



Rodney College

TENA KOUTOU
MATUA MA



We finish Term 2 this **Friday 30 June** celebrating our diversity in Matariki. Students have been practicing their House haka

over the last few weeks and from what I have seen, our Friday House Haka performances are going to be spectacular. Well done to our House Leaders, ably supported by their Whanau Leaders, who have all been putting in the hard mahi to set the standards high. ***Homai Te Pakipaki*** everyone!

It's been another eventful term and despite the disruptions, I've been impressed at how much we've all achieved. One of the highlights for me was seeing the thoughtful and collaborative effort that went into our ***Whanaungatanga*** Inter-Whanau competition. This is a new event on the school calendar, introduced by our Whanau Support Leaders. Whanaungatanga is one of our four pou/values and is about forming and maintaining relationships and strengthening ties between whanau and communities. The ways that each whanau class depicted this concept visually were very clever, making it extremely hard for the judges to select the winners.

There has been good progress for many, especially our senior students, on the academic front with NCEA and JCEA credits coming in thick and fast now. Our Year 10 students participated in the nationwide Numeracy & Literacy Corequisite assessments in Week 7. Our academic reports are ready to go so you will receive these

electronically in the next few days.

I look forward to seeing you all in Term 3 at our **Parent/Student/Teacher (PST)** conference being held in the fourth week on **Thursday 10 August**. Please talk with your student about this and book your appointment with their AC teacher now.

Ka kite ano

Irene Symes
Principal



GEOGRAPHY

On Wednesday 31 May, the year 11 Geography class led by Mr Davie-Martin and accompanied by Ms Walter conducted primary research at two points on the Ahuroa stream. In carrying out this research students are practising data collection skills, using team work to take multiple readings and comparing the way characteristics of the awa change at different points. Characteristics measured included; the shape of the river bed, the size of the flood plan, the turbidity of the water, erosional capacity and the size of depositional material. This



research will be used to create a report to help students achieve two different achievement standards.

The students are to be complimented on their positive behaviour, teamwork and supporting local food and beverage businesses.



MAD MEL VISIT

We had the privilege of hosting Mel, from Mad Mel Movement, who graciously shared her inspiring journey of becoming the owner of our local CrossFit gym.

Mel captured students' attention by demonstrating various movements and imparted valuable insights on the significance of proper training. It was awesome to hear that she has not only achieved personal success, but also fostered the growth of our former students, as she now employs three of them as group fitness instructors/personal trainers.

Mel also announced the launch of an after-school teens class, starting in Term 3. More information about these classes will be shared on instagram @madmelmovement_mmm



GRAPPLE 23

Congratulations to Bhavya Sharma, Jeremiah Guevara and Reef Brown for being selected to compete in Grapple 23 in Christchurch this July.

Teams from NZ wide will compete in the week long competition. The event will bring brilliant minds together to tackle a set of challenges, from climate change to robot takeovers and everything in between. The challenges are designed to test the creativity and technological knowledge of the participants.



ST JOHNS YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

St John runs a Youth Leadership training course, and this year it was held in Taupo. 120 young



people aged 13 yrs -18 yrs attended. St John has developed a fun, challenging and exciting leadership programme that

has been designed and developed to enhance our young people's leadership abilities. It is not unusual to see our young people stepping up and taking charge of events and activities.

There are three stages of leadership development:

- Corporal
- Sergeant
- Cadet Leader

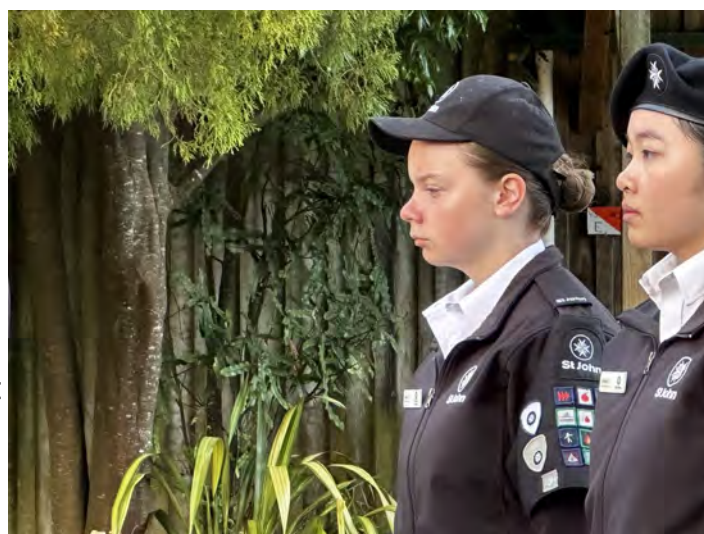
Bella Tinsel attended the leadership course at the Corporal level. This role is a key role in divisions. Corporals are part of the management team in divisions. They have a key role in providing coordination of activities, tuition, management and motivation to younger

Cadets. They are aware of the impact of their actions, being a consistent positive role model.

Some key responsibilities of a Corporal are:

- Commanding parades
- Instructing drill
- Assisting Cadets in their tasks and helping instructors in their lessons
- Instructing first aid, health care and subject specific training
- Facilitating games and activities

On the course Bella learnt about Communication, how to instruct, lesson planning, operating as part of a team, leading by example. The course was run over four days and is full on.



DRACULA

This year the Senior Drama and Performing Arts Class staged Dracula by Bram Stoker. "I think we're all proud of ourselves having finished and performed this, especially with all of the disruptions we had earlier this year. I'm thankful for the fun we had on stage and backstage during the making of the play and hope it carries over next year."

Thanks to Lucy Duffield who puts her heart and soul into the performances, and all who supported the students.



1st Tyburnia 4
 2nd Tyburnia 2
 3rd Hanover 4



WHANAUNGATANGA INTER-WHANAU COMPETITION



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NEVER TOO SOON TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Year 12 students accompanied by their Academic Counsellors and Dean headed into Auckland to attend the Careers Day Expo at the Cloud.

Students appreciated learning about a wide range of career and future study options. Students talked with representatives from several different fields including the Defence Forces, the hospitality



and tourism sectors, the automotive industry, and the agriculture and fishing sectors. Several tertiary education providers were also present.

Afterwards, we walked up Queen Street and had a tour of AUT, learning about the range of courses on offer. We also saw the recreational



facilities available for students which made it much easier for our learners to picture themselves as future AUT students. Trips such as this are important opportunities for our learners to start planning their pathways beyond school and big thanks goes to Hannah Goffeny for organising the trip and the Year 12 AC teachers who accompanied our wonderful group of learners.



SPACEWARD BOUND

Spaceward Bound visited our school and brought their pop-up planetarium. This is a fantastic audio visual experience that displays the night sky and enables the students to explore the solar system. Students explored space through Virtual Reality headsets.

Thanks to Mr Trottier, our HOD Science, for organizing this event for the students and the two astrobiologists, Hari Mogosanu and Sam Leske.





BIOLOGY

Year 12 Biology class making models of eukaryotic cells and their organelles to help learning for one of their internals as well as one of their externals



SMOKEFREE MAY

Te Ha Oranga brought some kai, entertainment and prizes to celebrate Worldwide Smokefree May.



MATHEX

On 8 June, three teams of Year 10 students competed in the Northland Mathex competition held at Whangarei Boys High School. (Richa, Sophia, Audrey, Yumiko, Sehraj, Ben, Jack, Kacey, Bella, Mackenzie, Joaquin, Hunter).

Everyone started the night with dinner at McDonalds then afterwards they went to Whangarei Boys High School. The competition was intense and there were many other schools there. The students got home late, but it was still a fun experience.
By Sophia Salayon





Junior Boys

- 1st Dom Pratt
- 2nd Clint Piggot
- 3rd Levi Dixon

Junior Girls

- 1st Willow Mitchell
- 2nd Brooke Hare
- 3rd Jaylah Clinton

Intermediate Boys

- 1st William Clapham
- 2nd Cody Watson-Walker
- 3rd Cairyn Waite

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Millie Brierly
- 2nd Kyla Middleton
- 3rd Nerissa Lay

Senior Boys

- 1st Peter Sundvick
- 2nd Rhys Cox
- 3rd Sebastian Kashammer

Senior Girls

- 1st Rebecca Lay
- 2nd Hanna Kerrigan
- 3rd Isbe Kuinikoro

NORTHLAND CROSS COUNTRY

Senior Boys

- 7th William Clapham
- 11th Peter Sundvick
- 16th Rhys Cox
- 17th Cody Watson Walker

Senior Girls

- 3rd Kyla Middleton

Year 9&10 Boys

- 4th Dom Pratt
- 15th Lincoln Clapham

Year 9&10 Girls

- 4th Millie Brierly





YEAR 9 & 10 REFEREES

Big thanks to Stella Te Haara, Aylah Dingemans, Willow Mitchell, Amy Watson Walker, Izaac Warahi, Daniel Oppelt, George Russell, Taylor Gurney, Levi Dixon and Lincoln Clapham for doing a great job at refereeing for the local primary schools. The students spend their day refereeing both football and hockey games for the local school's competition.

Thanks also to Talia Watson Walker for her support on the day.

VOLLEYFEST



On 25 May, Rodney College proudly sent two Senior Mixed teams to participate in Volleyfest held at Kensington Stadium. Organised by Northland Volleyball, this open tournament aimed to foster greater involvement among

schools not participating in nationals. Our teams exhibited outstanding performances and the students had an absolute blast. In a closely contested event, Rodney Blue secured an impressive second place in their pool, narrowly missing out on victory in the final game for 3rd place. Meanwhile, Rodney Yellow showcased remarkable resilience, facing tough opponents throughout the day. It was awesome to witness our students honing their skills and providing unwavering support to one another in each game.



MESSAGE FROM THE COUNSELLOR

With our short days and long nights, and a drop in temperatures, some people might be feeling a little more blue than usual. Please remember that if you are concerned at all about your tamariki/rangatahi and their mental health, do contact me.

Ph or text 0273659874
Phone 09 4236030 (and ask for Kerry)
Email kerry.jenner@rodneycollege.school.nz

On a more cheerful note, we'd like to introduce Bryn, our Rodney College therapy dog. He is usually at school two days a week, working hard by giving cuddles, being patted, making sad people feel happier and generally spreading his gentle love to anyone willing to receive it. Bryn is a 2 year old cavoodle, who was rehomed himself. He understands that life is not always straight forward, but often things work out well.



Kerry Jenner - Rodney College Guidance Counsellor

CHALLENGE WEEK MON 4 – WED 6 DECEMBER

Challenge Week is an opportunity for all junior students to experience educational activities and challenges outside the scope of the normal classroom. Year 9 students have their annual camp while Year 10s have a range of activities to pick from. It is also an opportunity for teachers and students to get to know each other in a different environment. As Challenge Week is part of the School's Outdoor Education Curriculum, all **students** are expected to take part.



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THE
GARDEN
OF VERSAILLES

Rodney College Ball 2023

*August 12, 2023 at The Stables
Matakana, 1151 Leigh Road,
Matakana*

*Year 13 6:30PM - 11:00PM
Year 11 & 12 7:00PM - 11:00PM*

*\$90 Per Ticket Purchase at the
Student Office*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

Monday 17 July	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 July	Year 9 Hearing Screening
Thursday 3 August	Quad Tournament TBC
Tuesday 8 - Thursday 14 August	Enrolment Week
Thursday 10 August	PST (Parent Student Teacher Conference)
Saturday 12 August	Senior School Ball
Wednesday 16 August	Atiu Creek Tree Planting
Thursday 17 August	Year 8 Open Evening
Friday 18 August	Year 11 Business Studies Market Day Year 8 Open Day
Friday 25 August	Loves Me Not

**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.

