver. Sorry no younger siblings allowed (they will have their turn in a few years 😊).

To: Venue, Te Puia

Date: Tuesday 8th December 2020

Time: 6pm

Tickets: \$65pp

**Permission slips available at student reception.
All tickets to be paid for in full by Tuesday 24th of November**

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 4 2020	
26 October	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – LABOUR DAY
12 November	Senior Prizegiving
16 November – 8 December	NCEA & NZ Scholarship Exams
17 & 18 November	Junior Exams
1 December	Top Town
3 & 4 December	Junior Electives
8 December	Leavers Dinner
8 December	Junior Prizegiving
8 DECEMBER	LAST DAY OF TERM

ASSESSMENTS

The following assessments have been set down. There may be times where, due to unforeseen circumstances, changes will need to occur. This will be done in consultation with the class(es) concerned.

DUE TERM 4			
Level	Subject	Standard	Date
1	Geography	91009	27 October
1	Music	91092	Week 3
2	Music	91273	Week 3
3	Music	91419	Week 3

NZQA

Students should be logging into their area on the NZQA site (www.nzqa.govt.nz) regularly to check their entries for externals, current results and how they link to Pathways and also they can see their personalised exam timetable. All they need is their NSN (this is on all the tracking reports and can be accessed through the KAMAR and Schoolpoint portals). **We strongly encourage students to do this often!**



FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS



MATHS HOMEWORK CENTRE

Each **TUESDAY** from 3.30 – 4.15 in A11 - All Welcome - Please bring a snack and a smile

VISUAL ARTS IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO DUE DATES

Portfolios are due for senior visual art students at all levels in the first few weeks of term 4. These assessments are worth 12 credits and due dates are final. **As portfolios are external assessments there are no extensions available.** If for some reason your child will be unable to attend school and submit their portfolio on the due date, it is vital that you notify your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Subject / Year	Due Date
YEAR 11	
Level 1 Paint and Print	27 October (end of day)
Mixed Media and Photography	27 October (end of day)
YEAR 12	
Sculpture	27 October (formative assessment)
Painting	3 November (end of day)
Photography	3 November (end of day)
Design	3 November (end of day)
YEAR 13	
Sculpture	2 November (formative assessment)
Painting	10 November (end of day)
Photography	10 November (end of day)
Design	10 November (end of day)



SPORTS



Skye Cox second from right and Samuel Trass fifth from the left as part of the Swim Rotorua team at NZ Short Course Champs 2020

OUTSTANDING LAKES HIGH SWIMMERS

Over the past 2 weeks our swimmers have been involved in 2 major NZ swim meets. In the second week of the school holidays **Skye Cox** year 13 and **Samuel Trass** Year 10 both qualified for and attended the NZ Short Course Swimming Champs. This event involves hundreds of swimmers from all around NZ and is very difficult to qualify for. Both **Skye and Samuel** were competing in the top 8 finalists in their respective age groups for each of their events. Last weekend **Skye Cox, Samuel Trass and Stella Weston** all qualified for the NZ Secondary Schools swimming Champs in Hamilton. Unfortunately, due to injury **Stella** was unable to attend and due to school commitments **Skye** did not attend. **Samuel** joined a small team of Rotorua swimmers from JPC, RGHS, RBHS and WHHS to again compete in the top 8 for his age group with his main events being Backstroke and Butterfly.

We are very proud of our students as these are highly competitive events involving the top swimmers from around NZ.



CAREERS & GATEWAY



APICULTURE
NEW ZEALAND

Ron Mossop Youth Scholarship for Beekeeping

- This scholarship is open to students aged between 17 – 25 years studying apiculture or entering apiculture training in the new year. It is sponsored by Mossop's Honey and organised by Apiculture New Zealand. The recipient will receive:
- \$2000 for one year towards an agreed training programme or approved costs to begin a beekeeping programme (equipment, tools, educational resources) – the funds must be spent to help the recipient further their career in the apiculture sector.
- A one-year ApiNZ membership to the value of \$145 (including GST).
- Attendance at the Apiculture New Zealand national conference in the year the scholarship is awarded.
- \$200 Conference accommodation allowance.
- For more about the scholarship or to download an entry form and the rules please check out our website: <https://apinz.org.nz/scholarship-in-beekeeping/>

University Scholarships for Year 13 Students



MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has updated its directory of hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2021. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as

those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list.

Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html>



NOTICE BOARD

KETE AROHA
IS BACK !! This CHRISTMAS and covid-19 will not stop it
Kete Aroha are FREE to pick up at Owhata Medical Centre — just choose a kete based on age and gender then fill up your kete with little goodies!! These will be given to tamariki in our community — it doesn't have to be expensive
Boy / Girl Ages: 0-2yrs, 4-7yrs, 8-10yrs 11+
Kete Pick up from: 19 Dec
Drop off: before 2 Dec
Pin our Facebook page, text or call for pick up / drop off
Owhata Medical Centre 5516 Te Ngae Road
Leneas King: 027 245 9659
Karyn Barlow-Morgan: 027 575 1299
He taonga te Mokojima kia whangai,
kia tipu, kia nei!
"A child is a treasure to be nurtured, to grow, to flourish"
To enquire about KETE AROHA contact us:
0800 7474 7546
www.facebook.com/paipichorstonia
OWHATA MEDICAL CENTRE

Lakes Performing Arts Company
Production of
Disney Aladdin JR.
Thursday 5th November to Sunday 8th November
Music by ALAN MENKEN
Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN, TIM RICE AND CHAD BUGHUEN
Book by CHAD BUGHUEN
Based on the Disney film written by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliot & Terry Rosier and directed & produced by John Musker & John Coatsworth
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.
Directed by NATASHA BENFELL
Vocal Directors: Fely Aragon Bailly and Madeline Archer
Choreographer: Kirsten Plomman
Tickets available at Eventbrite or lakesperformingartscompany.com

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