



Rotorua Boys' High School

The School Crest

A very real symbol of our school is the school crest. This crest is present on our uniform, letterhead, vehicles and buildings. It is the visual representation of our school, and most who live in Rotorua and the Bay of Plenty recognise it as a key image associated with our school for nearly 80 years.

Our crest however is not only a visual symbol, but it reflects very clearly a set of values, beliefs and relationships which we as a school stand for. Our crest represents much to do with the philosophy of the school, and our commitment to the education of young men of the city over the decades. Our crest represents our desire to aim high and to reach for the stars. It is compatible with our vision "to become the outstanding Boys' High School in New Zealand".

The crest was adopted by the Board of Governors in 1927. There are six key elements to our crest as follows:

1. The Open Book – this of course refers to teaching and learning.
2. The White Rose – this is a traditional heraldic symbol and demonstrates the relationship of our country to England.
3. The Lion – again this is a traditional heraldic symbol particularly common to Grammar Schools, demonstrating the relationship of the school to English traditions. Furthermore, the Lion stands for strength, courage, honour and pride, and the determination to never give up, and to overcome adversity.
4. The Crown – this demonstrates the relationship of the school to the Queen and the Crown. The Crown is also a symbol of authority and leadership. It is about setting in place a pathway for success in life and working towards realising one's ambitions with determination and enthusiasm.
5. The Carved Maori Head – this is symbolic of the relationship of the school with Ngati Whakaue, and acknowledges the 1880 endowment by Ngati Whakaue of our school site for education. The position of this Maori Head atop the crest is indicative of the value given to this relationship.
6. The Latin Motto – this Motto attributed to Mr Ryder (the first Headmaster of the school) has been translated to represent "To the stars through adversity" or "To the stars through hard work".

More recently and more appropriately perhaps, given the bi-cultural make up of school today the Maori equivalent "Whaia te iti kahurangi" has been added, and is now boldly displayed on the front of the main school building for everyone who arrives at the school to see.

This crest has been worn with pride and has been our special symbol. More than that, it is a statement of what is important to our school community. Our crest tells the story of our school and that story is as appropriate today as it was when it was first presented in 1927.

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Dear Parents,

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou me te tangi hoki ki a ratau kua riro atu.

It has been a particularly busy start to Term 3 given a number of visits from partner schools from overseas. We have had Fushimi Technical High School from Kyoto, Japan, staff from Penair School in Cornwall, England, sport teams from other schools and currently we have staff and students from Shangde Experimental School in Shanghai, China. These visits have gone particularly well and I thank staff, students and homestay families for their support.

Progress is continuing impressively with the redevelopment of our main administration block and we look forward to moving back into that facility for Term 4. I think all will be impressed with the finished product.

Sadly, it has also been necessary for us to cut down two of our very oldest trees. This has been required because of an arbourist's assessment that both posed a significant risk to staff and students. The Board is currently looking at a replanting programme to ensure that our park like school environment is preserved.

As sporting teams and cultural activities prepare for different Super 8 and national events, I wish them the best for those events and thank both staff and students for their continued commitment to our schools extensive co-curricular programme.

Best wishes to all for a successful and exciting Term 3.

A C Grinter
Principal

STAFFING

The School welcomes:



Mr B Prangnell, B.Sc(Hons), PGCE has joined us from Dukeries College in England to take up the position of Assistant HOF Mathematics.

Ms S Daniell, B.Sc., Dip. Tchg will be teaching Social Science and comes to us from Auckland.



Mr G Leckey, T.T.C joins us as a long term relieving teacher in the Awhina Activity Centre.

STUDENT NEWS

2006 TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

- ◆ Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September (88 half-days)
- ◆ Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 14 December (96 half-days)

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

- ◆ Labour Day: Monday 23 October

2007 TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

- ◆ Term 1: Wednesday, 7 February to Thursday, 5 April (84 half-days)
- ◆ Term 2: Monday, 23 April to Friday 29 June (96 half-days)
- ◆ Term 3: Monday, 16 July to Friday, 21 September (100 half-days)
- ◆ Term 4: Monday, 8 October to Friday, 14 December (98 half-days)

The school will also be closed on the following public holidays in 2007:

- ◆ Waitangi Day Tuesday, 6 February
- ◆ Good Friday Friday, 6 April
- ◆ Easter Monday Monday, 9 April
- ◆ Easter Tuesday Tuesday, 10 April
- ◆ Anzac Day Wednesday, 25 April
- ◆ Queens Birthday Monday, 4 June
- ◆ Labour Day Monday, 22 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.co.nz OR 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**.

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.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

Parents are reminded that when a student leaves Rotorua Boys' High School a Blue Card must be obtained from the office and completed by the student's teachers. Before the Blue Card is signed off, all school fees must be paid and library books be returned to the school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

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



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

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

Due to ongoing issues with the return of hired school blazers, a new policy will be implemented effective as of Monday, 7 August 2006.

A \$70 bond will be payable of which \$50 will be refunded on return of the blazer in the same condition it was hired.

GENERAL ACTIVITY FEE FOR 2006

The General Activity Fee for 2006 is \$100.00. Parents do have the option of paying the fee over the four terms at \$25.00 per term. 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 photograph, Magazine, Prizegiving, Sports Activities, Cultural Activities, and Library Facilities etc. All students benefit in some way from this GAF.

SENIOR SCHOOL BALL

The Senior School Ball will be held on Saturday, 26 August 2006 at the Royal Lakeside Novotel. This year's theme is Italiano. Tickets at \$100.00 a double are on sale now.

Parents and caregivers are advised that normal school rules operate at the Ball. The school also wishes to emphasise that it is responsible for the student's welfare until the end of the Ball at midnight. After the ball parents' are urged to make the necessary arrangements to ensure your sons with their partners are safe after the ball finishes.

In recent years, the Rotorua Boys' High School Ball has been an outstanding success and I have great faith that our seniors of 2006 will maintain this high standard.

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE VOYAGES 2007

Spirit of Adventure Berths For 2007

Voyages for the 2007 year are as follows:

Voyage	Berth	Sailing date
515	14	28 December 2007
492	18	12 March 2007
512	38	25 October 2007

The cost of these voyages is \$1000.00 and students are required to have reached the age of 15 years. Our school will provide a \$200.00 subsidy towards this voyage and students interested should contact Mrs Downs, Personal Assistant to the Principal.

A short DVD is available to all interested students who are keen to part in one of these voyages.

OUR ROTORUA YOUNG ACHIEVERS

As happens every year at this time, the school is invited to nominate senior students, who are likely to be leaving school at the end of the current school year, to represent our school in the Rotorua Lenz Photography Young Achievers Exhibition 2006. The following students have been selected. A key factor in selection is the New Zealand level achievement of the nominated student. Our 2006 young achievers are:

Peter Kim – All Round Achievement

Peter is our Head Prefect and excels as an all rounder in all aspects of school life. This all round ability was recognised recently when Peter was the recipient of a Daily Post Youth in Excellence Award. He is a keen musician who is a well accomplished pianist and guitarist. Peter's musical expertise is sought out by local performers for various musical events and recording purposes. He has made a number of performances as part of a group, duet, bands and soloist, not only within the school but also in the local community.

Peter is also a top sportsman having represented the school in a number of different codes. His main passion however, is hockey, and as captain of our 1st XI team, his experience has been invaluable to our team's success. Indeed Peter has captained the side since year 11 and has represented the BOP at various age group tournaments.

Among his many achievements, Peter is also a top scholar, reflected by being named the Year 12 Dux in 2005. In the same year, he also picked up the 'John Ah Chan' Trophy for the top science student as well as a number of other noteworthy academic achievements.

Peter plans to go to either Otago or Auckland University next year to study medicine.

Anthony Pedersen – Leadership & Sporting Achievement

Anthony's potential as a future leader was very obvious from his early days and he is now Deputy Head Prefect and an excellent role model for the young men of Raukura.

Anthony's sporting expertise lies in the area of motor sport. For a number of years he has been recognised as one of New Zealand's top kart talents and this was acknowledged by him being selected for the New Zealand team, which took part in a world tournament held in Thailand in early July this year. The NZ team finished in a creditable 4th place. On his return, Anthony took part in the NZ Secondary Schools' Kart Championships and, after some very close racing, was crowned the NZ Secondary Schools Kart Champion in the 125cc category.

Anthony's talent behind the wheel has been further recognised by the Auckland based International Motor Sport Team who, this year, have signed up Anthony to take part in the new Mini Challenge Championship. At this point in time Anthony is still in the testing stage of his new Mini and should be racing competitively in a couple of months time.

Next year Anthony would like to study Business Management at Massey University.

Gary John Hill – Sporting Achievement

Gary, a school prefect, is without doubt, one of New Zealand's top talents in golf. Gary has been involved in many sports throughout his schooling from school representation in cricket, to regional representation in rugby, to national representation in golf.

Gary started playing golf in Whangarei at the age of 12 and was entering tournaments by the age of 14. His first real breakthrough came at the age of 15 when he won the North Island U17 Championship.

Gary came to Rotorua Boy's High in 2005 as a member of the Golf Academy - "The best decision I ever made", claims Gary. Since then he has enjoyed tremendous success. In 2005, he captured the New Zealand Maori U19 Championship and successfully defended the title this year. Gary quickly gained recognition by the NZ Golf Association and this year he has represented his country on two occasions. Firstly as a member of the NZ team taking part in the Australian Amateur Open Championship and then as a NZ representative in the World Junior Championships held in Japan. Gary's performance as a NZ player soon gained him admittance to the prestigious New Zealand Titleist Academy. In addition to these achievements, Gary captained the school team to its 5th National secondary School's title in 2005, finished 9th in the 2006 NZ Senior Amateur Championship and won the 2006 Junior Kaimai Tournament held at Mount Maunganui.

Next year Gary would like to attend the Albany Campus of Massey University to study Sports Exercise and Business. As for golf, he would like to continue as an amateur until he completes his degree and then look at turning professional.

Robbie Eastham - All Round Achievement

This year, Robbie has certainly impressed in his leadership roles as Prefect and Captain of Nelson House.

Robbie is also no slouch in terms of his academic performance and is one of our top Year 13 academic achievers. His interest in Science and Geography paid dividends this year when he was part of the winning team in the BOP Enviro-Challenge.

Robbie has always had a keen interest in shooting and has captained the school's Small-bore Rifle Shooting Team since 2004. He plans to lead our team to Blenheim for the NZ Secondary Schools Championships in a month's time and it was at this very event last year that Robbie shot the perfect score of 100.10. Robbie is an eight time New Zealand representative and has gained selection to the New Zealand Junior Development Squad.

Among his many achievements, Robbie has also held the individual top scoring trophy in the local U-BIX competition for the last five years was awarded the Winchester Medal for Top New Zealand Junior in 2004 and was the overall top scorer in 2005 at the Waikato vs Auckland Competition winning the Masters, Junior and Open classes.

Next year, Robbie plans to study Earth Science at Massey University and will continue to train as part of the NZ Development Squad with the aim of reaching the Commonwealth Games in the near future.

Patrick Keenan – Excellence in Performing Arts

Patrick, a school prefect, joined Rotorua Boys' High as a member of the Accelerate Laptop Programme in 2002. Although primarily focused on his academic studies, it didn't take Patrick long to realise that his passion lay in the area of performing arts.

In his first year at RBHS he auditioned for a part in the school's production of West Side Story. In 2003 he joined the school debating team and, in the same year, Patrick became involved in the area of performing arts he loves most – Theatre Sports. He proved to be a natural in this area and captained the team which finished 2nd in the Super 8 Tournament held in Palmerston North. Since this success, Patrick has thrown himself into every aspect of performing arts from musicals to Shakespeare. He made his first appearance in a school production as a Year 11 in 'Footloose' and has starred in every production since.

To date, the highlight of his performing career has been in receiving the award for the Best Student Director at the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. Patrick's skill as a public speaker has also been recognised when he was invited to be guest speaker at the 2006 Bay of Plenty Sustainable Business Awards.

Next year Patrick is off to Victoria University to study Law.

David Roe – Sporting Achievement

David, a school prefect has been excelling in sport since a young age. At age 11, cricket, soccer and water polo were his main interests. Successful trials for Bay of Plenty soccer and cricket had to be turned down as he decided to focus on water polo as his preferred choice of sports, and due to the all year round commitment to water polo, it meant that other sports had to be sacrificed.

In the 3rd Form at Rotorua Boys' High School, he was selected to play in the senior team as goal keeper. As well as high school water polo, David represented Bay of Plenty from age 13 as goalie in several age divisions. David was subsequently selected to trial for the New Zealand Under 15 team and was successful in being named as the New Zealand goalie.

Since this time, David has also successfully trialed and played for the New Zealand Under 16 team as number one goalie. He travelled with the team to Perth and competed against international teams winning a bronze medal in the Tom Hoad Cup and a gold medal in the ensuing test series against Western Australia.

David is currently trialing for the New Zealand Junior Men's, New Zealand Under 19's, New Zealand Under 17's and the New Zealand Schoolboys squads.

He has been selected into the New Zealand target squad for the 2009 Junior World Championships to be held in Canada. He has also represented by invitation the Waitakere Men's Team, Marist Under 20 Men's Team and also the Harbour City Under 20 Men's Team where a bronze medal placing was achieved in the 2006 Pan Pacific Games.

David has captained the Rotorua Boys' High School team for the last two seasons with successfully gaining a silver medal for Rotorua Boys' High School in the Hamilton Tournament in 2006 and has also captained Bay of Plenty teams with success in winning plate finals and top ranking positions in the last three seasons.

Whilst David has ambitions to succeed in his chosen sport he plans next year to attend Auckland University to study Engineering.

Jonathan Coates – Sporting Achievement

Jonathan, New Zealand representative mountain biker, school prefect and a focused academic student, has a great passion for cycling. He has clear goals of where he wants to go in his sport and has excelled dramatically over the past couple of years racking up a number of creditable results.

Jonathan began mountain biking at the age of 12, this soon sparking a strong passion for the sport. Within the two years this passion started to ignite a strong competitive spark as Jonathan started to actively compete in cross country mountain biking. It wasn't long before Jonathan's goals were beginning to be achieved.

The real racing started in 2005 when Jonathan began racing at a national level. The first significant event was the New Zealand Mountain Bike Series, where he finished 4th in his age group, Under 17 Men. From this, his next major achievement was winning the New Zealand Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships in the Under 17 Boys. Mountain biking was now not the only cycling focus, where Jonathan began competing in road cycling events and within six months of touching a road bike, Jonathan was showing true talent in this as well, picking up a 7th in the Under 17 Secondary Schools Cycling Championships and an amazing 3rd in the hill climb event of these championships. In Jonathan's final year at school he has definitely made a significant impact in this sport, representing New Zealand at the Oceania Mountain Bike Championships finishing 11th and recently being named in the New Zealand World Under 19 Mountain Bike Team.

Whilst Jonathan is determined to perform well academically this year, he is intending to delay pursuing tertiary studies in his chosen fields of design or engineering, deciding instead to next year concentrate on his cycling career.

Akash Singh – Academic Achievement

Akash started his life at Rotorua Boys' High School in 3A as part of the Accelerate Programme and has since established himself as an outstanding academic and talented sportsman. His hard work paid off when he was named Dux of his year level in 2003, 2004 and runner up Dux in 2005. This year Akash is focused on accumulating numerous excellence credits and scholarships.

Alongside his academic successes, Akash has also excelled in athletics and cross country, gaining three first placings at the mid island athletics meet earlier this year. He believes in balance and recognises sport as a key element in this.

Since his junior years, Akash has represented the school in various debating competitions including Super 8 establishing himself as a confident and keen speaker. His attitude towards helping others led him to join the Rotorua District Youth Council in 2005 where he organised projects and made decisions to help the youth population in Rotorua.

Akash plans to study Engineering at Auckland University in 2007.

CLIP BOARD

Each school newsletter will now include a section called "Clip Board". This will endeavour to keep you, our school community up to date with Board of Trustees issues. We will share the writing of this around our Board members so you will become more familiar with who is on the Board at Rotorua Boys' High School and their respective roles.

The Board's Senior Management have completed a review of school policies to ensure they meet legislative requirements and are relevant in our current school environment. A new section "Strategic Direction" has been introduced at our meetings. During these discussions, we will cover a range of educational issues within our school, locally and nationally. These discussions will also assist us with sound planning for future direction and developments of the school.

A booklet is currently being compiled to provide information for prospective Board members. Areas outlined include: the role of the Board, composition of the Board of Trustees, individual roles within the Board, answers to commonly asked questions.

Board elections are held every three years. Next year, early in 2007 Board elections will take place. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of this booklet please contact Mrs Downs, Board Secretary in the Main Office.

Our Board will host the Rotorua Girls' High School Board on August 16th for a tour through our Hostel and an information sharing evening. It is our goal to continue to forge closer relationships with our sister school.

I take this opportunity to thank Whaiora Galvin whose term as Student Trustee expires in September 2006. The boys will vote for a new Student Trustee on Friday 15th September. Boys elected as a Trustee undergo training to ensure they can fully participate in school governance.

The following dates are our Board meetings. Please remember you are welcome to attend out meeting. Of particular interest to you, maybe our "special topic forums" held from 7 – 7.30 pm. If you wish to attend these forums, please feel free to attend.

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| 30 th August | - | School Marketing |
| 25 th October | - | Mathematics Department (Mr Glynn) |
| 29 th November | - | Behaviour Management Plan (Mr Whata and Mr Roe) |
| 20 December | - | a) Five period day report (Mr Harison)
b) Attendance report 2006 (Mr Gemmell and Mr Whata) |

Thank you for your confirmed support of our school.

Rosie Shand
BOT Chair

Board of Trustees Monthly Profile

Mrs Rosie Shand has been on the Board of Trustees for about 4 ½ years. Mrs Shand is a tutor of Food Safety and Nutrition at Waiariki Institute of Technology. The committee's Rosie is involved with is: Finance, Property, Personnel and the Canteen Committee.

Mrs Shand has one boy currently in Year 11 and another son at Otago University who finished 5 years at Rotorua Boys' High School in 2005.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

MEETING FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF PASIFIKA STUDENTS

A gathering for all parents and caregivers of our Pasifika students will be on **Wednesday, 23 August 2006 at 7.30 pm** in the Raukura Lounge. The purpose for this meeting will be to welcome Cathedral School from Suva, Fiji to our school.

CURRICULUM NEWS

EXTENDING HIGH STANDARDS ACROSS SCHOOLS

Rotorua Boys' High School has been selected as part of just eleven secondary school projects nationally to be part of the Ministry of Education new "Extending High Standards Across Schools (EHSAS) Project". This project identifies schools, who will work collaboratively with partner schools to extend and enhance best practice to improve student achievement.

Rotorua Boys' was identified through a rigorous selection process as part of a cluster of schools that are "successfully raising the educational standard of their students" (Ministry of Education statement). Rotorua Boys' High School will work with Hamilton Boys' High School, who are the project leaders, and also with Hastings Boys' High School on best practice in the education of gifted and talented boys. Rotorua Boys' High School Principal, Mr Chris Grinter, says "our gifted and talented young men will be our business, research and scientific leaders of tomorrow. It is critical they learn to become great thinkers and innovators so that our country to complete globally".

The Ministry will provide more than \$600,000 over four years for this project. The main outcomes will be to:

- Collate best practice on boys' educational achievement
- Have differentiated teaching (at the appropriate speed, depth and complexity for the selected students)
- Further increase the proportion of merit and excellence grades in NCEA
- Develop a scholarship programme
- Identify special groups of gifted boys

- Build strong well rounded young men – through community service and co-curricular activities

The strategies developed through the project will then also be shared with other schools nationally, as part of the aim to extend high standards.

Hamilton Boys' High School was selected as the lead school due to its nationally regarded programme for extending gifted and talented boys – which includes their enrichment programme based on George Bett's *Autonomous Learners Model*, consistently high qualification results, and involvement with the Cambridge International Examinations. "This project is a humbling endorsement of the good work we are doing with our gifted young men" says Hamilton Boys' Assistant Principal, Mark Wilson.

The education of gifted and talented became a requirement for all schools in 2004 with the issuing of a new national administration guideline. Hamilton Boys' High School had implemented their programme back in 1997, so has become one of the leading schools in this area.

Rotorua Boys' High School also has a well established GATE Programme. Rotorua Boys' High School Deputy Principal, Malcolm Harison who is one of the co-ordinators of this project says "we are very excited about the opportunity that the resourcing this project provides – to work with other schools to continue to improve how we extend our most able boys".

This project will also help collate best practice and current research on boys learning and achievement. This is very timely with the clear evidence of boys' underachievement in many schools, especially with the new NCEA qualification. There are schools, such as this cluster group with Rotorua Boys' High School, which are producing outstanding results and these strategies need to be extended and shared amongst schools.

SCHOOL EXAMS

Term Two Trial Exams

These exams were a useful indicator of student progress towards end-of-year academic goals. The results indicated perhaps unsurprisingly, that those who put in some efforts were rewarded with some good grades. This was reflected by some very positive progress reports at the end of term 2. The best of these are reported below.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved top results in the senior school to date. The excellence credits shown below are the result of significant efforts in both internal assessments and in the Term 2 trial exams:

Year 9 – Excellence credit total

◆ CROMPTON, Adam	25
◆ MASON, Chad	17
◆ COURTNEY, Tamaki	17
◆ MAHIMA, Michael	17
◆ CLARK, Philip	16
◆ GRAY, Adam	14

◆ WILLIS, Chris	14
◆ PRAKASH, Joel	14
◆ STEWART, Keegan	14
◆ LANGDON, James	12
◆ UTTERIDGE, Hamish	12
◆ TANGA, Stefen	12
◆ PARATA, Daymon	11
◆ BEALE, Daniel	11
◆ DE GOEY, Ryan	11
◆ LEE, Chang U	11
◆ KIM, Sang Young	11
◆ GOURLAY, Aaron	11
◆ FORBES, Carl	10
◆ SIMPERINGHAM, Luke	10
◆ ROBINSON, Shakeal	10
◆ EASTHOPE, Timothy	10
◆ O'BRIEN, Manaaki	10

Year 10 – Excellence credit total

◆ TUNA, Te Haunui	19
◆ ROLSTON-DOWD, Eddie	15
◆ SMITH, Jono	12
◆ WALMSLEY, Kieran	11
◆ CREIGHTON, Dylan	10
◆ GEMMELL, Ian	10
◆ WHAREWERA, Kaperiere	10
◆ WADE, Levi	10
◆ FROST, Zane	10

Year 11 – Excellence credit total

◆ BHATT, Reuben	29
◆ SHAND, Humphrey	28
◆ HAWORTH, Mathew	27
◆ WONG, Adam	24
◆ IVANOV, Anton	17
◆ STEENS, Mikail	16
◆ GOONATILAKA, Dasith	16
◆ LU, Frankie	15
◆ DE HAAN, Philip	14
◆ MAIN, Daniel	14
◆ FRENCH, Joshua	14
◆ TAUILILI, Iose	14
◆ SMITH, Garweth	14
◆ HALLAHAN, Sam	13
◆ WALKER, Ryan	13
◆ GILBERT-BURNE, Sheehan	13
◆ DHANJEE, Prashant	11
◆ ROBERTS, Gareth	10
◆ LEDUA, Joji	10

Year 12 – Excellence credit total

◆ SOLOMAN, Ibrahim	22
◆ COLLINS, Alistair	20
◆ FEARY, Brendan	17
◆ NIELSEN, Bradley	15
◆ EDWARDSON, Keegan	14
◆ GIBBS, Daniel	12

Year 13 Excellence credit total

◆ KIM, Peter	21
◆ LAWRENCE, Shane	16
◆ EASTHAM, Robbie	14
◆ SINGH, Akash	12
◆ O'CONNELL, Patrick	11
◆ DAVIS, Louis	10

Term 4 Trial Examinations

A second set of trial examinations will be held in the first week of Term 4. These will take exactly the same form as the final examinations and will be the last opportunity for students to test their preparation before the final examinations. Our experience shows that students, who make a big effort **before** the exams, improve their results significantly in the final exams. Those who use the trial examinations as a test of what they need to know, **seldom improve their results**. The end of year examinations begin on November 20th.

Teachers use Term 4 to focus their attentions on the exam. Half the total credits are available in exams. Parents should be aware that Term 3 is therefore the **major internal assessment** term. Students should take care not to compromise their achievement by meeting all deadlines. **There is no recognition for late work!**

Regular study time has not gone out of fashion. Parents can make a big difference to the final results by knowing when assignments are due and by enforcing regular study time. All students have a printed statement showing every standard they can be expected to achieve. All senior students have also had the opportunity to discuss their achievements to date with their House Group teacher. There is no excuse for not knowing what assessments are coming up, and what needs to be done to prepare for them. Parents can make a significant difference to the qualifications their sons gain by helping them to organise themselves.

Exam Entries

Thank you to parents who took the trouble to check and finalise these details. Final entries are made on August 31st. The school collects the fee on behalf of NZQA. **All exam fees are to be paid by this date.** A late fee of \$25.00 applies from Friday 1 September.

Financial Assistance

A number of parents have completed application forms, but have not paid anything. Parents are reminded that all students pay an administration fee of \$20.00 – even if parents are eligible for financial assistance. In order to ensure that your son is entered, please make the appropriate payment to the School Office. A penalty fee applies for fees not paid by the due date.

**If you are in doubt about your son's entry,
please contact the school Office before August 18th.**

Junior Certificate Programme

Momentum is growing in Year 9 and 10 programmes as students begin accumulating credits towards their Junior Certificates. These certificates are to be awarded to students who achieve 80 or more school 'credits' at the end of the year. Additional recognition will be given to those who achieve substantially at Merit or Excellence levels.

Parents should note that students are required to achieve at least 8 credits in each of Maths and English as well as accumulate a total of 80 credits. Parents may request a record of credits achieved from the School Office at any time.

Student achievement towards this school-based certificate will provide teachers with a good indication of ability and prove useful for class placement for 2006 programmes. Parents could help by emphasising the importance of achieving well in order to afford wider subject selection next year.

Academic Review

Every student in the school has had the opportunity to discuss his individual academic progress with his House Group teacher. These discussions focus on evaluating progress to date and setting goals relative to the standards yet to be achieved.

We believe that these interviews have a significant positive effect on student achievement. Parents are encouraged to discuss the outcomes of these interviews with their sons.

NCEA EXAMINATION TIMETABLES 2006

Dates for the public examinations held in November are shown below for all levels. Parents can use these dates to help plan for examinations and other end-of-year commitments. Students are expected to attend school until the completion date for seniors on 17 November.

2006 NCEA Examination Timetable

Date/Time		NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3
<i>Tues</i> <i>15 Nov</i>	am	Biology	Media Studies	Biology
	pm	Information Management	Biology	Media Studies
<i>Wed</i> <i>16 Nov</i>	am	English	Art History	Mathematics with Calculus
	pm		Te Reo Rangatira	Art History
<i>Thur</i> <i>17 Nov</i>	am	Te Reo Rangatira	Economics	English
	pm	Economics	English	Economics
<i>Fri</i> <i>18 Nov</i>	am	Science	Japanese	Science / Te Reo Rangatira
	pm	Japanese	Science	Japanese
<i>Mon</i> <i>21 Nov</i>	am	Mathematics	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Classical Studies

Date/Time		NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3
	pm	Agriculture & Horticulture/ Agriculture/ Agricultural Science/ Horticultural Science	Classical Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
Tues 22 Nov	am	History	Accounting	History
	pm	Accounting	History	Accounting / Music Practical
Wed 23 Nov	am	Chemistry	Drama	Chemistry
	pm	Drama	Chemistry	Drama
Thur 24 Nov	am	Human Biology	French	Statistics & Modelling
	pm	French	Mathematics	French
Fri 25 Nov	am	Geography	Dance/Samoan	Geography
	pm	Dance/Samoan	Geography	Dance/Samoan
Mon 28 Nov	am	Social Studies	Te Reo Māori	Social Studies
	pm	Te Reo Māori	Social Studies	Te Reo Māori
Tues 29 Nov	am	Physics	German	Physics
	pm	German	Physics	German
Wed 30 Nov	am	Spanish	Home Economics	Spanish
	pm	Home Economics	Spanish	Home Economics
Thur 1 Dec	am	Music	Health	Music Studies
	pm	Health	Music	Health
Fri 2 Dec	am	Chinese	Latin	Chinese
	pm	Latin	Chinese	Latin

Scholarship Examination Timetable 2006

Day and Date	Morning (9.30am)	Afternoon (2.00pm)
Monday 14 November	Drama	Physical Education
Saturday 3 December	Biology	Spanish History
Monday 5 December	Statistics and Modelling	Art History Music Studies
Tuesday 6 December	English	Accounting French
Wednesday 7 December	Chemistry Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori Chinese
Thursday 8 December	Physics	Economics Latin
Friday 9 December	Geography	Science Japanese

Day and Date	Morning (9.30am)	Afternoon (2.00pm)
Saturday 10 December	Mathematics with Calculus	German Media Studies

YEAR 9 ENROLMENT PROGRAMME 2007

Information Visits/Enrolment Tour

T3/W6	Mon	21 August	Taupo
	Tue	22 August	Whakatane
	Wed	23 August	Kawerau, Paroa, Opotiki
	Thurs	24 August	Waihau Bay, Whangaparaoa, Ruatoria
	Fri	25 August	Ruatoria

Open Days

T3/W7	Mon	28 August	Visit from Rotorua Intermediate & Kaharoa
	Tue	29 August	Visit from all other contributing schools & prospective boarders
	Wed	30 August	Visit from Mokoia & Kaitao Intermediate
	Sat	2 September	Open Day for parents / public / students, Rotorua Boys' High School

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 30 August, 7.30 pm at Rotorua Boys' High School

Enrolments

Date			Place	Time	
T3/W8	Mon	11 Sep	Rotorua Intermediate	All day	
	Tue	12 Sep	Mokoia Intermediate	9.00-11.30 am	
	Tue	12 Sep	Lake Rerewhakaaitu	9.00 am	
	Wed	13 Sep	Kaitao Intermediate	9.00-12.00 pm	
	Thu	14 Sep	Kaingaroa	9.30 am	
	Thu	14 Sep	Murupara	10.30 am	
	Thu	14 Sep	Galatea	11.30 am	
	Fri	15 Sep	Whangamarino	9.30 am	
	Fri	15 Sep	Sunset Junior High	11.00 am	
	Fri	15 Sep	Rotoiti	1.00 pm	
	Fri	15 Sep	Kaharoa	12.00 pm	
	Fri	15 Sep	Lake Rotoma	2.00 pm	
	T3/W9	Mon	18 Sep	Horohoro	9.00 am
		Mon	18 Sep	Upper Atiamuri	10.00 am
Mon		18 Sep	Ngakuru	11.00 am	
Mon		18 Sep	Waikite Valley	11.30 am	
Tue		19 Sep	Whaka	9.00 am	
Tue		19 Sep	Rotorua Primary	10.30 am	
Wed		20 Sep	Mamaku	9.00 am	
Thu		21 Sep	Rotorua Intermediate 2 nd visit	1.30-3.00 pm	

Accelerate Class Testing - Rotorua Boys High School

- Friday 13 October 4.00 pm
- Saturday 14 October 10.00 am

Hostel Open Day

- Saturday 14 October 10.30 am

HOSTEL ENROLMENT PROGRAMME 2007

Applications for places in the new Tai Mitchell Hostel for the 2007 school year and beyond are now being taken. Application forms and further information can be obtained from Ms Bruning, Hostel Manager, 348 6169 ext 896.

Parents are welcome to view Tai Mitchell Hostel. If you would like to view our Hostel, or have any questions, please feel free to contact the School for an appointment.

TAI MITCHELL BOARDING SCHOLARSHIPS 2007 - APPLICATIONS PROCESS

Scholarships are offered for Tai Mitchell Hostel boarders attending Rotorua Boys' High School who display excellence in one or more of the following areas:

- Academic studies
- Cultural activities
- Sport
- Leadership

These scholarships are awarded to students who reside, in the main, beyond the school's zone and who would otherwise not in normal circumstances attend Rotorua Boys' High School. The scholarships are specially designed to encourage and enable talented young men from the broader region to take up residence in Tai Mitchell Hostel.

The scholarships will be offered for the duration of a student's time at Rotorua Boys' High School, however, they will be subject to an annual review of the student's performance, attitude and achievement. This review will take place in November of each year. In February of each year goals for that year for each scholarship holder will be set in consultation with parents and the student. Students at any level may apply for a Tai Mitchell Boarding Scholarship. This scholarship will enable the recipient to attend Rotorua Boys' High School and board at Tai Mitchell Hostel.

Applications will only be accepted on the Tai Mitchell Scholarship Application Form, which is available on our website www.rbhs.school.nz or from the Hostel Manager. This application should include details of the student's area of achievement. Please include the following:

- Curriculum vitae
- Latest school report
- A hand written personal statement
- Two references (including a reference from the current school Principal)

Applications for Tai Mitchell Scholarship close on **1 October of each previous year**. Applicants will be advised on the outcome of their application by 1 November each year. Rotorua Boys' High School Enrolment Form, Tai Mitchell Scholarship Application Form and Tai Mitchell Hostel Application Form should all be completed and sent when applying for this scholarship to:

Tai Mitchell Hostel Application/Scholarship Application
Mr F Whata
Deputy Principal
Rotorua Boys' High School
Pukuatua Street
Rotorua

DEPARTMENT NEWS

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Literacy credits - all L1-2 students have now had the opportunity to achieve these essential credits. At L1 approximately 12% of students have not achieved these. This is because of non attendance in class; or because the student has not completed essential work. These credits are gained through class work and assignments. Parents of students who have not gained any credits have been contacted and should now ensure that they make an appointment to see Mrs Simpson or the classroom English teacher. Compulsory after school classes will be held in T4 for any student who does not have the 8 credits. If students do not achieve 12 credits in Enb or ENG they will have to repeat L1 again next year.

L2 Literacy - To apply for any tertiary courses or for many apprenticeships 8 L2 literacy credits - 4 reading/4 writing are needed. All students have now had the opportunity to achieve these. Parents of those students who do not have them will be contacted before the end of this term.

Once again non- attendance of classes and/ or non completion of work is the reason for non achievement. Those boys who do not achieve the pre-requisites for L3 will not be allowed to study at that level. They will have to repeat L2.

Junior classes are being assessed to see how far they have progressed. It is pleasing to see that the majority of Yr 9 students have moved forward. There are still boys however, who are yet to complete essential work.

L1 ENG are now working on internal assessment for Research and Speaking.
L1 ENB are working on film and static images.
L2 ENG are working on film for both Internal and external credits.
L2 ENB are working on films.

Shortly we will be running "The Great Debate 2006", the annual challenge between RGHS and RBHS. Teams from Yr 9-13 will be competing.

Mrs W Simpson, HOF English

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES



Congratulations to all those Year 11- 13 students of Japanese who achieved 3 credits last term in the first Speaking assessment. Special congratulations to following students who gained Excellence: Whare Campbell (Year 11), Alistair Collins, Marcus Korenhof (Year 12) and Jun Woo Kim (Year 13).

This term students in Years 9 and 10 will be assessed for the first time on their speaking skills. Years 11- 13 will have their second speaking assessment – the conversation. The circumstances of the assessment can be quite intimidating for some students so it is essential that students give themselves enough time to practice so that they feel confident when they are under assessment conditions.

Vocabulary learning is the key to success in languages. Senior students all have lists of the vocabulary required for each level; however, to further support their mastery of vocabulary the Japanese Department has prepared sound files of the relevant vocabulary for Years 11, 12 and 13. If students would like copies of these, they need to provide a blank CD-R or bring in a memory stick.

The Japanese Language Video Competition is coming up again in September. Students from Years 10-13 who wish to put in an entry should see Mrs Harison.

At the end of term two, Ms Zhouxuan a Masters Degree intern from Jiaotong University was with us for two weeks. The students gained a great deal from daily conversations in Chinese with Ms Zhou.

We are truly pleased that this term we will have another such opportunity, as we play host to our sister school guests, a teacher and two students from Shangde Experimental School in Shanghai.

Once again, RBHS is hosting the annual May Kingsford Rotorua Inter-school Chinese Speech competition on August 9 to be held in the Colman Theatre. All family and friends are welcome to come and witness our boys from Years 9 – 13, show off their Chinese oratory skills. We wish to thank the New Zealand China Friendship Society for their continuing support.

It was great to meet parents at the recent parent interviews. If you did not make it and would like to discuss anything with regards to your son, please contact us on extension 841.

Mrs H Harison and Mrs L George
HOD's International Languages

ACE PROGRAMME

Leaning skills expert and motivator comes to RBHS

Week 1 of this term brought learning 'guru' Stuart Wright of Ucando Ltd. to our school. for two, two-hour workshops on learning skills with our year 9 and 10 ACEs.

Stuart engaged our boys with practical yet exciting ways to develop their learning abilities and improve their study skills. His workshop showed us how we can stimulate our brains to commit information to our long-term memories.



Skills to increase the 'Brain Gain' with learning expert Stuart Wright.

The boys looked at techniques for skills-based and knowledge-based learning, revision plans, tips, and techniques, and the need to stimulate those senses! Feedback from the boys on the workshop was unanimously positive; comments on the best part of the course included:

"Learning how to kick your hippocampus into action." - Ben, yr 9.

"A significant experience...giving me the skills to help me with my own work" - Jordan, yr 10.

Our thanks to Stuart for really engaging our boys and giving them a memorable and meaningful learning experience, and to parents and caregivers for supporting their boys with this workshop.

Local Hotel supports year 10 ACEs

As part of the year 10 theme "The Hotel", 10A spent the morning at the Millenium Hotel. The boys had a tour of the hotel led by Mr. Brett Jeffry, sales manager. Not only did he demonstrate a passion for the business, but he also gave the boys some valuable advice on how they could approach the advertising arm of the hospitality business. In English, the boys had looked at designing a brochure to showcase their own hotels which they presented to Mr. Jeffry at the end of the themed study. The boys looked at optimizing their hotel's floor-space using a technique called linear programming in maths, and studied aspects of tourism in social studies. Our thanks to Mr. Jeffry and staff of the Millenium Hotel for his enthusiasm and support of our programme.

There will be no year 10 themed study in term 3 as the boys are focusing on NCEA Level 1 exam preparations.

Environmental awareness at the heart of year 9's "Waste" theme

The year 9 ACEs explored the environmental theme of "Our Wasteful World" in term 2.

In science, the boys studied the question of how best to dispose of waste paper. Some modern and alternative uses of recycled paper were investigated. Some of the innovative products included flame-retardant building bricks, compact fuel pellets, and heat insulation material. Other projects investigated paper composting and disposal.



Fire-retardant bricks made from recycled paper in 9B

These issues were expanded on in maths where options for rubbish disposal were studied with some excellent presentations from both ACE classes. In social studies, the students developed an understanding of how society deals with different types of household waste and its effects on our environment. The students producing a variety of items from functional wearable items of clothing to dump men sculptures all made from non-biodegradable materials. The boys designed static image displays to convey environmental messages in English. The theme was brought to a close with a session making pitched musical instruments from everyday scrap materials. We look forward to exploring the theme of Crime and Punishment this term where we will be focussing on research and presentation skills.

Top ACEs for Term 2

Congratulations to these boys from years 10 and 9 on attaining the highest number of 'Excellence' credits across all subjects during term 2.

- Te Haunui Tuna
- Eddie Rolston-Dowd
- Jono Smith
- Adam Crompton
- Chad Mason
- Tamaki Courtney
- Michael Mahima
- Phillip Clark

Mr D Smith, ACE Co-ordinator

CAREERS 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.careers.govt.nz and/or telephone 0800222733. Scholarship information can be obtained from the institution websites or the Breakout database.

Liaison visits / Career Days

9-11 August	Coca Cola Careers Expo Auckland
16-17 August	Coca Cola Careers Expo Wellington
17 August	Auckland University Engineering Futures Evening Rotorua Convention Centre 6.30 pm
16-18 August	Te Whakamana Taitamariki (Junior Maori Careers Day)
22 August	Waikato University Information Evening Convention Centre 4-6 pm
24 August	Army Bus RBHS/ Presentation 10 -11 am
25 August	Massey University Open Day Wellington
26 August	Auckland University Courses & Careers Day (free Bus from RBHS)
4 September	Massey University Aviation Information Evening Hamilton
6 September	Massey University Aviation Information Evening Tauranga
6 September	Waikato University Liaison Team at RBHS to help with University Applications
13 September	Otago University Liaison Visit 2 pm to help with Course Planning
16 September	Massey University Open Day Albany Campus
September School Holidays	Pacific International Hotel Management Careers Week New Plymouth
11 October	Lincoln University Liaison Visit 2 pm to help with Course Applications

Mrs L Randall, Careers & Transition Department

FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

We continue to be a busy department with lots of productive happenings!

On May 11th we had another opportunity to host parents to a three course meal. In conjunction with HSI (Hospitality Standards Institute), Rotorua District Council and a local hotel, our Food & Hospitality students had the privilege of working with a top chef, maitre d and Head of House to prepare and serve this meal. The Thai Mussel chowder went down extremely well, as with the chicken breasts. A big thank you to all the parents who attended!

Organised by the same group, was a site visit to various Hospitality businesses, which took place on the 27th July. This was a great insight for the students to see the range of vocations there are within the Hospitality Industry. The tour included Skyline Skyrides, Hamurana Country Estate and Hot Rock Backpackers.

This term, ten Senior Food & Hospitality students have just started a 10 week course at Waiariki Polytechnic, on Restaurant and table service. These boys will be working towards unit standards in Restaurant Service under the direction of Mr Thomas George. They will be assessed in the Polytechnic Restaurant and we will inform parents the dates of these assessments, so if you wish to book for lunch and you will be able to see them in their very professional role.

I once again thank parents for supporting these occasions and being able to see just what our young men are capable of!

Mrs L Casserly, HOD Food & Hospitality Dept



MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

As we move into term three the Mathematics Department has a very encouraging report on the progress of our Year 11 students on two fronts.

In the last newsletter, we spoke about the importance for all Year 11 students of achieving at least 8 credits in Level 1 Mathematics. Without this “basic Numeracy requirement”, students cannot gain the Level 1 certificate. We are pleased to report that the focus on this aspect is paying dividends, with over 80% of boys achieving this standard at the end of Term 2. The 47 students who are still short of credits will be given opportunities to re-sit every Wednesday after school. Please encourage your son to take these opportunities.

A big initiative this year for our senior programmes has been the introduction of Accelerate classes in Years 11 and 12. Students who qualified for these classes have been given the opportunity to concentrate on the merit and excellence sections of the Achievement Standards. The results in Level 1 suggest that this is having a positive effect as students in Year 11 have already achieved more excellences in internals and practice externals at this stage of the year than last year’s Year 11 achieved in the whole year. A report on Level 2 will follow in the next newsletter.

Subject choices for next year

As we move into Term 3 students in Years 10 - 12 need to be considering their options for next year’s study. Mr. Glynn will be talking to these year groups about their choices with regard to Mathematics in year level assemblies. As part of the discussion, there are certain terms that you need to be aware of as you advise them on which options to take. The entry to higher level courses is determined on performance in the current year, we set pre-requisites, or conditions, for progression.

The terms below are the main ones used in this process.

Term	Explanation
merit average	This is the pre-requisite for entry to the next year’s Accelerate course. It means, basically, that any Achieved grade the student earns must be balanced by an Excellence grade in another assessment (Achievement Standards only).

Must achieve ... credits	This is a pre-requisite for many courses. Students are awarded credits through the year and an accumulation of these may qualify him for a certain course.
Including ... standards	Sometimes there are particular parts of the course which are essential if a student is to progress to the next level. For example, a student moving into the Level 2 course will struggle with the content unless he has a good grasp of Algebra. Therefore, we require a student to pass the Level 1 Algebra standard if he wants to study at Level 2.
teacher recommendation	Sometimes there are good reasons why a student fails to meet pre-requisites. In these cases, his class teacher may recommend a higher course than the one for which the student has qualified and, if places allow, the student will be admitted to this course.

Staffing changes

The Mathematics Department will have two “new” staff for Terms 3 and 4, returning us to a full compliment. The reason the new is in inverted commas is that one of these will be familiar to most of you.

Mr Matthews returns to the department until the end of the year. Mr Matthews was previously at RBHS for 32 years and will be teaching 9A, 10A, a Level 1 class and a Level 2 class.

Mr Prangnell joins the department from the Dukeries College in the UK, where he was the co-ordinator for ICT across the curriculum. He will be teaching 9C, 10C, 10D and a Level 2 class. He is an expert in the use of the SMART Interactive whiteboard and is the Assistant Head of Faculty for Mathematics.

Future Student??

Those of you who know Mrs Lynch may be interested to know that she gave birth to a baby boy, Caleb, on 18th June. Mother and baby are both well and we look forward to welcoming Caleb into Year 9 in 2020. Mrs Lynch has chosen to take an extended maternity leave and is scheduled to return for the start of 2008.

Mr D Glynn, HOF Mathematics

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

A period of consolidation in the Music Department at the moment. Many students working to composition deadlines. All senior students are now preparing for practical assessments in week eight of Term 3 and some members of the groups are preparing for various talent quests and group performance assessments.

Mr S Taylor, HOD Music

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Academic excellence in science

Congratulations to Tom Kelly, Jared Weston and Benjamin McGrath for achieving a Distinction in the Australasian Science Competition.

Well done also to the following students for gaining a Credit:

◆ Johan Brons	◆ Eddie Rolston-Dowd	◆ Mathew Farrell
◆ Brandon Dennison	◆ Jarrod Braddock	◆ Nikhil Balakrishnan
◆ Jacob Storm	◆ Luke Simperingham	◆ Joel Prakash
◆ Marko Milosevic	◆ James Mallinson	◆ John Kim
◆ Dylan Jeffry	◆ Ethan Fett	◆ Shannon Eldridge
◆ Adam Crompton	◆ Kieran Carling	◆ Adam Bourke

Jone Leko of 9D received an 'Excellence' grade in a recent topic test and is commended for his consistently high level of effort – well done Jone.

Well done also to these senior students on recently achieving 'Excellence' in their internal NCEA assessments:

◆ Louis Davis (Level 3 Biology, 3.2, 3 credits)		
◆ Mitchell Williams (Level 3 Physics, 3.1, 5 credits)		
◆ Jordan Wiseman (Level 2 Chemistry, 2.2, 2 credits)		
◆ Ibrahim Soloman (Level 2 Chemistry, 2.3, 2 credits)		
◆ Robert Cooper (Level 3 Science, 3.2, 3 credits)		
◆ Jonathan Coates	◆ Stephen Cornwall	◆ Robbie Eastham
◆ Peter Kim	◆ Jeffrey Tuck	◆ Quentin Albertyn
◆ Sam Burton	◆ Jimmy Emery	◆ Daniel Gibb
◆ Iripa Rangi	◆ Karl Schultz	◆ Harry Simperingham
◆ Ibrahim Soloman	◆ Anton Ivanov	◆ Humphrey Shand
◆ Garweth Smith	◆ Mikail Steen	◆ Harry Simperingham

A number of chemistry students in both Year 12 and 13 have nearly achieved 14 credits at Level 3 with a mixture of unit standards and internal achievement standards. Both count towards the 14 credits they need for a subject for university entrance.

Field Trips

Peter Kim, Patrick O'Connell, Alistair Collins and Jiacheng He took part in the Waikato University titration competition. These students enjoyed their time, used equipment they had not seen before, but did finish out of the placings.

A reminder that the level 2 Biology field trip to Otarawairere has now been rescheduled for Wednesday 9th August. Please remember to bring warm/waterproof clothing, sturdy footwear, packed lunch, and a notebook and pencil.

Senior revision classes

Revision classes in senior science subjects are being held at the following times:

Subject	Level	Time	Room	Teacher
Chemistry	Level 1	Tuesday lunchtime	S1	Mr. Richardson
Chemistry	Level 3	Thursday lunchtime	S7	Mr. Richardson

Chemistry	Scholarship	Friday lunchtime	S3	Mr. Richardson
Biology	Level 2	Thursday lunchtime	S4	Mr. Smith
Biology	Level 3	Wednesday lunchtime	S4	Mr. Smith
Biology	Scholarship	Thursday evening	S4	Mr. Smith
Physics	Level 2	Tuesday evening	S3	Mr. Stirling
Physics	Level 3	Thursday evening	S3	Mr. Stirling
Science	Level 1	Wednesday lunchtime	S1	All staff

Further classes will begin as the term progresses

Other news

Well done to all the chemistry students who took part in the Australian National Chemistry Competition. I look forward to getting the results later in the term.

And finally, good luck to those senior students representing us in the Bay of Plenty Science Fair this year.

Mr. D. Richardson, HOF Science

YEAR 10 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND SURVIVAL CAMPS 2006

Rotorua Boys' High School Year 10 Environmental Awareness and Survival Camps 2006

This year's year 10 camps will again be held in the unique Podocarp forests, south of Minginui. This area of virgin native bush is one of the best examples of its kind in New Zealand. The Central Whirinaki River track has been rated the equal of the Milford Track.

In line with our School Charter, our school has an obligation to develop an awareness and appreciation of conservation of the natural environment. To this end, it is expected that all year 10 pupils attend the camps, as they are an integral part of the school's educational programme, including projects in both Science and English. The students are prepared for their three day camp as part of their Physical Education and Health programmes.

The camps, besides being quite physically demanding, are designed to develop a sense of responsibility and co-operation, so important in today's society. Only severe physical disabilities would prevent pupils participating in some aspects of the camps. These pupils can be gainfully occupied while remaining at the base camp.

The camps involve three parts; They begin with a welcome to the area by the Ngati Whare people, a stay at the Whirinaki Recreation Camp (approx 6km from Minginui) in cabins, and a two day hike, with an overnight stay in tents, at the Central Whirinaki Hut camping area. The hike follows the beautiful Whirinaki River.

Dafydd Malcolm	Master of Laws	Second Class Honours	1/11/05
Haydn Marriner	Bachelor of Communication Studies		1/11/05
Benjamin Morreau	Bachelor of Computing & Mathematical Science		19/4/05
Craig Murray	Bachelor of Sport and Leisure		1/11/05
Gavin Ng	Graduate Diploma in Social Sciences		22/4/05
Thomas Stubbs	Bachelor of Social Studies		22/4/05
Fletcher Tabuteau	Bachelor of Management Studies		20/4/05
Wiremu Winiata	Bachelor of Laws		22/4/05

SPORTS NEWS



The new school term has begun and all sporting codes 'kicked' back into action from last Saturday with each code having a new draw and teams dusting off the cobwebs for another busy term of sport.

During the school holidays, we had several teams competing in their respective Super 8 Tournaments including Basketball, Soccer and Hockey. These tournaments are the toughest school boy competitions in New Zealand, with many national ranked teams participating. Our boys continue to be competitive and display a good attitude towards competition and the opposition.

We also have other teams and individuals off to compete in national or regional tournaments. Reports from these codes will be included in the next school newsletter and good luck to those involved.

Sports Fees

Sports Fees are now due, without these fees our teams cannot function. The school and your team would appreciate your prompt payment so that sport at Rotorua Boys High School continues to flourish. Costs cover affiliation fees, ACC levies, Sport BOP affiliation fees, Tournament Fees, sporting equipment, First aid, supplementing travel, Uniform and after matches for visiting teams. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Rotorua Boys' High School 'Code of Conduct'

An area that I would like to draw your attention to is the school's 'Code of Conduct' we are trying to enforce here at school for all those involved with school sport. I have attached this below. Fair play has been and will continue to be promoted by our coaches and followed by our players in all school sport.

Rotorua Boys' High School 'Code of Conduct.'

Players Code

- Play hard, but within the rules of the game.
- Recognise & respect the abilities & disabilities of others - both team mates & opponents.
- Accept the officials' decision without gesture or argument.
- Represent your school with pride and privilege.
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Support the coaches and their requests of you.
- Thank the coach, officials, opponents *and* supporters.

Parents Code

- Positively encourage and support the efforts of all players.
- Make an effort to understand the rules of the game.
- Refrain from any criticism or abuse directed at officials.
- Put an emphasis on genuine effort ahead of victory and encourage players to accept the outcomes of all games, irrespective of the result.
- Recognise good play by either team and never ridicule an individual player in either team.
- Ensure the use of any form of violence is actively discouraged.

Supporters Code

- Encourage all participants to play within the rules of the game.
- Display self control on the sideline.
- Show appreciation to coaches and officials who facilitate the game.
- Remember young people play sport for their satisfaction not yours.
- Never place undue pressure on a child to play or perform.

Inter-house Sport continues to cause a stir amongst the senior and junior school, with the Kapa haka competition again a highlight on the inter house calendar. Heads of Houses will again marshal their players and supporters to the large number of sports on offer. Weeks 2 and 3 sees the seniors and juniors play volleyball in the school gym, followed soon after by Basket Ball and Soccer.

Mr G Hunt, HOD Sport

Super 8 Basketball Report

In our first game, we lost 52-65 to eventual winners Napiers BHS. Height as a telling factor in our loss and we had to expend a lot of energy in order to compete. Guards Mike Eketone and Hakopa Pore were our best players. In the second game later that day, we lost to Hamilton BHS 45-67. We played well in the first quarter but could not score against their zone defence. Once again, Mike Eketone was a standout performer.

Next day, we played Hastings BHS 50-84. After trailing by 12 points at halftime, we were unable to bridge the gap and decided to run, so we ran our bench to give our newer players a run.

We defeated Tauranga BC 71-61, in a game where our forwards finally found ways to score. Levi Andrews and Jordan Pinker played well.

In our final game, we defeated Hastings BHS 'B' team 81-34.

Super 8 Soccer Report

Playing in a tournament consisting of 4 teams who made the National Tournament (top 16 in the country) and Hamilton Boys' High who are normally at the National Tournament made this the toughest assignment that our football side will face this year. However, Year 10 student, Nikolai Molijn took no notice of the form guide and scored after 10 minutes in our first game against Hamilton Boys' High School, which turned out to be the winning goal after a dogged defence and good saves by Jonathon Petrie in goal. This dramatic start was hard to maintain, but our team eventually finished with two wins, a draw and two losses, finishing in a creditable 6th place.

Players to stand out in this tournament included Captain Fraser Owen in the midfield, Shane Wakefield in defence and Liang Cui scorer of a hat-trick in one of our games.

Final scores

Vs Hamilton Boys' High School	1-0 (Molijn)
Vs New Plymouth Boys' High School	0-3
Vs Napier Boys' High School	1-1
Vs Gisborne Boys' High School	3-2 (Cui 3)
Vs Tauranga Boys' College	0-2

Super 8 Hockey Report

The Super 8 Schools Hockey competition was again held at New Plymouth Boys' High School this year.

Our team this year is stronger and again a little older than last years. In addition to the experienced heads of the team we added five year nine and ten players to the squad, with an eye to development. Four out of the eight teams at this tournament play competitively in the top national hockey competition (Rankin Cup) and one plays at the second tournament (India Shield), while we are currently at one of the two third tier tournaments.

For our team this is a great competition, as we get to match ourselves against four of the strongest hockey playing schools in New Zealand, and another that is not too far behind. Our team left for New Plymouth full of confidence, having gone unbeaten through the season. The team set the goal of making the top four, a feat that has not been achieved by our school in hockey at this tournament. Unfortunately the team lost two of the three pool games meaning fifth was the best it could achieve. The scores in defeat do not reflect the competitiveness the team showed. Tauranga, New Plymouth, and Hamilton were all rattled by our team. We found ourselves either leading or locked in a draw for the duration of the matches, but were not able to pull through in the last 15-20 minutes.

Jitesh Sima was named in the tournament team– a great achievement. In addition, Peter Kim, and Michael Herewini narrowly missed selection in the same team. Every player in the squad did themselves proud, on and off the field.

The team did extremely well in competing against such highly ranked teams, and will take great confidence into our national tournament in Nelson later this term.



Jitesh Sima named in the Super 8 Tournament Team

Waikato Secondary Schools Shooting Competition (30 July 2006 – Te Puke)

Rotorua Boys High entered 2 teams in this years competition. Both teams shot well with an outstanding performance from Scot Bowditch who took out the top individual prize which Robbie Eastham has proudly held for the last 4 years.

RBHS A Team also managed to win the Waikato Top Team Shield, which Te Puke High School has held for the last 2 years. RBHS B Team shot well also, as all 3 team members had not experienced away competition before.

Later in the year RBHS A Team hopes to travel to the National Champs in Blenheim where they are well placed to do well in the National Secondary School Champs. All team members represented their school well and impressed others with their courtesy and range etiquette.

A Sling Team	Top Waikato Team
Robbie Eastham	(Captain)
Scott Bowditch	Top Individual (196.8)
Myrin Abbot	

B Sling Team	
Joshua Jellard	(Captain)
Leo Allom	
Ryan Truss	

Floor Hockey Report

At the conclusion of round 1 of the school's Floor Hockey league the standings are:

- Pirates – 14 points
- Coyotes – 12 points
- Steamers – 12 points
- Kings – 11 points
- Extreme – 10 points
- Knights – 7 points

As can be seen by the standings there are only 4 points separating the top 5 teams. The league has now begun round 2 of the schedule with each team playing 5 more games.

Golf Report

Peka Timoti Wilson, Granger Church, Whare Waitoa, James Hunt competed for Rotorua Boys' High School at the Bay of Plenty Schools Pennants Championships, the team won their way through the zonal champs beating the other Rotorua schools.

The competition was a handicap tournament, which meant we had to play really well to beat some of the other schools generous handicaps. In the end the team finished a very creditable second.

Danny Lee

1st Tournament

Junior World Championship San Diego Torey Pines Golf Club (2007 venue for Men's US Open)

Leading up to the US Junior Amateur, Danny played in the Junior World Golf Championship in San Diego and tied 3rd in the 15 – 17 age groups.

2nd Tournament

US Junior Amateur

Danny qualified in one of 64 sectional tournaments (out of thousands of players). He was top qualifier at Mira Loma in Southern California scoring 5 under (137) for two rounds.

Tournament - 36 holes qualifying to reduce the field down to 64 players, from there match play takes place.

Danny got through to the last eight players in the match play before getting beaten in the quarter finals. **Danny is the first New Zealander to make it to the quarter finals.**

3rd Tournament

Danny Lee continued his outstanding golf form by becoming the first New Zealander in almost a decade to qualify for the US Amateur with the 106th championship to take place in Hazeltine National Country Club in Chaska, Minnesota from 21 – 27 August.

New Zealand representatives Josh Geary and Mark Purser failed to qualify for the championship.

Coming Up

Danny represents our school along with Gary-John Hill, Landyn Edwards and Russell Williams in the 2006 Secondary Schools final on the 15th and 16th August before heading back to America to compete in the Men's US Amateur.

Super 8 Badminton Report

Our team finished fifth in this years Super 8 Badminton Tournament. This was a result not really reflective of the effort put in by our young team. An excellent effort by our junior players holds the school badminton team in good stead for the future.

Squash report

The teams have had quite a few successes this year. Our Number One team won the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools tournament and we have just come back from a successful trip to Palmerston North Boys High which gave us good practice for the upcoming Nationals the weekend of 12th - 14th August. The Nationals are being held in Tauranga and the two teams are looking forward to the challenge.

Rugby Fiji Tour Report

The 1st XV has recently returned from a thoroughly enjoyable trip to Fiji, the trip was designed to develop the schools future players and give the current squad, rugby through the holidays.



Game vs RSMS 1st XV at Suva International Stadium

The 1st XV had their first match against Ratu Sukuna Memorial School 1st XV, played in beautiful conditions at the international stadium in Suva. The game drew plenty of interest from locals, their passion for rugby creating an electric atmosphere at the ground. The 1st XV looked good early the game scoring a try to Bauro Kairaoi, however RSMS struck back, pouncing on three dropped passes to score run away tries. All of a sudden the 1st XV were down 18 – 8 at half time against a team we were dominating in the terms of possession and set piece.

After a few well chosen words from Coach Mr Grinter the team set about turning our advantage into points. Karl Martin our version of Johnny Wilkinson was lethal with the boot, kicking four difficult penalties on the trot to give us the lead. Hakarangi Tichborne sealed the victory for the 1st XV with a well constructed team try.

Final score 25 -18. (B Kairaoi Try 1 Pen, H Tichborne Try, K Martin, 4 Pen)

The second and final match on tour was against national champions Suva Grammar. This was always going to be an intense match as several members of our team were returning to play against their old school. Again the atmosphere was electric and the Suva team, who had 7 Fijian U19 Representatives and one U21 rep, were out to claim our scalp.

The game started reasonable well for the 1st XV with some tremendous tackling lead by Matt Vant Leven and an early penalty to Bauro Kairaoi gave the 1st XV a 3 – 0 lead. Unfortunately for us this was the last penalty the referee gave us. The interpretations from the referee left us somewhat bemused but this is the reality of touring. Suva Grammar scored two good tries to lead 12 – 3 for most of the game. The 1st XV finally manufactured a good try to Ariki Henry to make the score 12 – 8 with 1 minute to play. We attacked frantically and a try beckoned but the ball was dropped with an opportunity at hand.

The Final score 12 – 8 to Suva Grammar.



Waving to the crowd



Aminiasi Cakau catching up with friends



Relaxing Pool side at the Suva Motor Inn



Vena at Cathedral School



Inter-house Sports

The inter house competition is getting down to the business end of the season. At the moment Raleigh house are holding onto a 35 point lead. A resurgent Nelson house, are hot, winning the last three house events including the prestigious Kapa Haka competition. All four houses displayed passion and pride as they gave it every thing to win the title. Congratulations must go to Mokonuirangi Marr who gave an inspirational display winning the best leader award.



Haimona Brown and Brooke George
With the kapa haka top house trophy



Moko Marr Top leader



Awaiting the judges decision



Michael Olsen giving it heaps
for Frobisher

Activity	Dates	D	F	N	R
Swimming	22-Feb	40	20	30	50
Athletics	28th Feb	20	40	30	50
Tabloids	17th Feb	30	50	20	40
Junior Touch	11th - 13 th April	20	15	10	25
	Term 2				
Senior Touch	2 – 4 th May	25	20	15	10
X Country	11 th May	20	30	40	50
Jnr Hockey	30 th May 1 st June	10	20	25	15
Snr Hockey	13 th – 15 th June	15	10	25	20
Haka	26 th June	30	40	50	20
	Term 3				
Volley Ball Jnr	26th-28th July	10	15	20	25
Volley Ball Snr	1st-3rd August				
Students v Staff	4 th August				
Basket Ball Snr	22nd 24th Aug				

Basket Ball Jnr	8th -10th August				
Students v Staff	25th August				
Soccer Snr	Sept 5th -7th				
Soccer Jnr	Sept 12th 14th				
Totals		220	260	265	305

Student of the Month - Profile

Name: Fraser Owen
Age: 17
Year Level: 13
Roles at school: School Prefect
1st XI Captain (Academy 1)
Rowing Squad member



Achievements: Passed NCEA Level 1 and 2
Rowing – 1st U15 quad 2003, 1st U16 quad 2004, 4 U17 8 2005
Soccer 1st XI 2004-2006
Super 8 Soccer Squad 2004 (4th place)

How did you accomplish this?

This was accomplished through hard training and balance with academic work.

What motivates you?

I am motivated by the thought that if I'm not at practices or games then I'm letting down the team.

How do you balance school studies and sporting commitments?

I balance my sporting and academic commitments by planning things out and making sure there is time to train and time for work.

What are your goals for 2006

Pass NCEA Level 3
Obtain University Entrance
Captain the 1st XI to win the league

What are your future ambitions in sport after high school

My future ambitions in sport are to row for my university team and to play soccer for my university as well.

Match Comment from weekend

The RBHS 1st XI (Academy 1) took on the RBHS Colts at home in the weekend and finished with a 10-1 win. The 1st XI boys played well but a lack of football over the holiday's was visible. Outstanding players in the match were Liang Cui who showed his strength up front scoring goal after goal. Another player who stood out was Hayden Booker who showed skill out wide. The Colts team that consisted of mainly Year 11 players played a very competitive game. Daniel Fisher stood out for the Colts playing awesome football in the midfield.

WELL DONE!!!!

Anthony Pederson

Anthony Pederson has been crowned the New Zealand Go Kart champion, a title which successful race car driver Scott Dixon won before he turned professional in the United States of America.

Anthony travelled to Thailand as part of the NZ Kart team to compete in the Thailand 24 hour race. 24 teams took part. Anthony ran third for the majority of the race and finished fourth. Anthony was the youngest in the team.

Anthony won the NZ National Secondary Schools Kart Championships which was held in Blenheim. He entered the 125 cc category with about 150 other karters and over 5 races, Anthony finished 2nd, 1st, 1st, 3rd and 4th. Anthony took the overall title. He also entered the 100cc category and finished 2nd but got disqualified due to a technical infringement.

Matiu Te Kani McQueen

Matiu Te Kani McQueen has been named in the New Zealand Junior Men's Squash team to compete at the world junior championships to be held in Palmerston North later in the year.

Danny Lee

Danny Lee has finished 3rd in the junior world championships, along with this fantastic effort, Danny has also qualified for the US Amateur, a tournament that all the great players of golf have played in.

Wade Mangham

Wade Mangham was in the New Zealand Under 17 Cycling team that travelled to Canberra, Australia to compete in a junior 3 day tour. Wade got a 3rd in the first stage being a highlight for him and finished 6th overall which was a solid effort.

Jonathan Coates

Jonathan Coates has just been named in the New Zealand World Mountain Bike team as an Under 19 rider. This is being held in Rotorua on the 24th August.

Thank you

A big thank you to **Matthew Gerrard and Kurt Renchard** for completing the box seating by the Millennium Centre. A job well done!!!

Well done, the school is proud of your achievements!!

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES 2006

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|----|--------------------|--|
| 1. | Jonathan Coates | NZ U19 Oceania Mountain Biking Team |
| 2. | Wade Mangham | 2006 NZ U17 Mountain Biking Champion
NZ U17 Road Cycling Team |
| 3. | Kapurangi Gardiner | NZ U16 Softball Team
NZ U19 Softball Team |

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| 4. | Daniel Lee | NZ U23 Golf Champion
World Junior Golf Championship - Third Place |
| 5. | Nikolai Molijn | NZ U14 Soccer Development Squad |
| 6. | Gary John Hill | NZ U19 Golf Team
NZ U19 Maori Golf Champion |
| 7. | Jona Tuitoga | NZ Schools Rugby Sevens Team |
| 8. | Chase Douglas | NZ Secondary Schools Choir |
| 9. | Taitusi Natuna | Fiji U19 Rugby Team |
| 10. | Maru Henry | NZ U19 Waka Ama Team |
| 11. | Matiu Tekani McQueen | NZ Squash Team - World Junior Championships |
| 12. | Devonne Mitchell | Cook Island Open Men's Touch Squad |
| 13. | Karl Shultz | NZ U17 Water Ski Champion |
| 14. | Duane Gordon | NZ U15 Rugby League Squad |
| 15. | Codie Cowan | NZ U15 Rugby League Squad |
| 16. | Anthony Pederson | NZ Karting Champion |

2006 SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3

August

Week 4	
Mon 7 th	Level 2 Biology Field Trip
Tues 8 th	Jnr Inter House BBall Pearson Education Book Display – 9.30-3.00pm in the Staffroom
Wed 9 th	Jnr Inter House BBall Level 2 Biology Field Trip Chinese Speech Competition – Colman Theatre
Thurs 10 th	NZ SS Squash – Wellington until 13 th Jnr Inter House BBall
Fri 11 th	
Sat 12 th	RBHS 1stXV versus NPBHS 1stXV Away
Sun 13 th	

Week 5	
Mon 14 th	Winter Tournament Week FSY – Yr 13 to Waiariki – Re Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tues 15 th	NZ SS Golf – Wellington until 16 th
Wed 16 th	NZSS Multi Sport Junior Maori Careers Day RGHS Junior & Senior Social
Thurs 17 th	

Fri 18 th	U15 Soccer game: 2pm (Australian School) at RBHS
Sat 19 th	
Sun 20 th	

Week 6	
Mon 21 st	
Tues 22 nd	Snr Inter House BBall
Wed 23 rd	Snr Inter House BBall
Thurs 24 th	Winter Photos School Social - RBHS
Fri 25 th	Snr Inter House BBall last round
Sat 26 th	RBHS School Ball
Sun 27 th	

Week 7	
Mon 28 th	Enrolment Programme Open Day 1 – Rotorua Intermediate School Senior Reports Enter subject report comments Enter co-curricular activities and house group comments
Tues 29 th	Enrolment Programme Open Day 2 – All contributing schools and prospective boarders
Wed 30 th	Enrolment Programme Open Day 3 – Kaitao Intermediate School and Mokoia Intermediate School Parents Evening 7.30pm
Thurs 31 st	
September Fri 1 st	
Sat 2 nd	Enrolment Programme Saturday Open Day
Sun 3 rd	

Week 8	
Mon 4 th	Lion Nathan Business Experience until 6 th
Tues 5 th	Jnr Inter House Soccer
Wed 6 th	Jnr Inter House Soccer
Thurs 7 th	Jnr Inter House Soccer
Fri 8 th	
Sat 9 th	NZ SS Weightlifting – Te Kauwhata NZ SS Rugby – 1 st XV Finals Series – Palmerston North until 11 th NI SS Skiing – Turoa until 12 th
Sun 10 th	

Week 9	
Mon 11 th	Enrolment Programme Actual Enrolments all week Senior Reports HOD's check set up of subjects and alter where required
Tues 12 th	Senior Reports Enter subject report comments Enter co-curricular activities and house group comments

	Snr Inter House Soccer
Wed 13 th	Snr Inter House Soccer
Thurs 14 th	Snr Inter House Soccer
Fri 15 th	
Sat 16 th	NZ SS Multisport – Tauranga
Sun 17 th	

Week 10	
Mon 18 th	Enrolment Programme Actual Enrolments all week
Tues 19 th	
Wed 20 th	
Thurs 21 st	
Fri 22 nd	Senior Reports All subject report comments, co curricular activities and house group comments completed and checked by classroom teachers before 2.20pm Last day term 3 NZ SS Badminton – Christchurch until 24 th
Sat 23 rd	
Sun 24 th	

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Te Aroha College is celebrating fifty years of existence with jubilee celebrations in March of next year.

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