



# Rotorua Lakes High School

"Mauria te pono - Keep steadfastly to the truth"

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### Kia ora Koutou,

This week students have been under the pump dealing with exams across the board. NCEA exams are in full flight and on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week we have been conducting our Year 9 and 10 exams. While exams are never "fun" the junior exams give our students a tangible perception of what they are heading towards in Year 11. It also provides staff and whānau with clear feedback about their learning and areas that need more attention. We often wish students luck going into exams, but in all honesty, it doesn't come down to luck, it comes down to effort, hard work and focus. I look forward to congratulating our students on the hard work they have put it.

The last official day for our Seniors was Thursday 12 November. It is always a bitter sweet time for us here at Lakes High and an emotional rollercoaster for our students. We will miss all our students however we are very proud of them and wish them all the very best for their finals. I look forward to our Leavers Dinner on 8 December, where I can catch up with our senior students and their whānau in a social setting.

Hopefully we have not tired out our junior students too much and I hope they have enough energy to cope with an enjoyable weekend.

Nga mihi,

Jon Ward  
Principal / Tumuaki



# NEWS

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## TEACHER ONLY DAY

On **Monday 23rd November** the school is closed for tuition as there is a Ministry of Education imposed Teacher Only Day to review changes in NCEA. **Please note there will be no charter bus.**

We apologise for the inconvenience.

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## TOP TOWN

Top Town is Tuesday 1 December. This is a fun day for students to compete in some fun activities on the fields at school. **Students will come to school in their junior PE Gear and bring a change of clothes / jersey / towel as they will probably get wet. They also need to wear sunblock and bring a drink bottle and hat. It would be great to have all our Juniors participate.**

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## ELECTIVES

Electives are **3 & 4 – December 2020**. Please can all parents / caregivers ensure elective fees are paid in full **BEFORE** these dates to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

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## SCHOOL CANTEEN



The school canteen will close on Wednesday 2 December 2020. It will re-open on Tuesday 2 February 2021.

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## EXTERNAL EXAMS

- We remind all senior students to keep up with their NCEA external revision.
- NCEA exams will commence for our students on 16 November 2020.
- **SLIPS MUST BE BROUGHT TO EACH AND EVERY EXAM.**
- **All students to sign in and out at the Duty Dean's office.**

### Reminders for exams

- Students need to arrive early, be in full school uniform, including being clean shaven.
- If there are any issues, parents / caregivers / students should contact Ms J Sturme as soon as they arise.

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## 2020 JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

- Junior Prizegiving will be held on **Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 12 noon** in the DC Price Auditorium.
- A warm invitation is extended to all parents / caregivers to attend.
- Please be seated before 12 noon.

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## YEAR 13 LEAVERS DINNER - updated

As you know, the Annual RLHS Year 13 Leavers Dinner will be held this year at the Te Puia, on **Tuesday 8 December 2020**. The evening will begin with drinks and a buffet meal, followed by a celebration of the achievements of all Year 13 students.

- This is a semi-formal occasion. A very tidy standard of dress is required (e.g. no jeans, t-shirts, jandals etc) and appropriate behavior is expected – no whistling, calling out etc.
- Students attending are under our normal school rules including no smoking and no alcohol. The only concession to these rules is those students who are with their parents or caregivers. They may have alcohol

with their meal if purchased by their parents and are of legal age. No intoxicated persons will be admitted to the function.

- Students must be accompanied by their parents/caregivers and are unable to purchase individual tickets for themselves. It is possible for students to be accompanied by another Lakes High student's parent/caregiver but permission must be sought and approved before such a ticket can be bought. **See Ms Howard.**
- Current students of RLHS who are not Year 13 may not attend.
- **Doors open 6 pm, seated for dinner 6.30 pm.**
- **Last day for tickets is Thursday 24 November 2020.**
- For any other questions please contact Ms Howard [howardh@rotorualakes.school.nz](mailto:howardh@rotorualakes.school.nz)

## HEADS UP FOR YEAR 13 CAMP 2020



### Year 13 camp 2021 from the 23 – 26 February

Cost \$200 (approx.)

Camp is an amazing opportunity for students to develop leadership skills, build and foster school and house spirit, team building, personal challenges, and have adventures.

## 2021

Please note the following term dates for 2021:

START OF TERM 1 2021	
Monday 25 January ( <b>admin only</b> )	Office opens <b>9 am – 3 pm</b>
Monday 1 February	<b>Public Holiday</b>
Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3 February	<b>Course confirmation Days –</b> Year 12 & 13 students must attend to confirm options and also those Yr 11 students who have not confirmed options. 9 am to 3 pm (drop-in)
Wednesday 3 February	<b>Yr 9</b> 8.45 am to 3.15 pm Powhiri at 8.45 : All new students welcome to attend Prefects, House Captains and students are required at the Powhiri 8.45 am (can leave approx. 10 am)
Thursday 4 February	<b>Yr 9 &amp; 13</b> students 8.45 am to 3.15 pm
Friday 5 February	<b>ALL</b> students 8.45 am to 3.15 pm

Term Dates 2021		
Tuesday 2 February	Friday 16 April	11 weeks
Monday 3 May	Friday 9 July	10 weeks
Monday 26 July	Friday 1 October	10 weeks
Monday 18 October	Tuesday 14 December	9 weeks

School Holidays 2021	
Term 1	19 April - 30 April
Term 2	12 July - 23 July
Term 3	1 October - 15 October
Term 4	15 December

Teacher Only Days	
Tuesday 18 May	
Wednesday 11 August	
Thursday 2 December	

Public Holidays 2021	
Auckland Anniversary	Monday 1 February
Waitangi Day	Monday 8 February
Good Friday	Friday 2 April
Easter Monday	Monday 5 April plus Tuesday 6 April (a school holiday)
ANZAC Day	Monday 26 April
Queens' Birthday	Monday 7 June
Labour Day	Monday 25 October

2020 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Exams available digitally shown in blue					
Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 16 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Calculus
	2.00 pm	Chinese	German	Dance	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
Tue 17 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama	Chemistry
	2.00 pm		Classical Studies		German
Wed 18 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Earth & Space Science	Drama
Thu 19 Nov	9.30 am		Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Fri 20 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics			Classical Studies
	2.00 pm		Drama	Samoaan	Statistics
WEEKEND					
Mon 23 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	
	2.00 pm	Economics		Accounting	
Tue 24 Nov	9.30 am		English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	Economics
Wed 25 Nov	9.30 am	English			Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Drama	History	Health	Physics
Thu 26 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science German Chinese	English
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
Fri 27 Nov	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Samoaan Spanish	Geography	Chemistry	
WEEKEND					
Mon 30 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Māori Art History	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira Social Studies Psychology	Samoaan
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		Geography
Tue 1 Dec	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics		Media Studies
Wed 2 Dec	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance		Physics	
Thu 3 Dec	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Japanese
	2.00 pm		Media Studies	Home Economics	Art History
Fri 4 Dec	9.30 am	Chemistry	Business Studies	French	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
WEEKEND					
Mon 7 Dec	9.30 am	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira Latin	Japanese	
	2.00 pm		French	Spanish	Latin
Tue 8 Dec	9.30 am	Health	Samoaan Education for Sustainability	Te Reo Māori Latin	Chinese
	2.00 pm		Social Studies		
Wed 9 Dec	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Music Studies Art History	Spanish Earth & Space Science
EXAMS END (Term 4 ends 16 Dec)					

## NZQA

Students should be logging into their area on the NZQA site ([www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://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!**

BRIEF LOOK – TERM 4 2020	
Until 8 December	NCEA & NZ Scholarship Exams
23 November	Teacher Only Day
1 December	Top Town
3 & 4 December	Junior Electives
8 December	Leavers Dinner
8 December	Junior Prizegiving
8 DECEMBER	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>



## FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS

### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NOVEL RETURN

All novels which have been issued to Year 12 and 13 students should be returned to school as soon as possible. There will be a box in the foyer of the Auditorium where students can return their novels on the way into their English Exam. Alternatively, they can be returned to Student Reception. Students will be invoiced for any novels which are not returned by one week after their English Exam.



## SPORTS

### BOP SECONDARY SCHOOLS JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPS



On Friday 13 November, our team of 5 players: **Kobe Smith, Kaspia Grunwell, Hayden Martin, Charlotte Barclay and Charlotte Wyndham** competed at the above tennis champs. **Kaspia** and **Kobe** made the finals of the boys Division 2 (doubles), only to lose their match to JPC and take runner ups. **Hayden** was playing in boys Division 1 Boys Singles and won his final match to win the Consolation Plate. The **2 Charlottes** lost their games in close matches in a very big 32 draw Championship. **It was a great day and well done to all – we are very proud of you.**

### GREAT ROWING RESULTS AT KARAPIRO



The RLHS girls novice quads entered two regattas at Karapiro over the weekend. There were over a 1000 rowers, and this was their first experience of such a huge event. They won their first race on Saturday, and came third on Sunday last weekend.

**Congratulations girls on your successes. Well done.**



## CAREERS & GATEWAY



Looking for a job? Pita Pit is looking for someone to work after school, weekends and school holidays. Restricted Drivers license would be fantastic.

Also, there is a full time position available. A restricted drivers license is important. For this position we are seeking someone who is well rounded, practical, has good manners and loves dealing with people.

For further details please contact:

[phil.haines.nz@gmail.com](mailto:phil.haines.nz@gmail.com) or Manager Kruti Desai at [kruti\\_desai13@yahoo.com](mailto:kruti_desai13@yahoo.com)

## AN OPPORTUNITY AT WSP



There is a Cadetship opportunity at WSP for a school leaver to work towards a Diploma in Civil Engineering while working on interesting local, regional and national projects. They are looking to have a new Cadet start with them in January so are asking for applications by the **27th November**.

For further details please contact:

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## A HEADS UP TO ALL PARENTS / STUDENTS

Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology is seeking to link more apprentices to the automotive technicians' industry thanks to a Government Funding Boost. The new Targeted Training and Apprenticeships Fund scheme employers will get money for any apprentices they agree to take on. Something to think about for any students interested in this trade.

# NOTICE BOARD



**ARE YOU LEAVING SCHOOL?  
DO YOU WANT A JOB?**

If you are leaving school and need assistance finding employment, drop in to the **Rotorua Youth Centre 6 Te Ngae Road** (between 6 & 7pm)  
Monday 30th November between 2pm and 4pm to meet with our Navigators and start the journey into employment!

Snacks will be available

**YOUTH**  
EMPLOYMENT PLANNING SERVICE

Any further questions message us on Facebook OR text or call Tina on 091 0904 2207

**KETE AROHA**

**IS BACK !! This CHRISTMAS and covid-19 will not stop it**

Kete Aroha are FREE to pick up at Ohiwa Medical Centre – Just choose a kete based on age and gender then fill up your kete with little goodies!! These will be given to families in our community – it doesn't have to be expensive!

Buy / Pick Up: 10am - 4pm, 1st Nov. 10am - 4pm  
Drop off: before 4 Dec

For our Facebook page, text or call for pick up / drop off  
Ohiwa Medical Centre 1000 Te Ngae Road

1 kete \$100 (over 1000 items)  
Kete for 100 items: \$50 (over 1000 items)

We bring to life through the whānau, the story, the day!  
"A kete is a treasure to be nurtured, to grow, to flourish!"

To enquire about KETE AROHA contact us  
09 1000 0200 (toll free)  
www.kete-aroha.org.nz

**SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS ROTORUA**

with Grace Church Rotorua  
and a new community member

This year Grace Church Rotorua will be coordinating the Rotorua Christmas Shoebox Project with Shoebox Christmas Aotearoa. Together we hope to serve our community by bringing smiles to our local tamariki here in Rotorua over Christmas by ensuring they have a little something to celebrate with. If you would like to help bless a child with a shoebox/gift, you can sign up today at: [www.shoebotchristmas.co.nz](http://www.shoebotchristmas.co.nz)

**For further information:**

- Please visit our Facebook page: **Shoebox Christmas Rotorua**
- Contact: Florence Apikotoa (Coordinator) through messenger (FB page: Jean-Pierre Apikotoa) or Text/Call: 0212618561

**INNOVATIVE YOUNG MINDS**

It was really eye-opening learning about all the career possibilities on offer for women in the STEM sector. It helped emphasise that there are many options to choose from and made us realise how much potential our futures hold."

Open to girls to find out female students nationwide

Applications open: 1 November 2020  
Applications close: 15 March 2021  
19K Online event: 19-21 April 2021

Inspiring young women to explore science and technology.

Find out more at: [www.iym.org.nz](http://www.iym.org.nz)



**ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?**

- NCEA Subject Selection?
- Defining a Career Path?
- Planning Tertiary Study?

**WE CAN HELP!**

- Career Counselling
- Interview Coaching
- Tertiary Study Plans
- CV Writing

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