



# Rodney College

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MATUA MA



It was great to see so many of you at the college to attend our first Parent Student Teacher (PST) on Tuesday 4 April. As you know, the purpose of this

PST is twofold. Firstly, it is for parents and caregivers to learn how the first term of the school year has gone for their son/daughter each subject, using the **Key Competency** criteria. Secondly, it is to discuss and share the learning goals that each student has identified with their AC teacher, and the steps that now need to happen to achieve these. As parents and caregivers, you have an important role to play in supporting your child's progress and we value your role in this partnership.

Please note that Term 2 starts for students on **Wednesday 26 April**. This is because Monday 24 April is our first Ministry of Education approved Teacher Only Day (TOD) and Tuesday is a public holiday.

As usual our Head Leaders and members of the Student Council will be participating in the ANZAC Day commemorative service in Wellsford at dawn on Tuesday 25 April. Unfortunately I have also been notified that industrial action by PPTA members is planned in Term 2, if the current contract negotiations between the government and teacher unions is not settled. We will keep you informed.

It's been an interesting and action-packed term, and everyone deserves a well earned break. Have a safe and happy Easter and term break.

Ka kite ano

Irene Symes  
**Principal**



## MESSAGE FROM THE COUNSELLORS

We are here to support your young people as they become adults, manage learning at Rodney College, and develop their potential. Becoming an adult is never easy as we all know, and especially complex in 2023.

As school counsellors, we see students about a huge variety of difficulties.

If you are worried about your young person, please make contact with us. Maybe their mood has changed, maybe a serious event has happened in the family, maybe you are worried about their wellbeing in some way. We will talk through how we might support them to feel well, safe, content and settled.

Contact us by:

1. Suggesting that your young person calls by the counsellor's office at whānau time to make an appointment in person (this is always the best idea)
2. Phoning the school (09 4236030) and ask for us.
3. Email us : kerry.jenner@....., shana.valente@....
4. Phone our school mobile 0273659874
5. Text our school mobile 0273659874

There is a counsellor on site every day of the week. Don't hesitate to reach out, we'd like to hear from you and/or your young person.



Kerry Jenner & Shana Valente  
Rodney College Guidance Counsellors

## ART STUDENTS TO SCULPTUREUM

Senior Sculpture and Photography students took a trip to the Sculptureum in Matakana, getting immersed in the amazing surroundings.

The Year 12 Visual Arts students were studying the sculptures while the Year 12 Photography were documenting the event.



## LEVEL 1 GEOGRAPHY POOR KNIGHTS

The Poor Knights Marine Reserve is a breathtakingly beautiful group of islands located off the northeastern coast of New Zealand's North Island. This is where my Year 11 Geography class

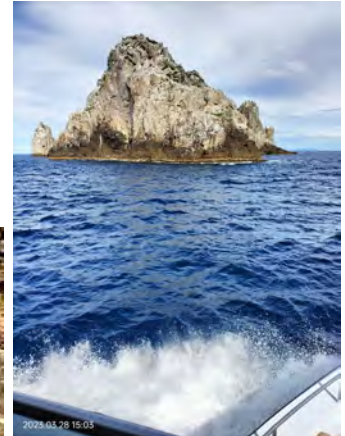


went for our trip this term. The purpose of this trip was to figure out if tourism is sustainable

for the islands and to write a report on it.

The crew were all very friendly and informed us that the Poor Knight Islands are home to the largest sea cave in the world and that there have been concerts held in it before. One of the highlights was the snorkelling as we were so close

to so many amazing fish and even stingrays were spotted. We spent 2 hours swimming around and playing on the floating mats. On the way back we spotted fur seals sunbathing on the rocks and one of them jumped into the water and was playing around putting on a little show for everyone to see. It was a fantastic experience



and we learnt a lot about the Poor Knights Marine Reserve.

Madeline Wallace

## LEVEL 2 CHEMISTRY

Level 2 Chemistry recently visited Goat Island as part of a stream pollutant chemistry standard. While testing for nitrates, students also enjoyed a snorkel with Goat Island Dive. Other sampling sites include Falls Road and the Cement Works pond in Warkworth.



## MIKE KING FORAGING FOOD

Year 10 and 11 students were lucky enough to experience a food foraging tour with Mike King. The students spent time tasting and smelling plants to help understand their character. They learnt about the many unique flavours growing on plants all



around us that we all know and see every day, and then turned these botanicals into ice cream to experience their flavour.



## YEAR 11/12 HISTORY

On Monday 13 March, six History students and Ms Walter headed down to the Warkworth Museum in order to conduct research into the presence of American Servicemen and women in our area from 1942-44. Significantly outnumbering locals, the army and marine personnel were based in 23 camps in and around Warkworth from Kaipara Flats to the Dome Valley, Matakana, Pakiri and Whangateau. The impact of so many young men, with cash, energy and resources, on an area which was struggling with rationing, lack of manpower and low morale, was immeasurable. Students' research focuses on different areas including; relations with local women, impact on sport in NZ, the impact on food and drink trends in NZ, interactions with Maori, and the impact on social activities in our area. This museum trip allowed us to access more primary sources of information including listening to interviews with older locals who could recall this time period and visiting restored army huts.



## YEAR 9 SCIENCE

Students from 9 Tawa burnt food samples to see what energy was contained - firstly they burnt food samples to work out how many calories were present, and then they tested food



to see if they contain simple carbohydrates, complex carbohydrates or proteins (doing some tests for Tyson Fury who follows a ketogenic diet). This was part of their nutrition and digestion study.



## YEAR 12 BIOLOGY TRIP



On 2 March, Year 12 Biology visited Goat Island to conduct research on the ecological community on the rocky shore. Students loved counting the many organisms present, however, they loved the ice creams at Charlies even more.

They collected great data which goes towards their NCEA internal 91158. Special thanks to Mrs Goffeney and Ms Landrey for driving the vans.



## YEAR 10 CAMP

After being postponed twice due to poor weather conditions, the Year 10s finally made it to Tāwharanui for their camp at the end of March with fantastic sunshine! Students showed impressive whanaungatanga as they worked in their groups participating in Adventure Based Learning. Lots of new skills were learnt when they experienced surfing, mountain biking, tramping, snorkelling, kayaking, outdoor cooking and a lot of spotlight. Cold showers were a treat!



Our Year 13 Student Leaders present (Alex, Anthony, Cullen, Evah, Johannes, Norah, Rachel, Shannon and Toby) were instrumental in making this a success and this would not have been possible without our amazing staff: Miss Jones, Mr Kingi, Pete Wynwood, Mr Wynyard, Mrs Prins, Ms Walters, Ms Landrey, Mrs Yorke, Mrs Hackett, Mr Kingsley, Mr Trottier and Mr Davie-Martin.

I am looking forward to taking our Year 9s on camp at the end of the year

Hannah Goffeney



# ATHLETICS SPORTS

## Junior Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lincoln Clapham	H	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Beau Tollenaar	M	25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Clint Piggott	H	20

## Junior Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Willow Mitchell	H	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jaylah Clinton	T	26
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aylah Dingemans	W	18

## Intermediate Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	William Clapham	H	32
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack Pennefather	H	30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elye Berry	T	27

## Intermediate Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kyla Middleton	T	41
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Millie Brieryly	M	36
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kacey Williams	H	28

## Senior Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Toby Henderson	T	42
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joel Broadhead	W	25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Sundvick	W	24

## Senior Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Isbe Kuinikoro	T	36
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kiki Te Haara	H	29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hanna Kerrigan	T	21

## HOUSE POINTS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hanover	888
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tyburnia	783
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Miles	565
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wattenbach	539

## RECORDS

Intermediate Girls 4x25m Freestyle relay		
New	2023 Hanover	1.04.28
Old	2013 Wattenbach	1.05.13





<b>Junior Boys</b>			
Lincoln Clapham	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Long Jump	4.71m
<b>Intermediate Girls</b>			
Millie Brierly	2 <sup>nd</sup>	800m	2.42.61
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1500m	6.00.63
Kyla Middleton	1 <sup>st</sup>	Long Jump	4.36m
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100m	14.65
	3 <sup>rd</sup> =	400m	1.09.07
Mila Thomas	1 <sup>st</sup>	100m	14.36
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	200m	30.22
Kacey Williams	3 <sup>rd</sup>	100m	14.74
<b>Intermediate Boys</b>			
William Clapham	1 <sup>st</sup>	400m	56.87
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	200m	25.53
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Long Jump	5.36m
Ashdyn Woodcock	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shot Put	8.69m
<b>Senior Girls</b>			
Isbe Kuinikoro	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100m	14.95
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	200m	30.86
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Long Jump	4.33m
<b>Senior Boys</b>			
Toby Henderson	1 <sup>st</sup>	100m	11.87
	1 <sup>st</sup>	200m	24.12
	1 <sup>st</sup>	400m	(no time given)
Peter Sundvick	2 <sup>nd</sup>	400m	(no time given)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	800m	2.16.79



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Even with all the weather disruptions we have managed to run and attend all our annual summer events. Swimming Sports went really well thanks to all the wonderful parent helpers and staff. There were some great races and quite a few "chocolate fish" given out for great timekeeping.



Athletics Day was held at Centennial Park, because our fields were not suitable due to recent weather conditions. The day went well and once again big thanks to all the parent helpers for their part in making it a successful day.

A team of 16 students were selected to represent Rodney College at the Northland Secondary Schools Athletics held in Whangarei. We were quite the "talk of the town" by the end of the day with Toby flying down the Track winning 3 Gold Medals and in another race it was almost a photo finish, with Rodney Intermediate girls Mila, Kyla and Kacey running in 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were so many other great moments (see results attached) that a very experienced Athletics Coach approached me to say she was so impressed with all our students and would we be interested in some extra coaching. I have been advertising in the school notices to see how much interest there is in this opportunity. Thanks to Jo Warahi, Alison Middleton and the other parents that came to support our students on the day.

We have also competed in Mountain Biking, Touch Northland and North Harbour, Cricket Northland and Wyatt Cup.

Netball trials have been completed with big thanks to Mili Williams and Lisa Te Haara. Thank you also to Kelly Ayres for umpiring all the trial games on both nights. There will be 6 Teams with the top senior team competing at North Harbour and the other teams at Rodney Netball on Friday nights. In order for the 5 Teams playing at Rodney to be able to play, we need Umpires as we can't enter these teams otherwise. Please

contact Mili Williams if you are able to help with umpiring. [mili.williams@rodneycollege.school.nz](mailto:mili.williams@rodneycollege.school.nz)

### Student Representatives:

- Congratulations to Alex Manuell and Jack Pennefather for being selected for Northland U17 Boys Prens for 2023 and Jeremiah Guevara for being selected for the development squad. Alex was also the successful recipient of the Ray Huriwaka Scholarship for Basketball.
- Congratulations also to Charlene Masiutama for her selection for Northland Basketball U17 Girls Prens.
- The Oceania Cup for Tag was held 24 to 26 March at Bruce Pulman Park in Papakura. Many of our students played in various teams:
  - Amy Watson Walker, Jaylah Clinton: Aotearoa Maori U13 Girls - 6<sup>th</sup> overall
  - Millie Brierly: Aotearoa Maori U15 Girls - 2<sup>nd</sup> overall
  - Charlene Masiutama, Matthew Came, Ashdyn Woodcock, Kacey Williams, Emma McCardle, Mila Thomas: NZ

Invitational Mixed U16 - 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

- Norah Williams played in Tag Nationals in February for the Far North Natives.
- Sebastian Kashammer was selected to referee the U14 Boys Grand Final game at the Junior Tag Nationals, which is a great achievement.
- Matthew Came was selected to represent Northland in the Junior Quadrangular Squash tournament held this year in Whangarei. Unfortunately, at the time of this being printed he was unable to play due to being unwell.



Well done to all these students for all the hard work, training etc. to represent in these teams. Thank you again to all the parents and staff that have made these opportunities for our students possible; we really do appreciate your help and support.

Maria Northin Sports Coordinator





## TOUCH RUGBY

This year Rodney College had an opportunity to enter into two competitions, firstly the Northland competition in Kaikohe, and the second in the North Harbour held in Helensville. Touch rugby used to be the main sport for the school but has lately taken a back seat to Tag. We are starting a rebuild with the sport and were lucky to be able to take two teams, a Mix and Senior Girls team. Both teams were nervous, especially the girls as they had a few juniors playing and the first game was against the top side Whangarei Girls'. They started well, making it difficult for the opposition to try and score, however, Whangarei Girls' were very experienced and ran away with the win. Our next game was very even, coming away with a draw where Rodney girls played extremely well. The mixed team struggled early in their first game but, once they found their rhythm, things started to fall into place, winning the majority of their games but losing to the top team Northland College. The Rodney girls team finished 2nd overall, with the Rodney Mix finishing 3rd.



The North Harbour competition was a new experience for Rodney College but I was determined to build their experience of the game against some very tough opposition. This time we only took a mix team, with some from the original Northland team and a few of the girls team. The team was nervous and it showed in the first game, however, with a ton of grit they won against a very talented team by one point. They also won their next game by a large margin, so our confidence was very high. I knew we were about to play one of the top teams, Takapuna Grammar. Again, Rodney showed a lot of grit and determination, but Takapuna was very well drilled and came away with the win. Next was the top team Kaipara, this team was very skilled and experienced and won that game very convincingly. We got to play for 3rd and 4th against a team that knew how to play as a team, but we held our own against them. It was very close but Whangaparaoa took the win. The team enjoyed the competition and came away with plenty of experience, which was our main objective to begin with. All in all, I was super proud of our teams in both tournaments. Also, a big thanks to Maria for organising us, and also to our key parents Glen Thomas and Edwina Came for providing our transport as we would never have been able to play at these tournaments without you.

By Mr Kingi

## TOUCH NATIONALS

In 2022 I successfully trialed for a North Harbour U16 mixed touch team. We trained once, sometimes twice a week. We had a touch camp in January and a few tournaments in Auckland in the build up to Touch Nationals.

On Wednesday 8 January, I travelled with my North Harbour touch team to Christchurch to compete in the 2023 Touch Nationals, a three day tournament.

Most of my team mates I had not met before; a couple I knew from around the wider community. But we all got on really well. We were staying at a campground not far from the new sports venue. It was huge and catered to all sports.

Day 1 we woke to rain and it was cold. The sports venue was exposed and windy and competition was tough. We played three games; a win, a draw and a loss. As a team we debriefed in the marquee after each game and discussed positives, negatives and work ons. Day 2 weather had improved greatly. Games were played with mixed results again but our team was playing awesomely as a team. At the end of Day 2 it was decided, because of the cyclone and for the health and safety of all athletes and parents attending, that we would forfeit Day 3 games to get everyone on earlier flights home. We were all disappointed but understood the importance of the decision.

I was very lucky to have my coach, Moana's sister, assisting with coaching over the weekend. She is a NZ touch player and I learnt a lot from her and Moana. Thanks to Moana, Mariana, Michael-Lydia and Claire for making my first experience of touch at Nationals level, a great experience.

And my mum and dad who helped with the fundraising and travelling with the team.

By Millie Brierly





## CRICKET

On 22 March the Rodney College Cricket team took on a strong and experienced Mahurangi side at their home pitch. The game kicked off with Rodney winning the toss and electing to bowl first. The bowling was opened by Peter Sundvick and Matthew Came who had a good first five overs that saw several tough chances for the fall of a wicket as the Mahurangi batsmen began to accelerate the scoring. The ball was then passed to Mitchell Elliott and Koen Hare who, despite a good bowling effort, were unable to stop the opening batsmen. After some expensive overs a breakthrough came as Mitchell Elliott took a big wicket caught by mid-on.

Bhavya Sharma made a cameo of a few high scoring overs before finding his rhythm and finishing his spell with a dangerous final six deliveries. After twenty overs Mahurangi had scored 174 with only three wickets falling, a tough score to beat.

Peter Sundvick and Matthew Came opened the batting for Rodney and held out in the middle for the first six overs before getting

cheaply dismissed. This pattern continued as Rodney batsmen were unable to make any headway. Despite a few quick runs from Bhavya Sharma and Alex Manual the team fell short of the 175 goal.

Overall it was a great day and great experience for younger players. The team was undone this time by a good Mahurangi batting performance but are eager to improve on their skills over the break.

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## MANGAWHAI WAKA AMA

WINTER WAKA AMA FOR

13-17 YEAR OLDS

MANGAWHAI ESTUARY

SATURDAYS 8.30AM

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

<b>Monday 24 April</b>	Teacher Only Day
<b>Tuesday 25 April</b>	ANZAC Day
<b>Wednesday 26 April</b>	First day of Term 2
<b>Thursday 4 &amp; Friday 5 May</b>	Level 1 PE Camp
<b>Saturday 6 May</b>	Rockquest Heats
<b>Wednesday 10 May</b>	Portable Planetarium @ Rodney College
<b>Friday 19 May</b>	Pink Shirt Day
<b>Thursday 25 May</b>	Senior Drama Production
<b>Friday 2 June</b>	Teacher Only Day (TOD)
<b>Monday 5 June</b>	Kings Birthday

**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.





# RODNEY COLLEGE

## STUDENT LEADERS 2023



**HANOVER LEADERS**  
Tane Stewart & Jared Brain



**HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL**  
Toby Henderson & Norah Williams



**TYBURNIA LEADERS**  
Samantha Wilson & Shannon Elliot-Palmer



**MILES LEADERS**  
Evah Pirini & Anthony Grindlay

Rodney College values student leadership and provides opportunities for students to develop their knowledge and skills at all year levels. Congratulations to the 2023 Student Council, you are all exceptional leaders.



**WATTENBACH LEADERS**  
Johannes Van der Walt & Joel Broadhead



**SPORTS CAPTAINS**  
Rabbi Battu & Alex Barnes



**CULTURAL LEADERS**  
Cullen Wee & Amelia Pictor



**SOCIAL ACTION LEADERS**  
Madison James & Daniela Isla



**WHANAU SUPPORT LEADERS**  
Michael Hodge & Rachel Carne

