



## “RAUKURA”

It has always been my understanding that “Raukura”, though literally referring to a feather or special plume, in fact conveyed a much more significant shade of meaning. In some measure those described as possessors of the “Raukura” were of particularly significant stature. They were considered to have justified such a privilege by reason of illustrious lineage, extremely noteworthy leadership or some remarkable achievement in another field - perhaps warfare, diplomacy or unparalleled knowledge. Being considered worthy of the “Raukura” would undoubtedly have been an accolade sought eagerly by aspiring tribal members in the past. When ultimately bestowed (by general consensus) on a deserving individual, it clearly indicated a level of excellence of the greatest merit. Academic achievement has, particularly during this 20th Century, been recognised as the single most vital element in the advancement and well being of us all. I can only presume that this was clearly apparent to those of the 1920’s, whose efforts resulted in the establishment of Rotorua High & Grammar School in 1927. The remarkable and farsighted educational endowment made by the Ngati Whakaue people some 40 years even before that, is evidence enough of their support of and belief in education. I have no doubt that the use of “Raukura” was a subtle message of encouragement for all to take advantage of education, to seek excellence and thus justify the “Raukura”

*Dr Don Stafford, RBHS Old Boy*

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou me te tangi hoki ki a ratua kua roiro atu.

The first term of any school year is always one of the busiest with Athletics, Swimming and Leadership Camps all squeezed into a few school weeks. Although it has been particularly busy we have had another excellent start to the school year and the school seems well settled with students well focused on their academic programmes.

**A C Grinter**  
Principal

## STAFFING

Mrs Gail Teichmann, Executive Officer has left the school and moved onto to SCION after five years at the school.

Mrs Shelley Rutten, Accounts Clerk has left the school and taken up a position at Lakes Prime Care after two years at the school.

We wish them both the best for the future.

As we farewell the above two staff members it is my pleasure to extend a special welcome to the following new staff:



Mrs D Graham – Executive Officer

Mr A Aitchison – Maintenance Manager



Ms A Ridley – Accounts Clerk/Student Enquiries

We wish these new staff members the very best for these important roles within our busy school.

As the end of Term 1 approaches the school also takes this opportunity to wish Mr C Kerekere the very best as he leaves his teaching position to take up a position within New Zealand Police. Mr Kerekere is an Old Boy of our school and in recent years has been not only a Head of House but also Dean of Year 9. He is an outstanding teacher and we are confident he will become a real asset as a Policeman.

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

A reminder to all parents that the school office is open daily from 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Parents and members of the public are urged to undertake any business with the school office during these hours.

## STUDENT NEWS

### **2006 TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES**

- Term 1: Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 13 April
- Term 2: Monday, 1 May to Friday, 30 June
- Term 3: Monday, 17 July to Friday, 22 September
- Term 4: Monday, 9 October to Friday, 14 December

The school will also be closed on the following public holidays in 2006:

Good Friday:	Friday, 14 April
Easter Monday:	Monday, 17 April
Easter Tuesday:	Tuesday, 18 April
Anzac Day:	Monday, 25 April
Queen's Birthday:	Monday, 5 June
Labour Day:	Monday, 23 October

### **RBHS WEB SITE**

Parents are reminded that the school has a web site and this may be accessed at either of the following two addresses:

[www.rbhs.school.nz](http://www.rbhs.school.nz) OR [www.raukura.school.nz](http://www.raukura.school.nz)

### **ATTENDANCE HOTLINE**

Parents are urged to use the Attendance Hotline to inform the school of your son's absence. The Attendance Hotline is **349 5137**.

### **DOCTORS HOURS:**

A Doctor is now in attendance at the Wellness Centre between the hours of 1.00 p.m and 2.00 p.m, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our Nurse, Ms Kohi, is on duty all week during school hours.

## **ANZAC DAY 2006:**

The school will again this year be represented by the School Prefects at the Dawn Parade and the annual Anzac Day Ceremony to be held in the Convention Centre on Tuesday, 25 April. This occasion allows the school to acknowledge the 60 Old Boys of the school who died whilst fighting overseas for New Zealand

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP:**

Please note that the school hours for the remainder of the school year are as follows:



- Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays
- 8.15 am to 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm to 1.45 pm

## **Some Uniform Guidelines**

### **➤ No. 1. Uniform (Dress Uniform):**

1. Business shirt and tie.
2. Black school suit.
3. Black socks and black lace-up shoes.

### **➤ Day to Day Uniform:**

1. Business shirt or polo shirt or skivvy.
2. School jacket or polar fleece.
3. School shorts (navy) or long school trousers (navy).
4. Sandals (with black straps).
5. School cap (optional).

### **➤ General Comments about Uniform**

- Business Shirts should be worn tucked in.
- Under shirts should not be visible.
- Students should be clean shaven.
- Students should not wear jewellery.

Please support the school's dress code. The standard of our student's appearance is a very powerful advertisement for our school.

## **SHIBA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL (TOKYO) VISIT 2006**

SHIBA Boys` High School from Japan, are arriving at our school on Monday 26 March until Tuesday 4 April. It is our pleasure to welcome this visit from this longstanding partner school.

Thank you to all those families who have opened their homes to our guests.

## **STUDENT PHOTO ID CARDS**

A special credit card size student photo ID for all students is currently being produced. All student photos have now been taken and the cards will be distributed to all students who have paid their General Activity Fees.

## **GENERAL ACTIVITY FEE FOR 2006**

The General Activity Fee for 2006 will be \$100.00, but if paid before the end of Term 1 this fee is reduced to \$85.00. Payment in Term 1 is the preferred option. Parents do have the option of paying the fee over the four terms at \$25.00 per term. Obviously early payment offers a saving of \$15.00.

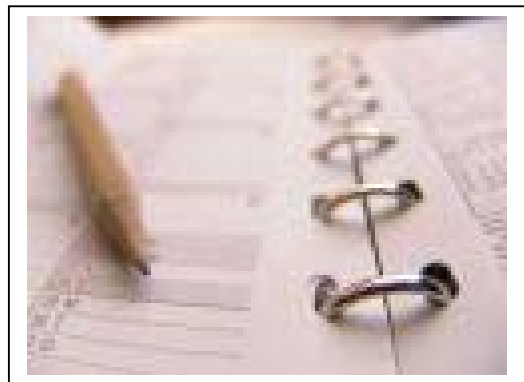
The school's General Activity Fee (GAF) covers the costs of a number of student activities, for example the issue of Homework Notebooks and Student ID cards with photographs, Magazine, Prizegiving, Sports Activities, Cultural Activities, and Library Facilities etc. All students benefit in some way from this GAF.

## **STUDENT DIARIES**

The Rotorua Boys' High School student diary is compulsory for all students. A copy was given to each student at the start of the year. If students have lost their diaries they can purchase another from the School Shop for \$3.00.

The purpose of the diary is to encourage good work habits and self-discipline, and to serve as a means of communication between home and school. It also contains a student planner, advice on study techniques, a record of marks and grades gained in tests/assignments and other useful information about the school.

The success of the diary depends on co-operation between students, teachers and parents.



### **Students**

- The diary is a record of homework set by the school. You are required to take it with you to ALL lessons and house group time.
- It is your responsibility to keep a neat and accurate record of work set for homework, assignments, tests, etc. Use the diary to organise your homework and study commitments in an efficient way and to keep a record of your progress.
- The diary must be signed each week by your parent or guardian.

### **Parents**

- The diary is used to encourage good work habits and self-discipline. It contains a section on effective study techniques and parents are encouraged to assist students in adopting a positive and well organised approach to study.
- An important additional function is to serve as a means of communication between home and school.
- As parents you are asked to assist us by reading the diary each week and signing it in the space provided.
- Any messages between parents and teachers may be written in the section provided alongside each page, so please check.



➤ Akash Singh	45+ Excellence Grades NCEA Level 2
➤ Jonathan Coates	NZ U19 Mountain Biking Team
➤ Wade Mangham	NZ U17 Mountain Biking Champion
➤ Taitusi Natuna	Fiji U19 Rugby Team World Cup in Dubai
➤ Maru Henry	NZ U19 Waka Ama Team
➤ Maitu TeKani McQueen	Squash New Zealand World Junior Elite Squad
➤ Anthony Pederson	Deputy Head Prefect
➤ Danny Lee	NZ U23 Golf Champion
➤ Michael Herewini	NZ U21 Maori Hockey Team
➤ Hayden Booker	NZ Schools Athletics Team

Other Honours Ties will be awarded as criteria are met and the opportunity arises. The Honours Ties is a “one-off” Award and is becoming a very special statement about achievement for our students.

The criteria for receiving a Student Honours Tie are:

1. Head Prefect
2. Deputy Had Prefect
3. Dux Litterratus
4. Approxime Accessit
5. Dux Ludorum
6. Students who gain 45 Excellence standards at Level 2 NCEA in any one year.
7. Students who gain top of subject awards in National Examinations or Scholarship grades in NCEA.
8. New Zealand Representatives (must be Year 12 but can obtain Tie in Year 12 for selection in a previous year at schools, eg. Year 11 student who plays NZ U16 sport receives Tie when entering Year 12).
9. Other New Zealand level representation.
10. Other achievements at a National level.
11. For the years prior to 2000, Honours Ties at a cost of \$25 per tie will be issued to previous Head Prefects and Duxes.
12. Replacement Honours ties cost \$100 each.

## ATTENDANCE

Rotorua Boys’ High School requires all students to attend school and class. Where a student is absent an acceptable written explanation must be provided by the parent or caregiver on the day the student returns to school.

Class and House Group Teachers are responsible for notifying the Dean immediately truancy is suspected.

House Group Teachers are required to contact parents on the third consecutive day a student is absent without explanation and advise the attendance officer where written explanation is not given for an absence.

Unexplained absence or frequent explained absences unsupported by medical certificate will be treated as truancy.

<b>Occurrence</b>	<b>Action/s</b>	<b>Staff member responsible</b>
First	Lunchtime Duties Parents notified	Dean Attendance Officer
Second	Wednesday After School Duties Parents notified Letter to Parents Student placed on attendance report for minimum of 15 days (Optional) Family meeting (Optional)	Dean
Third	Saturday Duties Parents notified Letter to parents Counsellor/DTS/CYPS/Whanau group notified where appropriate Family meeting	Dean/Deputy Principal
Fourth	Letter to parent Family conference to hear options available For students under 16 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Truancy protocol with CYPS</li> <li>2. Application for exemption from enrolment (under 16) from Ministry of Education</li> <li>3. Educational alternatives</li> <li>4. Prosecution</li> </ol> For students 16 and over <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Educational alternatives</li> </ol> Removal from the roll after 20 consecutive days non attendance	Guidance Counsellor/Deputy Principal

### **LATENESS TO SCHOOL**

Where a student is late to school three times without written acceptable explanation in any five weeks they will be disciplined. On the second set of occurrence the unexplained lateness becomes truancy.

<b>Occurrence</b>	<b>Action/s</b>	<b>Staff member responsible</b>
First (3 times late)	Lunchtime duties	Dean Attendance Officer

Second	Lunchtime duties Parent notified that further lateness will be regarded as truancy	Attendance Officer
Third	Refer to Truancy Procedure 2	Dean
Fourth and subsequent	Refer to Truancy Procedures 3 & 4	Dean/Deputy Principal

## CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

### **Boys Learn Best When:**

1. There are clear expectations about behaviour, learning and relationships
2. Expectations are consistent over time and across the school
3. Routines are established and defined and lessons are well planned and carefully structured
4. Mana (respectful relationships) are established between students and between teachers and students

### **The Student Charter**

'Every student has these rights and responsibilities'

#### Rights

1. To learn without interruption or interference.
2. To be treated with courtesy, respect and understanding.
3. To learn in a safe, secure and healthy environment.
4. To expect one's property to be secure.

#### Responsibilities

1. To treat others with understanding and kindness and to respect differences in others.
2. To cooperate with school leaders, teachers and other staff.
3. Not to bully and threaten others
4. To respect the property of others and to care for the school environment.

## **Code of Conduct**

Students will:

1. Report to class on time.
2. Every day wear correct uniform and bring your materials.
3. Share your ideas in class by raising your hand.
4. Putdowns, swearing and offensive language are not options.
5. Everyday do your utmost to keep the classroom and school tidy and damage free.
6. Concentrate on the lesson and task at hand.
7. Trust and safety is built on you leaving others and their belongings alone and them returning the courtesy.

## **Staff Charter**

Teachers will:

1. Show respect and loyalty for all colleagues
2. Be prepared for lessons and commitments
3. Be on time. Do not let your class out early
4. Meet all staff duty commitments
5. Insist on the following standards of student behaviour:
  - a. Punctuality
  - b. Correct uniform
  - c. Appropriate language
  - d. Appropriate equipment

## **Lesson Structure**

Every lesson will have:

1. Each class to line up outside
2. 5 minute starter activity on the board
3. Students homework notebook opened on his desk
4. Lesson objectives on board
  - a. Incorporate a literacy component to every lesson
  - b. Display word banks
5. Last 5 minutes of lesson to record homework
6. Check every students homework entry as they leave

## **IMPORTANT MEETINGS**

### **CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS EVENING**

Our first Celebrating Success evening will take place later this term on **Thursday, 6 April 2006 at 5.30 pm** in the Raukura Lounge. Our first evening this year will be to honour our Prefects and the recipients of Honours Ties.

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### INTERIM REPORTS

Junior Interim Reports have now been completed. These reports give a broad indication about your son's progress in the first six weeks of the school year. A parent report evening will be held from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm on Wednesday, 29 March 2006 for all Year 9 students. All parents collect their son's report on the evening and meet with his teachers to discuss any issues related to your son's learning.

Likewise Senior Interim Reports will be completed by Thursday, 13 April followed by a parent report evening on Wednesday, 3 May 2006. Again all parents collect their son's report on the evening and meet with his teachers to discuss any issues related to your son's learning.

### ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATIONS

The Minister has advised that the entry fees for all National Qualifications are to be reduced again this year. The schedule of fees is shown below.

#### Domestic Candidates - NQF entry fees for 2006

Entry	Fee
Entry for all NQF standards and up to 3 Scholarship subjects	\$75
Additional Scholarship entries	\$75 per subject

#### International Fee Paying Candidates - NQF entry fees for 2006

Entry	Fee
Entry for all NQF standards	\$375
All Scholarship entries	\$100 per subject

Course entries have yet to be confirmed but parents are welcome to pay the above fees to the Office at any stage before August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Senior School Curriculum

All students enrolled in NCEA subjects have been issued with full details of the assessments they will be sitting this year. Detail includes the timing, content and nature of each assessment. The credit value is also provided. This information allows students to plan their efforts with a high degree of accuracy.

Parents can assist their sons by:

- Encouraging a regular study programme.
- Ensuring students have made up a planning calendar showing when assignments are due.
- Helping to organise boys to complete assignments on time.

Please contact your son's Dean should you have any concerns about his progress at school.

### **RBHS Junior Certificate**

The Rotorua Boys' High School Junior Certificate will be the focus of work for those in Years 9 and 10. This is the school-based qualification that leads from Year 10 to their first year of NCEA study. The Junior Certificate will be awarded on the attainment of a total of 80 credits from across all subjects. As with NCEA, credits will be awarded for the achievement of certain defined standards in each subject. Where students exceed defined standards, credits will be awarded as Merit or Excellence credits. Student achieving 40 or more credits at each of these levels will be eligible for the Junior Merit and Junior Excellence Certificates.

Certificate results will also provide objective and informed achievement data for class placement at each year level.

Students in Year 9 and 10 have received details of the Junior Certificates and the assessments they will sit during the year. Parents can help focus their son's achievements by helping them to keep track of their achievements. Many credits will be achieved in examinations sat near the end of the year, although we expect some results towards the end of Term 1.

Parents are invited to collect Interim Junior Reports on Wednesday, 29 March. These will give a broad indication about progress in the first six weeks of the year following class placement tests in English, Maths, Science and Social Studies. This information will be used to re-evaluate the placement of students in various classes. Where the data provides clear detail of misplacement students will be moved up or down a class.

Please contact your son's Dean should you have any concerns about his progress at school. Meetings can be arranged for times other than formal parent interviews.

### **ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY 2006 – YEAR 12**

Time has been set aside for each year 12 student to meet with their House Group teacher to discuss their academic progress to date, their aims and how they plan to achieve them. This programme aims to raise academic achievement by encouraging students to take increased responsibility for results.

Before the interview students will summarise their own achievement and prepare a plan for their academic success both for this year and future years at school. House Group teachers will support students by providing targeted individual academic coaching.

Parents can support their sons by discussing their academic programme, and helping to develop specific goals before the interviews take place. A similar Academic Review Day for Year 11 will take place later this term.

### **2006 ACCELERATE AND CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME (ACE)**

Organisation of activities for students following the Ace Programme is progressing well with the programme for Term 1 underway.

Students of classes 9a and 9b will be following a programme of study through weeks 9 and 10 based on Ancient Civilisations. This programme will begin with an immersion into the Classical World with Mr J Raphael, following which students will explore facets of ancient civilisations through their core subjects of English, Science, Maths and Social Studies. The programme will culminate with a day within the Art Department exploring how ancient civilisations perceive and portray themselves.



The theme for Year 10 will be based around a Nuclear Free New Zealand. The theme, once again studied through their core subject areas, will develop the abilities of class 10a and 10b to organise and communicate information while at the same time allow for opportunities for discussion and debate. Part of this programme will involve a workshop focusing on effective note

taking and the use of graphic organisers. Students will follow this theme through weeks 8 and 9.

Mr D. Smith and Mr T. Cox, the coordinators of the ACE Programme, are currently putting the finishing touches to the programme for terms, 2, 3 and 4, details of which will follow in future newsletters.

**Mr T Cox & Mr D Smith**  
**ACE Co-ordinators 2006**

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### CAREERS AND TRANSITION DEPARTMENT

Any student seeking help with subject choices, information about courses or careers should make an appointment to see Mrs. Randall, the school Careers Adviser, in the Careers Room (M2).

For those unsure of their career pathway, we have a computer programme "Career Quest" which matches a student's interests and skills with suggested career options. Also helpful for careers information is the website [www.kiwicareers.govt.nz](http://www.kiwicareers.govt.nz) and/or telephone 0800222733.

Liaison visits / Career Days planned for 2006 so far are as follows:-

- 27 March Navy Recruiter 12.20-1.20 pm
- 11 April Waikato University Liaison Visit 12.20-1.20 pm
- 4 May Lincoln University Liaison Visit 8.40 am
- 5 May Waikato University Open Day
- 8 May Air Force Recruiter
- 14 & 15 May Rotorua Careers Expo
- 15 May Year 11 Careers Expo Visit

- 15 May Victoria University Liaison Visit
- 27 May Waiariki Institute of Technology Open Day

***Mrs Randall***  
***Careers Advisor***

## **INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT**



In general students have settled into class and are working well developing good work habits and routines. It is important for students to regularly revise vocabulary and characters and catch up work when away. Without these habits firmly established, students can quickly get behind. Parents, you can help. Even though you may not be able to say the words or read the characters in Chinese or Japanese, you can help your son practice by prompting him with the English and getting him to teach you the word or character in Chinese/Japanese. Teaching others is a good way to reinforce learning.

The exciting news this term is that the International Languages Department has secured funding from the Ministry of Education for the next two years! Thanks to a prompt response from our school we have already had data projectors installed in our classrooms. As we build our skills we hope the students will enjoy what this new resource will bring to the language classrooms.

We recently had a visit from National Chinese Advisor, Dr Hanxi. The boys in Chinese had the opportunity to have a conversation with Dr Hanxi. She was most impressed with the students and the Chinese Programme and looks forward to attending our Annual Rotorua Inter-school Chinese Speech Competition in August.

Plans are underway to organize an Educational Trip to China later in the year. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs L George.

We look forward to meeting you at the up coming parent interviews.

***Mrs H Harison and Mrs L George***  
***HODs - International Languages***

## **TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

A big welcome to all those new faces just joining the Tech block this year. We are already off to a flying start with what looks to be a great line up of projects for all year levels, including tool boxes, chess boards and mountain boards, all of which were a great hit last year.

Furniture Timber trade students will be making a variety of items of garden furniture whilst automotive students will learn how to strip down an engine and rebuild it. The boys are back this year to finish their mini choppers as well as all those unit standards. Boys don't forget your shoes or you may find your self doing more theory than practical. So until the next time boys have fun but keep safe.

***Miss R Wallis***  
***HOF Technology***

## **SPECIAL LEARNING CENTRE**

The aim of the Learning Centre at Rotorua Boy's High is to provide support for those young men who have specific learning needs. These students will receive individual assistance in reading with the intention that significant progress will be made and that their reading ages will increase. They will also receive "small group" instruction in comprehension skills, spelling and written English in order for them to achieve in their mainstream classes.

During Term 1, those students who have been identified as candidates for the Learning Centre are completing an assessment process and the programme developed. Should your son be one of the students to gain entry to the programme, your support of him will be essential in ensuring his success. Our part time RTLB teacher, Mrs. Judith Johnston, is also based in the Learning Centre and together we will work hard to meet the needs of our students at Rotorua Boys' High. Please call us if you have any concerns or questions. We are available on ext 855.

**Mrs N Botha**  
**Head of Department – Special Needs**

## **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Busy times in the music department at the moment. All level 2 and 3 students are now performing "on camera" as part of their continuous assessment. The first session produced some great performances, notably from Tom Revell and Paerau Taputu.

On the theory front, Grant O'Connor sat The Associated Board of The Royal Schools of Music grade 5 external theory paper on 18<sup>th</sup> March and we hope all went well for Grant. Chase Douglas, Tom Revell, William Taylor and Giles Tidswell are all working towards sitting the same exam in the spring.

Angus Crowe, Kevin Braddock, Chris Ball and Hugh Green will be performing as *Harvest* on April 1<sup>st</sup> at The Soundshell, Lakefront.

The school vocal group has begun preparations for the Super 8 competition and Rhapsody Rotorua. Chase Douglas continues his association with the New Zealand Schools Choir.

The music department wishes all students a successful, productive year, and to bear in mind these thoughts from Wes Montgomery - a jazz guitar legend.

"Playing scales is like a boxer skipping rope or punching a bag. It's not the thing in itself; it's preparatory to the activity"

**Mr S Taylor**  
**HOD Music**

## **GATEWAY PROGRAMME**

I am very pleased with the progress of Gateway so far this year. As at week 7, 110 students have registered onto the Gateway programme. Of the 110 students currently registered with the programme, 11 have been placed within the workforce, with the remaining students needing to be matched up with an employer.

Before any student is placed with an employer they are required to complete an induction process. This entails a day spent with a qualified first aid instructor. Another day is spent with a resource educational centre. During this day each student is made aware of the realities of the workplace, their roles within it and the expectations of employers. Students can achieve around 10 credits in selected unit standards. They also cover health and safety in the workplace.

Some of placements in this early part of 2006 have been in automotive, architecture, hospitality, and cheffing. The wonderful support of local businesses and the Hotels within Rotorua have made this all possible. Without the generous support of all these businesses and people work place learning within Gateway would be impossible. If you believe your son, or charge, would benefit from this programme please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Raureti or myself.

If you run a business, of any size, and you think you could help a deserving student, again, please call Mrs Raureti or myself.

***Mr F Tabuteau***  
***Director of Gateway***

## **MAORI DEPARTMENT**

Tena koutou katoa me o tatau aitua e hinga na e hinga nei i te ao i te po, i te po i te ao.

Kua manu ano te waka o te matauranga, a, ko te mahi i tenei wa he hoe kia eke panuku, eke Tangaroa!

Congratulations to Rangitane Harawira for passing Scholarship Te Reo Maori.

Te Pihinga – Year 1, University papers: Logan Waerea and Rangitane Harawira.

### **Literacy Project:**

We have two large Year 9 bilingual classes this year. In order to improve academic success, we have begun a literacy project aimed to raising the literacy levels. With financial support from the Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Board, we have secured the services of two experienced adult literacy tutors who are working five mornings a week on an individual basis with selected students. Some students have improved to the point that they have completed the programme and now been replaced with other students.

### **Hoe Waka:**

Under the guidance of Mr Whata, Mr Kaiwai and Mr Ratana our boys have been training hard on the lake. The seniors and juniors won the BOP title and the juniors finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at nationals.

### **Super 8 Kapa Haka:**

Led by Tuck Gardiner and Thomas Tipiwai we have a keen group of 15 boys training to represent the school at the Super 8 Cultural Festival to be held at Hastings BHS, 19-20 May. The boys are training twice weekly and at weekend wananga.

***Mr D Pene***  
***HOD – Maori Department***

## **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

9A/B/C; 10 A,B,C/ 1ENG/ENA/2ENG/3ENG should now have paid for their English Workbooks. These are essential tools in their understanding of Language at this level.

9A/9B; 10 A/B and 11ENA will be entered for the Australian Writing and English exam. The entry fee will appear on the accounts sent out. This needs to be paid by end of term 1.

Any other students who want to enter for either of these exams should speak to their English teacher.

All levels are in the process of having their first common assessment, so that teachers can rank students and comment on their progress. The results from these tests are reflected in the reports.

This year over 95% of all senior students at the school are taking English as an exam subject. We have placed students in the class that we think they are capable of achieving in. For some students this will put pressure on them to work to their ability and potential.

All boys at all levels have English homework most nights. This is related to their class work. For NCEA students it is often part of their assessment.

For boys wishing to enter Varsity / tertiary courses and apprenticeships they must achieve literacy credits. All of these are done as part of the internal assessment procedure and boys who do not attempt or do not complete this work do not achieve these credits. Please ask to see your son's assessment programme and check that he is completing the work.

***Mrs W Simpson***  
***HOF English Department***

## **SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

Firstly, congratulations to Hayden McEwen, who achieved a scholarship grade in last years chemistry exams. He follows in the long line of chemistry students over the years who have achieved scholarship grades.

Your sons in the junior school have sat their first assessment in science which goes towards their junior certificate. The successful students should have a certificate pasted in their books depending on the level of achievement. These results along with the science placement tests will help determine the new placements in Year 9.

In the senior school, special congratulations must go to Level 3 Physics student Jonathon Coates who produced a practical write-up that would match many university students. Also, congratulations to the small number of Level 1 chemistry students who attend morning classes.

They sat their first assessment with the following students gaining the 3 credits: Garweth Smith, Mikail Steens, Sheehan Gilbert-Burne, Humphrey Shand, Tony Black, Gareth Roberts, Henry Collins and Anton Ivanov. Others missed by only one element and will have a chance for a resit.

The Level 2 chemists in Mr Shoebridge's class also produced some impressive results in their first assessment. Daniel Gibbs, Sam Burton, Ibrahim Soloman, Jimmy Emery and Harry Simperingham all got Excellence grades in AS90305 worth 3 credits. Quentin Albertyn, Iripa Rangi and Karl Schultz achieved with Merit.

The physicists and Level 3 chemists will have completed their first assessment by the time this newsletter goes to print.

### **Senior Biology Field Trip**

On the 14-15th March, 30 senior biology students went to the Leigh Marine reserve as part of their studies. It was a fantastic experience, with lots of highly relevant activities. Students enjoyed their snorkeling amongst the protected snapper. The trip to the Tiritiri-Matangi open sanctuary was also very enjoyable with the students able to see rare birdlife including the Takahe.



### **Senior Chemistry Field Trip**

The senior chemists will be going to Hells Gate on the 4th April to study geochemistry. They will be performing experiments based on what they have learnt in class.

### **Australian Science Competition**

All students in the Year 9 and 10 accelerate classes are expected to participate in this competition. Other students are welcome to accept the challenge of this recognised competition. The fee of \$6.50 should have been paid to the office by 31st March. If you missed out please contact the HOF Science as soon as possible.

### **Australian National Chemistry Quiz**

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz has been running for 25 years attracting 115,000 entries every year throughout the Asia-Pacific region. It aims to promote and encourage an awareness of chemistry in today's society.

The Australians use this quiz to identify students for their Chemistry Olympiad team. All chemistry classes are invited to enter this competition. Please pay \$5 to the office by the last week of the term (Wednesday 12 April). The competition will be held on 27 July.

### **Bright Sparks**

On the 9th April, Nicholas Butler attended a workshop for students who were keen to enter a project for the Bright Sparks competition. He enjoyed a significant amount of one-on-one tuition in programming PICAXE computer chips. Other students who are interested in electronics should see Mr McGovern for more details.



## Science Website

For further science information, you can access the science department website from the school website or at [www.ri.net.nz/rbhs/](http://www.ri.net.nz/rbhs/)

**Mr D Richardson**  
**HOF – Science**

## SPORTS NEWS



We are nearly through Term 1 and already RBHS continues to impress those in and around the Rotorua region with some outstanding sporting successes recently. There are a large number of athletes who have trained extremely hard over the holiday period and their efforts are being shown in their recent sporting results.

March continues to be a busy month for Rotorua Boys' High School sport; with rugby just around the corner things are only going to get more exciting. However it is still the summer codes that dominate our sports news with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI into the Top 8 verses Hamilton Boys High in the national championship.

Water polo started this month with the senior team competing in the North Island championships on the 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> March.

Mid island Athletics were held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, with our senior team performing amazing feats to take out every event except the discus and shot put.

A notable performance was achieved by our New Zealand representative Hayden Booker (year 12) who broke the high jump record of 1.87m by recording 1.94m. An excellent effort by an awesome athlete.

Another highlight of the meet was the performance of our Relay teams winning all three sections in the boys' races. Congratulations to all our athletes who represented the school at the meet.

It's certainly going to be another busy year for sport here at school and I am always on the look out for extra help so if you'd like to become involved with a team or sport, please feel free to contact me personally at school on 348 6169 extn 857 or visit our website [www.rbhs.school.nz](http://www.rbhs.school.nz) for what's on at RBHS.

Congratulations to **Taitusi Natuna** who has been selected into the Fiji Under 19 Rugby Team to play in the World Cup in Dubai from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2006. Taitusi will also play in the FORU Tournament form the 13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March before leaving for Dubai. Well done Taitusi!

Congratulations to **Matiu Tekani McQueen** who has been selected for the Squash New Zealand World Junior Elite Squad. The World Junior Elite Squad will work under the guidance of National Coaches, Dave Clarke, Robbie Wyatt and Julie Hawkes. Well done on your selection Matiu!

Congratulations to **Josh Clark**, (Year 12) who won the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Boys Singles Lawn Bowls Championship. This was an excellent effort by Josh in sport that is going from strength to strength at this level. Well done Josh.

**Kapurangi Gardiner** (Year 11) has been named in the New Zealand Under 19 Soft ball Development squad, to prepare for the 2008 World Series. As a member of the squad Kapurangi has been invited to a training camp in Wellington to compete for one of the 15 spots to attend the Friendship series in Australia in July. Good Luck Kapurangi, the school wishes you well in your endeavours.

**Nikolai Molijn** (Year 10) as well as being a gifted athlete, Nikolai is an accomplished soccer player, earning selection into the New Zealand U14 Development squad. Well done Nikolai, I am sure we will be hearing this name a lot more in the future.

### **New Zealand Representatives**

Our 2006 New Zealand Representative roll of honour is:

■ Chase Douglas	-	NZ Secondary Schools Choir
■ Danny Lee	-	NZ U23 Golf Team
■ Jonathan Coates	-	NZ U19 Mountain Biking Team
■ Wade Mangham	-	NZ U17 Mountain Biking Team
■ Taitusi Natuna	-	Fiji U19 Rugby Team
■ Maru Henry	-	NZ U19 Waka Ama Team
■ Matiu Tekani McQueen	-	NZ Squash World Junior Elite Squad
■ Kapurangi Gardiner	-	NZ U19 Softball Development Squad
■ Nikolai Molijn	-	NZ U14 Soccer Development Squad

### **Congratulations Old Boys**

#### Willie Ripia

(2003 1<sup>st</sup> XV captain), has been signed to the Highlanders to replace the injured Nick Evans. This makes six old boys who will have super 14 experience. Congratulations Willie the school looks forward to watching your progress.

#### Liam Messam

(2002 1<sup>st</sup> XV captain) become our schools fourth commonwealth games gold medalist, when his team won the rugby sevens title at the Melbourne games.

**Mr G Hunt**  
**HOD - Sport**

### **Athletics**

#### **Mid Island Athletics Report**

The school athletics finals were held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, there were some real highlights with no fewer than 3 school records been set. Results are as follows:

## RBHS 2006 Athletics Championships

### Junior Boys:

JNR BOYS	1ST	H	T/D	2ND	H	T/D	3RD	H	T/D
100m							Manaaki O'Brien	F	12.90
Long Jump	Nikolai Moljin	R	5.39	Isaac Haula (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	R	4.87	Zeppelin Kissing (4 <sup>th</sup> )	N	4.39
Triple Jump	Phillip Clark	R	10.79	Nikolai Moljin	R	10.59	Issac Haula	R	10.47
Shot Put	Aloisio Paulino	F	11.28						
Discus				Manaaki O'Brien	F	26.81			
Javelin	Aloisio Paulino	F	29.27	Phillip Clark	R	26.83			
House Relay	RALEIGH		15						

#### CHAMPION

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Isaac Haula	Raleigh	45
	Nikolai Moljin	Raleigh	45
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Manaaki O'Brien	Frobisher	30
	Phillip Clark	Raleigh	30
	Brent Vanderburg	Frobisher	30
	Aloisio Paulino	Frobisher	

#### House

\* Long Jump Record 5.77 m

\* Shot Put Record 12.12 m

### Intermediate Boys:

INT BOYS	1ST	H	T/D	2ND	H	T/D	3RD	H	T/D
100m	Cameron TeKiri	F	12.10				Tyson Te Kani (4 <sup>th</sup> )	R	12.30
400m				Wayne Temara	R	55.20			
Long Jump				Paul Howe	N	5.53	Grayson TeKiri	F	5.52
Discus				Michael Eketone	D	35.54	Paul Howe	N	34.15
House Relay	RALEIGH		15	FROBISHER		10	NELSON		5

#### CHAMPION

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Grayson Tekiri	Frobisher	35
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Simon Temara	Raleigh	30
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Cameron Tekiri	Frobisher	25

#### House

### Senior Boys:

SNR BOYS	1ST	H	T/D	2ND	H	T/D	3RD	H	T/D
100m	Nathan Hunt	R	11.6	Jonah Tuitonga	N	11.6	Melisio Tuirewalau	N	11.8
200m	Nathan Hunt	R	24	Melisio Tuirewalau	N	24.5			
400m	Daniel Robson	F	55.6						
800m	Akash Singh	N	2.17.0						
1500m	Akash Singh	N	5.05.3	Daniel Robson	F	5.06.1			
3000m	Akash Singh	N	10.36.1						
Long Jump	Jonah Tuitonga	N	6.45	Daniel Robson	F	5.93			
High Jump	Hayden Booker	N	1.94	<b>New Record</b>					
Triple Jump	Hayden Booker	N	12.69						
Shot Put	Beau Hape (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	F	12.06	Risiate Tuberi (4 <sup>th</sup> )	N	11.45			
Discus				Risiate Tuberi	N	35.55			
Javelin	Isikeli Waqa	N	43.46						
House Relay	NELSON		15	RALEIGH		10	FROBISHER		5

#### CHAMPION

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Jona Tuitonga	Nelson	60
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Nathan Hunt	Raleigh	45
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Akash Singh	Nelson	30

#### HOUSE

\* High Jump Record 1.88 m

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Level	Raleigh		Drake		Nelson		Frobisher	
	Field	Track	Field	Track	Field	Track	Field	Track
<b>Junior</b>	15	55	19	56	19	36	19	51
<b>Intermediate</b>	25	81	23	79	24	71	40	80
<b>Senior</b>	15	40	11	28	12	43	21	48
<b>Participation Points</b>	55	176	53	163	55	150	80	179
<b>Final Points</b>	59		23		42		51	
<b>Junior</b>	150		10		25		95	
<b>Intermediate</b>	105		80		70		100	
<b>Senior</b>	100		15		180		55	
<b>Final Result</b>	630		291		150		179	

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Raleigh  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Frobisher  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Nelson  
 4<sup>th</sup> Drake

### Waikato Athletics

A small team of athletes competed in the Waikato BOP championships on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. All of our athletes placed well in the events, In particular Hayden Booker who won the high jump and the triple jump. Jona Tuitonga won the senior long jump. Nikolai Mojiln continues his good form winning the junior long jump and Patrick Ryan won the 80m hurdles, this was a great effort, as the school does not have this hurdles event in our athletes program. Congratulations to all the boys who competed.

Event	Place	First	Last	
<b>100m</b>	3	Nathan	Hunt	RBHS
	4	Jonah	Tuitonga	RBHS
<b>200m</b>	3	Nathan	Hunt	RBHS
<b>400m</b>	5	Daniel	Robson	RBHS
<b>1500m</b>	6	Daniel	Robson	RBHS
<b>High Jump</b>	1	Hayden	Booker	RBHS
<b>Long Jump</b>	1	Jonah	Tuitonga	RBHS
	4	Daniel	Robson	RBHS
<b>Triple Jump</b>	1	Hayden	Booker	RBHS
<b>Jnr Triple Jump</b>	2	Nikolai	Molijn	RBHS
<b>Jnr Long Jump</b>	1	Nikolai	Molijn	RBHS
<b>Jnr 80m Hurdles</b>	1	Patrick	Ryan	RBHS

## **Mountain Biking**

### **Oceania Championships**

NZ Oceania U19 rep Jonathan Coates (Year 12) finished 11<sup>th</sup> in his age grade.

Simon Honor (Year 12) won the U17 age grade at the Oceania championships.

Wade Mangham (Year 12) won the New Zealand U17 age grade mountain biking series, which concluded at the Oceania Champs.

## **Swimming**

### **RBHS 2006 Swimming Championships**

#### **Junior Boys:**

<b>CHAMPION</b>		<b>House</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> :	Ethan Fett	Raleigh	90
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Daniel Fitton	Nelson	40
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Kerry Maxwell	Frobisher	10

#### **Intermediate Boys:**

<b>CHAMPION</b>		<b>House</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> :	Taikata Kingi	Nelson	90
	James Fewings	Raleigh	90
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Tanapat Chavanothai	Drake	37

#### **Senior Boys:**

<b>CHAMPION</b>		<b>House</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	James Dodd	Raleigh	70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chad Gulliver	Nelson	55
	Harry Carlson	Drake	55
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kevin Ruri-Gardiner	Drake	30

### **BOP Swimming Championships Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** **Rotorua Boys' High School Placed Swimmers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Harry Carlson	50m Breast stroke	34.18	1
	50m Fly	30.10	1
James Dodd	50m Freestyle	26.44	2
	100m Freestyle	1.00.33	2
James Fewings	50m Fly	29.54	1
Chad Gulliver	100m IM	1.10.88	2
	50m Back stroke	34.38	3

## **Golf**

### **BOP Provincial Championship**

Danny Lee (Year 12) the New Zealand U23 Champion helped the BOP senior men's team to regain the Provincial championship. Danny finished 19<sup>th</sup> over all amongst the countries top amateurs.



Our Senior Golf Team competed in the 2006 Super 8 Golf Tournament, after round one Hamilton Boys were leading by 8 shots. A good night's sleep allowed the Rotorua Boys High team to come out firing, shooting some impressive scores, Gary John Hill again leading the way shooting 66 and 71 in his final two rounds to win the individual title, and lead RBHS to its fifth consecutive title in Super 8 golf.

1<sup>st</sup> Place RBHS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Hamilton BHS, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place New Plymouth BHS, 4<sup>th</sup> Place Napier BHS

### **Water Polo**

RBHS A Team 8 - WHHS Social 3

RBHS Social team 11 - JPC Social team 1

### **North Island Championships**

Thursday : vs Rongotai College (Wellington) : 5 - 11 vs Rosmini (Auckland) 4 - 11  
 Friday : vs Auckland grammar (2) 6 - 4  
 Saturday : vs Avondale College (Auckland) 4 - 7  
 vs Massey High School (Auckland) 4 - 3  
 Sunday : vs Scots College (Wellington) 9 - 7

We missed the playoffs because of a couple of close losses and our poor goal difference. We finished in 14<sup>th</sup> place out of 22 teams. A good tournament for our young team and we look forward to a better finish next year.

### ***Mr Dunn*** ***TIC Water Polo***

### **Rowing**

Our rowing teams competed in the North Island championships on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of March. The rowing squads are as follows;

<b><u>Senior 8</u></b>	T O'Donnell, M Costello, J Acton, U Zoric, B Pardoe, D White, C Edward, H Simperingham, A Cornwall.
<b><u>Single scull</u></b>	F.Owen.
<b><u>U17 4's-</u></b>	B Pardoe, J Acton, H Simperingham, U Zoric, A Cornwall
<b><u>U18 Doubles</u></b>	F, Owen, D White
<b><u>U16 8's</u></b>	B Van Der Burg, Genefaas, Jansen, Howes, Hulton, Oliver, Kingi, Hyde, Ebermeyer

These were the results:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Medal</u>
Senior Eights	silver
U16 Eights-	silver
Senior 4's-	silver
U17 Pairs-	bronze
Single Scull-	bronze

## Cricket

### Gillette Cup Matches

#### Against Trident 28th February

We batted and made a below par 151 all out.

In the Trident innings M. Sawroop took a wicket in the first over and our constant wicket taking saw us win by 4 runs.

#### Match Summary

RBHS 151 all out.

Trident 147 all out. M. Sawroop 4 for 30, J.Trembath 2 for 21.

RBHS won by 4 runs.

#### Against Otumoetai College 14th March

We batted first and got off to a good start but we were eventually bowled out in the 50th over for 174.

Although a bit disappointed with the batting we still felt we had enough on the board to win the game. Otumoetai were 141 all out and we won the game by 33 runs.

#### Match Summary

RBHS 174 all out, R. Carling 36. M. Vant Levin 28

Otumoetai 141 all out, J. Trembath 6 for 19, M. Sawroop 2 for 18.

RBHS win by 33.

## 2006 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### TERM 1

Week 8	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Camps until 5 <sup>th</sup> April – Kr/Bn Summer Tournament Week Navy Recruiter 12.20 – 1.20
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary School Softball Nationals – Div 2 Rotorua - Sy
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary School Softball Nationals – Div 2 Rotorua - Sy NCEA Parent information evening 7.30pm Parent Teacher Interviews - Year 9 Enter Senior Interim Reports Enter house group comments Enter Co curricular activities
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary School Softball Nationals – Div 2 Rotorua - Sy
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	WHHS Tournament until 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>April</b>	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> RBHS 1stXV versus CCNZ 1stXV Waikato Stadium (CHIEFS Curtain Raiser) NI SS Athletics – Hastings until 2 <sup>nd</sup>

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
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<b>Week 9</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Interim Subject Reports completed by subject teachers Reports checked and house group comments completed by 2.20pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Shiba High School Depart Senior Chemistry Fieldtrip – Hells Gate – Ri
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Camp conclude Breakfast Meeting - Prefects National Bank Mathematics Competition
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reports checked, corrected and Deans comments completed by 2.20pm Celebration of Success – Raukura Lounge 5:30pm NZ SS Waka Ama – Rotorua until 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	NZ SS Wrestling – Venue TBC NZ SS Mountain Biking (Individual)– Levin until 9 <sup>th</sup> April
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	NZ SS Rugby, Condor 7's - Taupo

<b>Week 10</b>	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reports checked, corrected and Senior Management comments completed by 2.20pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Waikato University Liaison Visit 12.20 – 1.20
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reports printed Term 2 Junior Reports HOD's check IES set up of subjects and alter where required
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Reports Issued
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	

<b>Holiday</b>	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Tuesday
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	

<b>Holiday</b>	
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Day
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	NI SS Orienteering – Waitarere until 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	RBHS 1stXV versus KINGS 1stXV 12.00pm Away
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	

## TERM 2

<b>Week 1</b>	
<b>May</b>	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Junior Reports

	Enter subject report comments Enter co-curricular activities Enter house group comments
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Senior Parent Teacher Interviews Badminton - Rotorua
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Waikato University Open Day
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	BOPSS 7's Tournament
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	

<b>Week 2</b>	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Air Force Recruiter
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Photos
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Reports All subject comments, co curricular activities and house group comments completed and checked by classroom teachers before 2.20pm
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	RBHS 1stXV versus GBHS 1stXV Away
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rotorua Careers Expo until 15 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Week 3</b>	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Careers Expo Visit Victoria University Liaison Visit
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	New Zealand Boarding School's Association Annual Conference 16 – 19 May Junior Reports HOD/TIC complete check of department subject reports before 2.20pm Printout for Deans at 2.30pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	RGHS Junior & Senior Social
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Reports Reports checked, corrected and Deans comments completed by 2.20pm
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	RBHS 1stXV versus Te Aute College 1stXV Home
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	

<b>Week 4</b>	
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Junior Reports Printout for Senior Management Team at 2.30pm
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Reports Reports checked, corrected and Senior Management comments completed Road Safety Drama Presentation – Y11 – 13, Periods 1-3
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	

Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Reports Full Reports Issued – Years 9 & 10
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	RBHS 1stXV versus Wesley College 1stXV Away Waiariki Institute of Technology Open Day
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	

<b>Week 5</b>	
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	Junior Parent Teacher Interviews Senior Reports HOD's check set up of subjects and alter where required

# COMMUNITY NEWS/NOTICES

## ADVENTURES WITHIN

### APRIL 2006 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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### Three out of four families will benefit from Working for Families

The latest changes under Working for Families will increase income levels for Family Assistance tax credits. This means up to 85,000 more families will become eligible from 1 April 2006.

Almost all working families earning under \$70,000, many families earning up to \$100,000, and some larger families earning more will qualify for Family Assistance tax credits after April.

The combined impact of the Working for Families changes to Family Assistance will benefit three quarters of all families in New Zealand. For example, currently a family with three children earning wages of \$52,000 a year gets \$44 a week in Family Assistance. From April 2006, this increases to \$160 a week. Another family with two children and a combined income of \$60,500 a year will become eligible for Family Assistance for the first time and from April 2006 will qualify for \$80 a week.

Family Assistance includes four types of payments, and families may qualify for one or more depending on their circumstances. Family Assistance can be paid weekly or fortnightly based on a family's estimated annual income, or in a lump sum after the end of the tax year.

Look at the chart to see if you could be entitled to Family Assistance from 1 April 2006.

NO. OF CHILDREN	ANNUAL FAMILY INCOME UP TO
1	<b>\$69,320</b>
2	<b>\$81,540</b>
3	<b>\$93,760</b>
4	<b>\$109,880</b>
5	<b>\$126,000</b>
6	<b>\$142,120</b>

**Families should register now with Inland Revenue so payments can start from April 2006.**

Further information is available on [www.workingforfamilies.govt.nz](http://www.workingforfamilies.govt.nz), where you can also apply online, or you can call 0800 257 477 to find out if you may qualify and to request an application pack. It helps to have your IRD number handy when you call.



## ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

### Telephone and Address update as at March 2006

*(Please print clearly and return to the office as soon as possible)*

**Child/children name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/caregiver's full name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact numbers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home telephone no:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work telephone no (Mother):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile no (Mother):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work telephone no (Father):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile no (Father):** \_\_\_\_\_

**In the event of an emergency, the name and number of an alternative contact person (e.g. relative nearby, friend, neighbour)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone no:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile no:** \_\_\_\_\_