

## **OUR MOTTO**

**“WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI”**

From the proverb:  
**“WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI  
KI TE TUOHU KOE  
ME HE MAUNGA TEITEI”**

Literally this proverb translates as:

**“SEARCH FOR GREAT THINGS  
IF ONE HAS TO BOW  
LET IT BE TO A LOFTY MOUNTAIN”**

This ‘whakatauaki’ or proverbial saying is most often used to inspire generations to aspire, to succeed, to aim high, to achieve ones’ goals in life and to work to the best of ones’ ability.

A colloquial but accurate rendering for ‘kahurangi’ is a treasured possession or jewel. The ‘iti’ emphasises the treasure as being small but precious.

Maoridom has used this concept, a search for the most precious or most achievable goal of the most highest standard or quality. There is no second best. Thus for some the idea of a ‘search for the stars’ as a translation or understanding of this proverb.

This proverb is used most commonly in “Education” in its most broadest sense. Education begins at birth and ends at death.

The above explanation was taken from a conversation with Professor Timoti Karetu (Ahorangi, Te Taura Whiri i te Reo, Wellington)

Thus the above motto is very close to our Latin motto of “Ad Astra Per Aspera” or in other words “aim high despite all difficulties”. This same motto has also been expressed as “to the stars through hard work”.

Our motto caters for our students who come from all walks of life, and who bring with them their own special talents and needs. Our motto helps us to work with each of our students and to assist them to succeed, whilst at the same time providing them with the tools to make that success possible.

Our original Latin motto and the equivalents in both Maori and English combine together to give us as a school not only a special identity, but also a common purpose.

**WHAIA TE ITI KAHURANGI  
AIM HIGH DESPITE ALL DIFFICULTIES  
AD ASTRA PER ASPERA**

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Dear Parents/caregivers,

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

An intensive Term 3 is now rapidly drawing to a close. So much has happened and I thank all members of the school community for their contribution during this busy and exciting term.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge a term where a very large number of our students and teachers have performed with excellence in a wide range of activities. I hope this newsletter pays tribute to all those who have worked hard and placed high achievement as something very important.

I wish all members of the school community an enjoyable holiday period prior to the examination term that commences on Monday, 9 October 2006.

**Mr A C Grinter, Principal**

## STAFFING

### **The School welcomes:**



Mrs K Bennett has taken up the position of Administration Assistant in the Main Office.

Mrs A Zanelli has taken up the position of Acting Director of the International Student Department.



Mrs B Walker has taken up the position of Administrator in the International Student Department.

The school farewells at the end of this term Mr S Taylor, HOD Music. We take this opportunity to thank him for his contribution to our school over the three terms of 2006.

The school will also farewell at the end of the term our Directors of Soccer and Rugby (Messrs Cane and Tipuna). We thank them for their wonderful work over the winter terms.

## OFFICE NEWS

### 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.

### 2006 TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

- ◆ Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December (96 half-days)
- ◆ Labour Day: Monday 23 October

### 2007 TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

- ◆ Term 1: Monday, 5 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](http://www.rbhs.co.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**.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP:

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



- 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 2007**

The General Activity Fee for 2007 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.

## CLIPBOARD

### **Student Representative Elections**

Elections for Student Representative on the Board Trustees were held on Monday 11 September 2005. The final count was:

Gary Seeto	62
Hirini Houia	43
Sam Hallahan	35
Hoeroa Maangi	1

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### **CURRICULUM AND QUALIFICATIONS - ACADEMIC RESULTS 2005**

#### **Trial exams for seniors**

Trial exams will be held for all Level 1, 2 and 3 students in weeks 1 and 2 of next term. Exams conditions will be identical to final exams lasting up to 3 hours. The purpose of these exams is to provide practice in exam strategy in preparation for the final exams. Exams are the most important opportunity to secure quality credits.

Students are only required at school for their exams. All senior students at school but not sitting exams will be supervised in study periods.

Some exam sessions will have all students in the subject sitting together (**in bold**), others will be held for class groups only. Students should check with their teachers to confirm their exam timetable.

#### **Senior trail exam timetable**

	9.00 am to 12.00 noon	1.00pm to 4.00pm
Tuesday 10 October	<b>1 Science</b> <b>3 English</b>	Monday period 3 subject exam <b>10 Social Studies</b>
Wednesday 11 October	Monday period 4 subject exam	Monday period 2 subject exam <b>10A Science</b>

Thursday 12 October	<b>1 English</b> <b>3 Geography</b>	<b>1 IMS</b> <b>2 English</b>
Friday 13 October	<b>1 Maths</b> <b>2 Japanese</b>	Monday period 5 subject exam <b>3 Japanese</b>
Monday 18 October	Monday period 1 subject exam	<b>2 Physics</b> <b>3 Maths with Statistics</b>

Your son should be aiming at the following:

1. Achieving at least 12 credits in each subject he takes. This will allow him to study at the next level in 2007.
2. Achieving Merit or Excellence.
3. Achieve in as many standards as possible.

Time spent discussing your son's progress will result in improved achievement for him.

A Report Evening for parents will be held on Wednesday 25 October, just after Labour Day. Details will be included in the reports.

### **NZQA qualifications**

Entries for NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 have now been finalised. Payments made from now are made directly to NZQA, and incur a penalty late fee of \$25.00. Students will shortly receive a third notification of their entries in order to ensure that details are correct. Parents are welcome to call at the School Office to check on entry details at any time.

### **Rotorua Boys' High School Junior Certificates**

Students in years 9 and 10 have been accumulating credits with each assessment they complete. These credits are contributing to Rotorua Boys' High School Junior Certificate awards, which operate in the same way as the National Certificate in Educational Achievement (NCEA). Accumulation of 80 or more credits across subjects, including 8 in English and 8 in Maths will earn a Junior Certificate. Collecting 40 of these in Merit or Excellence will result in an award of Merit or Excellence certificates.

For year 9 students, their progress in subjects will determine their placing in classes for 2007. We expect significant changes to class compositions as students who have worked hard and achieved well are promoted into higher year 10 classes.

For year 10 students their progress may also determine the subjects they are able to choose in Year 11.

### **Junior exams**

Junior exams will be held in the week beginning November 13th (week 6). Most exams will be 1.5 hours long. Approximately half of all credits available in both year 9 and 10 subjects can be earned by achievement in these exams. Junior examinations are therefore very important for juniors! Parents can help their sons by establishing a regular study programme at home from this now on.

## Senior course selection for 2007

Subject selection takes place immediately following trial exams. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in this process. Too frequently students take poor advice and find themselves having to change courses part way through the year, or cannot take the courses they want in later years because they did not plan properly.

Students in years 10 to 12 will be issued with a booklet containing details of all available subjects in 2007 in week 2 of term 4. There are several pages of advice about how to match your son's strengths and interests to the correct courses.

Please work through this booklet to help your son make the best subject choices for the remaining years at RBHS.

For 2007 students are required to study:

- Year 11: English, Mathematics, Science and two other subjects.
- Year 12: English, and four other subjects
- Year 13: Five subjects

Your son will have the opportunity to discuss his selection with his House Group teacher. Please prepare him by framing questions he might like answered. As in past newsletters parents are referred to: [www.kiwicareers.co.nz](http://www.kiwicareers.co.nz) for some excellent career information. Parents might also like to contact Mrs Randall, Careers Advisor at school regarding any further follow-up.

## Senior examination timetables 2006

Dates for the public examinations held in November are shown below for senior courses. Parents can use these dates to help planning for examinations and other end-of-year commitments. Students are expected to attend school until the completion date for seniors on Friday, 17 November 2006.

### 2006 Examination Timetable

Date/Time		NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 20 Nov	am	Physics	Media Studies	Physics	
	pm	Information Management	Physics	Media Studies	Physical Education
Tues 21 Nov	am	English	Te Reo Rangatira	Classical Studies	
	pm	Te Reo Rangatira	Classical Studies	Te Reo Rangatira / Statistics & Modelling	
Wed 22 Nov	am	Human Biology	French	English	
	pm	French	English	French	Chinese
Thurs 23 Nov	am	Geography	Accounting	Geography	Latin
	pm	Accounting	Geography	Accounting	
Fri 24 Nov	am	Mathematics	Drama	Art History	Mathematics with Calculus
	pm	Drama	Art History	Drama	

<i>Sat</i> <i>25</i> <i>Nov</i>					English
					Chemistry
<i>Mon</i> <i>27</i> <i>Nov</i>	am	Chemistry	Economics	Chemistry	
	pm	Economics	Chemistry	Economics	
<i>Tues</i> <i>28</i> <i>Nov</i>	am	Science	History	Science / Music Practical	
	pm	History	Science	History	Drama
<i>Wed</i> <i>29</i> <i>Nov</i>	am		Japanese	Mathematics with Calculus	
	pm	Japanese	Mathematics	Japanese	French
<i>Thurs</i> <i>30</i> <i>Nov</i>	am	Biology	Dance/Samoan	Biology	
	pm	Dance/Samoan	Biology	Dance/Samoan	
<i>Fri</i> <i>1</i> <i>Dec</i>	am	German	Te Reo Māori	German	Physics
	pm	Te Reo Māori	German	Te Reo Māori	Science
<i>Sat</i> <i>2</i> <i>Dec</i>					Statistics and Modelling
					Geography
<i>Mon</i> <i>4</i> <i>Dec</i>	am	Agriculture & Horticulture/ Agricultural Science/ Horticultural Science	Social Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Classical Studies
	pm	Social Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Social Studies	Spanish
<i>Tues</i> <i>5</i> <i>Dec</i>	am	Spanish	Home Economics / Latin	Spanish	History
	pm	Home Economics / Latin	Spanish	Home Economics / Latin	Accounting
<i>Wed</i> <i>6</i> <i>Dec</i>	am	Music	Health / Chinese	Music Studies	
	pm	Health / Chinese	Music	Health / Chinese	Media Studies
<i>Thurs</i> <i>7</i> <i>Dec</i>					Biology
					Japanese / Music Studies
<i>Fri</i> <i>8</i> <i>Dec</i>					Economics
					Art History / Te Reo Maori
<i>Sat</i> <i>9</i> <i>Dec</i>					German

**Academic awards** are made at the School's Senior Prizegiving held on Thursday, 14 December 2006.

### **Dux Literatus and Proxime Accessit Awards**

As a result of the NCEA qualifications replacing the traditional percentage ranking system, it has been necessary to revise the criteria by which the School's top academic awards are made. The following describes the criteria that determine the top academic awards at Rotorua Boys High School.

1. A score will be calculated for the best 80 credits at each year level across a minimum of 5 subjects. The figure is calculated using scores of:
  - Excellence = 4
  - Merit = 3 (multiplied by the credit value of the standard)
  - Achieved = 2
2. This value is taken as a percentage of the maximum possible score of 320.
3. Credits achieved the previous year at that level, and those from both internal and provisional external results (from trial exams) are eligible for inclusion.
4. In the case of a tie, the credit total can be extended in increments of 10 credits until the top and second to top scholars at each year level are established.
5. Achievement in higher level qualifications, such as University studies may be considered in order to discriminate between two candidates.

### **Academic Wananga for Maori top achievers**

*Enhancing High Standards Across Schools* (EHSAS) is a Ministry of Education initiative designed to raise student achievement by promoting excellence among the country's schools.

RBHS has been identified as demonstrating good practice and has been included in this initiative to improve the understanding of practices that lead to improved student outcomes. Hamilton Boys High School, Hastings Boys High School and Rotorua Boys High School are working in collaboration with others to share strategies more widely across the system.

Rotorua Boys' High School is facilitating a Wananga to promote the identification of Maori academic high achievers and to present to them the challenge of leadership. The Wananga will be held at RBHS from 4-6 October. The students in years 10 to 12 selected from our school will be to attend this Wananga will be announced shortly.

Guest presenters include Dr Pita Sharples, Mita Mohi, Rawiri Brell, Professor Tamati Reedy, the Wano brothers, Te Hamua Nikora, , Dr Monty Soutar. Hon Parekura Horomia and Sir Howard Morrison and others.

We are proud to be hosting this inaugural event – a first in New Zealand. We also acknowledge the wonderful planning and work of Mrs Apryll Parata who has put together the programme for this wanaga. The programme and the array of speakers is indeed most impressive. Thank you Apryll.

## ENROLMENT NEWS

### **2007 ENROLMENT PROGRAMME**

Enrolments for next year are currently being received. Any parents wishing to enrol students for next year should contact Mr F Whata, Deputy Principal, or the appropriate Deans.

Appointments and enrolments can be made by making contact with the school office at any time from this point on.

### **Accelerate class testing - Rotorua Boys High School**

- Friday, 13 October 2006 at 4.00pm
- Saturday, 14 October 2006 at 10.00am

### **Hostel open day**

- Saturday, 14 October 2006 at 10.30am

## **2007 HOSTEL ENROLMENT PROGRAMME**

Applications for places in our Tai Mitchell Hostel for the 2007 school year and beyond are now being received. Application forms and further information can be obtained from Mr F Whata, Deputy Principal, on 07 348 6169, ext 872, or Mrs M Bruning, Hostel Manager, on 07 348 6169, ext 896.

If you would like to view Tai Mitchell Hostel or have any questions please feel free to contact the school for an appointment.

## **TAI MITCHELL BOARDING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

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 specifically designed to encourage and enable talented young men from the broader region to take up residence in the Tai Mitchell Hostel.

The scholarships will be offered for the duration of a student's time at Rotorua Boys' High School, but will be subject to an annual review of student performance, attitude and achievement. This review will take place in December 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](http://www.rbhs.school.nz) or from Mrs M Bruning, Hostel Manager, on 07 348 6169, ext 896.

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 current School Principal)

Applications for Tai Mitchell Boarding Scholarships **close on 1 October 2006**. Applicants will be advised of the outcome by 1 November 2006.

Completed Rotorua Boys' High School Enrolment form, Tai Mitchell Scholarship application and Mitchell House Hostel Application should be 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

### **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](http://www.careers.govt.nz) and/or telephone 0800222733. Scholarship information can be obtained from the institution websites or the Breakout database (on the School network).

Senior students are reminded that Halls of Residence Applications are due by 1 October. University and Polytechnic Applications are due from now until mid December.

### **Liaison visits / Career Days**

13 September	Otago University Liaison Visit 2pm to help with Course Planning
16 September	Massey University Open Day Albany Campus
20 September	Army Recruiter
21 September	Christchurch College of Education Information Sessions at Waiariki 2- 4pm & 5.30-7.30pm

September School Holidays – Pacific International Hotel Management Careers Week  
New Plymouth

11 October	Lincoln University Liaison Visit 2pm to help with Course Applications
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***Mrs L Randall, HOD Careers & Transition***

## MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

### Mathsmind

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 16 young men, 8 from Year 9 and 8 from Year 10 represented RBHS in the annual Bay of Plenty Mathematics competition. This is a team competition with 83 teams from 23 schools taking part in Year 9 and Year 10.

The boys involved were:

Team A Year 9	Team B Year 9	Team A Year 10	Team B Year 10
Johan Brons	John Kim	Chris Lee	Nikhil Balakrishnan
Adam Crompton	Sang Young Kim	David Lim	Brad Fell
Tim Easthope	Jacob Storm	Jordan Marr	Ian Gemmell
Robert Pak	Jared Weston	Danny Shen	Daniel Walker

The Year 9 teams were both in the hunt for the top prize, with Team B 5 points off the lead with 5 minutes to go. However both got stuck on a question and eventually finished 5<sup>th</sup> (B) and 6<sup>th</sup> (A).

The Year 10 competition was much tougher, with the winners scoring full marks. Both Year 10 teams tried very hard, without troubling the top teams, and Team B eventually pipped Team A by 5 points.

### Australian Mathematics

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July over 100 students from all year levels took part in the Australian Mathematics competition. The results were very good, with 4 boys gaining Distinctions. These boys were all in the top 4% in New Zealand.

- Chris Lee from 10B achieved the highest placing, finishing in the top 2%
- Adam Crompton and Jinsuk Kim in the top 3%
- Reuben Bhatt from Year 11 finished above 96% of his year group
- Jarrod Braddock (10A) achieved distinctions
- Mathew Haworth (Year 11) achieved distinctions
- David Walker (Year 12) achieved distinctions
- Shane Lawrence (Year 13) achieved distinctions.
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Another 28 boys (names listed below in order of finishing) achieved Credit certificates.

Year 9	Year 10	Seniors
Andrew George	Jonathan Smith	Henry Genefaas
Jared Weston	Jordan Marr	Sam Hallahan
Robert Pak	Benjamin Page	Garweth Smith
Sang Young Kim	Tom Kelly	Humphrey Shand
Benjamin McGrath	Eddie Rolston – Dowd	David Laing
Shannon Eldridge	Mathew Farrell	Anton Ivanov
Chang U Lee	Tom Robertson – Rolston	Matthew Collier
Jacob Storm	Jeffrey Oakley	James Mackey
Michael Mahima	Nikhil Balakrishnan	
Timothy Easthope		
Joel Prakash		

## **A Guide to Senior Mathematics Courses**

Details on the NCEA courses can be found at [www.ncea.govt.nz](http://www.ncea.govt.nz) and on the Cambridge courses at [www.cie.org.uk](http://www.cie.org.uk). If students or parents have any questions, then Mr. Glynn can be contacted at [dglynn@rbhs.school.nz](mailto:dglynn@rbhs.school.nz).

### **Year 13**

Students wishing to study Mathematics have two courses to choose from; Mathematics with Calculus and Statistics and Modelling. This choice should be guided by what they would like to do in the future. For example prospective engineers will need to study Calculus, whereas students aiming for medical studies are advised to choose Statistics. The most mathematically minded students may choose to take both courses.

### **Year 12**

The Year 12 programme is much more difficult than Level 1 and this option is therefore available to those students who have been successfully studying Achievement Standards courses. To help Achievement Standards (MAT) students decide if the course is appropriate for them we set strict pre-requisites (see the course guide for details).

If students do meet these criteria, then there are two options. The top students, those averaging Merit or better in their Level 1 achievement standards, may decide to follow the AS course. This is a new course to RBHS and follows the syllabus set down by the International Examinations team of Cambridge University (CIE). Other students will follow the NCEA Level 2 programme, studying all the achievement standards.

### **Year 11**

All students entering Year 11 must study a Mathematics course. There are three choices available, although which ones are open to a particular student will depend on his performance in the Year 10 course.

The accelerate programme (MAA) is a combination of NCEA Level 1 and the Cambridge course for Year 11, IGCSE. Students will study the externals for Level 1 and the additional material required for the extended syllabus at IGCSE. Students wishing to study this course need to have maintained a merit average in their Year 10 assessments. It should be stressed that entry to this course is purely dependent on the student's performance and not limited to students who are currently in 10A and 10B. In fact there is at least 1 student in 10D with an *excellence* average and a student in 10T1 who is not far behind (well done Rakei Amohau and Leyton Naera). The mainstream programme (MAT) covers the NCEA Level 1. Students wishing to study this course must achieve at least 16 credits in Year 10.

The Unit Standards course (MAB) is designed to cater for students who do not want to study Mathematics beyond Year 11. This course allows students to study Unit Standards, and some Achievement Standards, which meet the entry requirements of other courses.

**Mr D Glynn, HOF Mathematics**

## **GATEWAY PROGRAMME**

Gateway at Rotorua Boys High School continues to grow and support our students as they start making the decisions that will affect the rest of their lives. Career choices need to be informed and Gateway is the way students can truly make an informed decision about career pathways. Gateway continues to offer a great learning experience for our students with an average credit uptake last year of just over 19 credits for each student. I have no doubt that the Gateway students will achieve the same results this year.

Although the Gateway team here at Rotorua Boys High make an effort to thank our businesses who support our young men in their efforts to understand the world of work it is appropriate that we thank our Gateway businesses again at this time, for without their time and support our students would not be able to experience the real world and take on learning plans that go beyond our classroom walls.

To the students who have been a part of the Gateway programme, well done to all of you for another great year. Community support for Gateway continues to grow because our young men are fine ambassadors for our school out there in the workplace.

***Mr F Tabuteau, HOD Gateway***

## **MAORI DEPARTMENT**

Kia huri nga whakaaro ki o tatou aitua i hinga nei i hinga atu ra, tae noa ki te mate kamehameha o Aotearoa, tera ko Te Arikinui Te Atairangikaahu e takoto mai ra i te anuanu i te mataotao. Tuia kotahingia me enei o Te Arawa, me kii, e moe, okioki, oti atu!

We pay our respects to those who have passed to the beyond, those both near and far. In particular, we acknowledge Maoridom's recent loss, the Maori Queen, Dame Te Atairangikaahu.

## **Nga Manu Korero Regionals**

We extend our congratulations to our four speakers:

- Richard Tapiata [Senior Maori];
- Keegan Edwardson [Senior English];
- Te Kahuirangi Webster [Junior Maori];
- Callem Martin [Junior English].

All four spoke with skill and passion. Richard Tapiata was most unlucky to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> by 3 points. His was a full oration that lifted the spirits of those present. We thank all the boys who attended the day, their appearance and support was most appreciated.

## **Ihu Atamai**

In Term 4, we will once again enter the regional quiz-in-Maori contests, known as the Ihu Atamai, held for Year 9 and 10 students. We will be having class quizzes to select both our best speakers of Maori and those with specialist knowledge in the fields of sport, entertainment, Maori society and history.

***Mr D Pene, HOD Maori***

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

### Junior Science

Congratulations to the following boys on their outstanding achievements this term:

Tom Kelly, Jordan Smith and Daniel Walker for gaining full marks and 'Excellence' grades in their Level 1 Science 1.1 Investigation.



### Senior Science

Congratulations to Alistair Collins for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Bay of Plenty science fair for his study of "Dissolved Oxygen" in the surrounding lakes.

Alistair won an all expenses paid trip to the University of Otago to spend a week studying (and socialising) sciences at the beginning of next year. Jiacheng He and Matthew Collier also received highly commended prizes.

We hope to have another three students also attending science summer schools with the help of the local Rotary clubs.

### Biology

The Level 2 field trip to Otarawairere near Whakatane finally got underway this term after several postponements due to rough seas and poor weather. The boys successfully conducted their rocky shore survey (in record time!) and collected some good quality data to be used for two of their Achievement Standards. Well done to Ibrahim Solomon and Gareth Roberts who gained 'Excellence' in their Level 2 Biology 2.2 Research Projects. These projects were based on their Senior Biology field trip to the Goat Island Marine Reserve earlier this year.

### Chemistry

The chemistry classes had a break from curriculum to test a few interesting practicals for the open day, and are now back on task to finish the organic chemistry topics shortly. Recent practicals have included soap-making and distilling propanone. Well done to those students who have completed their practical investigations, many of whom will have qualified for university chemistry with the exams still to sit.

### Physics

The physics students are currently building motors as part of their electricity topic.

### General Science

#### And finally...

Thanks to all those senior students listed below who, through their hard work, creativity and cool heads under fire, made the open day programmes for our visiting Intermediate schools such an 'explosive' success. Peter, Chi, Akash, Chad, "Pierre", Curtis, Shane L., Robbie and Ben



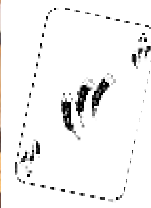
Good luck to all our students in their forthcoming preliminary exams at the beginning of Term 4. Revision programmes for senior subjects have been well under way for some time now, but new students are always welcome – just speak to your subject teacher if you wish to take part. Your teacher will be happy to advise you on support materials, resources and techniques that can assist you in your own revision programme.

**Mr D Richardson, HOF Science**

## **ACE PROGRAMME**

It's been a busy term for the ACE programme with the year 9 ACEs developing their research and presentation skills while exploring the theme of 'Crime and Punishment'. The boys have been debating capital punishment and the death penalty in English, and researching infamous serial killers and ancient forms of punishment in social studies. In Science, there's a mystery to solve.

The boys have been examining a crime scene using forensic science techniques with the help of a 'Scene of Crime' officer from the Rotorua Police. There's a body, a pizza and some rather damning evidence in S6: but what happened? Was it the Caretaker, the Pizza Delivery Boy or the Estranged Wife? Is fast food to blame? The anchovies know but they're not talking: its up to the 9A C.S.I. Rotorua squad to reconstruct the events surrounding the mysterious demise of Ronald MacDonald...



Well done to John Rolsten, Adam Crompton, Dylan Jeffrey and Benjamin McGrath who have shown superior sleuthing skills.

The report of the 10A Wellington field trip will be featured in the next issue of the "ACEs High" newsletter.

**Mr D Smith, ACE Co-ordinator**

## **INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES**



### ***Konnichi wa!***

Thank you to all the students who assisted during the open week for Year 8 students, you did the school and particularly the Japanese Department proud.

Congratulations to the Year 12 & 13 students of Japanese who achieved 3 credits in the conversation achievement standard. Special congratulations to Alistair Collins who gained excellence. The last remaining internal standard will be assessed next term after exams.

Students from years 9, 10 and 11 will also be working hard towards gaining internal credits. It is important to prepare carefully and put in your best effort.

Year 11, 12 and 13 students are working towards the completion of their videos to enter into the Japanese Language Video Competition. Some great work has been done, now we just have to edit it to perfection!

This week students from Years 11- 13 will be participating in an orienteering exercise to test their Japanese language skills in following directions.

Next term is busy and full of revision, assessment and exam preparation. It is essential that students prepare themselves well. Just doing a little revision or practice every day will make a difference. The key is to start now!

All senior students are reminded that sound files of the relevant vocabulary for Years 11, 12 and 13 are available. Please provide a blank CD-R or bring in a memory stick.

### ***Ni Hao!***

Our annual Rotorua Inter-School Chinese Speech Competition attracted 83 participants from 8 schools. Xiexie, thank you to all the Chinese students who helped to make the day a success.

Zhuhe! Congratulations to all students who stood up to the challenge of participating in the Fifth Rotorua Inter-School Chinese Speech Competition. Our International team of judges from Shangde Experimental School, Shanghai, were most impressed with the high standard achieved. A group of visiting teachers from Taiyuan were also amongst the audience who were delighted to see the enthusiasm of Kiwis speaking Chinese!

Results: Year 9: 3<sup>rd</sup> Calem Martin, Year 11: 2<sup>nd</sup> Humphrey Shand

Our boys truly enjoyed the interaction with the Shangde delegation of Coco Wang, Wang Chao and Joe Qiao.

Thank you to Ms S Mc Shane, Bradley Nielsen and Chad Gulliver for hosting them and showering them with kiwiana experiences! I have received many emails of thanks.

Term 3 has been a very busy and challenging time for all from Years 9 – 13. Immediately after the speech competition, the Juniors are on a character recognition path and the Seniors are into the NCEA Internal Assessments.

Term 4 week one will be Character Reading Competition time. The September holidays will be an ideal time for revision. Go for gold, boys!

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

## CONGRATULATIONS

### **Mr Gemmell**

Congratulations to Mr Gemmell on an outstanding fundraising event for the National Heart Foundation. This was a superb effort by Mr Gemmell and all the other contestants who rode their bikes to Taupo during this event.

### **Gary John Hill**

Congratulations to Gary John Hill on winning the Auckland Stroke play Championship held recently. NZ Golf played this event as an official trial for October's Eisenhower Trophy World Championship. Well done!!



### **Michael Duffy**

Congratulations to Michael Duffy for coming third place in the Novice 250cc class at the 2006 New Zealand Secondary School's Motorcross Championships. Well done!!

### **Shane Hyde**

Congratulations to Shane Hyde who won a bronze medal at the BOP Indoor Rowing Championships held recently. What made Shane's performance even more impressive is that he was competing in the U17 class. Well done!!

### **Robbie Eastham**

Congratulations to Robbie Eastham who has been selected in the New Zealand Open Mens and New Zealand Junior Mens Shooting Teams. Well done!!

### **Adam Wong**

Congratulations to Adam Wong Year 11 who achieved a High Distinction in the Australian English Competition (now called the International Competition). Adam achieved in the top 5% in the country with a score of 99%. Well done!!

### **Chinese Language Speech Competition**

Congratulations goes to Calem Martin, Year 9 who came third and Humphrey Shand, Year 11 who came second in their categories. Well done!!

## **Chris Edwards**

Congratulations to Chris Edwards on securing a gap student placement at the Christchurch Cathedral School in Oxford, England in 2007. Well done!!

# SPORTS NEWS



As the winter codes wind down, the school can look back over this term and be proud of its achievements. Our golf team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the New Zealand national championships, the 1<sup>st</sup> XV fought their way back into top 4 of the Rugby National Championships after a two year absence. Hockey won the Mayhill Cup Tournament, which puts us up a level into the India Shield Tournament for 2007. The Squash team finished 7<sup>th</sup> in their National tournament, with some magnificent individual displays by our players.

Our New Zealand Representative list continues to grow as our boys strive for excellence in their chosen sports. Deputy Head boy Anthony Pederson is our latest addition to the list as he represented New Zealand in kart racing. Our Golfers Gary John Hill and Danny Lee were named in the New Zealand Men's Golf.

Daune Gordon, Cody Cowen, and Cameron Te Kiri have been named in the New Zealand Junior Keas Rugby League team for a tour of Australia later this month.

Congratulations to all these boys.

Finally I would like to thank those coaches and managers of our sports teams for giving up your time to guide our young men through the winter season. It is a special job, and on behalf of the school and our students, I thank you for your efforts and look forward to your continued support of the school and our sports teams in the future.

## **Rugby**

### **1<sup>st</sup> XV Top 4 Campaign**

The 1<sup>st</sup> XV faced a difficult assignment of playing Tauranga BC at Paengaroa on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> August, in a rematch to decide the BOP representative for the chiefs round, involving Waikato champions Hamilton BHS, and Counties Champions Wesley College.

Our team won the BOP Championships with two tries to Jona Tuitoga and a conversion to Karl Martin finishing a well constructed move to score in the corner. A win to Rotorua Boys High School 12-8.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Round Chiefs Play offs Vs Hamilton Boys**

This game would be a huge factor in the terms of making top 4. Hamilton were the Super 8 champions, with only one loss all season, which was to us in round 3 of Super 8. We needed to repeat that performance in order to have a shot at going to top 4. Karl Martin kicked 4 difficult penalties, Jona Tuitoga scored a good try giving us a total of 17 points, we were then forced into defensive mode, as Hamilton fought back, Rotorua Boys High School winning the match 17-16.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Round Chiefs Play offs Vs Wesley College.**

We needed a win or draw to progress to top 4, but playing Wesley College at Wesley is a massive task, however, there was a quiet confidence that we could do it. Steven Schenk got the team off to the perfect start charging down a clearing kick and re-gathering to score. Wesley managed to score two tries and the lead at half time of 12 – 7.

Captain Anthony Studer put his hand up scoring a rampaging try in the corner to level up the scores 12 -12 early in the second half. The next 30 minutes was torrid with both teams having opportunities to score. The game finished at 12 – 12 which meant we were going to top 4 for the sixth time!

## **Top 4 – National Championship in Palmerston North Semi-final Game 1 Vs Christchurch BHS**

Playing the two time defending champions was always going to be a challenging task and made even more difficult with loss of our main lineout man Matty Vant Leven for family reasons. This was the opportunity for 2<sup>nd</sup> XV player Adrian Hall to step up into the big shoes of Matty V. Adrian was outstanding for the team in his first outing playing like a seasoned veteran. Unfortunately for us Christchurch BHS outplayed us using the strong end to end wind in the first half to good advantage and so forcing us to play catch-up rugby.

## **Play off for third and fourth Vs Gisborne BHS**

We had a lot to play for as Gisborne had beaten us in our earlier encounter. The two teams gave magnificent renditions of their school haka, setting the tone for an exciting match. Rotorua boys got off to a cracking start. Bauro Kairaoi scoring a wonderful try from full back beating four players on his way. This gave us the confidence to move the ball. Adrian Hall continued his fine form, scoring his first try for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV after some fine team work.

Gisborne struck back with a try to bring them back into the game, however Siggy Fisiiohoi got one straight back with a powerful burst of the back of the scrum, to give us a 17 – 13 lead at the break.

Errors started to creep into our game and Gisborne was able to capitalize on scoring three soft tries and eventually running away with the game 32 – 17.

This wasn't the way we wanted to finish our season, but 5 games in 14 days against top quality opposition took its toll on the team. Finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the country is still a wonderful achievement and something we thought initially was out of reach. We have now made six top four in the last nine years and that is a record no other school in New Zealand can match. A record to be proud of!!

## **Winter Tournament Week U15 National Rugby Tournament**

**Tauranga August 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

The U15 National Rugby Tournament was held in Tauranga and hosted by Tauranga Boys College.

Our team stayed at Tahuwhakateki Marae in Welcome Bay which was 15 - 20 minutes from the playing venue and far enough out of town to keep the boys on task. The coaching staff of Mr Cameron, Mr Stone and ably assisted by Mr Grant Borthwick and Mr Carl Marsters. We are also thankful to have parent supporters that stayed at the marae, thank you to Mrs Mandy Marsters and Mr Bill Wharewera.

The tournament itself saw us in a pool with Wellington College, Christchurch Boys and Otago Boys. As the tournament progressed it was apparent that this was the toughest pool to have drawn.

### Results

v Otago BHS	10-11	Loss
v Christchurch BHS	5 – 20	Loss
v Wellington College	7 – 27	Loss
v Wesley College	21 – 31	Loss
v New Plymouth BHS	15 – 12	Win
v Otago BHS	15 – 15	Draw (play off 10-11 <sup>th</sup> )

Players whom performed well at tourney were; Henry Kershaw, Seth Schenk, Tyson Turuta- Hughes, Waka Te Kurupa, Masi Neuri and Wayne Ngatai in the forwards while Ross Flint, Ryan Borthwick, Kapuarangi Gardiner and Kapeiere Wharewera were our most consistent backs

### Bay Of Plenty Rugby Representatives

The school congratulates the follow boys for making their respective age grade rugby teams.

- U14 Malachi Shaw, Chanse Perham, Carlo Putaranui, Chad Mason, Kaperiere Wharewera, Ryan Bothwick, Justin Delemare.
- U16 Paul Howe, QJ Ohia,
- U18 Nathan Hunt, Maru Henry, Bauro Kairaoi, Jesse Acton, Darrell Pereira, Slade King
- U20 Anthony Studer, Ariki Henry, Mattie Van Leven, Siggy Fisi'ihoi

### Soccer

Trident Trophy, New Plymouth August 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Venue: Ingelwood AFC.

#### Section Games

1.	RBHS 1	v	3	Wanganui HS
2.	RBHS 1	v	1	Lytton HS
3.	RBHS 6	v	0	Ingelwood

#### Placing games

1.	RBHS 4	v	2	Spotswood College
2.	RBHS 1	v	2	Frances Douglas College.
3.	RBHS 10	v	2	Otorohanga College

<b>Played</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>
6	3	1	2	23	10

The Rotorua BHS Most Valuable Player which was voted on by the opposition coaches was deservedly Liang Cui. Amazingly Liang scored 14 goals in 6 games. Liang was backed up by central defender David Clarke who had an outstanding tournament for the school. David's quality of performance and consistency saw him named as the coaches' player of the tournament. Other players too make solid contributions were Shane Wakefield, Josh Haua, Kyle Smith and Simon Barbour.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI will have a solid foundation for 2007 as 13 members of the tournament squad will be returning next year.

These Trident trophy games will air on Family TV, a local Rotorua TV station on Saturday 7th October and then repeated twice on the Sunday 8th October. Listen for more information on MORE FM. Or Check out their web site for more information. The first game will be RBHS vs. Inglewood. I hope this to be a long standing relationship with the TV station an excellent avenue to promote our school and our sports teams.

### **1<sup>st</sup> X1 Hockey Tournament Report, Mayhill Cup, Nelson 2006**

This year the 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Hockey team applied to go to the Mayhill Cup tournament in Nelson. Under the current tournament qualification system you need to win the tournament you are at before you can advance to the next tier. It has been the ultimate season goal of this years first XI to win tournament and be granted promotion to the India Shield, one of the two elite secondary schools hockey tournaments. Following an impressive showing against higher ranked teams at our Super 8 tournament the team were confident of a good showing at the Mayhill Cup.

On the first day the team had two games against Hastings Boys' High and Outumoetai College. The first was won quite easily (6-0) with the goals being spread around. The second match proved to be a much tougher one, and the team appeared tired from their game earlier in the day. After relinquishing an early lead, the game went back and forth. We trailed for much of the second half, before managing to score with less than two minutes remaining to level the scores at 4 each. This is how the game finished.

Heading into the final game of pool play we needed a win or draw against defending champions (who chose to return as opposed to accept promotion) Ashburton College to ensure our place in the quarter finals. This was an important game for the team not only to advance to the quarter finals, but also to prove we were capable of winning the tournament. The team started extremely strongly, starving Ashburton of the ball, and dominating the territory, in fact Ashburton took more than five minutes to get out of their half.

This set precedence for the match, and our team dominated throughout winning 3-1. This win enabled us to finish top of Pool A, setting up for a quarter final with Rongotai College.

After a good night's rest the team was ready for Rongotai. Through the early stages of the tournament we looked like the better team, and proved it winning relatively easily 3-1. Some very good work up front continued to assert our strike forwards as the most dangerous and talented unit in the tournament.

This win set our team up for a clash with Hutt Valley High School who had an exceptional New Zealand age group striker. This same striker scored twice early. To their credit our team kept fighting, and levelled the scores, before going ahead 3-2 on the stroke of half time when we accurately converted a penalty corner. We established complete control taking a 4-2 lead, and creating many more opportunities that we failed to convert. A very late goal on their behalf flattered the score line at 4-3. David Walker was selected and acknowledged as the player of the day for all teams for this day, an outstanding achievement.

This win set our team up with a final against one of the local schools, Waimea College. Waimea had been the early pace setters throughout the tournament, only conceding two goals all tournament, both in pool play. Our team showed great composure, with strong performances all around the field in particular the midfield. Continued pressure in the attacking circle resulted in a 4-2 lead. Just when it seemed the game was safe, we continued our pattern of conceding late goals, surrendering a third goal with one minute remaining. To make matters worse a penalty corner conceded on full time meant their entire team could assemble on our defensive circle in an attempt to score the tying goal. After two more penalty corners were awarded for different infringements our defence held strong clearing the ball and ending the match 4-3. Again among a number of strong performances notably Goal Keeper Isaac Mudge, and Peter Kim who was selected as the player of the day for all teams for this day.

Of the 16 players who travelled to Nelson, 13 are eligible to return, which poises us to do very well again in 2007. Acknowledgements must be made to our year 13 players, Captain, Peter Kim, Vice Captain, Isaac Mudge, and Josh Lewis. While these boys will not return they can be pleased that they had a valuable hand in enabling their team to progress further up the national ladder. In particular, Peter and Isaac need special mention, two players who have given outstanding service to hockey in this school, being members of the First XI both since their third form. All three will be sorely missed.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Hockey**

### ***Secondary Boys B Grade Winners of the Herewini Whanau Shield***

Tuwharetoa Hapi (Captain)	Vaughan Hatton
Daniel Walker	Kris Vine
Daniel Rudolph	Jordan Wainohu
Jayvant Dhanjee	Jury Herewini
Ypreus Williams	Ryan Burrows
Aaron Applegate	Lucas Jackson
Thomas Kim	Ben Page
Cleveland Walker	Lachlan Crowe

Played Tauhara College 1<sup>st</sup> XI in the B grade final. First half 2-1 to Tauhara. Boys kept more possession in the second half which resulted in them clawing their way back to a 3-2 win.

Goals scored by Jury Herewin (2) and Thomas Kim. Good setups (assists) by Jury Herewini and Jordan Wainohu.

Some excellent saves by our goalie Vaughan Hatton who has seen more action in the last two games than he has all season.

## **Squash News**

Matiu Te Kani McQueen and Dylan Irihei have won their BOP championship age grade squash titles, in the U17 and U15 respectively. Due to their good form those boys were selected for the following teams;

### Matiu Te Kani McQueen

- New Zealand Junior Men's Team
- BOP Senior Men's Team
- BOP Junior Men's Team

### Dylan Irihei

- BOP Junior Men's Team

The BOP Senior Mens Team played in the NZ National Championships in Christchurch on the 31 August to 6 September.

The BOP Junior Boys Team play the NZ Junior Nationals in Auckland 29 September to 5 October.

Congratulations to both boys on your selection

## **Basketball Premierships**

### **Seniors**

- 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 16 who qualified for tournament
- Mid North Premierships takes in South Auckland, Waikato, Thames, BOP, King Country and Gisborne
- Win against Paeroa College 91-48
- Loss against Church College 54-82
- Win against St Peters' School 59-54
- Win against Hamilton BHS 58-57
- Loss against St John College 60-79 (semis)
- Loss against Tauranga BS 51-65 (play off 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

### **Team:**

Hakopa Pore

Ibrahim Soloman

Levi Andrews

Te Putu Pore

Iose Tauilili

Mike Eketone

Jordan Pinker (Captain)

Mark Berry

Jordan Taurua

Rawiri Nelson

Jordan Pinker was selected in Tournament Team of our 10.

Despite being in the hardest section we managed to scramble our way to 4<sup>th</sup> place behind outstanding displays by Jordan Pinker. Our biggest challenge was to beat St Peters School who have a strong, tall and well balanced team. We played well in matches against St Johns College but lacked their size and enthusiasm.

### **Juniors:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 14 teams
- Win against Hamilton BHS 64-63
- Win against Nga Taiatea Wharekura 73-51
- Win against Cambridge HS 78-69
- Win against St Johns Year 9's 84-54
- Win against Otumoetai College 79-59
- Loss against Tauranga BC 50-70
- Loss against St Johns Year 10's 55-91

### **Team:**

Tamaki Courtney	Daniel Beale
Ngarepo Eparaima	Rore Neho
Gabriel Wills	Troy Webber
Dakota Hira-Hubbard	Logan Kershaw

Tamaki Courtney selected to Tournament Team of 10.

Outstanding and courageous displays by our five Year 9 players laid the basis for a meritorious 4<sup>th</sup> placing. We struck a number of injuries but managed to play with great skill and determination.

### **ASB Sports Awards 2006**

The school has been very successful in its nominations for the ASB sports person of the month awards our successes are as follows;

#### **2006 Sports Person of the Month Awards:**

Gary John Hill	Golf
Danny Lee	Golf
Maru Henry	Waka Ama
Daune Gordon	Rugby League
Cody Cowen	Rugby League
Matiu McQueen	Squash

### **Inter House Sport**

Frobisher's 4 year championship reign, could be coming to an end, with the inter house competition reaching its conclusion. It seems only a miracle would see them retain the title. Raleigh's efforts at the start of the year look to be paying off, having a handy lead as the competition heads into the final straight. Hot on their heels is a desperate Nelson house determined to get their 1<sup>st</sup> victory in 14 years, with soccer, rugby and academic results to be factored in the final tally. It would be a brave man to call the winner now.

House titles Since the House competition began in 1961

<b>House</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Titles</b>
Nelson	5	1967, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1991
Drake	6	1964, 1965, 1966, 1977, 1988, 1996

Frobisher	23	1961, 1971-73, 1980-82, 1984-86, 1989, 1992-95, 1997-99, 2001-2005
Raleigh	11	1962-63, 1968, 1970, 1975-76, 1978, 1983, 1987, 1990, 2000

Activity	Dates	D	F	N	R
	<b>Term 3</b>				
Volley Ball Jnr	26th-28th July	10	15	20	25
Volley Ball Snr	1st-3rd August	15	15	25	15
Students v Staff	4 <sup>th</sup> August				
Basket Ball Snr	22nd 24th Aug	15	25	10	20
Basket Ball Jnr	8th -10th August	20	15	25	10
Students v Staff	25th August				
Soccer Jnr	Sept 5th -7th				
Soccer Snr	Sept 12th 14th				
<b>Totals</b>		270	315	325	350

**Mr G Hunt, HOD Sport**

## NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES 2006

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
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  
New Zealand Kart Team

17. Cameron Te Kiri

NZ U15 Rugby League Team





# Rotorua Boys' High School

## - Our School Report 2006

### We welcome enrolments for 2007

**We have an impressive campus with outstanding facilities  
Our students are impressive!**



**Read our excellent ERO report dated September 2005**

### Our results are excellent

Academic	Leadership	Cultural	Sporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>NCEA 2005</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 359 students gained Level 1, 2 and 3</li> <li>— 39 students gained entrance to University</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Rotorua Boys' High School Junior Certificate increases motivation and student engagement (see ERO Report)</li> <li>◆ Individual study targets established for each student</li> <li>◆ Selected as part of the Ministry's Enhancing High Standards Across School's Project (EHSAS)</li> <li>◆ Accelerated and Curriculum Enriched (ACE) Programme for Gifted and Talented students</li> <li>◆ Cambridge International Exams are part of qualification structure at RBHS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 2005 33% of RECT Scholarships awarded to Boys (8 of 24)</li> <li>◆ 2004 67% of RECT Scholarships awarded to Boys (10 of 15)</li> <li>◆ 2003 75% of RECT Scholarships awarded to Boys (16 of 20)</li> <li>◆ Auckland University Top Scholar Awards 2003 and 2004</li> <li>◆ Principal recipient of Woolf Fisher Fellowship (4 awarded nationally)</li> <li>◆ Strong Prefect System</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Rotorua Speech Contest Winners 2002, 2004, 2005</li> <li>◆ NZ Secondary Schools Choir Representative 2005</li> <li>◆ Super 8 Schools Cultural Festival Winner 2004</li> <li>◆ Sheila Wynn Shakespeare in Schools Festival           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Winner of best student director 2006</li> <li>— Best actor award giving direct entry to National School Shakespeare Production 2005</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Rhapsody Rotorua Silver Award</li> <li>◆ NZ Shakespeare Team to Globe Theatre, London representative 2004</li> <li>◆ Strong Kapahaka Interhouse Competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ World Golf Champions 2000, 2001</li> <li>◆ World Rugby Champions 2003, 2004</li> <li>◆ World Track Cycling Gold Medalist 2005</li> <li>◆ World Junior Golf Championship Medalist 2006</li> <li>◆ NZ Golf Championship Winners 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005</li> <li>◆ NZ Golf Championship Runner-up 2002, 2004, 2006</li> <li>◆ NZ Rugby Championship Winners 1998, 2002, 2003. Runners Up 1999 and 2001</li> <li>◆ National Waka Ama Champion ship Winners 2005</li> <li>◆ National Hoe Waka Champion ship Winners 1988, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005</li> </ul> 

### Innovation

Rotorua's first 'Accelerated Learning Programme' 1992  
Original school for THM 'Models of Success' study  
Winner of Rotorua Business Award for Innovation 2002  
Established 'Super 8' group of schools  
\$3M Millennium Centre  
(with state-of-the-art Theatre, Sports Hall, Wellness Centre, Study Centre and Raukura Lounge)  
\$4M hostel on campus – opened 2005  
Golf, Rugby, Cricket and Soccer Academies  
Goodman Fielder School of the Year Award 2001  
\$2m Administration Block Redevelopment 2006  
\$2m Maths Faculty Development 2006/2007

### Digital Leader

All staff with laptops  
Exemplary Staff Award for use of 'Interactive Whiteboards'  
Sophisticated intranet  
In-room email facilities in Hostel

### Maori Achievement

Leader Nationally in developing Strategies for enhancing the learning outcomes of Maori boys  
More Maori teachers than any other NZ High School

### Self Assessment

Contracted professional agency to undertake Community Perception Survey  
Outstanding ERO Review 2005  
Academic self-review programme encourages career planning and student responsibility

### Environmental

Outstanding park-like campus  
Lead school for Motiti Island Restoration Project

### Social

Original member school for 'Good Man Project'  
Lead school for 'No Blame' bullying strategy

### Business

Winner of Rotorua Business Awards 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004

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