

MARCH/APRIL 2022

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TENA KOUTOU
MATUA MA

Kia ora e te whanau o Rodney College

Term 1 has been an eventful and overwhelmingly positive one for us all at the college.

The good weather has allowed

us to continue with our EOTC trips and the lifting of the vaccination mandates has meant that students can participate competitively in sport. It's been great to see our new Tiger Turf being put to good use by the Wellsford Tennis Club and by our netball and hockey teams. The good weather has also helped to keep the covid bugs at bay to some extent, and to date we have not had to move into our **TWO STEP PLAN** (Rostering senior students home) as outlined in our 4 March newsletter. Whilst we hope it will not be necessary, we will keep this strategy up our sleeve should we need it in the coming terms when winter ailments are on the increase, along with the ever present Covid variants.

Staff Comings and Goings...

As you will see we have 6 new staff join the Rodney College whanau in 2022. In late March we welcomed our new Guidance Counsellor, **Kerry Jenner** to the staff, replacing Chris Byars who finished in 2021. Kerry has a long association with the college and surrounding area and brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to the role. In Term 2 we welcome **Philippa Walter**, our new HOD Social Science, replacing Lara Callachan who also left us at the start of the year. Sadly, Mhairi Penman will be moving on towards the end of May as she has a new position as TiC ESOL at Orewa College. I would like to extend our huge gratitude

to Chris, Lara and Mhairi for the significant contribution they have each made to students in their time at the college.

Property Work continues...

Whilst it is never ideal to have property works occurring around the grounds when staff and students are onsite, it is hard to avoid. I'm pleased to say that the levelling and re-surfacing work to make movement around D and E Block safer for everyone, will be completed over the term break. The next phase of these safety enhancements continues in Term 2 and will occur outside the Textile room and move to the resurfacing of the driveway that runs next to the Gym.

PST 1 - Thursday 12 May

At this stage we are continuing with our intention to hold PSTs conferences with parents/caregivers and students **onsite** - Covid settings permitting, on **Thursday 12 May**. You will have already received the newsletter with information explaining how to book your conference with your child's AC teacher. We look forward to seeing you all here.

Nga mihi

Irene Symes
Principal



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INTRODUCING...



Brenda Flemming - English



Karen Daniel - Food Tech



Katherine Hogg - Business



Kim Stone - Student Accounts



Megan Harrison - SENCO



Kerry Jenner - Guidance Counsellor

CLASS AND SIBLING PHOTOS

Class and Sibling photos will take place on Tuesday 3 May. Ordering is now done online, after the photos have been taken.

You will be provided with an access key to order using: photolifeonline.co.nz/ordering/access



HEALTH CLINIC



HOURS

MONDAY
8AM - 4PM (NURSE)

TUESDAY
8AM - 4PM (NURSE)

THURSDAY
8AM - 4PM (NURSE)
DOCTOR 10AM - 12 MIDDAY



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WHANAU LEADERS 2022

SENIOR & JUNIOR

MILES



MILES 1
ERIN OSTERMANN &
RUBY STANFORD



MILES 2
MISTY-ROSE QUINTAL
& OSKAR JONES



MILES 3
JAKE STOKES & MILLIE
BRIERLY



MILES 4
ALEX ROBBINS &
ALYSSA EDMONDS

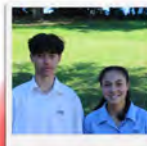
HANOVER



HANOVER 1
KEIRA HACKETT & KIKI
TE HAARA



HANOVER 2
CATLIN HEKE &
SOPHIA HACKETT



HANOVER 3
AZARIAH HARE &
KACEY WILLIAMS



HANOVER 4
NORAH WILLIAMS &
JOHN GILES

TYBURNIA



TYBURNIA 1
ZOE KARNAPKE & TOBY
HENDERSON



TYBURNIA 2
AMELIA PRICTOR &
CAIRYN WAITE



TYBURNIA 3
POPPY BARNES & NINA
DOWNS



TYBURNIA 4
JAMES KERRIGAN &
REGAN PENNINGS

WATTENBACH



WATTENBACH 1
JOEL BROADHEAD &
OLIVIA MULLIGAN



WATTENBACH 2
TAMATI HOANI &
RHYS COX



WATTENBACH 3
MACKENZIE OLDFIELD
& TIA JONES



WATTENBACH 4
MICHAEL HODGE &
ASHLEY SHARP

AUT CAMPUS TOUR

Year 13 students who were interested in AUT took a visit to the campus on Friday 25 March. It was a great day with liaison officers Stephen and Satch. The students experienced being on campus at both the north and city campuses, finishing with a tour of the city accommodation. We also had a tour of University of Auckland campus. Thank you to Christine Carrell who drove one van.



Colleen Wright
Careers Advisor

WOMAN FOR AOTEAROA

If you find yourself reading the latest WOMAN for Aotearoa magazine you will see an eight page spread titled Autumn Sonata.

Well done to Paige Lusty, an ex Rodney student who is the model in this Fashion article.

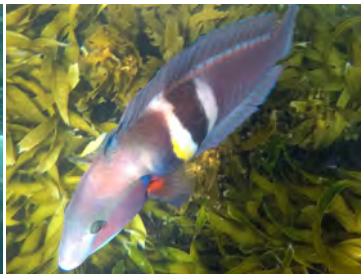


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YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO POOR KNIGHTS

The islands, forged from a 25km wide volcanic caldera, are now the guardians of spectacular archways, caves and rock formations formed during the areas violent geological past. With this fiery era now long forgotten, the islands are home to the largest pohutukawa forest in the world, and much unique wildlife. Thousands of Tuatara are scattered among the islands, while giant weta and giant centipedes inhabit the leafy forest floors. Below water is another even more complex, ecosystem. Safety briefing done and we are in! At this time of year it's beautifully warm, with crystal clear visibility of up to 50m. The array of fish species was too vast to describe, but included scores of colourful trevally, snapper, scorpionfish, kingfish, blue maomao and rays. I spent hours marveling at the sheer diversity and abundance. All good things must come to an end, so we re-boarded the boat, and with hot beverages in hand, completed our tour around the islands. (Excerpt from a piece written by William Clapham, Yr 11)



YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO TONGARIRO

In March the Year 12 Geography class, accompanied by Mr Davie-Martin and Mrs Rae, spent a few days exploring and researching the TVE. Students studied soil, vegetation, impacts of climate on the Eastern and Western sides of Mt Ruapehu as part of their NCEA course. We were very fortunate to be hosted by Tracey and Thomas at Manowhenua Lodge, where we were provided with huge meals, comfortable beds and a family atmosphere. The highlight of the trip was the Tongariro Crossing and we were lucky to have good weather on the day. The climb was challenging in places but the views were impressive and well worth the time and energy spent. Thanks to Mr Davie-Martin for organising the trip and imparting his vast knowledge of the region to us.



YEAR 7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY

Wellsford School cooking up a storm - making sushi and muesli slice



Wellsford School students launching their rockets in engineering



Mangawhai, Tomarata & Taporā students making masks and purerehua



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YEAR 9 SCIENCE



Burning nuts to measure energy in them as part of their learning on nutrition and digestion.

When you eat a nut, your body does the same sort of thing: it converts the energy stored in the nut into the energy it needs to keep running.

YEAR 10 SCIENCE

Year 10 students were learning about Acids and Bases by completing a pH rainbow in class. Strong acids appeared red for them while strong bases were purple. Later students made their own pH indicators using anthocyanins from red cabbage.



WHAT ART THOU DOING?



Year 13 students painting, based on the model Jean-Michel Basquiat.



Year 11 students working on their sculptures



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Congratulations

2021 NCEA MERIT & EXCELLENCE ENDORSEMENTS

LEVEL 1

Excellence

Jared Brain
Joel Broadhead
Shannon Elliot-Palmer
Anthony Grindlay
Toby Henderson
Will Heron
Daniella Isla
Mackenzie Mill
Luka Popov
Amelia Pictor
Hayley Smith
Scarlet Walker
Cullen Wee
Norah Williams
Kayla Wood

Merit

Knesha Bartrum
Rabbi Battu
Rachel Came
Catalina De Lisama Porter
Phoebe Dingemans

Michael Hodge
Tessa Horne
Madison James
Haylee Lusty
Olive Maisey Evans
Kelly Partington
Evah Pirini
Sophie Reid
Nadia Walker
Ryan Watson-Walker
Samantha Wilson

LEVEL 2

Excellence

Skyla Brown
Jaide Collinson
Eve Hampson
Mikaila Isla
Harris Norhan
Natalie Pearson

Merit

Charlie Balle
Sean Brennan
Montel Vemoa
Brendon Mason
Hayley-Grace Nathan
Cayene Odi
Abbie Tornquist
Izabellah Treadwell

LEVEL 3

Excellence

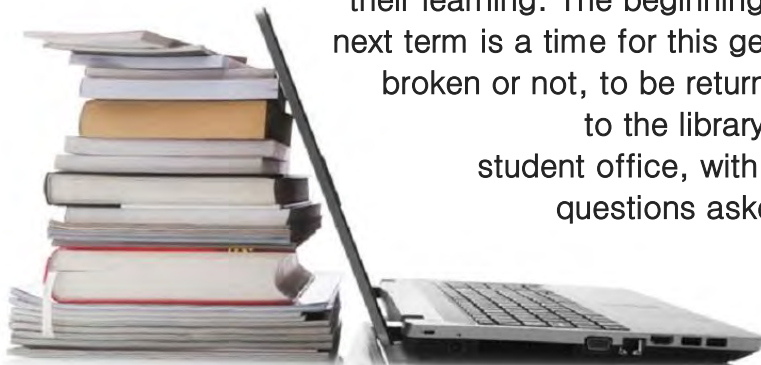
Zavannah Aitken
Rosa Ewing
Grace Gossage Myers
Eleanor Hayward
Shalynne Jones

Merit

Keelan Landrey-Howe
Jessica Walker
Jasmine Whale

AMNESTY FOR HANDING BACK RODNEY COLLEGE EQUIPMENT

Due to Covid lock downs a lot of equipment eg chromebooks, powerleads, text books and library books were loaned out to help students continue their learning. The beginning of next term is a time for this gear, broken or not, to be returned to the library or student office, with no questions asked.



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PARENT STUDENT TEACHER (PST) CONFERENCE THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022

To make your appointment, go
online to

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

In the green box for Parents,
enter this event code:

rvkfx Follow the instructions to
make an appointment with
your child's

Academic
Counsellor.

**BOOK
NOW!**

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ATHLETICS RESULTS

Junior Boys

- 1st Corey-Jay Litherland
- 2nd Matthew Whitaker
- 3rd Joaquin Hare

Junior Girls

- 1st Mila Thomas
- 2nd Kacey Williams
- 3rd Poppy Howse

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Peter Sundvick
- 2nd William Clapham
- 3rd John Barbosa

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Isbe Kuinikoro
- 2nd Baylee Brown
- 3rd= Eden King-Turner and Caitlin Heke

Senior Boys

- 1st Charlie Balle
- 2nd Toby Henderson
- 3rd Xavier Edmonds-Cooper

Senior Girls

- 1st Eve Hampson
- 2nd Mikaila Isla
- 3rd Cayenne Odi

House Points

Hanover	723
Tyburnia	633
Wattenbach	456
Miles	396



Below are the current records held at Rodney College for Athletics. For those of you who are interested, you can see some of these records are long standing, with the earliest set in 1973.

RODNEY COLLEGE ATHLETICS RECORDS

JUNIOR

100m	J. Connolly	2013	12.40
200m	C.Lewis	1990	26.03
400m	G.Edwards	1982	57.80
800m	G.Edwards	1982	2.16.67
1500m	C.Blakey	1983	4.53.44
4 x 100m Relay	Wattenbach	1997	54.43
High Jump	T.Edwards	2007	1.62m
Long Jump	B.Toi/J.Te Hira	91/97	5.28m
Triple Jump	C. Cave	2008	10.33m
Shotput	C. Fox	2013	11.52m
Discus	A.Davis	1998	32.33m
Javelin	D.Wall	1998	38.85m
Cricket Ball	R. Walker	2015	59.63m

GIRLS

G.Brierly	2015	13.10
C.Inger	1981	27.64
G.Brierly	2015	65.44
G.Brierly	2015	2.38.94
G.Brierly	2015	5.30.34
Wattenbach	1991	59.29
W.Carlson	1984	1.43m
N Te Hira	1991	4.84m
N.Te Hira	1991	9.62m
T.Hemara	2004	9.22m
T.Hemara	2004	24.10m
S.Norburn-Cormack	2015	25.95m
S.Norburn-Cormack	2015	42.59m

INTERMEDIATE

100m	P.Ashby	1993	11.63
200m	T. Henderson	2021	23.75
400m	G.Edwards	1983	54.95
800m	G.Edwards	1984	2.07.32
1500m	J.McLaren	1976	4.28.60
4 x 100m Relay	Tyburnia	1997	50.00
High Jump	A.Inger	2005	1.75m
Long Jump	B.Toi	1993	5.79m
Triple Jump	N. Morrison	2008	11.42m
Shotput	X Edmonds-Cooper	2021	12.04m
Discus	D.Heywood	1990	34.85m
Javelin	S. Collins	2012	42.70m
Cricket Ball	J.Chapman	2011	81.90m

O.Haddon	1991	12.99
O.Haddon	1990	26.89
O.Haddon	1991	61.02
T.Leef	1983	2.32.35
J.Marshall	1988	5.20.76
Wattenbach	1990	56.73
T.Leef	1984	1.52m
A.Tomas	1982	4.96m
T.Hemara	2005	9.69m
A.Lenssen	2001	9.97m
A.Lenssen	2001	30.15m
S.Norburn-Cormack	2017	28.24m
T.Mataroa	2011	43.75m

SENIOR

100m	G.Thomas	1992	11.22
200m	G.Thomas	1992	23.00
400m	G.Thomas	1993	52.29
800m	M.Allen	1973	2.02.00
1500m	G.Marshall	1983	4.19.95
4 x 100m Relay	Hanover	1992	48.44
High Jump	T. Edwards	2010	1.82m
Long Jump	A.Pairama	1999	6.36m
Triple Jump	D.Morrow	1992	12.20m
Shotput	J. Porter	2018	11.78m
Discus	J. Zaia	2017	40.60m
Javelin	S. Collins	2013	43.83m
Cricket Ball	T.Pride	2015	77.20m

L.Tubailagi	2020	12.97
D.Busbridge	1976	27.60
J.Stringer	1974	60.50
F.Paul	1979	2.34.6
J.Southon	1974	5.13.4
Wattenbach	1992	56.88
S.LeBas	1985	1.50m
A.Tomas	1983	4.86m
L. Sinclair	2008	10.02m
M.Maka	2012	10.49m
M.Maka	2012	28.08m
A.Currie	2005	30.55m
M.Maka	2011	52.90m



ARCHERY

Congratulations to Gage Laughton who is competing in the Marked League Series for NZ Field Archery. Gage placed first in Round 2 of the series for Bowhunter Unlimited.

Watch this space for Round 3 results and Nationals that are tentatively in June.

Mum's the word this Mother's Day

Kids! Here is your mission, if you choose to accept it.....

We need to know how special your Mum is, and why she deserves the bunch of flowers this Mother's Day.

You can be as creative in your letter/picture as you like, but please remember to include your name, Mum's name and a phone number.

All entries will be judged by Theresa Sjoquist, a local professional writer and author.

Place your entries in the well at Hobbs Giftware from Saturday 9th April until Monday 2nd May at 4pm.

One lucky Mum will get a beautiful bunch of flowers this Mother's Day.

Bouquet supplied by

 Briar Rose Flowers



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Term One has been a busy term with Swimming Sports days, a variety of athletics events leading up to our modified Athletics Day, Cricket and Soccer.

Athletics day, although in a shortened format due to covid, was still a great event with students dressing up in their house colours and performing their house chants. Students had the option of choosing which field events they wanted to do and the 100m finals were great to watch. We ran the relays on a different day with the whole school watching. Thank you to everyone involved in making this a successful event for our students. I really appreciate the support we get from the parents, community, and staff to enable us to run these events.

We have been getting ready for Term 2 with students trialing for Netball, Football and Hockey. Big thanks to Mili Williams for getting us ready for another season of Netball and to Madeline Hay,



Lynette Gubb and Grace Oldfield for helping Mili with selecting at both trials we held here at school.

Alan Batten has been preparing his players for Hockey starting next term with trainings on the new turf here at school on Thursdays at 3.30pm. Mackenzie Warahi (ex student) is running fitness trainings for the Hockey Team on Tuesdays on the school Athletics field also at 3.30pm.



Fynn Goodall (ex student) is taking on the coaching role for our football team with help from Mr Kingsley (teacher) and support from the senior players.

We had a great pre-season game against Otamatea High School here at school. It was great to see parents and teachers come along to

support the players. This was a good chance to give all our new young players an opportunity to combine with

our regular players. Big thanks to Fynn Goodall for refereeing and Mr Kingsley for all his help with the team during the game.



I have been advertising for weeks for Rugby



Players to register their interest if they are keen to play this season. Philip Tana from Rodney Otamatea sub union is trying to put together U14 and U16 teams from players in our area. He came in to run a skills session with our students, which the

students that came seemed to really enjoy. He plans to run another session on Friday 6 May at lunchtime on the Rugby field. If your child is keen to play Rugby, please get them to come along to this or let me know as more players are needed to form these teams.

Volleyball is proving to be very popular with our students training twice a week in the gym at lunchtimes with Ms Jones. We are looking forward to some extra skills sessions from Grant Harrison from Northland Volleyball in the next few weeks. We will be taking several teams to Whangarei for a tournament next term.



These are some of the events our students will be participating in next term : Mid Week Football, Volleyball Tournaments, Cross Country, Squash Individual and Teams Championships, Kiwi Tag, Friday Night Netball and the weekly Hockey Tournament in Whangarei.

Thank you to everyone that has supported our students and events this term.

Maria Northin Sports Coordinator

WYATT CUP REPORT

On Wednesday 30 March Rodney College cricket team took on Mahurangi College to decide the winner of the Wyatt cup 2022. Rodney was pitted against reigning champions Mahurangi College in a 35 over innings game for the cup. The boys were buzzing in the van trip to Bourne Dean oval (Kaipara Flats) and talks of strategy had already begun as we arrived.

We lost the toss and were put into bowl. Our bowling attack was led by captain Zeph Jones and supported by solid spells from Matthew Came, Koen Hare and Peter Sundvick. Zeph Jones was the pick of the bowlers with an excellent 2/35 from 7 overs, Matthew and Koen supported both taking important wickets. Nathan Costello took his maiden wicket for the school on debut with great bowling and an outstanding catch from Tane Stewart. It was hot and hard work for the boys in the field managing to restrict Mahurangi to a chaseable 238/7 after their 35 overs.

The batting line-up was led by Vice Captain Brendon Mason and Bhavya Sharma, who toiled against the strong pace attack that managed to find significant swing. Rodney struggled against this strong bowling line up early on, being 12/3 after 5 overs. Refuge came in the form of an excellent batting partnership between Matthew

Came and Zeph Jones of 119 runs. This strong batting performance was supported by solid innings by Koen Hare and Tane Stewart. After a long and hard run chase Rodney ended up falling 40 runs short of the goal with a hard fought 198/8 after 35 overs. Matthew Came and Zeph Jones both hit their maiden half centuries getting 67 runs off 72 balls and 54 runs from 80 balls respectively. Recognition to Roman Jones who was chomping at the bit to have a bat all day and managed to score his first run for the school off the last ball of the game. Despite the loss the boys were exhilarated after a great game of cricket. This game showed many great signs of



things to come for the Rodney team in future years. A HUGE thank you to Robert Blunden for giving up his time and energy to coach the team. A big thanks to Maria for all her hard work organizing the game and the team.

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Hakaru Hall
Settlement Road, Hakaru

FEES
\$5 per player per session
OR
online payment **\$45** for 10 sessions
+ \$10 / player as a Venue Hire
Contribution for Term 2

KIDS, GIRLS, BOYS, TEENS
& ADULTS WELCOME

Prizes & Certificates at Term End
~Tuition & Coaching on hand~
Quizzes – Challenges – **Lots of Fun!**

Essential to Book your Spot(s)
Tina - 021 689 988 or post on FaceBook Group

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

Monday 2 May	Term 2 Starts
Thursday 5 & Friday 6 May	Music Mentor Days
Monday 9 - Friday 13 May	Student Health Week
Thursday 12 May	PST (Parent Student Teacher Interviews)
Monday 16 May	Accord Day (Teacher Only Day)
Monday 6 June	Queens Birthday (holiday)
Wednesday 8 June	Rockquest Final
Friday 24 June	Matariki Day (holiday)
Saturday 2 July	ShowQuest
Monday 4 - Friday 8 July	Matariki Week

**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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Mrs H Goffeney	Year 12 Dean	hannah.goffeney@rodneycollege.school.nz
Mr A Batten	Year 13 Dean	alan.batten@rodneycollege.school.nz
Mrs M Harrison	SENCO (Learning Support)	423 6030xtn 260 megan.harrison@rodneycollege.school.nz

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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