



Rodney College

TENA KOUTOU
MATUA MA



We are halfway through Term 2 and despite the disruptions i.e. ongoing teacher industrial action and atmospheric rain events,

college life has been extremely busy. In week two our kapa haka students joined forces with Otamatea High School to compete for the first time in the competitive section of the ***Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Festival*** held in Kaitiāia. Their performance was outstanding and a real testament to the hard mahi put in by everyone. On Wednesday last week the group performed for the whole school. This was an inspirational performance and great lead into our house haka performances that will occur in Week 10 this term.

As usual, a number of educational trips to enhance our learning programmes have occurred. These include visits to the Hundertwasser Art Centre in Whangarei, the Writer's Festival in Auckland and various STEM based activities involving our contributing schools being run by the Science Department. There have also been some very worthwhile school-based activities including a visit by The Ugly Shakespeare Company and the Rotary sponsored road safety workshop known as the RYDA programme, for all Year 12 students.

The wellbeing of students continues to be a primary focus and students have been exploring our school values of **Hauora** and **Whanaungatanga** in their whanau activities.

Our Whanau Support Leaders Rachel Came and Michael Hodge made sure that our Pink Shirt Day was a day to not only celebrate our diversity, but also raise awareness of the serious harm that bullying in all forms inflicts.

Winter Sports teams of Netball, Hockey, Soccer, Squash and Basketball are well underway. Thank you to those of you who have stepped up to support our students in these extracurricular activities as managers, coaches and drivers. Being part of a team is a valuable experience.

The next whole school highlight on the calendar is our Matariki celebration which includes the much-anticipated House Haka competition. This event occurs in Week 10 and we look forward to seeing many of you then.

Ka kite ano

Irene Symes
Principal

TE TAI TOKERAU FESTIVAL



This term, we, as part of Ngā uri o ngā Waka (the descendants of the many waka) and the Otamatea High School Kapa Haka group competed at Te Ahurea o Te Tai Tokerau which was a tremendous success. Students were pushed across the board and we saw amazing growth amongst the group with some potential national level performers starting to find their feet on the big stage. This past week we were able to bring that performance to our school which seemed to have the school in awe of the level of

Kapa Haka that was produced and many exclaiming they are set to be a part of it next year. With an adult group looking to start establishing itself locally in July in preparation for regional competition to qualify for Te Matatini, the biggest event to ever happen in Te Āo Māori, this is just the excitement we need!

A huge mihi and thanks goes out to the tutors Matua Wiremu Ngatipa, Whaea Ngaroimata Morgan and Whaea Taira Phillips for opening up their doors and hearts to our students.



HUNDERTWASSER ART

At the beginning of this term the senior DVC students had the opportunity to visit the Hundertwasser Art Centre in Whangarei.

They were taken on a specialised tour and workshop including a detailed talk from one of the project designers. The students learnt how art and architecture combined with

nature, creativity and sustainability. In addition, they also learnt the importance of community involvement in shared spaces and how valuable community contributions are to help protect design heritage.



ANZAC DAWN PARADE

Rodney College Head Boy and Head Girl, Toby Henderson and Norah Williams had the honour of being flag bearers for the Dawn Parade held in Wellsford. It was an extra chilly morning with clear skies and everyone was wrapped up. There was a great turn out, all coming together to remember those who served our country.



RYDA (ROTARY YOUTH DRIVING AWARENESS)

Year 12 students from Rodney College participated as a year group with a Road Safety workshop put together by RYDA (Rotary Youth Driving Awareness) on the 2 May, along with Otamatea College. They experienced a live speed and stopping demonstration, opportunity to practise speaking up through role play, talking to police and driving instructors about their responsibilities

and more. It was an invaluable day, giving students a holistic understanding of how to manage themselves when on the roads.



YEAR 12 DRIVING COURSE

RYDA

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LEARNING THE ROPES THE XTREME WAY

On a fine Tuesday 12 Level 2 Tourism students accompanied by Colleen Wright and myself travelled to Paihia to experience a jet boat ride



with XtremeJet and learn what it would be like to live and study at QRC's Tai Tokerau campus. We were treated to a sparkling day on the harbour soaking in the delights of the Bay of Islands as well as getting soaked as we whizzed and whipped through 360 spins with Joe, our experienced skipper. Between thrills, Joe talked about the highlights of his job, and the key attributes needed to be successful in a career in Adventure Tourism, as well as pointing out interesting sights around the bays. Next stop was the QRC Halls of Residence where we were treated to a great lunch, campus tour, and an introduction to the Tourism courses they offer. We all had a really fun day and learnt a lot. Thanks to Colleen Wright for coming with us

Helen Yorke - Tourism teacher

Looking a bit wet after our jet boat ride

WRITERS FESTIVAL

Poems, fanfictions, and stories brought together many young authors who wanted to be motivated by the Auckland Writers Festival. As students, we were fortunate to be captivated by two extraordinary writers: Chloe Gong and Jason Reynolds.

Chloe Gong, a local talent, transported us through time and space with her mesmerizing storytelling. Her novel "These Violent Delights" merged Shakespearean tragedy with the vibrant backdrop of modern-day Shanghai. We were entertained as she fearlessly shared her own struggles as a young writer, reminding us that even with challenges, our voices deserve to be heard. Gong's presence inspired us to embrace our

unique perspectives and embark on our own creative journeys.

In the company of Jason Reynolds(American author), we witnessed the power of vulnerability in writing. With unwavering honesty, Reynolds bared his soul, sharing his own personal struggles and triumphs. His novels like "Ghost" and "Long Way Down" were easy to relate to and illustrated the potential for growth and self-discovery within our own stories.

We truly had a great day out!



STEM - (SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING & MATHS)



WEAVING

At the end of last term we had Sonia Lucchese from STEM come and teach a group of students about rāanga harakeke/flax weaving. The day started by heading to Te Hana te Āo Marama where we learnt about the Tikanga/protocols associated with the harvesting of harakeke. Then we returned to the Whare at school and partook in the preparation of the harakeke before weaving two separate whārangi or mats that were then joined together with the final product resembling Pukekāroro which is the Maunga or mountain of the local iwi Ngāti Whātua.

FORENSICS

On the last day of Term 1, Level 2 students solved a murder mystery case using forensic techniques. They learnt how to take fingerprints, DNA mapping, footprint casting, hair and fibre identification and blood spatter analysis. Personal confidence and investigative skills were developed as they saw biological concepts being used in real life.



WELLBEING

Rodney College continuously seeks way of improving the overall wellbeing of our students. Since wellbeing has many facets, improving students' wellbeing in school requires a whole-school approach that considers all aspects of our ākonga hauora (wellbeing).

We see wellbeing in schools as an essential function as adolescence is a critical period in the development of long-term attitudes towards personal wellbeing and lifestyle choices. The social and emotional skills, knowledge, and behaviours that rangatahi learn in the classroom help them build resilience and set the pattern for



DRONE LEGENDS

Drone Legends brought four drones for the STEM course where students programmed and raced drones through obstacle courses, using their phones as

controllers. Students participated in AR (Augmented Reality) and VR (Virtual Reality).

Students spent time learning about professions that use drones such as photography, law and military and the ethics around using drones.

how they will manage their physical and mental health throughout their lives.

In order to help us understand and improve the wellbeing of our students at Rodney College, all students will complete a wellbeing survey between Week 6 and Week 10 of Term 2. The anonymous survey gives students a safe forum to share their views about school life. The aim of the wellbeing survey is to give us an overall picture of school life and evidence-based data about practices that could be strengthened. It also helps us review our progress in relation to school initiatives and provide baseline data for monitoring over time.



PINK SHIRT DAY

Rodney College celebrated Pink Shirt Day in style in 2023. Staff and students wore pink to stand against bullying, and especially homophobic bullying. Led by students, this day included a beautifully decorated school where students, staff and visitors couldn't miss the celebration.

Student leaders awarded a Pinkie bar to the student wearing the most pink in each whānau.

We all hope to continue being upstanders, not by-standers, and actively working against bullying in our school.



MESSAGE FROM THE COUNSELLOR

Guidance Update:

As we move into winter months and more rain than anyone ever wants, sometimes people find their mood especially low. If you notice your young person's mood dropping, or their actions out of the ordinary for them, please contact the counsellor, and we will look at how to support them.

All staff take an active role in the pastoral care of our students. However, if you would like to speak confidentially, you may want to contact the counsellor.

We have contacts for food parcels, and various kinds of external support for rangatahi and their whānau.

Our counsellor is at school 4 days a week - but not on Wednesdays.

Mauri ora.



Kerry Jenner
Rodney College Guidance Counsellor

REMINDER

Please remember that Rodney College is not the place to walk your dog.

This is to protect our students.

Wellsford has a dog park at Centennial Park. Please be considerate and walk your dog there.



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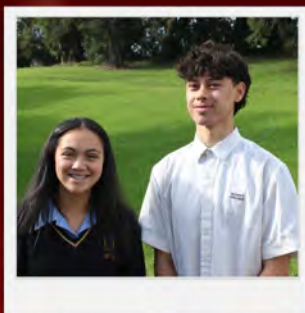
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HANOVER 1
AIDEN COLE &
KIKITE HAARA



HANOVER 2
SOPHIA HACKETT &
JOAQUIN HARE

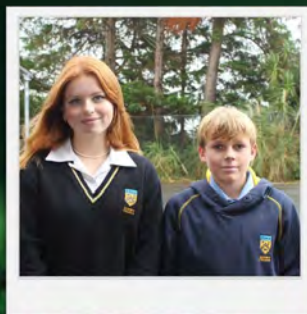


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KACEY WILLIAMS &
AZARIAH HARE



HANOVER 4
POPPY HOWSE &
CHARLENE MASIUTAMA

MILES



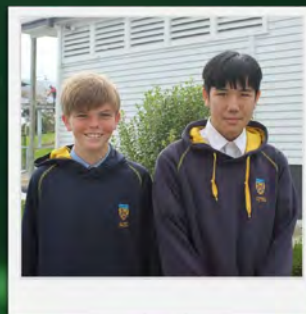
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DIXON



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TAYLOR GURNEY & HUNTER
LUSTY



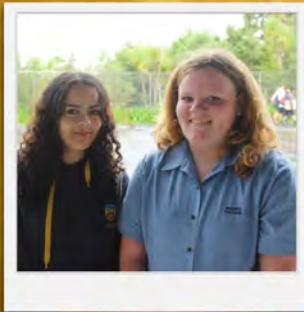
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MAIA CAMPBELL & MILLIE
BRIERLY



MILES 4
GEORGE RUSSELL &
JEREMIAH GUEVARA



TYBURNIA



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MICHAYLA BUIS & MOLLY BARNES



TYBURNIA 2
ISAAC KERRIGAN & ZARA YORKE

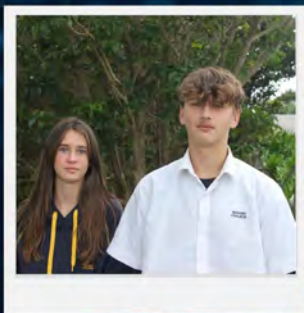


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CHARLEY NICHOLAS & ISBE KUINIKORO



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TATIANA CHAN CHUI & DAYSHIN PARA

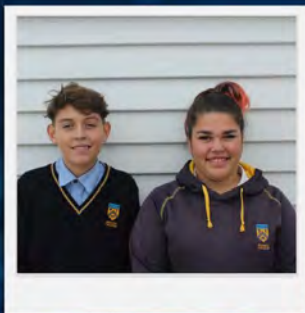
WATTENBACH



WATTENBACH 1
BROOKE HARE & HARRY OLDFIELD



WATTENBACH 2
JOHN BARBOSA & TAMATI HOANI



WATTENBACH 3
IZAAC WARAHU & TIA JONES



WATTENBACH 4
KOBY WATTAM & MANAKORE HEMANA



NETBALL

2023 Netball - Rodney College has six teams this year, with all six playing Friday nights at the Wellsford Centennial Courts and two teams Rodney 1 and 2 also playing at the North Harbour netball competition on Saturdays mornings.

Teams are still grading in Wellsford but all are doing well, the girls are enjoying themselves and we have had a lot of parent support on the sideline.

The two teams playing in Harbour won all 4 grading games and have just been put into grades, with Rodney 1 in Open B grade and Rodney 2 in College 8 grade. There are 17 college grades so well done to the girls; this is a big commitment for them, the coach, the manager and parents travelling down every Saturday, sometimes leaving Wellsford at 6.20am for an 8.00am game.



Big congratulations to Isbe Kuinikoro who trialled for the Aotearoa Maori Netball Secondary Schools team in Wellington and made the team!

She will attend a camp in July and attend the Pacific Rim Tournament late September in Hawaii.

AMNOHL TOURNAMENT

In October 2022, Kyra Te Haara, Isbe Kurnikore and I were selected to represent the Te Tai Tokerau U17 and U15 netball teams at the AMNOHL tournament. This tournament was created by Dame June Hinekahukura Mariu who wanted to make a healthy lifestyle difference for Maori women and their families through netball. This was the 36th National Tournament.

Once selected we trained every Sunday up in Whangarei for 4-5 hours. We would begin with a karakia, waiata practice and then would lead into our team training. From these trainings I did not only learn new netball skills but learnt about Maori Women's Health. We were given information on how to keep our body and minds healthy, and how to look after ourselves.

During the April school holidays the big tournament came around and all the trainings, fitness challenges, and nohohs had finally paid off. The tournament this year was held in New Plymouth so as a waka we traveled down in two buses arriving at 6.00am in time for the powhiri and set up our beds for the next two nights. We played some tough games and all the teams were really competitive. I learnt so much from this tournament. Everything was very well organized and throughout the time of being a part of a new

environment and team, I made many new friends and connections. I felt very privileged to be involved in this experience and encourage everyone to trial to be a part of this waka themselves this year. Also a huge congratulations to Isbe who was also selected to participate in the AMNISS (Aotearoa Maori Netball International Secondary School) trials in Wellington and a huge thanks to my family who took me up every week and made this experience possible.

Kacey Williams



HOCKEY

What a great start it has been this season for both the new and returning players in the Rodney College Hockey team. We have some very keen new players who have joined the team, and I would like to say that everyone has shown so much improvement already this year. We have had five games so far with five exciting wins! Our first game against Hora Hora was a 2-0 win, followed by a 5-0 win against Pompallier, then an awesome 10-0 win against Maungakaramea, with our most recent game against Mangapai resulting in a 5-0 win. I'm honoured to be the captain of the team this season and can't wait to see what we can achieve for the rest of the competition this season. We are already looking ahead to the North Island Mixed Hockey Tournament at the end of August, and with up to two training sessions each week, we hope to be as competitive as possible by then.

Caitlin Cramond
Captain First XI Hockey

Photos by Tia Jones

FOOTBALL

The Rodney College First Football team is off to a promising start this season. After weeks of training they played their first practice game, losing to a more experienced side from Mahurangi College. Following this their first proper match of the season resulted in another tough loss, 7-1 to Huanui College. Despite the rocky start the team continues to improve as they gain experience and skills. Having just won a hard fought game against Whangarei Boys High School, 5-4. The Rodney side has made great progress in the past weeks and looks forward to picking up more wins in the rest of the season.



BASKETBALL

Secondary schools competition

Game One

Rodney College vs Otamatea HS (Away)
Final score 84-66 (Rodney)

Top scorers

Alex Manuell **24**
Jeremiah Guevara **16**
Jack Pennefather **16**

Great start to the campaign for the boys, helped by a strong defensive contribution from Jared Brain.

Game Two

Rodney College vs Bream Bay College (Away)
Final score 53-47 (Rodney)

Top Scorers

Alex Manuell **27**
Jeremiah Guevara **11**
Azariah Hare **4**

After a slow start by the boys they found themselves down 10-5 at the end of the first quarter. After some strong words from Coach, the boys pulled it back and held their nerve for a tight victory.

Game Three

Rodney College vs
Tauraroa Area School

(Home)

Final Score 60-69 (TAS)

Top Scorers

Alex Manuell **23**
Jeremiah Guevara **12**
Bahvya Sharma **6**
Jack Pennefather **6**

Rodney started strong this week. Tauraroa was a well drilled team and our boys lost structure and focus struggling to adjust to strong officiating. It was a great game of basketball with lots of learnings taken. We will hopefully meet these lads in the final for a rematch.

We will travel to Dargaville this week for Game Four. Thanks must go to our awesome Coach Kalem Tana and Mirna Manuell, for all they do!

Photo credit Jill Pennefather Rodney vs Bream Bay



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TE TAI TOKERAU FESTIVAL



Pink Shirt Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

Friday 2 June	Teacher Only Day (TOD)
Monday 5 June	Kings Birthday
Friday 9 June	School Cross Country
Thursday 15 June	Year 12 Careers Expo / Year 10 Zoo Trip
Tuesday 26 June	Matariki Week
Friday 30 June	House Haka competition TBC
Tuesday 27 June	Northland Cross Country
Friday 30 June	End of Term 2
Monday 17 July	Start of Term 3
Saturday 12 August	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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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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