



Rodney College



TENA KOUTOU
MATUA MA

As I write this, it's hard to believe that winter is officially over, daylight saving has started and we are planning for the end of year prizegivings and enrolling students for 2023.

Some of the wonderful competitions our students were involved in this term were: Aquabots (underwater robotics competition), Rock quest (Aotearoa's only nationwide, live, original music, school bands competition), Mathex (a fast-paced mathematics contest where teams of four students compete against each other to answer questions as quickly as possible), and a 48hour filmmaking competition (the 48 Hour Film Project is a wild and sleepless weekend where a team makes a movie - write, shoot, and edit - in just 48 hours).

Classes have been enriched by special guests visiting such as Ruud Kleinpaste "the bug man" who was invited into the junior science classes and the Drone Legends, who demonstrated the magic of drones to make learning fun. Class trips are a regular part of the curriculum now and just this month there has been a trip to the zoo, a forensics trip, a trip to Rainbows End and tree planting where over 600 trees were planted.

Term 3 is an important time for senior students to explore some vocational pathways through our Gateway programme and students have had the opportunity to complete a two day driver's training and license course, a bartending course, a site safe training course and a beauty therapy

course.

The House netball and volleyball competitions have been completed. The House Variety Concert is a major highlight for all, held at the end of Term 3, my congratulations go to the students who write it, participate in it and represent their house with such creativity and enthusiasm.

2023 student enrolments are in full swing and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and Year 8 students who have made the effort to enroll already. This has made planning for 2023 much easier.

School trustees play a critical role in the governance of the school and the recent elections are now completed. I look forward to meeting and working with the new board next term.

Term 4 will be around the corner as you read this newsletter and the senior students will only have two more full weeks of class time before prizegivings and study leave or springback. The juniors will be kept busy with their exams looming and activity camp week to look forward to.

Ka kite ano

Stephen Rowe
Acting Principal



CUPS AND TROPHIES

Please return all trophies from all prizegivings and bring them to the front office at school by **Wednesday 19 October**.



CHANGES TO NCEA AND UE FOR 2022

Due to the disruption caused by COVID-19, changes have been put in place to help give students a fair opportunity to get their NCEA or University Entrance (UE) this year. As in 2020 and 2021, these changes include Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs), which are based on the number of credits you achieve during the 2022 school year.

You are entitled to **1 LRC for every 5 credits** earned through assessment, up to a maximum of:

NCEA Level	Maximum LRCs
1	10
2	8
3	8

To receive a **Certificate Endorsement**, you will need **46 credits** at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50.

To be awarded **University Entrance** you will need **14 credits in each of two UE Approved Subjects, and 12 credits in a third UE Approved Subject** (you also need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements).

The submission dates for some externally assessed portfolios have also been moved back one week. NCEA and NZ Scholarship examinations will go ahead as planned.

GOODBYE TO MISS WEAVER

We have been spoilt for the last two terms to have Miss Weaver teach our junior students.

Siobhan has a passion to teach and is amazing at how she can get alongside of the students at their level. She has accepted a full time position at Orewa College and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Thanks for all the love and care you have given our students.



RODNEY COLLEGE LEARNING CULTURE

Rodney College is underway with further developing our Learning Culture. This involves support from PB4L Schoolwide practitioner Jenny Barker and collaboration with our in-school team seen working here. We are developing consistency in understanding and responding to student behaviour within the classroom and within the wider school. As we work further, we will keep you informed in our newsletters.



THE BUGMAN



Rodney students were spoilt with a visit from Ruud Kleinpaste and friends. He shared his understanding and appreciation of insects, spiders, and other terrestrial arthropods.

Those brave enough were able to get up close and personal.



NORTHLAND SCHOOLS MATHEX



On Thursday 1 September Miss Weaver and Jo Warahi took twelve Year 9 students to Whangarei Boys

High School to compete in the 2022 Northland Schools Mathex competition. This involves students solving mathematical problems as a group, with a runner racing up to the front to get them checked. The twelve students made up three teams that were off to a hot start. As the questions got harder and time was ticking away our students slowed down, and we ended up

around middle of the pack which was a really great effort. This was an amazing experience, after two years of Covid and we were grateful to be able to attend and compete with many other Northland schools. A big thanks to Ms Mateeva for the training and time put into the practice and to Jo for driving the school van up to Whangarei and back.



RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

We farewell two long serving Board of Trustee members, Richard Pride and Clare Hayward. They will be standing down at the end of this term.

Richard served for 13 years where he was Chairman and was great with the managing of the Property Portfolio. Clare also served for 13 years on the Rodney College Board where she helped manage the Policies Portfolio. She also served for 18 years on Tapora School's Board where she was Chairperson for 12 years.

The hours and dedication they have shown to the school has been amazing and we are grateful for all they have given. Their knowledge and experience will be hard to replace and they will be dearly missed.



RIP MRS SHEENAGH SMART

It is with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of Mrs Sheenagh Smart. Mrs Smart was a long term staff member and loyal supporter of Rodney College for over 35 years. She started at Rodney in the late 1960s teaching typing and commerce, while bringing up her two young daughters. Although she officially 'retired' in the early 2000s, Sheenagh was still doing support work and relieving for the school up to 2007 and beyond.

During her time at Rodney Sheenagh saw many changes in education, including the introduction of electronic typewriters and computers, and was always prepared to upskill herself to meet the demands of new technology and teaching styles. She also coached several different sports teams and was always prepared to go out of her way to help students. Mrs Smart taught night school at Rodney for many years, demonstrating her commitment to adult learning and personal growth.

Sheenagh held many different roles at Rodney, including being in charge of beginning teachers and staff professional development. She was an active member of the staff social committee and was fundamental to a cohesive staff culture. In addition, Mrs Smart also took on the roles of school counsellor, Deputy Headmistress and

House Dean. She presented the Sheenagh Smart Cup for outstanding contribution to Tyburnia House, and this is still one of the trophies presented at our annual senior prize-giving.

Many past students and staff members will remember Mrs Smart as a positive role model. She had high personal standards of presentation, dress, speech and behaviour, and expected the same from her students. Sheenagh had the personal touch, including keeping a bag of chocolate fish in her briefcase for deserving students. She showed interest in students' welfare and took pride in their successes at school and beyond.

Rodney College extends our sincere sympathies to her family and friends.



Y10 SOCIAL STUDIES TREE PLANTING AT ATIU CREEK REGIONAL PARK

On Wednesday 14 September, 21 students and 3 staff spent the day tree planting as part of their Social Studies Sustainability learning. Students



were inspired to put the concept of Kaitiakitanga into action in our community by participating in this activity. We moved dead gorse to provide space to plant Manuka, Kanuka, Harakeke and Kahikatea plants that had been grown from

seed collected nearby. In total we managed to plant 635 plants, a great success. It was a very rewarding activity in a beautiful setting and we encourage members of the wider school community to get involved in tree planting activities regularly held in our area.



FORENSIC INSIGHT

Year 12 Biology went to Forensic Insight on Tuesday 13 September where they carried out a variety of forensic techniques including fingerprinting, blood spatter analysis and the collection and sampling of other trace evidence. They learnt about how science has improved the forensic techniques over the years. They applied the knowledge and solved a crime by dusting for fingerprints, taking DNA samples and looking at shoe imprints. It was a fantastic day.



WHINA

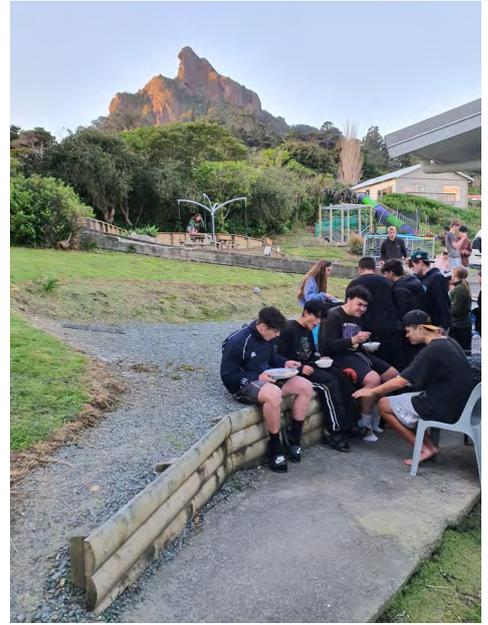
On Wednesday 25 August, the Year 13 English class went to the Matakana Cinemas to watch the film 'Whina'. The film follows the life of trailblazing Maori leader Dame Whina Cooper, who spent her life breaking boundaries, speaking for the rights of Maori and women, and fighting for the land. It was a very educational and moving film that tied in with our topic this year of how Maori are represented in the media and literature. Everyone in the class greatly enjoyed the film and wept alongside the main character during the more emotional parts of the movie. We are all very thankful to Mrs. Hackett and Ms Hay for taking us and the opportunity to better understand our country's history.

Jaide Collinson



LEVEL 1 & 2 PE CAMP

This week we had the opportunity to go on a camp for PE. Ms Jones challenged us with a 3 hour 'walk' that consisted of a walking track that traversed up a mountain 395m above sea level. The views at the top of the track were a once in a lifetime experience. However, the treacherous uphill hike up was not so magical, leaving our legs on fire, followed by a neverending set of stairs down. The 'challenge' didn't end there. After continuing for an hour walk back to camp, we then had to set up our tents and cook up a mean feed with gas cookers. The second day we packed up camp and boarded the bus to go to the



mountain biking park, Heads Up. The park was full of steep downhill trails and big jumps which we were able to go down on dirt scooters and mountain bikes. Our time at Heads Up was full of exciting and thrilling moments with a few crashes. We managed to come away mostly unscathed but exhausted and the bus ride back was unsurprisingly quiet. In the end we all had a great time and it was a great opportunity to test our limits.

(Kael Marsh and Wyatt Collins)



YEAR 13 BIOLOGY CLASS

During Week 8 of Term 3, our Level 3 Biology class headed to Auckland Zoo to extend our knowledge on the Human Evolution exam standard. It was lovely to see the exotic wildlife and serene habitats of various animals. We were



privileged to attend a small seminar where we were introduced to different hominin skulls, with some being the skulls of deceased Auckland Zoo animals. It was helpful being able to touch up on our existing knowledge and learn further new information.

Shoutout to Mrs G for not crashing the van. =)

Mikaila Isla and Izzy Treadwell





AQUABOTS

Year 11 students (Reef Brown, William Clapham, Azariah Hare, Bhayva Sharma, Peter Sundvick, Thomas Tameris) have spent many weeks designing an aquabot to participate in an underwater robotics programme. They used engineering theory, problem solving skills, electrical concepts and basic scientific principles to design their robot to help reduce ocean pollution. The students competed on 22 September and came in 2nd place, giving them the opportunity to compete in the national competition in Rotorua in December. They will be fundraising for this trip so please donate when the time comes! Big thanks to Mr Kingsley for the time and effort he put in to this event.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS TOURISM AND BUSINESS STUDIES RAINBOWS END

On a fine spring morning Levels 2 and 3 Tourism and Business Studies students experienced all the rides and entertainment that Rainbows End had to offer. As one of Auckland's premier tourist attractions it was encouraging to see how Rainbows End has recovered from the impact of the covid lockdowns that struck Auckland over the last two years. While there were many old favourites, several rides have undergone an upgrade and there were a few new activities to make sure there was entertainment available to suit everyone. We got to observe firsthand the range of work roles available at the park and the



skills and attributes needed to make a career in tourism a success. Big thanks to Pete Wynwood for coming with us and putting up with my screams on the rides!

Helen Yorke, Tourism Teacher



THANK YOU

to the following students for Umpiring and Refereeing the local primary schools' Netball and Touch Day. The students did an excellent job and the Organiser/Principal from Tapora School, Ms Keryl Lee, said the students were a credit to our school and they couldn't have run the tournament without them.

Caleb Ayres, Emma Brien, Michayla Buis, Aiden Cole, Keira Hackett, Sophia Hackett, Joaquin Hare, Poppy Howse, Corey-Jay Litherland, Emma McCardle, Mackenzie Oldfield, Maasi Schaumkel, Abby Seadon, Mila Thomas, Bella Wade and Kacey Williams.

COLLEGE SQUASH RESULTS

Boys Club Champ winner - Matthew Came
Runner Up - Alex Manuell

Girls Club Champ winner - Rachel Came
Runner Up - Kacey Williams



Most Improved Boy
Nathan Glover
Most Improved Girl
Kacey Williams



NORTHLAND CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Wellsford Squash Club on 3rd September 2022

Grade Winners from Rodney College
C Grade Division Runner - Up Matthew Came
E Grade - Alex Manuell
E Grade - Rachel Came
J Grade - Xavier Jones-Browne
J Grade - Kenzie Oldfield

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT WEEK

The Rodney College 1st XI Hockey team was privileged to attend a week-long national tournament, in Whangarei on 29 August. The team started strong going undefeated in their first two games against Te Kauwhata and Putururu. We were then pitched against local rivals, Otamatea who gave us our first loss. This meant that we placed third in our group, we then moved out of the group stage facing a strong Glenfield College team. We continued a run of tough matches finishing 12th overall.

This week gave us the chance to come together as a team and experience a higher quality of play. A big thank you to Alan Batten for all his hard work and time. Also a thank you to all parents who helped throughout the week.

We have now concluded our regular season finishing first overall. This was an awesome result and shows great signs for the team moving forward.

Brendon Mason- Captain



DANIELLA GOES FOR GOLD

Daniella competed in the Bay of Plenty Grappling Series in Rotorua - a jiu jitsu tournament consisting of different clubs all throughout NZ. Despite being bumped up from the under 45kg division to under 51.7 kg boys division, she achieved first place (Gold) and finished all fights with submission. Daniella took everyone by surprise, both opponents and the audience. They did not expect such a tiny girl could be that deadly. She earned the moniker Daniella 'The Weapon' Isla.

If you want to see her in action, come visit Coast Academy Wellsford for a free trial.



A NIGHT JUST FOR YOU *and* YOUR MATES
 COME EAT, COME TALK, COME HANG,
 COME MEET SOMEONE NEW, COME PLAY SOME POOL,
 COME PLAY SOME GAMES NO NOT THE XBOX GAMES PHYSICAL GAMES
 OR MAYBE JUST COME SIT AND WATCH,
 WHATEVER YOU FEEL THIS IS A PLACE FOR YOU YOUTH.

Friday 5pm-1pm

YOUTH NIGHT

Railway station
 Station road Wellsford

**COME HANG OUT
 ALL WELCOME ANYONE
and EVERYONE YEAR 8 *and* UP**

Contact Lee for more info
 02041818612

PIC-COLLAGE

 **RODNEY COLLEGE**

TE Kōwhiri
 TE WHAKAHOIHO

YOUTH HEALTH REGISTERED NURSE, PART TIME
 (0.5FTE) - HOURS ARE FLEXIBLE

We are seeking a Youth Health or General Practice experienced Nurse to work at Rodney College in the funded Te Whata Ora / Health New Zealand, School Based Health Service.

You will be youth focused and confident working with families and the school pastoral team.

The successful applicant must have:

- Current NZ APC
- Cross cultural competence
- Medtech skills
- A Youth Health qualification or a commitment to undertake study

Start as soon as possible
 Apply in writing with your CV, covering letter and the names of 2 referees to:
principal@rodneycollege.school.nz or post to Principal, Rodney College, 287-319 Rodney Street, Wellsford 0900.



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287-319 Rodney Street, Wellsford 0900
 Telephone (09) 423 6030 Fax (09) 423 7555
 Website www.rodneycollege.school.nz



Careers Expo
 Thursday 20th October 2022
 Morning & Afternoon Structured Tour

Hosted at a unique & inspiring venue with multiple 'skill-based' career zones and attendance from:

- Technology & Creativity
- Retail & Hospitality
- Construction & Trade
- Infrastructure & Automotive
- Primary Industry & Environment
- Performance & Maori Tourism

To take part in this great event please call
 Linda: 021 128 3244

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**CHESS CLUB
 MANGAWHAI**

KIDS TOURNAMENT
Tues 4th & Tues 11th Oct '22

Hakaru Hall
4.30pm – 6.30pm
 Arrive by 4.15 for Registration
 Please bring a Sharing Snack Plate & Drinks

There will be PRIZES !

Phone Tina - 021 689 988 for details & Bookings
 Communicate via FaceBook / Join our Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/795009064527481/?ref=share/>

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Easybus provides our school community all the information needed on school transport, times and roads.

Check our website under buses or
rodney.easybus.nz

EasyBus 

SCHOOL TRANSPORT MADE EASY

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

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



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.



LEVEL 1 & 2 PE CAMP



SQUASH CHAMPS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

Monday 17 October	Term 4 starts
Thursday 20 October	Careers Expo - Te Ao Marama
Tuesday 25 October	Sports and Cultural Prizegiving
Tuesday 1 November	Senior Prizegiving
Wednesday 2 November	Graduation Dinner
Thursday 3 November	Springback starts
Friday 4 November	Junior Science Exam
Monday 7 November - Tuesday 6 December	NZQA Senior Exams
Thursday 10 - Friday 11 November	JCEA Junior Exams
Friday 25 November	TOD - Teacher Only Day

**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.

