

“RAUKURA” Our Haka

Ko te aitanga o...
Raukura i te rangi e. I A HAHA!
Ka tu te ihi, ka tu te wana
Ka whao te puha o taku tupuna
Ki roto i ahau, e tu ake nei. I A HAHA!
My strong attachment to Raukura,
Moves me beyond the skies.
My fierce inner power soars as I feel the presence of my ancestors.

“RAUKURA”

A creed for Rotorua Boys' High School
The universal identifier of Rotorua Boys' High School and its students

“RAUKURA”

Our identity, our sense of belonging
The challenge laid before each student to aim for success, the source of pride and
inspiration for all

“RAUKURA”

Our destiny
The foundation and footprint of this school
It establishes a set of values we believe in and aspire to
It commands the standards and expectations of what is required to succeed

E ai ra te titiro
Ki nga marae tapu
E takoto nei. I A HAHA!
Ka tu mai te toa
Ka hupeke ki runga
Ki te whenua e. I A HAHA!
Whiua ki runga
Whiua ki raro

I remember the many sacred Marae that we are all part of
And the warrior in me is aroused
I stamp my mark upon this ground
Cast it to Rangi
Cast it to Papatuanuku.

“RAUKURA”

An opportunity to succeed through pure determination, dedication and discipline
The code of conduct that should be adhered to in the academic arena, on the sports field and in the cultural domain.

“RAUKURA”

The benchmark we aspire to
The platform we launch our dreams from
The mana and prestige of oneself, whanau and school

“RAUKURA”

Attaining our ultimate goals
Our being
Our statement to the community, country and world

“RAUKURA”

Endorsed and emulated in one Maoridom's greatest proverbs
by Sir Apirana Ngata
E tipu e rea, mo nga ra o tou ao
Ko tou ringa ki nga rakau a te Pakeha
Hei oranga mo tou tinana
Ko tou ngakau ki nga taonga a o Tipuna Maori
Hei tikitiki mo tou mahunga
Ko to Wairua ki te Atua
Nana nei nga mea katoa

Grow up and thrive for the days destined to you,
Your hands mastering the arts of the European to provide physical sustenance,
Your heart to the treasures of your Maori ancestors as a plume for your brow
Your soul to your God Almighty,
To whom all things belong

Te tara o taku wahanga ka horahia
Whao whao mai ana te ure, mimiti ana
Ki taku pa whakairo e tu ake nei. I A HAHA!
Mau ana te wehi e.
ANA KSS ANA KSS AUE HI!

And the young man in me strives to the very end to leave an impression.
Awesome
Ko wai te kura?

“RAUKURA”

Mr F Whata

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Dear Parents/caregivers,

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

Term 2, the first of our winter terms, is now well underway and the school is busy with our Term 2 programme over this nine week term.

A C Grinter
Principal

STAFFING

Mr A Crowley, B.Sp.L.S, Dip Tchg. Mr Crowley will be teaching Physical Education and comes to us from Waikato University and replaces Mr Kerekere who has joined the Police Force.



The school in welcoming Mr Crowley also wishes Mr Kerekere the best for his new career.

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.

ANZAC DAY

Thank you to the 20 School Prefects who represented the school and all our former students at the Anzac Day Dawn Service and Annual Anzac Day Ceremony held at the Rotorua Convention Centre on Tuesday, 25 April 2006.

Anzac Day is an important ceremony for our school given that 60 Old Boys gave their lives for their country during both World War II and the Vietnam War. Indeed our Assembly Hall is a memorial to these Old Boys and the Pro Patria Scrolls on each side of the stage carry the individual names of all 60 Old Boys.

PROPERTY

We can advise the work continues with the strengthening and modernisation of our main administration block. The builders are now moving from the strengthening phase to the modernisation phase and good progress is being made. The school has now been advised that the building can be reoccupied as from the start of Term 4 2006.

TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OLD BOYS

The Board of Trustees and the school in recognizing the need for men to enter teaching, again this year offers up to three scholarships of \$1000 each to any old boys of our school who are in their final year of teacher training.

This one off scholarship is to acknowledge our desire to not only attract young men into teaching but also more specifically to attract our old boys into teaching perhaps even at our school. One of the features of our school is the number of former students of our school who teach very successfully on our teaching staff. We hope this feature can be maintained.

Applications for the scholarship are by letter with CV and the closing date each year is the end of Term 2 of that year. For 2006 the closing date is Friday, 30 June. Applications can be made at any time and should be addressed to The Principal.

STUDENT NEWS

2006 TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

- ◆ Term 2: Monday 01 May to Friday 30 June (88 half-days)
- ◆ Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September (100 half-days)
- ◆ Term 4: Monday 09 October to Friday 14 December (96 half-days)

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

- ◆ Queen's Birthday: Monday 5 June
- ◆ Labour Day: Monday 23 October

RBHS WEB SITE

Parents are reminded that the school has a web site and this may be accessed at either of the following two addresses - www.rbhs.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**.

DOCTORS HOURS:

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP:

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



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

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

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.

PUNCTUALITY

One of the major issues we need to address as a school is punctuality at the start of the school day. Period One commences at 8.40am and all students are to be at school at this time. Parents and Caregivers can assist by ensuring your sons are here on time. These one hour periods at the start of our day are too valuable to erode in this way – please can we all work towards a prompt Period One start at 8.40am.

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE BERTHS FOR 2006

The school has been offered a berth for a 10 day Youth Development Voyage aboard the Spirit of New Zealand on the following Berths/Voyages:

Voyage	Berth	Sailing Date	Depart/Arrive
481	14	24 September 2006	Auckland/Auckland
482	14	4 October 2006	Auckland/Auckland
483	26	14 October 2006	Auckland/Opua
487	32	14 December 2006	Picton/Nelson

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.

Note: The voyages have increased from \$950.00 to \$1000.00 commencing with Voyage 482 departing Auckland on 4th October 2006

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

MOTHER AND SON BREAKFAST

DATE: Tuesday, 20 June 2006
TIME: 7.30 – 8.30 am
VENUE: Raukura Lounge Dining Room

Guest Speaker: Jeni Pearce
Topic: An acknowledged authority in the specialist field of sports nutrition, Jeni is well known for her private clinics, books, public lectures and media commentary.

COST: \$6.00 per double
TICKETS: Available at the main office



HUI WHANAU FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF MAORI STUDENTS

The next Hui Whanau will be held on **Wednesday, 31 May at 7.30 pm** in the **Raukura Lounge**.

🌀 Performance by Rotorua Boys' High School Kapahaka Group

All parents and caregivers of our 500+ Maori students are invited to attend.

MEETING FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF PASIFIKA STUDENTS

The next Hui Whanau will be held on **Wednesday, 7th June at 7.30 pm** in the **Raukura Lounge**.

- 🌀 Opening Prayer
- 🌀 Fijian Boys Performance
- 🌀 Guest Speaker
- 🌀 Fono/parents discussion
- 🌀 Closing Prayer

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend.

CURRICULUM NEWS

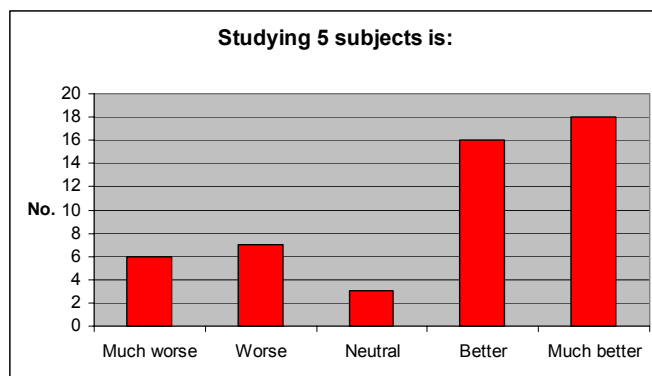
School Timetable

Both the structure of the school day and the number of subjects students choose in the senior school changed in 2006. Instead of choosing six subjects in Years 11 and 12, students chose five and instead of having six periods per day everyone now has only five. This has meant changing the way we do many things at the school.

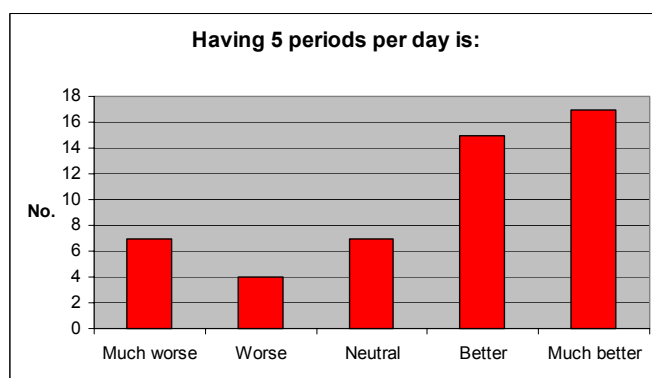
Eight weeks into Term 1 both the staff and Year 11, 12 and 13 students were surveyed about the impact of the change. This meant that people were still able to remember the previous system were therefore able to offer useful comparisons.

Both groups reported strong support for both changes. The staff showed marginally stronger support than students.

Data collected from students is produced below. A full copy of the survey results, is available from the School Office for parents who may be interested.



Frequency	Comment
13	Fewer subjects means more focus/less stress/ more learning
11	More time in class
7	Restricts choice – didn't get subjects chosen
6	Fewer credits available overall
4	Less to study
4	Good
2	Less variety in the day
2	Not having study sucks
1	Good because Year 13 is a hard level



Frequency	Comment
8	More time to learn
6	Not having two periods after lunch is good
6	Drags out a bit with hour periods
6	Having all periods the same length is easier, more balanced, less confusing.
5	I'm hungry by lunchtime
5	Can complete more of the work in an hour period than in shorter ones
3	The day goes faster
2	More time on each subject
2	Don't like the one hour after lunch – too long
1	Y13 needs a study period

Teachers are interested to see what impact the changes will have on the achievement of students.

Qualifications

NCEA Levels 1 to 3

Both senior and junior students are focussed, not only on achieving standards but also on gaining Merit and Excellence grades. All students should be keeping a close record of the credits they are achieving. Parent help in this valuable organisational task can be very effective. Summaries of the credits achieved to date are available from the Office for parents to collect at any time.

All students will have received a course outline for each course they are taking. This includes detail about:

1. The standards they can expect to be assessed against (Achievement and Unit Standards).
2. When they are to be assessed

As the winter sports codes gear up it is important that students do not push academic goals to the background. Parents can assist their sons by ensuring a regular study habit at this early stage. Senior students have all the details necessary to be able to design an accurate study/learning programme.

Qualification Entries

Entries for all qualifications (NCEA Levels 1, 2, and 3) will be finalised this term. Parents should be aware of this upcoming cost and may wish to pay these fees prior to the deadline of Aug 4th. It is possible to change student entries at any time before the end of term 2. Invoices for qualifications will be sent out in week 7.

Domestic Candidates - NQF entry fees for 2006

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

International Fee Paying Candidates

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

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist with the payment of entry fees to National Secondary Schools Qualifications. To be eligible to apply you must be the fee payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit; and/or
2. Have a joint family income below the threshold for receipt of a Community Services Card; and /or
3. Have more than one child in the family* undertaking these qualifications in the same year, irrespective of income.

Financial assistance claims cannot be made for foreign fee paying students.

Fees for those eligible for financial assistance in 2006

One child entering qualifications \$20.00

Two or more children entering qualifications A maximum of \$30.00 per family

For those who pay full fees there is a maximum of \$100.00 per child and \$200.00 per family

Full details of eligibility for financial assistance will be enclosed with the Senior Reports at the end of term 2.

Academic Review - Year 11, 12 and 13

Time has been set aside for each year 11 student to meet with their House Group teacher to discuss their academic progress to date, their goals and how they plan to achieve them. This programme aims to raise academic achievement by encouraging students to take increased responsibility for results. Before the interview students will be required to summarise their own achievement and prepare a plan for their academic success both for this year and future years at school.

House Group teachers will support students by providing targeted individual academic coaching.

Parents can support their sons by discussing their academic programme, and helping to develop specific goals before the interviews take place. Academic Reviews for all year levels will take place this term.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

MATHS DEPARTMENT

As you may be aware we are undertaking a major restructuring in the Mathematics Department's schemes. All schemes from Year 9 to Year 12 have been rewritten with two main aims in mind.

1. Preparing students for NCEA.
The year 9 and 10 course has been written with the aim of giving our students the best possible preparation for the Level 1 NCEA course.
2. Meeting student's needs.
In Years 9 and 10 we have designed three tiers within the course to allow us to support and challenge students at all levels. In Years 11 and 12 we have a designated "Accelerate and Enrichment class". These classes are embarking on a programme aimed at creating time to allow specific scholarship study in Year 13.

The reason I am highlighting this in this newsletter is that we will soon be meeting as a department to review the progress so far and plan changes for next year. I would welcome any feedback from you as to the strengths and weaknesses of the programme from your perspective as parents/ carers. If you have any comments then please send them to me, either on paper via your son's Mathematics teacher, or by e-mail to dglynn@rbhs.school.nz.

Mr D Glynn
HOD Mathematics

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to all NCEA L1 boys from last year. 78% of you gained the essential literacy credits and above the national mean. There were some excellent results from L2 as well.

All senior classes have now completed their first internal English assessment for credits for NCEA. These credits are the first step to gaining essential credits for literacy at L1 or for tertiary education and apprenticeships.

This year over 95% of Yr 13/14 are studying English. The ability to communicate one's ideas through writing or speaking is paramount to achieving success in all careers.

This year we have had one senior team in the Russell McVeigh national debating competition: Akash Singh, David Gainsford and Thomas Dorreen. Mrs Revell coached this team which performed well in the competition held on Sunday, 7 May. We also have a team in the Waikato University Mooting competition: Josh Lewis, Patrick Keenan and Isaac Mudge. This competition begins in mid May. Mrs Simpson is coaching this team with help from Jonathan Olphert and Kate Yarrall, both prominent lawyers who are coaching the boys in the skills of preparing a legal submission.

Teams are also preparing for the Super 8 debating and public speaking competitions.

Mrs W Simpson
HOD English

FOOD TECHNOLOGY & HOSPITALITY DEPARTMENT

Term one has been a busy one with many interesting activities taking place. Our senior Food & Hospitality students have recently completed practical assessments for the unit of salad making. To attain credits for this unit, the students have to prepare salads which would meet industry standard and served to a third party. This has been a perfect opportunity for parents to sample their sons' accomplishments in our restaurant. The salads were certainly a work of art and would not be out of place at any restaurant. We have hosted two such occasions and appreciated the time taken out by parents to attend these lunches.

On May 11th we have 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 will have the privilege of working with a top chef, maitre d and Head of House to prepare and serve this meal. Invitations have been posted to parents and I am pleased to say that all the places have now been taken. If you have been unable to attend this meal we hope there will be further occasions when you will be able to. There is no cost for this meal as HSI are providing all the food. On May 18th we will be repeating this meal opportunity with our Year 13 NCEA class. Invitations will be in the mail shortly.

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



Liz Casserly
HOD Food & Hospitality Dept

CAREERS AND TRANSITION DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

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| ■ 14 & 15 May | Rotorua Careers Expo |
| ■ 15 May | Year 11 Careers Expo Visit |
| ■ 15 May | Victoria University Liaison Visit |
| ■ 27 May | Waiariki Institute of Technology Open Day |
| ■ 29 May | Canterbury University Liaison Visit 12.20 – 1.20 pm |
| ■ 22 June | Te Ao Hou |

It was a pleasure to take 60 students to the Waikato University Open Day in early May. They were able to experience University life first hand by touring the Halls of Residence, viewing laboratory demonstrations, attending mini lectures and a mock court and finding out about subject and courses. Hopefully their career pathways for the future are becoming clearer.

Mrs L Randall
Careers & Transition Department

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DEPARTMENT

I would like to welcome the following new students who have started at Rotorua Boys' High School:

Japan
ISHIMORI Daiyu
AMANO Shinya

Korea

JUNG Eui Je

England

MARTIN Karl

Shiba Boys' High School Visit 2006

At the end of last term we were visited by students and staff from Shiba Boys' High School in Tokyo, Japan.

Both staff and students from Shiba all enjoyed the fantastic hospitality of our Rotorua Boys' High School hosts and the different activities they all participated in.

The success of a visit like this would not be possible without the support from both students and host families from Rotorua Boys' High School.

Thank you all once again.

Mrs F Aydogmus

Director of International Students

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Curriculum News

The academic year is in full swing with the first round of internal assessments completed for Social Studies, Classical Studies, Geography and History. The consensus amongst the staff is that there has been a positive response from the students which are reflected in some extremely good results.

The emphasis this term is on research and inquiry with students being given the opportunity to explore many facets of the complex world that we live in.

Geography – The Yr 11 group will be researching natural disaster patterns on a global scale. The Yr 12 students are doing an in depth analysis of the structural patterns of Rotorua requiring a great deal of field work. The Yr 13s will be doing a fascinating study, quantifying the scale and effects of a “one in fifty year” flood of the Utuhina stream.

Classical Studies – The Yr 12 students are doing their research work on Greek Mythology, which has intrigued the students and proving to be a fascinating look at the ancient world.

History – The students in this subject are also in research mode. The Yr 12 students are gaining greater insight into their own local heritage by researching the history of local buildings. The Yr 11 and Yr 13 students are doing research into the same period of history, namely the Second World War with the Yr 13 group having to create and construct museum displays of WW2 campaigns.

Enviro-Challenge



The star Geography team with awards!!!

From Left: Robbie Eastham, Patrick Keenan, Robin Power, Chris Ball, Shane Wakefield, David Gainsford

We entered the regional Enviro-Challenge for the second year hoping to at least match our Yr 13 Geography students from last year, who finished second in the competition. The team comprised Patrick Keenan, Robin Power, Shane Wakefield, Robbie Eastham, Chris Ball and David Gainsford.

The students were tested on a range of skills and information related to the environment. They had to prepare a powerpoint presentation on the environmental 'health' of RBHS, go through an interview process by local councillors, and compete in various quizzes and challenges based on research done prior to the event.

They performed exceptionally well and came out comfortable winners in the end. Patrick Keenan was nominated to be an Environmental Ambassador for the region and will be representing BOP Schools in a visit to Parliament later this term.

Geography 3 Tongariro Trip



Tama lakes – First day's destination

Mangetepopo Valley – Start of day two's walk

Highest point we will be going to.

The Geography Level 3 students will soon be undertaking their 3 day field trip to Tongariro National Park.

They will be doing research work on the natural processes operating in the environment and also looking at the scale of human impact on the environment. We will be based in National Park village and do day excursions to Tama Lakes and also up onto the crest of the Tongariro volcanic complex. It is an intensive three days with the students gaining real and tangible reinforcement of the theory that is learned in the classroom.

Mr R Holliday
HOD Social Science

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Australian Science Competition

On Wednesday May 3, 9A/B and 10A/B all sat the challenge of the Australian Science Competition. Results are expected back near the end of this term.

Could the few remaining students who have not paid, please pay as soon as possible (Cost was \$6.50 for 9A/B and \$5.00 for 10A/B). This term, all junior students will be doing a topic on fair testing and experimental setup. The keen students will be able to submit a science fair project for the schools science fair at the end of the term. The best of these will go onto the Bay of Plenty Science Fair.

Chemistry

Most of the chemistry students will be sitting the Australian National Chemistry Competition on the 27 July. Please pay \$5 to the office.

Physics

Senior Physics students have been working on catapult designs as part of their study. I look forward to reporting on the results in the next newsletter.

Biology

Two field trips are coming up for senior biology. Level 3 students will be traveling to Ruakura as part of their genetics topic, while the Level 2 students will be doing an ecology study offsite for 2 of their achievement standards.

Mr D Richardson
HOF Science

GATEWAY PROGRAMME

Gateway is moving forward slowly but surely. As mentioned last term we have over 100 students signed up to participate in Gateway and work in an industry of their choosing. However at this stage only 26 students have been placed. The good news is that some of these placements are new industry types for us and so we make progress in offering a greater variety of learning for our senior students.

For example:

One of our young men is working with Sigma Consulting in Rotorua and loving every minute of it. He is already learning the latest in Computer Aided Design and making plans for his tertiary education in this field.

Two of our students, one year 12 and one year 13 have been placed with a local lawyer, Mr Vigor-Brown who has already been able to show them much of the industry as it is practised in the real world. These young men have also opted to do their Gateway placement out of school time highlighting a real commitment to their current learning and their motivation to take advantage of the learning Gateway offers them through the real world.

Once again a big thanks to all of the businesses helping out our young men in 2006, far too many to mention here but without their support and others in the community Gateway would not be able to offer the opportunities it does.

Mr Tabuteau
Director of Gateway

BUSINESS STUDIES

The business studies class this year has made fantastic progress in the YES (Young Enterprise Scheme) Business Studies competition between local secondary schools. This year all five teams have completed and submitted comprehensive business plans to the Regional Coordinator Jo Gargiulo of the Rotorua District Council.

The Business groups are;

SPAZZ – Hair Wax

Evolution IT – Customized Computers and Parts

Neale Enterprises – Event Planning (Motivational Seminar)

Hawke Inc (Not Incorporated) – Natural Hair Wax

Infinity Cubed – Branded Clothing Label

These businesses are made up of Y12 and Y13 students. Each student has a specific role to carry out, for example there are General Managers, Financial Directors, Personnel Directors, Product Managers and Marketing Managers.

On the 20th of May these students will make presentations to a board of local business dignitaries talking about their business plan and the aim of their business in 2006. Should one of our groups take out the local finals they will move on to the regionals and from there the National finals for the YES Business Programme.

Each and every student should be commended on their contributions to their businesses so far to date and the best of luck for our Business Studies students as they prepare for the presentation at the end of the month.

Mr F Tabuteau
Teacher

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

Thank you to all those students and parents who hosted the boys from Shiba High School in Japan. It was the most successful visit so far and we look forward to special celebration with Shiba next year on their 10th visit.

As reported last term, the International Languages Department has had data projectors installed in our classrooms. This new resource is actively used and is proving to be a great teaching tool. Students are now able to learn through the latest interactive multi-media Language CDs.

The vast majority of students have achieved good grades in their term one assessments or practice assessments. Once again, we encourage parents to assist in checking that your son is completing his homework or practising his language. Regular, consistent work is the key to success.

Chad Gulliver Year 13 and Bradley Nielsen Year 12 Chinese students presented a talk to the New Zealand China Friendship Society, Rotorua Branch during the April holidays. President Helen Fowler and the members were most impressed with how well our young lads coped with studying at Shangde Experimental School in Shanghai.

In June, RBHS can look forward to the visit of a Chinese intern from Jiaotong University in Shanghai, who will be assisting in the Chinese classes for two weeks.

Mrs H Harison and Mrs L George
HODs - International Languages

ACCELERATE AND CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME (ACE)

Year 9

Year 9 explore the secrets of the Ancients.

Our boys in 9A and 9B explored the theme of 'Ancient Civilisations' this term. Mr. Raphael began the programme with a fascinating introduction to Classics, bringing the mythology and language of the ancient Greeks to life.

Life, death and the after-life in ancient times were the focus in social studies. The boys mummified each other (temporarily!) and preserved a grizzly range of internal organs in home-made canopic jars! Well done to Adam Crompton for sourcing a variety of viscera!

The boys constructed scale models of the Pyramid of Cheops in maths, made approximations of the value of Pi, and learned how to use Egyptian fractions and multiplication.

Creative writing skills were developed in English through the creation of illustrated diaries and postcards designed from the viewpoint of someone living in ancient times.



In science, the boys were introduced to the philosophy of scientific thinking and how it applies to modern science. They also looked at the life and inventions of the great Archimedes, and the impact of his ideas on modern science and technology.

The themed study was brought to an exciting conclusion making Egyptian death masks with Mr. Whitrow in art.

The boys cast the masks from their own faces, and incorporated their own personal hieroglyphs into their designs to great effect.



Coming up in term 2:

- Field trip to Auckland to experience New Zealand's marine life at the Auckland Museum, Goat Island Marine Reserve and Kelly Tarlton's (9A).
- Bridge-building challenge with CIVENG Ltd (9A and 9B).
- Term 2 themed study: Rubbish, recycling and Rotorua. General skills to be developed include teamwork and cooperative learning (9A and 9B).

Year 10

Year 10 study skills workshop

The first study skills workshop for year 10 was with Mr. Richardson (science). The boys were taught some simple but effective memorisation techniques and how to arrange their study notes using an electronic graphic organiser.

Year 10 consider New Zealand's nuclear-free status.

Year 10 explored the controversial issue of nuclear energy in their first themed study.

The boys learned the science behind nuclear energy and weapons of mass destruction, and the history and reasons behind New Zealand's nuclear policies in social studies, including nuclear testing in the Pacific and the Chernobyl disaster. Some thought-provoking statistics were analysed in maths and the possible effects of a nuclear accident in New Zealand were modelled.

In English the boys researched, presented and argued cases for alternative energy sources. They produced some very impressive Powerpoint slideshows and static image posters to support their presentations and exercised their public-speaking skills. A very well presented and defended presentation on 'Biofuels' from Tom Kelly, Daniel Walker, Callum Roberts, Dipesh Buddhia and Jarrod Braddock was a highlight.



In science, they were also challenged to research, design and build a wind-generator from scratch in over just 2 class periods from a very limited supply of materials. Well done to Jordan Marr, Kaperirere Wharewera, Daniel Fraser and Zak Raphael who fried the competition, generating a sizzling 50mA!

Coming up in Term 2:

- 'Perceptions' workshop (10A and 10B).
- Bridge-building challenge with CIVENG Ltd (10A and 10B).
- Term 2 themed study: The Hotel (10A and 10B).

Many thanks to all those staff who contributed to a successful ACE programme in term 1, and in anticipation of an equally successful Term 2.

Mr. Smith & Mr. Cox
ACE Programme Coordinators

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

It has been a good year so far. Term 1 saw the regional heats of the Sheila Winn Shakespeare-in-Schools festival happen. Boys High teamed up with Girls High again for the 15 minute category. We produced a scene from the Merry Wives of Windsor. We all travelled down to Reporoa College for the day where we were treated to a wide range of scenes by the competing schools. Our students performed with passion and their performance earned them the award for the Best Ensemble Work, which was well deserved.

Patrick Keenan put together a 5 minute scene for the student directed category. His scene from MacBeth was the runner up and was highly praised by the adjudicator. Patrick was also awarded the Individual Award (an award the judge gives out to a participant he believes deserves special mention) for his great work both acting in and directing his scene. This award is a real honour for Patrick. This is the same award that Daniel Thompson was awarded last year and is the third year in a row that Boys High has gained this award. Well done Patrick.

This term sees our production of Romeo and Juliet stepping up a gear. Rehearsals have started again in the Colman theatre and with lines being learnt and moves remembered, we are off to a solid start.

The cast is certainly very focussed. We are working in an excellent facility and it is a fitting venue for this fine play to be produced. With the play looking at being presented in the middle of term 3, you can watch this space for more details... So, with the rest of the year presenting us with a plethora of activities to delve into, we certainly have no time to rest.

Mr Hay
HOD Performing Arts

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Congratulations go to Grant O'Connor for passing the Associated Boards of The Royal Schools of Music grade 5 theory exam. Grant attained a pass. Grant also sang with Australian singer Rob Guest during the holidays at the convention centre. Rob Guest has played the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera in Australia for the past 7 years.

The vocal group are busy preparing for the Super 8 competition in Hastings on Saturday 20th May

All NCEA students are busy completing and tinkering with compositions before the final deadline of June 2nd. In addition to composing, students are performing their own compositions and performance pieces every Friday. We recently heard some good performances by Andre Goldberg, Sebastian Peni and a fine rendition of the Sultans of Swing by Trojan Te Rehu-Tuki and Te Hina Pakinga-Stirling.

A number of students will be entered for the RGT London College of Music electric guitar exams in October. These exams offer formal recognition of the specific talents and skills of electric guitar players and they provide an internationally recognised standard for electric guitar players. The students are busy preparing pieces and scales John Brakewell.

Mr S Taylor
HOD Music

YEAR 13 & 14 DEANS NEWS

Tertiary Institutes Scholarships

There are numerous scholarships available for students who are intending to study at tertiary level. These apply to universities as well as local polytechs.

The scholarships are awarded for differing reasons; which range from academic, sports, cultural and musical. All universities offer a range of scholarships.

The applications for scholarships occur at different times throughout the year. Students have filled out a questionnaire as to what tertiary institution they are hoping to attend. This allows us to target them for scholarships that relate to that institution.

The scholarships will be advertised in the school daily notices so students need to read these so that they do not miss out on opportunities. Students can also go to the websites of the university or polytech that they are intending to go to, as this has information on the scholarships on offer.

Ms Zilionis
Year 13 & 14 Dean

CULTURAL NEWS

Air Training Corps (ATC)

David Gainsford and Steven Jenkins is heading off to Canada in Term 3 for 3 weeks as part of the 29th Squadron Air Training Corp representing the Rotorua division. They will travel across to British Columbia visiting different air bases and will be billeted out with Canadian families who are involved in ATC in Canada.

SPORTS NEWS



The winter season is here and all winter sports teams have been training very hard over recent weeks with the winter competitions commencing this weekend. This year we have increased numbers in most sports codes and particularly in Soccer and Rugby.

I take this opportunity to thank parents, support staff and teachers for the extra time and effort that goes into managing, organising and coaching our sports teams.

I am always on the look out for any assistance from our school community with regards to managing or coaching our young men here at school with their school sport.

So, if you feel you have what it takes to assist in any form, please free to contact me at school.

I look forward to seeing you on the sidelines in support of your son and our school and hope the 2006 sporting season will continue to be a success.

Mr G Hunt
HOD Sport

WHHS Tournament

Shooting

Robbie Eastham again showed his class as a New Zealand Representative leading the RBHS team to victory at the WHHS tournament, shooting impressive scores of 99.4 and 100.5 out of a possible 105. Scott Bowditch also had a good shoot, scoring 92.2 and 98.4.

Motor Cross

190 competitors gathered to compete in this event with well over \$2 million dollars worth of equipment on display. In the senior open Quentin Albertyn finished a very respectable 3rd place. Reece Carter raced hard in a very strong U16 field finishing 5th.

Golf

Landyn Edwards defended his title as the WHHS tournament golf champion playing at Lake View on Friday and Saturday. Landyn proved to be too good for the field playing 71 on a par 72 course.

Basketball

The senior team were out matched physically in the competition. The lack of big men to complete on the inside took its toll on the team. On a more positive noted the junior team consisting of mainly third formers won their matches.

Rugby

The 1st XV travelled to Auckland to play Kings College who were National 1st XV finalists in 2005.

The game was played with intensity from the start. The first try of the game saw Maru Henry cut through the Kings backline in a classy move dragging two defenders over the line.

The next try saw Steven Schenk break from a maul to run over in the corner untouched. Penalties and a lucky try after half time allowed Kings to come back into the match levelling the scores at 13 all.

The team, showing great character and led by captain Anthony Studer came straight back scoring a well constructed second try to Maru Henry, showing again good strength and pace to score in the corner and seal the win 18-16!

Players to stand out were Forwards Anthony Studer, Vena Paulino, Jessie Acton, Matt van Leven, and in the backs Ariki and Maru Henry.



Maru Henry in Action

2006 Teams and Coaching Staff

Team	Coach/Contact
1 st XV	Mr Grinter /Mr Tipuna/ Mr Hunt
2 nd XV	Mr Buckton / Mr Maartens

3 rd XV	Mr Raphael
4 th XV	Mr Botha
U15 A	Mr Stone/Mr Porima
U15 B	Mr Crowley

NZ Schools Sevens Team

Jona Tuitoga has been selected for the New Zealand Schools Sevens Team. This team was picked at the National Sevens Tournament, where Jona showed good pace and skills to earn selection.

Squash

Squash is a sport on the rise at Rotorua Boys High, with players such as Matiu Te Kani McQueen, and Dylan Irihei who are right up there with the best players in New Zealand for their age group.

Training/practice every Thursday at Geyser courts from 3.15-4.30pm.

Up coming tournaments

BOP Secondary Schools Individual tournament – this is being held on 24th & 25th May at Geyser courts.

BOP Secondary Schools tournament held in Tauranga. Two teams will be entered.
National Secondary School Tournament being held in Wellington

Please feel free to contact Ms Zilionis with any queries.

Hockey

Team	Coach
1 st XI	Mr Dalton
2 nd XI	Mr Burling
Manager	Mr Smyth

Practice times: 1st XI Wednesday and Thursday 3.15 pm-4.15 pm
 2nd XI Monday and Wednesday 3.15 pm-4.15 pm

Soccer

Shane Wakefield attended the New Zealand Secondary Schools trials held in New Plymouth in the April holidays. The standard of the 60 players involved from around New Zealand was very high. Congratulations Shane.

2006 Teams and Coaches

Team	Coach
1 st XI	Mr Cane
2 nd XI	Mr Warner
Junior Academy	Mr Cane

Mountain Biking

National Series Results

Wade Mangham and Simon Honour have finished 1st and 2nd respectively in the under 17 National series which involved multiple races all around the country.

The series concluded at the national championships held in Levin recently, where Wade finished 4th and Simon 8th over all.

In the under 19's Jonathan Coates finished a creditable 3rd at the nationals.



Wade Mangham NZ U17
Mountain Biking Champion



Simon Honour NZ U17
Mountain Biking Runner Up

Golf

Gary John Hill successfully defended his title by winning the NZ U19 Maori Golf Championship. His scores of 72, 72, 72 and 73 one over par gave him a 12 shot victory.

Gary has been named in the NZ Golf Team to compete in the world junior teams which take place in Japan in June.

He has also recently been selected for the NZ Titleist Golf Academy. This Golf Academy consists of the countries most promising golfers who may in future represent New Zealand. Well done Gary John.



Senior Golf Captain and New Zealand Representative
Gary John Hill

Rowing

Maadi Cup

The school recently attended the National Secondary School's Rowing Championships held at Lake Ruataniwha in the South Island. The school was represented by an U16 Eight (Alex Jansen, Geoff Howes, Daniel Hulton, Andrew Oliver, Taikata Kingi, Shane Hyde, Brent van der Burg, Trent Ebermayer, Coxswain Henry Genefaas, Coaches: James Cooney and Trevor Manners) and an U18 Eight and both of these crews made the finals.

Furthermore, the U18 Eight (Thomas O'Donnell, Mark Costello, Jesse Acton, Blake Pardoe, Ugi Zoric, Harry Simperingham, Chris Edward, David White, Coxswain Steve Cornwall, Coach Simon O'Donnell) in making in the final of the Maadi Cup which is the most prestigious of New Zealand Secondary School rowing events was a wonderful achievement. Our crew came fourth in this final behind Christ College, Kings College and Hamilton Boys' High School and in a very fast time.

Our U17 Four (Jesse Acton, Blake Pardoe, Ugi Zoric, Harry Simperingham, Coxswain Steve Cornwall, Coach: Simon O'Donnell) also won bronze in their final.

All members of our rowing teams can be very proud of the months of preparation and hard work they put into their season. Our teams were well coached by Mr Simon O'Donnell and old boy's James Cooney and Trevor Manners. Our crews were also well supported by a wonderful parents group who put together fundraising not only for the trip to Lake Ruataniwha but also for our new rowing eight. The school acknowledges all these people for their wonderful support and pays tribute to a team of dedicated rowers who have taken our school to a level in rowing that we have not been before. Rotorua Boys' High School is now one of the top rowing schools in New Zealand and we look forward to the continued growth of rowing over the years to come. Congratulations to everyone involved.



Maadi Final – U18 Eight
Fourth Placing



Bronze Medallist
U17 Fours



Sports Academy

The Sports Academy has had an excellent start to the year. The boys are currently into their 10 week personal fitness programs.

The Academy students are selected for their potential in their chosen sports. To be selected in the academy you need to show achievement at National level.

2006 Rotorua Boys' High School Sports Academy



Back Row; M Henry, S Fisihoi, J Acton, A Cakau, K R Gardiner, K Martin
H Carlson, A Henry, M vant Leven, A Studer, H Brown, J Tuitoga.
Absent: J White, N Hunt, M Costello.

Inter-House Sports

Inter House Sport is an integral part of our school and participation is only limited by your desire.

Raleigh House has got off to a flyer under the guidance of the very competitive Mr. Buckton, winning 3 of the 4 events in term 1.

Can the mighty green machine keep up the pace, as dark horses Drake apply pressure for the Mana of being top house. Frobisher house, have had a slow start to the year but are now under the guidance of Mr. Dunn, who is certain Mighty Frobisher will again reign supreme in 2006. And let's not forget Nelson, who will certainly benefit from the extra enthusiasm Mr. Dalton will bring to the competition.

Results To Date:

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

Up Coming Events in Term 2

	Term 2
Touch Rugby Snr	2nd-4th May
Students v Staff	5th May
Haka Competition	28th June
Cross Country	11th May
Hockey Junior	30th May 1 st June
Hockey Senior	13th - 15th June
Students v Staff	16th June

Touch



Drake House Senior Touch Team

M. Marr, H. Tichborne, J. Clark, M. Henry, H. Houia, H. Marr.

Devon Mitchell has been selected for the Cook Island Open Men's Touch Squad, a fantastic effort for a 15 year old. This squad travels away to South Africa in early January 2007 to compete in the World Cup.

Student of the Month - Profile

Name: Karl Martin

Age: 17

Year Level: 13

Roles at school: Tai Mitchell Boarder, Sports Academy, Rugby 1st XV

Achievements: England U19 Colleges Rugby Team

South West England Academy

County / Provincial representative U15 to Present

How did you accomplish this? Training every day for two years, either in the gym or on the field practicing skills for at least two hours a day!

What motivates you?

The chance I've been given in rugby, plus the happiness it brings me. I would love to do it as a career if possible.

How do you balance school studies and sporting commitments?

I work hard on this balance especially in winter when rugby can dominate but the requirements of my studies must also be met.

What are your goals for 2006?

To represent the RBHS 1st XV and to pick up a rugby contract when I return back home to England with the Cornish Pirates.

What is your future ambition?

A pro contract.



Karl Martin

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVES

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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 |
| 4. Daniel Lee | NZ U23 Golf Champion |
| 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 World Junior Elite Squad |
| 12. Devon Mitchell | Cook Island Open Men's Touch Squad |

OLD BOYS NEWS

Matt Jervis

(RBHS – 3 February 1998 to 7 December 2001)

Matt attended the Waikato University at the age of 16 and has just graduated (aged 20) with a Bachelor in Computing and Mathematical Sciences with first class honours. Matt is heading to the UK to take up post-grad studies at the University of Lancaster and the University of Hagenburg (Austria) as part of the Leonardo Project (a post-grad student exchange programme).

Matt has received two scholarships to complete his Masters degree.



Matt with Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of University of Waikato at his graduation ceremony

In 2005 Matt was awarded with Best Project at the 2005 Honours Conference for the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences. Matt graduated with first class honours in Computing and Mathematical Sciences.

Matt also received the Ramanujan Prize for Best in Fourth Year. This prize is awarded annually by the Council of the University of Waikato on the recommendation of the Academic Board to the student in the School of Computing and Mathematical Science who in the opinion of the Dean of the School has completed the best overall performance for the degree of Bachelor of Computing and Mathematical Sciences.

Matt has recently received the Unisys Recognition of Excellence Prize. This industry award was for the top male IT student for 2005. Matt also works for WAND – a research group at the Waikato University with an international reputation. Congratulations Matt – another Old Boy we can all be proud of and inspired by.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Waikato Leaver Scholarships

Congratulations to the 2006 recipients of the Scholarship:

- William Campbell
- Mehul Chhagan
- Tatsuaki Goh
- Blake Purcell
- Logan Waerea

The Leaver Scholarship recognises achievement in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement. The \$3,000 Scholarships are awarded to students who achieve 60 credits at level 3 or level 4 of NCEA in three or four approved subject with at least 14 credits in each of those subjects. These School Leaver Scholarships will also be available to current students in Years 11 to 13 when they attend the University of Waikato.

2006 SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 2

MAY	Week 3	
	Mon 15 th	Year 11 Careers Expo Visit - Ra Victoria University Liaison Visit Biotechnology workshop Yr 12/13 - Sm Badminton Champs - Wy
	Tues 16 th	New Zealand Boarding School's Association Annual Conference 16 – 19 May Junior Reports HOD/TIC complete check of department subject reports before 2.20pm Printout for Deans at 2.30pm Council Youth Workshop - Tu
	Wed 17 th	Council Youth Workshop - Tu

Thurs 18 th	RGHS Junior & Senior Social
Fri 19 th	Junior Reports Reports checked, corrected and Deans comments completed by 2.20pm
Sat 20 th	RBHS 1stXV versus Te Aute College 1stXV Home
Sun 21 st	Tongariro Field Trip 21-23 May – Hy, Wekker

Week 4	
Mon 22 nd	Junior Reports Printout for Senior Management Team at 2.30pm
Tues 23 rd	
Wed 24 th	Junior Reports Reports checked, corrected and Senior Management comments completed Road Safety Drama Presentation – Y11 – 13, Periods 1-3
Thurs 25 th	
Fri 26 th	Junior Reports Full Reports Issued – Years 9 & 10
Sat 27 th	RBHS 1stXV versus Wesley College 1stXV Away Waiariki Institute of Technology Open Day
Sun 28 th	

Week 5	
Mon 29 th	
Tues 30 th	Jnr Hockey Inter House
Wed 31 st	Year 9A accelerate trip to Auckland – back Monday Junior Parent Teacher Interviews Senior Reports HOD's check set up of subjects and alter where required Jnr Hockey Inter House
JUNE Thurs 1 st	Senior Reports Enter subject report comments Enter co-curricular activities and house group comments Jnr Hockey Inter House
Fri 2 nd	
Sat 3 rd	RBHS 1stXV versus WHHS 1stXV Away Fijian Cultural Evening 5.30pm – 8.30pm
Sun 4 th	

Week 6	
Mon 5 th	Queen's Birthday Condor 7's
Tues 6 th	
Wed 7 th	Winter Junior Sports Exchange @ TBC
Thurs 8 th	
Fri 9 th	
Sat 10 th	RBHS 1stXV versus TBC 1stXV Away
Sun 11 th	

Week 7	
Mon 12 th	

Tues 13 th	Snr Inter House Hockey
Wed 14 th	Snr Inter House Hockey
Thurs 15 th	Snr Inter House Hockey
Fri 16 th	Senior Reports All subject comments, co curricular activities and house group comments completed and checked by classroom teachers before 2.20pm Staff Vs Students Hockey FSY Field Trip to Mystery Creek Field Day - Re
Sat 17 th	RBHS 1stXV versus GBHS 1stXV Home NZ SS Cross Country – Tauranga
Sun 18 th	

Week 8


Mon 19 th	Senior Reports HOD/TIC complete check of department subject reports before 2.20pm Printout for Deans at 2.30pm
Tues 20 th	Inter House Haka Practice
Wed 21 st	Inter House Haka Practice
Thurs 22 nd	Interhouse Haka Practice Senior Reports Reports checked, corrected and Deans comments completed by 2.20pm Squash Individuals – Rotorua School Social – Yr 9, 10, 11 – Supporting 1 st XV Rugby
Fri 23 rd	Inter House Haka Practice
Sat 24 th	RBHS 1stXV versus HBHS Home
Sun 25 th	

Week 9


Mon 26 th	Senior Reports Printout for Senior Management Team at 2.30pm Inter House Haka Practice
Tues 27 th	Haka Competition
Wed 28 th	Senior Reports Reports checked, corrected and Senior Management comments completed 1stXV Rugby Tour Fiji (Wed 28 June to July 7)
Thurs 29 th	Senior Reports Printed
Fri 30 th	Senior Reports Full Reports Issued – Years 11, 12, 13 & 14 Last day of term

COMMUNITY NEWS/NOTICES

ALL TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL'S MAIN OFFICE



Rotorua Boys High School FIJIAN CONCERT and DINNER




Date
Saturday 3rd June 2006

Venue
Millenium Centre, RBHS,
Pukuatua Street, Rotorua

Start Time
5pm

Cost
\$65.00

Manager - Mr Fred Whata
Ph 07 348 6169



Fiji

Passport

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ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

HANGI

Saturday, 20 May 2006

Pick up 11.15 am - 12.00 pm
No 1 Rugby Field

RBHS 1st XV versus Te Aute College 12.00 pm

FUNDRAISING
1ST XV RUGBY TOUR TO FIJI 2006

Ticket No. 001 \$10.00 per person



ROTORUA BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

HANGI

Saturday, 17 June 2006

Pick up 11.15 am - 12.00 pm
No 1 Rugby Field

RBHS 1st XV versus Gisborne BHS 12.00 pm

FUNDRAISING
1ST XV RUGBY TOUR TO FIJI 2006

Ticket No. 001 \$10.00 per person