



Rodney College

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MATUA MA



Thank you to all parents, caregivers and students who attended our **PST 2** on the 10 August. I'm pleased to report that we had the best attendance ever for this event. As the saying goes, "***It takes a village to raise a child***" and your attendance at our PST is proof that we are all in this together. At this stage of the year, students at **ALL LEVELS** need to be focussing on their learning goals; every day, in every lesson. Dreams without goals, are just dreams and we're interested in making them reality. To do this our academic tracking and monitoring is **ongoing** and teachers have a close eye on your child's progress in all subject areas. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss academic progress with their subject teacher at any time. Call the school on 09 423 6030 to make an appointment or email the teacher directly.

As far as the academic year goes, the pressure is fully on our senior students now. **Senior Assessment Week** occurs in Week 9. All Year 11-13 students participate throughout the week to complete internal assessment tasks and attempt practice exams. This is an important preparation time for our NCEA students. You will receive more information soon regarding our **expectations** of senior students over this time.

Our annual School Ball held at *The Stables* on Saturday 12 August was a very enjoyable night for all who attended. Congratulations and thanks must go to the Social Action Leaders, **Daniella**

Isla and Madison James who were the event planners and organisers behind this wonderful occasion. Madison had an amazing whanau support crew behind her to ensure that we were all transported to Versailles for the evening. As always, special thanks to Jo Warahi who works behind the scenes to support our leaders when they need it and gives a great deal of her personal time and energy to ensure we all have a fabulous time.

Homai te paki paki everyone.

We finish the term with our Variety Concerts (Tues 19 - Fri 22 Sept). Parents/caregivers and friends of the college are always welcome. Contact the school office for more details.

Ka kite ano

Irene Symes
Principal



LEVEL 1 PE CAMP

The adventurous Year 11s took to Whangarei Heads for two days lead by the PE team; Brooke Jones, Alison Middleton and Hira Wynyard.

The first day they tramped the Peach Cove track, leaving day two for mountain biking and monster scooters with Heads Up.



The boys managed to keep Mr Wynyard was kept up most of the night which was awarded with vacuuming and washing dishes.

It is one of the best camps some of the Year 11s have been on and was highly rated, particularly if the shuttles could have come faster in the change over. Big thanks to all those who helped organize this camp.



BUSINESS STUDIES

This term has been a very busy one for students of Business Studies at Rodney College with both Year 11 and Year 12 students participating in market days and community based business activities.

Year 11 students worked in small groups to create two separate businesses, Baked Delights and Top 3 Savoury. They provided foodstuffs at school across two lunchtimes. All of their offerings were well received and students made small profits from their endeavours.



Year 12 Business Studies students have developed four different businesses designed to operate in a community

context. Group 1, Drift Jewellery, provided upcycled jewellery sourced from local op shops and beaches and they sold their wares at the Mangawhai Markets. Group 2, Team Hoop, have provided catering at netball events and aim to donate their profits to the Rodney College basketball team. Group 3, Dye Me A River, carried out two events for Mangawhai Beach School and Wellsford Primary school, providing fun

experiences to familiarise younger students with the college. Finally group 4, Drip Drip Car Cleaning, provided a car cleaning service to the college community and contributed 50% of their profits to the school basketball team. Through these activities students developed many skills including teamwork, marketing, accounting and working with consumers. Thank you to the many members of the school community who have supported these different business activities.



YEAR 13 BIOLOGY

Students at the zoo attending an educational seminar which supports their learning about the trends seen in human evolution.



TREE ADVENTURES



Level 2 students were physically challenged when they attempted to complete the activities at Tree Adventures at Woodhill. The students were learning about Risk Management in activities and how to apply this.

The course had 10 levels to complete, with Number 9 being the most physically challenging especially for the upper body. Tree Adventures is highly recommended by all who went.



BASIC TRAINING

Montel (Vemoa) by night and Monty by day during his basic training days.



YEAR 9 SCIENCE

Year 9 students from Tawa, making shadow puppets to investigate how height from a torch affects height of shadow as they are learning about light waves and energy



GATEWAY

Gateway is funded through Tertiary Education to help students transition seamlessly into the workplace. Students can start working in the "real world" while they are at school and start some work-related training that can contribute towards NCEA. This opportunity is offered to Year 11 up to Year 13 students.

We asked three students to share their experience of Gateway.

Johannes van der Walt.

Johannes is a year 13 student who joined Rodney College in 2021. Johannes's dream is to become a commercial pilot, and he did a course through Aero Club. He realizes that he might need to work for a while before he can start his formal training as a commercial pilot. He therefore also



considered an apprenticeship in the building industry. He has used this opportunity to obtain his certificates in Health and Safety, Height Safety, Personal Financial Skills and First Aid. Johannes joined Gateway for the opportunity to get quality free training

interventions paid by the Ministry while earning credits and gaining useable knowledge in the workplace.

Ethan Sheffield is 16 years old and in year 12. He joined Gateway in 2022. Ethan plans to qualify as a panel beater and have his own business in the future. He uses the opportunity to

gain work experience through Mito at Gibbons Panel and Paint in Wellsford. He successfully completed the certificates in Health and Safety, Height Safety, First Aid and Personal Financial Skills. All these courses prepare him to seamlessly transition into the workplace.



Caitlin Cramound is 16 years old and in Year 12. She joined Gateway at 15 and had the opportunity to study Dairy farming modules which prepared her to work on a dairy farm. She did not have a lot of knowledge but was able to put the training into practice. She dreams of being a manager on a Dairy farm and later manage her own herd. She appreciates the opportunity to get on the job training. The Health and Safety, First Aid and quad bike courses helped her a lot. She specifically mentioned the quad bike course as it teaches her to safely operate it, especially on steep slopes.



CUPS AND TROPHIES

It's time to start polishing up those cups and trophies. Please return all trophies from all prizegivings and bring them to the front office at school



TREE PLANTING - ATIU CREEK

On Wednesday 16 August, 22 Year 10 students participated in our annual tree planting day at Atiu Creek Regional Park. Students took part in this social action to reinforce the learning they have done as part of the Social Studies program.

In Social Studies we have been exploring the concept of Kaitiakitanga and environmental sustainability. Students have looked at a case study of deforestation in the Amazon rainforest and appreciate the importance of protecting and adding to Aotearoa's native forest as a way to

provide habitat for native birds and filtration for our waterways.

In partnership with the organisation, Conservation Volunteers New Zealand, our students planted 632 native trees. The hope is that in years to come students will be able to return to Atiu Creek and feel proud of the contribution they have made to protecting our local environment.

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere
whakamua

Care for the land, care for the people, go forward.



SPORTS ROUNDUP AUGUST 2023

Term 3 has been a very busy term. Netball on Friday nights at Rodney Netball Centre and Saturdays at North Harbour has come to an end. North Harbour Netball was a big effort for all involved travelling to Auckland every Saturday, but it really paid off, as Rodney 2 won their grade in a very exciting final. Rodney 1 placed 3rd in Open B Grade, placing them 19th out of 144 Teams.

Fifty-three students and staff travelled to Dargaville High School to compete in the annual Quad Tournament. This is a tournament with four schools competing; Dargaville High School, Ruawai College, Otamatea High School and Rodney College. The students compete in Basketball, 7-a-side Football, Volleyball, Turbo Touch and Chess. This year they added a new event which involved 2 boys and 2 girls from each school. Each student had to complete one of the following: 200m Swim (Kyla Middleton), 1 km Run



(Peter Sundvick), 50 Dead Lifts (Jakob Clapham), and 40 Burpees (Kacey Williams) in a race against the other schools.

Rodney placed second equal overall including 1st in Basketball, 2nd in Netball, Football and Chess, and 3rd in Turbo Touch. We placed 1st in the WOD (Workout of the Day) Challenge (Swim/Run/Deadlifts/Burpees)



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Big thanks to Norah Williams and Toby Henderson for assisting with the organising and Brooke Jones, Sean Kingsley, Michael Kingi for all their help on the day.



Rodney College entered two teams in the Northland Secondary Schools Senior Boys Badminton Tournament.



Congratulations to Alex Manuell, William Clapham, Bhavya Sharma and Jeremiah Guevara for placing 3rd overall. One Senior Girls team also competed in the Northland Secondary Schools Badminton Tournament; Rachel Came, Tatiana Chan Chui, Madeline Wallace and Kyla Middleton, also placing third overall

Thank you Edwina Came for taking both the boys and the girls to these events.



Thanks to Michael Kingi for taking the Senior boys to Kiwitag in Whangarei where they came second and qualified for the Senior Boys Kiwitag Championship.

Congratulations to Charlene Masiutama who recently represented Northland Basketball U17 Girls at Nationals in Wellington. Her team came 9th out of 19 Teams.

We have 3 teams heading off to Tournament Week on the 27 August. Netball are travelling to Hamilton to compete in UNISS (Upper North Island Secondary Schools) and Hockey are travelling to Taupo. Basketball is competing in North Island Secondary Schools A Premiership tournament in Palmerston North. Good luck to all these teams !



REMINDER

Would the Year 9 families whose child is requiring immunisation updates please return the permission slips back to the nurse or Mili at the student office asap.



SECONDARY SCHOOL NATIONALS SQUASH

4-6 August 2023 New Zealand

Friday morning, 4 August, saw the Rodney College Boys Squash Team; Matthew Came, Xavier Jones-Browne, Leo McLaren, Alex Manuell, Ashdyn Woodcock and Peter Sundvick, set off for Secondary Schools Nationals Squash. The event took place on Auckland's North Shore across three separate clubs, Devonport Squash Club, Belmont Raquet Club and North Shore Squash Club. The boys were keen to get on the court and ready to play. Seeded 19th out of 35, the boys played a total of 5 games each over



the three day event, came away with the "Plate" in their division and a final seeding of 17th. This was a great effort for our boys as there was some tough competition. The boys coach, Kurtis Danks (former Rodney College student), was a great asset to the



team, coaching the boys leading up to the tournament and assisting while the boys played their games. Thank you Kurtis! The boys are already looking forward to representing next year and traveling to Wellington. Thanks to Lucille Martin for assisting with admin and keeping the boys in check in the van, (they never went hungry). Thanks to Automotive Outdoor & Marine Ltd for the hoodies, the boys looked awesome. Looking forward to next year.



HOCKEY 1ST X1

Wow! What a season so far. We started off the season in Div 3 and had seven games resulting in six wins and one draw. We have been put up a division into Div 2 and have had four games so far, resulting in 2-1 loss against Hora Hora, 1-0 loss against Otamatea, 8-0 win against Whangarei Girls and a 1-0 win against Brembay Girls. This has been an amazing experience for everyone in the team as the competition is getting harder. We are leaving for Taupo at the end of the week for

Tournament which our team is excited for. Overall this term has gone extremely well and I definitely think we are ready to show the Rodney hockey spirit down in Taupo.



BOXING

Over the July holidays, Dominic Pratt took part in the National Boxing Championships in Tauranga. Dom had qualified for the nationals by winning at the Auckland Champs earlier this year.

He fought in the Cadet Bantam 56kg Division winning the three round final in a split decision. Dominic has long term plans to keep boxing, one day to win the NZ Golden Gloves Championship.



SPORTS BLUES NOMINATIONS

We are looking for NOMINATIONS for Sports Blues for our 2019 Sports and Cultural Prizegiving. Nominations should be sent to Maria Northin (maria.northin@rodneycollege.school.nz) for students who have: represented Northland (or North Harbour); placed in the top 2 of a Northland (or North Harbour) event; achieved at Northland representative level (or North Harbour); selected for a New Zealand national team or achieved a top 2 placing at international level representing New Zealand in any sporting code.



NORTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS MOTORCROSS

Two Rodney College students Eli Heywood, Year 9, and Oli McLaren, Year 11, competed at the Northland Secondary School Motocross Challenge in Ruakaka.

This was the fourth and final round of a schools series. The below results are for this day only.

Both boys had great results:
Eli Heywood 4th 12-16 years 85cc class
Oli McLaren 5th 15-19 years 125cc class
This placed Rodney College 10th overall (out of 26 high schools).



BRYN

You may have met or heard that Rodney College has a therapy dog some days each week. He works with the counsellor. As students tell us, his job is not actually therapy dog - it is to make them happy!

He does beautiful work with students and staff, from taking a low profile through to giving a Big Bryn Cuddle if that is wanted. He has made it to the national finalists of Dog with a Job in a little light-hearted competition that is currently running. Bryn is hypo-allergenic meaning that people are not allergic to him, and he always wears his harness at school to show he is working, and under control.



Bryn is also active in the staff room, bringing smiles to teachers who are working hard here at school. We are lucky that Bryn enjoys being at school, and understands his job so well.

Remember, if your son or daughter would like to see the counsellor (or Bryn) they can call or text 0273659874, call by the counselling office, or email me at kerry.jenner@rodneycollege.school.nz.

Kerry Jenner
Guidance Counsellor

**MONDAY 18
SEPTEMBER**
9am onwards
college hall
Coaches &
managers could
you please let
Maria Northin
know if
you are unable to
be there
Ph 027 694 4480



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 and all **students** are expected to take part.



Kōrero mai
**Have
your
say**

Katoa, Ka Ora

Draft Auckland speed management plan

Consultation open until 28 August 2023

haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/kko



9:00am-3:00PM Sat 28 OCT 2023
WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

09 430 2717 admin@falepasifika.co.nz

FREE EVENT

ADHD & ANXIETY in YOUNG PEOPLE

Information Evening
Everyone Welcome



Guest speaker:

Dr Sarah Watson: Clinical Psychologist
Managing Clinic Director at Totally Psyched

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER @ 7PM
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

Monday 28 Aug - Friday 1 September	Tournament Week (Netball, Hockey, Basketball)
Tuesday 5 September	Tomarata Enrolment Interviews
Monday 11 September	Mangawhai Beach School Enrolment Interviews
Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 September	Wellsford School Enrolment Interviews
Friday 15 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 9 October	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 17 October	Sports and Cultural Prizegiving
Monday 23 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 31 October	Senior Academic Prizegiving
Wednesday 1 November	Year 13 Graduation Dinner

**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.

