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We are now well into Week 8 of 2025 at Rodney College, and it's been fantastic to see our students embrace the year with dedication in both their academic work and

extracurricular activities. They've met expectations being asked of them by parents and staff, setting a positive tone for the rest of the term.

Attendance Matters – Every Day Counts

A quick reminder: if your child is going to be absent, please notify us as soon as possible. We currently spend over \$4000 annually on messaging unexplained absences. This time and money could be better used to support your child's education, so we appreciate your timely communication.

Students receive daily attendance emails, which should be used to address any concerns early in the week. This provides a simple opportunity to check in and ensure everything is on track before the weekly summary is sent home.

We also appreciate the ongoing support from our parents and whānau. Your involvement in your child's learning and extracurricular activities helps us build a strong and successful school community. Well done to the 120 students with 95% attendance or better!

Leadership at Rodney College

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the fantastic leadership shown by our Head Leader, Kaya, and the other school leaders during our

recent assembly. They ran the assembly with such confidence and poise, and it's a reminder of the strong leadership we are fostering across all areas of school life. During the assembly we reflected on International Women's Day, sparking meaningful conversations among both staff and students about its significance.

Personally, I'm fortunate to be inspired by the strong women in my life—especially my wife and mother. Like you, I'm sure, I also deeply appreciate the exceptional women on our staff at Rodney College. They lead by example, and their commitment to our students has a lasting impact. Their contributions as role models and leaders help shape the positive environment we value here at the College.

Sport – A Community Success

Our students continue to represent Rodney College with pride, and I want to especially thank those who competed in Athletics this week. Their hard work and dedication led to some impressive results, and we are proud of how they have represented the school. A special mention goes to Andrew Vercoe, Jax Godex and Ane Pienaar for their fantastic efforts. Success in both sports and academics reflects the effort and talents of all our students, and through these contributions, we all benefit as a community.

Thank you to parents for supporting our sports teams, whether by helping with transport, cheering at events, or volunteering for fundraising efforts. Your involvement makes a huge difference and helps create a positive and thriving school environment. Cairo, our Sports Coordinator, is always on the lookout for



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additional coaches and assistants, so if you're able to help, please contact him at cairo.kotohi@rodneycollege.school.nz

Academic Goals and Targets

We remain focused on raising academic achievement this year, with the goal of increasing University Entrance (UE) to 60% from the 50% achieved in 2024 and boosting the number of Endorsements at Levels 1 and 2. We are also providing additional support for our top academic students to ensure they reach their highest potential. So watch out for these if your child would benefit.

Reports will be sent out soon, so now is a great time to review how your child is progressing. Everyone should be on track to complete an assessment for each of their subjects or be meeting a key milestone towards it. Maintaining balance between academics and extracurricular activities remains essential to success, and we encourage students to stay on top of both.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Several key events are coming up:

Wellsford Charity Colour Run –29 March:

We encourage everyone to participate in this fantastic community event, which will be held on our school grounds.

Geography Trip – Poor Knights Islands:

Our Geography Department will be heading off for an exciting educational adventure next Wednesday.

Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Practice: Our students continue preparations for the festival later in the term, showcasing their pride in both their culture and our school.

Health and Safety Training: course being run for selected students next week via the careers department.

Mangawai Beach School was here today for swimming sports - lovely to see so many of our senior students heading down to support their siblings. Next week we are joined by **Wellsford School** so look forward to seeing them on Friday.

Thank you to all parents and whānau for your ongoing support of your children's learning and development. Together, we continue to build a strong, engaged community, and I'm excited to see what the rest of the term brings.

Ngā mihi,



Laurence Caltaux

YEAR 13 HOSPITALITY HANGI

Over the last five weeks, our Year 13 Hospitality students have been hard at work planning and preparing for a special event. On March 7th, their efforts came to fruition as they hosted a traditional hāngi to welcome our Year 9 students and their whānau to Rodney College!



Our group dedicated countless hours, working

tirelessly and without complaint. Their commitment paid off, as our group successfully prepared around 300 meals for our community. In addition to the hāngi, they also made fresh fry bread to complement the feast!

It was a heartfelt way to connect with our new students and their families, sharing kai, whakawhanaungatanga, and celebrating the beginning of their journey at Rodney College.

Yang Yang Feng
Year 13



YES - YOUNG ENTERPRISE SCHEME

On Monday 10 March, our Year 13 Business Studies students attended a Young Enterprise 'Spark Tank' event to present and receive



feedback on their product ideas as well as gaining valuable insights into the world of business. Groups completed several 'speed rounds' with business experts

from various sectors. Following this 'validation' stage, akonga will now go ahead and produce prototypes for their products which range from whipped sunscreen for neurodiverse consumers, hair scalp serum and a healthy energy drink alternative. We will travel to Takapuna in May for the second Young Enterprise event, which is the full Business Pitch.



COUNSELLING

Students: if you would like to see a counsellor at school please do one of these things:

1. Text Kerry's work phone and ask for an appointment (027 365 98754). She will respond during school time, and not expect you to answer until you are back home.
2. Call by her office and organise a time that works for you both. Just knock on the door and wait until she comes to you.
3. Put a slip into the small clear plastic box (either by Mili or in the counselling waiting room) and she will get back to you. You can also chose to see Sarah.
4. Send her an email on kerry.jenner@rodneycollege.school.nz and she will get back to you.

If you urgently need to talk to someone out of school hours, text 234 (Youthline) and a counsellor will talk with you 24/7.

Counselling at school is private and confidential to the student, unless the counsellor is concerned for someone's life or serious wellbeing. In that case, we will contact an appropriate person, together with the student.

Guidance groups

Shortly Rodney College students will have access to two groups supported by our counsellors.

1. We welcome Kia Piki te Ora back for 2025. They will be running a group of Year 10s and 11s who might need extra support with goals and thinking into their future. Kia Piki te Ora groups have no cost to the students/families/whānau and

focus on student wellbeing. If your young person is invited, you will be contacted prior by email.

2. An art therapy group is shortly beginning in Wellsford after school. If we speak to your young person about it, they will come and tell you - then you and they fill in an enrolment form. We are very fortunate that funding has been found. So there is no cost for this group. All materials are provided.

In conjunction with the PE and Health Department, a whole school anti-vaping programme will be run by Ease Up on 01 April. Parents will have the opportunity to opt out if you do not want your young person to participate.

Coming up will be an invite to join a 'Quit-vaping' group that students can opt into. This is for those who realise the danger that vaping is to health and individually want to quit. It will be entirely voluntary.

Looking forward to working with our students in

all the above in-school and external activities. Please call us if you are worried about your young person's mental health. Ring the school line and ask for Kerry.

Mauri ora
Rodney College counsellors
Kerry Jenner (Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri)
Sarah Bartlett (Fri)



YEAR 9 NOHO

On 7 March our Year 9's had our annual Noho to introduce our four Pou and welcome them and their whanau into our school.

In the morning Mr Caltaux brought us together and spoke about the four Pou; Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, Hauora, and Ako. He asked four students to tell us about the Pou and what they represented. After, we talked about what differences we can make to Rodney College during our time here and what we can do to help our students and school GROW to the best we can be.

We then split up into our core classes and we went to workshops to help us understand the Pou. For Whanaungatanga we wrote letters to our future selves with goals, wishes and hopes for our Year 13 selves. For Manaakitanga we decorated cakes that the wonderful Ms Walter



made, then they got judged and we ate them. For Hauora we did some chilling time with Ms Walter and some Gym/ Sport time in the gym. Then for Ako we made a big tree poster with our core classes.



After school we jumped in the pool for an hour or so. Then we set up our sleeping spots and just hung out. Our families arrived and we did a scavenger hunt. We took them around to meet our teachers before the hangi. We all lined up for hangi which everyone thought was a 10/10



thanks to Pete and our Year 13 Hospitality students.

Once the parents went



home we had a BIG DANCE PARTY, playing musical chairs and lots of singing and dancing. After we played spotlight with the Year 13's, we went to bed and the girls made a humongous candy salad and we gossiped for hours. I think most of us went to bed at like 2am.



Overall I think it was very fun and there's nothing I would change.

Tiyahna-Lee McLean
Year 9





ATHLETICS DAY

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Junior Boys

1 st	Zavier May	27	W
2 nd	Hunter Chappell	25	W
3 rd	Jax Godek	22	T

Junior Girls

1 st	Ellie Russell	39	M
2 nd	Ane Pienaar	31	M
3 rd	Ayla Brien	19	T

Intermediate Boys

1 st	Lincoln Clapham	40	H
2 nd	Finn Andrews	37	H
3 rd	Brayden Wedgwood	33	H

Intermediate Girls

1 st	Sienna Purcell	42	M
2 nd	Willow Mitchell	30	H
3 rd	Emma Lay	18	T

Senior Boys

1 st	Cairyn Waite	33	T
2 nd	Andrew Vercoe	29	W
3 rd	Koen Hare	22	W

Senior Girls

1 st	Millie Briery	41	M
2 nd	Kacey Williams	35	H
3 rd	Mila Thomas	26	H

House Points

Hanover	846
Miles	753
Wattenbach	638
Tyburnia	576





ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Junior Boys

Hunter Chappell

6th 800m 2.52.86
4th 1500m 5.55.24

Zavier May

2nd Long Jump 4.73

Kyran Scott

5th 800m 2.48.93

Jax Godex

4th 300m 47.65
1st 800m 2.34.10
2nd 1500m 5.36.71

Junior Girls

Ellie Russell

5th 200m 30.56

Ane Pienaar

1st Shot 9.00

Intermediate Boys

Brayden Wedgwood

2nd 800m 2.31.48
2nd 1500m 5.38.46

Lincoln Clapham

8th 100m 14.03
6th 200m 25.96

Finn Andrew

8th 200m 26.26

Coby Rudolph

3rd High Jump 1.50m

Intermediate Girls

Sienna Purcell

7th 100m 15.03
5th 200m 30.25

Senior Boys

Andrew Vercoe

3rd 400m 58.66
1st 800m 2.16.73

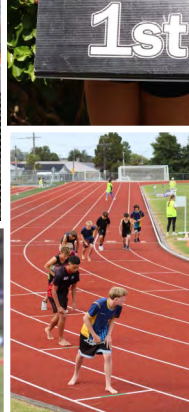
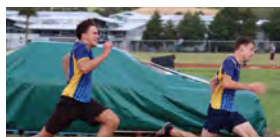
Senior Girls

Millie Brierly

3rd 100m 14.18
3rd 200m 28.46
3rd Long Jump 4.43

Mila Thomas

4th 100m 14.52
5th 200m 30.34



YEAR 9 NOHO



NORTHLAND ATHLETICS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025

Wednesday 26 March	L1 Geography - Poor Knights
Wednesday 26 & Thursday 27 March	Gateway Health and Safety
Thursday 27 March	Year 12/13 Whakapiki Ake Visit
Saturday 29 March	Run and Fun
Monday 31 March	Speed Golf
Tuesday 1 April	Ease Up
Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 April	Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Festival
Friday 11 April	End of Term 1
Monday 28 April	Start of Term 2
Thursday 8 May	PST 1 (Parent Student Teacher Interviews)

**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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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.

