

MAY/JUNE 2022

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TENA KOUTOU
MATUA MA

It seems incredible we are already into week six of the term! Keeping the school running smoothly and people trying to stay healthy have been the real challenges of

recent weeks. I hope many of you have avoided contracting Covid 19 or any of the other winter bugs that are lurking. It is important we all take time to recover from these ailments before returning to our normal routines.

I would like to thank the Rodney College community for their work and support through the term. A special thank you has to go to our pool of relief teachers who have stepped in, often at short notice, to replace teachers. It is important our students make the most of the remaining weeks of the term - our senior students are now almost halfway through their courses.

Our Principal, Irene Symes, hopes to return from her extended leave in the next few weeks. Earlier this term we farewelled Chris Byars, thanking him for the extensive contribution he has made over the last 20 years. We also farewelled Mhairi Penman from the English department. We wish Chris and Mhairi all the best wishes for their future endeavours.

It was wonderful to have so many students and family present at the Student, Parent, Teacher conferences on 12 May. We know how important it is for families and teaching staff to connect in order to support our students.

In week 3, the school held our first ever, very successful, Health Week. I would like to thank our

nurse, Sarah Hardy, Kerry Jenner, our Guidance Counsellor and Year 13 students Gwendolynne Turner and Alyssa Edmonds for their organisation of a new initiative. We were also proud to launch the development of our school values. Murals, designed and painted by Ms Lithgow and students, were erected on the gym wall.

There have been several opportunities for students to engage in learning outside of their classroom - Science, Geography and Tourism classes have all enjoyed field trips this term and Spaceward Bound an onsite presentation.

In sport, competitions for squash, rugby, netball, hockey, football and volleyball are all underway. The school's music mentor Jimmy Christmas has been working with our senior music students and the Auckland Philharmonic String Quartet performed for Year 9 and 10 students. Also, our own staff and students entertained us all with a lively Karaoke lunchtime session.

A successful inter-whanau tug of war competition was won by Miles 3 and the House Haka rehearsals are well underway in preparation for our Matariki celebrations at the end of the term.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Matariki festival.

Nga mihi

Stephen Rowe
Acting Principal



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STUDENT HEALTH WEEK



Rodney College's first Health Week was a great success run by the new Health Council. The week started with a talk with Shane Young, an advocate for I AM HOPE and one of NZ's UFC fighters, about his career but most importantly about mental health. Pink Shirt day was the highlight of our week and showed the community the aroha and manaakitanga this kura has for everyone. Matua Edward Ashby and his team also ran an interactive workshop on rongoa (Maori medicine) where we got to make a cough syrup from native plants and moss that can be found in our very own backyard. Unfortunately the Inter house healthy meals cook off had to be postponed but will still happen later on in the year. Health Week was a week to help our whanau here at school with their hauora (mental, emotional, spiritual & physical health) but also a week for students, staff, and community to get involved and have lots of fun together.

Gwen Turner & Alyssa Edmonds

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NZ MUSIC MONTH

We had a fantastic start to NZ Music Month and Term 2 at Rodney College.

On 5 - 6 May, we had Jimmy Christmas (of The D4 and Luger Boa) in as a Music Mentor to work with our students on their song writing, performance skills and to share his insight into being a professional musician and the NZ music industry. The Music Mentor programme is run by the New Zealand Music Commission and is an amazing opportunity for schools and students to work closely with a professional musician.



Jimmy worked mostly with our senior students on their RockQuest entries, as well as working with the Year 9 and 10 classes to write their own songs - about being in isolation and Halloween gone wrong. It is really amazing how much progress Jimmy made with our students in such a short space of time.

Apart from all the wonderful music making, the highlight had to be a fleeting visit from Seven Sharp who were doing a segment on the Music Mentor programme as it fits in with the NZ Music Month theme of Level Up. It was an interesting experience for the boys from Inaudible (Jake, Jett and Mitchell) and really exciting to see them on the TV later that night.

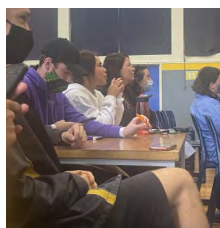
Charlotte Eyre
HOD Music

KARAOKE QUEST

Karaoke on Friday at lunchtime was extremely successful because of the amount of positivity that was shared around and it was definitely one of the highlights of the year so far, with all of the positive feedback and good



vibes from students and teachers definitely livening up the end of the week. It was a great experience and good fun for everyone, especially those who had the courage to jump up on stage!



Samantha Hunia
Cultural Leader

YR 9 ENGINEERING TECH

Lysharn Sionetali showing her creative skills as she learns how to weld in engineering. Lysharn made a wall hanging out of recycled horseshoes



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INTER-WHANAU TUG O WAR



MILES 3 - NEW REIGNING CHAMPS FOR TUG-O-WAR

NEW STAFF MEMBER



Philippa Walter - HOD Social Science

We welcomed Pip Walter at the start of Term 2, as our new HOD Social Science.

Pip previously taught at Northcote College and seven years in China.

RODNEY COLLEGE SENIOR PRODUCTION

Dario Fo's



A satirical, political hilarious comedy of the shenanigans to corrupt an incorruptible judge and how good sometimes doesn't win but love always does.

WED 6 & THURS 7 JULY 7PM



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LEVEL 2 TOURISM TRIP TO QRC IN PAIHIA

They say there is no such thing as a free lunch, and that may be true. But as Level 2 Tourism students found on a wet day in late May, when we were hosted by Queenstown Resort College's Tai Tokerau campus in Paihia, there is one that comes with an informative talk and a glass-bottom boat trip.

At first it felt like we would never make it as our trip was postponed by a week due to bad weather. Then the afternoon prior to our departure we learned that the jet boat ride we were due to experience was off the menu due to a mechanical fault. Dealing with adverse weather and technical issues is part and parcel of the working life of a tour guide so even before we left students were seeing first hand just how important being adaptable and having a problem solving



attitude are to running a successful tourism venture. Once we arrived we split into two

groups. One group listened to a presentation about the range of courses and school holiday taster programmes that QRC offers from School Director Harvey Bourne. Meanwhile, the other group sped out across the bay to Urupukapuka Island with Jeff from Extreme Jet. Once there the floor of the boat raised up to reveal a glass floor and lots of large snapper. We listened to stories about the island's more recent history before arriving back in Paihia and swapping over with the other group. Next stop was the QRC campus for a yummy lunch and a guided tour around the facilities giving our students the chance to see what it would actually be like to study with QRC in Paihia. Many thanks to Colleen Wright for accompanying us. If you have an interest in tourism or hospitality and would like to experience one of the holiday taster programmes, please ask Colleen or myself for more information.



Helen Yorke, Tourism teacher

SCIENCE - PLANETARIUM

As part of the Field Based STEM funding Rodney College Science Department secured this year, students were treated to the Spaceward Bound program. Hari and Sam, who trained at NASA Ames, visited our school with their portable planetarium, extremophiles and space rocks. Students learnt about the origins of the universe, size of galaxies, time, the moon and more! By using actual data that projected the known universe on the inside of the planetarium, we were treated to virtual space travel around the universe.



BIOLOGY

Year 12 students carrying out work for their Biology 2.1 assessment looking at the effects of osmosis on cells. Meanwhile, Year 13 study and collect data for their 3.1 Biology assessment looking at the effects of caffeine or ethanol on daphnia's (small aquatic crustacean) heart rate.

Daphnia have a transparent skeleton so their organs are visible, making them an ideal species for testing how they respond to different drugs.



COLLEGE pou



CARE

Respect, Inclusive,
Equity, Empathy



RELATIONSHIP

Friendship,
Community,
Cooperation, Pride,
Tuakana-Teina



LEARNING

Collaboration, High
Expectations,
Resilience, Curiosity



WELL-BEING

(Social, Physical,
Mental, Spiritual)
Expressing thoughts
& feelings, Beliefs,
Values

SPORTS ROUND UP

Term 2 is proving to be a very busy term with Mid Week **Football** starting in Week 1. Our first game was an away game against Bream Bay College. We have a mixed age group team of year 9-13 and have 2 girls Mikayla Isla and Cayene Odi also playing in the team. We won our



first game 9-5 against Bream Bay. Our second game was against Tauraroa Area School at home. We had to loan them 3

players; we won 6-1. Our third game was a much anticipated game against Otamatea High School as we lost to them in a pre-season game. The game was very action packed, resulting in a draw 5 all. We are very lucky to have had a good turnout of supporters at our games so far. Huge thanks to Fynn Goodall (ex student) and Sean Kingsley



(teacher) for coaching and refereeing at these games. We have lots more games to go and really appreciate the support from Gaylene and Pat Mason for offering help with transport for the away games.



Netball is in its 4th week with Grading games finished. Our Team 1 is in the A grade and our other 4 teams in B Grade. We also have a Year 9 Team competing on Monday nights in the North Harbour competition which has over 50 Year 9 teams competing. Our team has won all their games so far with wins against Carmel 2, 28-17, Westlake 7, 37-4 Carmel 4, 25-5 and Rangitoto 8, 23-5. This is a big effort for Mili Williams and her group of supportive parents but is a great learning experience for the girls.



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Edwina Came and I took a group of students that are currently playing College **Squash** at Wellsford Squash Club to Northland Secondary Schools Individual Squash Tournament (Division 1 & 2) in



Whangarei. The students came away with some good results, especially Kacey Williams who is very new to Squash and finished runner up in her Division. We

have Teams Squash Competition on the 30 June.

Alan Batten, Coach of the First Eleven **Hockey** team, said the team has a lot of new players and are really working well together. They have had four games to date with one win, two draws and a loss. Big thanks to John and Edwina Came for sponsoring the weekly Player of the Day award.

Mike Kingi has said the season has been a tough one for the Kaipara Wolves **Rugby** team, however, they are starting to gel well together the more game time they have. We gained an amazing win against Kerikeri, but fell short with Kaitia. It is exciting to know that they have another year together if they stick with the team for the future.



We have been given a great opportunity for some players within the Kaipara Wolves team to showcase their skills at a high level. The following members have been nominated for the Blues development - Xavier Edmonds-Cooper, Jack Millerchen, RJ Joseph, Joel Broadhead and Kael Marsh.

For the first time in a while Rodney College took a mixed team to **Turbo Touch** in Whangarei. The team was a mix of enthusiastic seniors and

juniors, playing in the championship grade. It was a great day and the students gained a lot of experience from the schools they played. We are looking forward to next year. Big thanks to Mike Kingi and Pete Wynwood for taking these students.



Congratulations to the following students: Daniella Isla for winning Gold in the U56kg division at Gold Coast Academy **Brazilian JiuJitsu** competition.

Charlene Matsuitama for being selected and playing for Northland U15 **Girls Basketball**. Their team were runners up in the Auckland competition to North Harbour. Charlene and her team have qualified for New Zealand Nationals.



Alex Manuell for being selected and playing for Northland U17 **Boys Basketball**. His team played every week in the Auckland Competition. Northland and placed 8th overall.

Gage Laughton won another **Archery** competition which resulted in him winning the U18 National Series in Field Archery.



KI-O-RAHI



The PE Department has been fortunate to have the services of Ki-o-rahi Tamaki recently.

Facilitators from this organisation have come into our school to work with our Year 9 and 10 students to promote the traditional game of Ki-o-rahi. This is a traditional Maori game that is played between two teams, Kioma and Taniwha on a large circular playing area. Played for two halves for a set time, both teams have different roles while attempting to score points, including hitting a target (the

tupu) and scoring touchdowns. Rodney College students have been playing Ki-o-rahi for a number of years, but it was good to have the expertise of passionate, knowledgeable facilitators working with our students. We are looking forward to working with them again in the near future.



LITERACY & NUMERACY

Rodney College has opted to take part in the Literacy and Numeracy Pilot this year. The changes to



Literacy and Numeracy are part of the seven changes aimed at strengthening NCEA. The changes will be the most significant reform of NCEA since the qualification was introduced in 2002. The literacy and numeracy corequisite will replace all the current avenues that students can currently gain literacy or numeracy in, in 2023.

20 Level 1 credits are available for each of Literacy and Numeracy. The curriculum level for the Literacy and Numeracy benchmark is Level 4/5 of the National Curriculum, where students have control of Level 4 and are

ready to work at Level 5.

The English and Maths departments have chosen to enter all of their Year 11 and 10 students into the pilot and any Year 9 student who has achieved a 4B+ in their reading, writing, and numeracy asTTle tests this year. If a Year 9 or 10 student passes the assessment, they will be awarded the credits and will not need to resit the test when they are in Level 1. There will be two opportunities this year for students to achieve these standards: one in week 9 of Term 2 and another in week 9 of Term 3.

Being part of the pilot this year will help us ascertain the areas that the school needs to work on to help support students to achieve these literacy and numeracy requirements before they become mandatory next year.

NORTH AUCKLAND SPEED REVIEW

Have your say on safer speeds – 17 May to 14 June

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is reviewing speeds at schools and townships on state highways in Northland and North Auckland – to set safer speed limits for everyone. This includes collaborating with iwi and hapū on signage for marae.

We're consulting on new proposed speed limits at schools and townships on 11 corridors of state highway. This includes a proposal for:

- a permanent speed limit of **50km/h** and
- a variable speed limit of **30km/h** in the area

surrounding Rodney College.

We want to hear your thoughts on this and any of the other proposed new speed limits on state highways in your area. To submit your feedback and/or request a copy of the proposals, visit nzta.govt.nz/nakispeedreviews, call us on 0800 141 777, or write to us at Northland and north Auckland speed reviews, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Private Bag 106602, Auckland 1143.

You can also register to ask questions and share your views at one of our **online Q&A sessions**:

- [Tuesday 24 May 12-1pm](#)

- [Wednesday 1 Jun 4-5pm](#)



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ASTHMA NURSE

Tuesday 21 June – Asthma nurse visiting
Rodney College

If you would like your child seen by the
asthma nurse please phone me on
021 223 4775 or email

nurse@rodneycollege.school.nz

DOCTORS CLINIC

Dr Neil Anderson attends the college every
Thursday 10am to 12 midday. If you would
like your child to be seen please contact the
nurse on 021 223 4775 or

nurse@rodneycollege.school.nz

PHYSIO CLINIC

Movewell Physio runs a clinic every Friday
morning at Rodney College. If you would
like an appointment for your child contact
Mili on 423 6038 or the student see Mili in
the student office

NURSE

Sarah Hardy our nurse is available every
Mon, Tues, Thurs if you have any concerns
at all regarding your child please don't
hesitate to contact her. She is here to help.

Phone

021 223 4775 or

nurse@rodneycollege.school.nz

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Kerry Jenner, our Guidance Counsellor is
available every Mon, Wed, Thurs & Frid if
you have any concerns at all regarding your
child please don't hesitate to contact her.

Phone

027 365 9874

HEALTH CLINIC



HOURS

MONDAY

8AM - 4PM (NURSE)

TUESDAY

8AM - 4PM (NURSE)

THURSDAY

8AM - 4PM (NURSE)

DOCTOR 10AM - 12 MIDDAY

FRIDAY

PHYSIO 8.30AM - 11AM

UNIFORM SHOP

EVERY TUESDAY

10.30AM—2.30PM

We are introducing
optional long skirts and
trousers.

These can be ordered on
a prepaid basis. Samples
are here for sizing.



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BALL 2022

Night in the Clouds

Wellsford community centre

30th July 7PM-11:30PM

\$85 per ticket



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1ST XI FOOTBALL



1ST XV RUGBY



SQUASH TEAM



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

Sunday 19 June	Rockquest Heats
Friday 17 June	School Cross Country
Friday 24 June	Matariki Day (holiday)
Thursday 30 June - Friday 1 July	Level 1 & 2 PE Camp
Saturday 2 July	ShowQuest
Monday 4 - Friday 8 July	Matariki Week
Wednesday 6 - Friday 8 July	BP Business Challenge
Wednesday 6 - Thursday 7 July	Drama Performance
Friday 8 July	End of Term 2
Saturday 30 July	Senior School Ball

**A warm invitation is extended to all family and friends to attend all events during the year.
We look forward to seeing you.**

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Mr S Davie-Martin	Year 11 Dean	steve.davie@rodneycollege.school.nz
Mrs H Goffeney	Year 12 Dean	hannah.goffeney@rodneycollege.school.nz
Mr A Batten	Year 13 Dean	alan.batten@rodneycollege.school.nz
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We like to highlight every achievement for our students. If you become aware of one of our student's adventures / achievements, please contact Jo Warahi in the front office.



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