



# Rodney College

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Along with the completion of internals and the preparation for NCEA externals, Term 4 is a time of acknowledgement and celebration of our 2023

senior student achievement, sporting, cultural, and academic. Despite the bumps along the way this year, there have been some amazing achievements on all fronts.

Our celebrations began on Tuesday 17 October at our **Sports and Cultural Awards** evening. This was an enjoyable night of student entertainment as well as celebration. Congratulations to all, including our parents, coaches and managers. Huge thanks to our amazing Sports Captains, **Rabbi Battu** and **Alex Barnes** and Cultural Leaders **Cullen Wee** and **Amelia Prictor**. These leaders were very accomplished presenters on the night and have been capable, hardworking leaders throughout the year.

On Tuesday 31 October we celebrated the outstanding academic achievement of our Year 11-13 students at our **Senior Academic Prizegiving**. This was another uplifting event with some very touching moments. Special acknowledgement to our Head Leaders **Norah Williams** and **Toby Henderson** whose accounts of their time at the college moved many of us to tears. Congratulations to all our students who have received recognition this year, it is hard-earned and extremely well-deserved. Good luck also to those who are sitting NCEA externals in the coming weeks - give it everything you've got. Student Leadership holds an important place in our college, and we believe in providing real

opportunities for students to develop their skills and broaden their experience. Our 2024 leaders were announced at Senior Prize Giving and are as follows:

## STUDENT LEADERS 2024

**Head Leaders** - Azariah Hare & Kiki Te Haara  
**House Leader (Hanover)** Jack Pennefather & Charlene Masiutama

**House Leader (Miles)** - Jeremiah Guevara & Erin Ostermann

**House Leader (Tyburnia)** - Isbe Kuinikoro & Regan Pennings

**House Leader (Wattenbach)** - Peter Sundvick & Tia Jones

**Sports Captains** - Kyla Middleton, Matthew Came & William Clapham

**Cultural Leaders** - Tatiana Chan Chui & Thomas Tameris

**Whanau Support** - Hanna Kerrigan (T), Caitlin Cramond (H), Koby Wattam (W), Jakob Clapham (M)

**Social Action Leaders** - Randaya Amarasekara, Rebecca Lay, Zara Yorke

Thank you to our 2023 Student Leaders for the hard mahi and sterling service you have given to the college this year. Congratulations to our new leaders, I look forward to working with you all in 2024.

Nga mihi

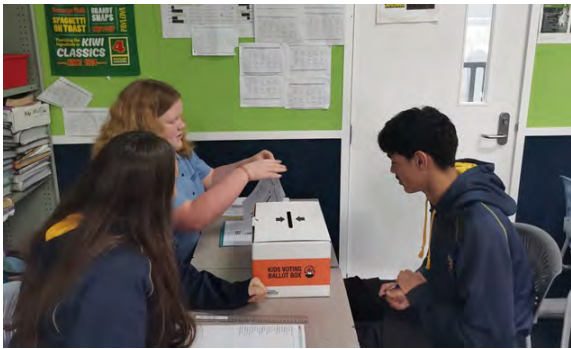
Irene Symes  
**Principal**





## YEAR 9 GOES TO THE POLLS

It was election time in Year 9 as all three classes took part in Kids Voting. Students had the ballot papers for either Kaipara ki Mahurangi for those on the General Roll and Te Tai Tokerau for those who chose the Maori Roll. Strict electoral procedures were followed by our outstanding electoral officers who made sure that nobody voted twice and that there were no outside influences on voters to try and sway their decisions. There were some attempts at electioneering - however these were quickly shut down! The election was a fitting end to our governance unit - Power to the People - where we learned the key features of a democracy and compared this with a historical dictatorship. It will be interesting to compare our results for our electorates to those in the election.

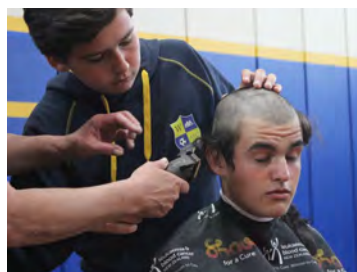
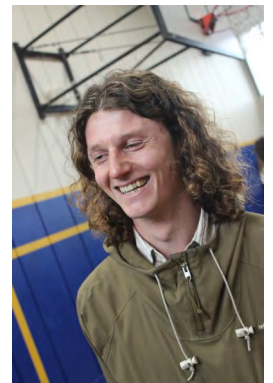


## SHAVE FOR A CURE

Eight gallant young men, seven students and Mr Sean Kingsley, our Physics teacher, volunteered to have their heads shaved to raise money for cancer. Each person has a personal connection with someone who is dealing with Leukaemia.

Peter Fergusson the CEO of Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ spoke to the school before the shave, expressing his gratitude for those who were getting their heads shaved. He also gave us a brief background on leukaemia.

All participating students, chose who would shave their heads but Mr Kingsley raffled tickets to shave his head, to raise further money. Together they raised over \$5400.





## ON BEING BOLD

On Monday 2 October, Sapphire and I attended the OnBeingBold event hosted by Fonterra at the Fonterra Supply Centre in Auckland CBD. The event was run by successful women entrepreneurs and accountants.

The day started off with fresh greek yoghurt flavoured with either blueberries or passionfruit (our pick) and then a Mihi was given to us. There were many other young women in Year 13 from schools all over the country that had been selected to attend the conference. Seeing all the friendly faces made it easy to have flowing conversation with many of the other girls attending.

Dame Therese Walsh, chairperson of Air New Zealand and ASB, facilitated a chat with Nicola Willis the deputy leader of the National party. Nicola Willis shared with us her experience of her career and how she got to the leadership position she is in now. They opened up a round of questions afterwards and it was amazing to hear other young women feeling empowered and being inquisitive about powerful women in NZ.

We had a break for lunch, a delicious selection of smoked chicken, ham and cheese clubs, cookies and muffins baked by Fonterra's own chef. They fed us very well.

Frances Valentine the founder and CEO of AcademyEx is a woman on the OnBeingBold team. She gave us a talk about her company, how she founded it, and what it meant to her.

Throughout the rest of the day we were given the best food along with inspiring chats with very

successful and powerful women from around the country. Dame Therese Walsh gave a spot prize for plane tickets through Air New Zealand to anywhere in the country. There were many other spot prizes given out during the day such as Farmers gift cards for \$100 and little black boxes, but I wasn't sure what was in those. At the end of the day they gifted us with goodie bags that included a block of edam and a block of cheddar cheese, a squishy Fonterra cow, a water bottle and brand new Samsung Live earbuds worth \$139.

It was an honour to attend and meet these successful and powerful women in the country. To hear their upbringing that shaped them into the women they are today was amazing. We were given advice on how to set our goals and to strive to achieve those goals.

Samantha Wilson, Year 13 Student Leader



## FLYING WITH GATEWAY

I was lucky enough to take part in a Gateway flying course at the North Shore Aero Club, where I learnt how to fly a plane and be able to maintain and prepare the plane ready for use.

I did three flights, around 30min long per flight. I was able to take off and land and taxi on the runway. There was an instructor in the plane at all times but I am looking forward to learning more so I can fly solo.

Hayden Carmichael - Year 13



## THE HOW & WHY OF FITNESS

Massive thanks to Mel McCabe (owner of Mad Mel Movement Gym in Wellsford) who was back in to support our rangatahi this week. Mel spoke to two of our Year 9/10 Health classes about fitness goals, barriers to achieving these goals, and taught them some correct exercise techniques. We appreciate you Mel!



## YEAR 9 SCIENCE

As part of study of Ecology and Life and the taiao, the year 9 Science students made their own terrarium. This has given them a better understanding of the mauri of the environment and that everything in the natural world is connected.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW DOCTOR

A big thank you to Dr Neil Anderson who has been visiting the school every week to support our students. He has stepped aside as he is incredibly busy as Medical Director at Coast to Coast Health.

We would like to welcome Dr Vijay Rajakrishnan who is doing a brilliant job at Rodney College.



# UNIFORMS 2024

The uniform shop will be open in the hall for you to purchase uniforms

**MONDAY 22 TO FRIDAY 26  
JANUARY**

**9am – 12 noon**

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# SPORTS & CULTURAL PRIZEGIVING

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO OUR COACHES, MANAGERS & FACILITATORS

<b>Athletics</b>	Jo Warahi, Sandra Kashammer
<b>Basketball</b>	Kaylem Tana, Mirna Manuell, Gill Pennefather
<b>Boys Cricket</b>	Steve Davie-Martin
<b>Drama Productions</b>	Lucy Duffield
<b>Hockey</b>	Alan Batten, Delwyn Cramond
<b>Netball Team 1</b>	Mili Williams, Heather Thomas, Lisa Te Haara
<b>Netball Team 2</b>	Samantha Sionetali, Juanita Oldfield
<b>Netball Team 3</b>	Jo Warahi, Georgina Hackett
<b>Netball Team 4</b>	Jodi Mitchell, Rebecca Dingemans
<b>Netball Team 5</b>	Pip Walter, Kim Stone
<b>Netball Team 6</b>	Kelly Ayres, Talia Watson-Walker
<b>Contribution to Netball</b>	Norah Williams, Shannon Elliot-Palmer
<b>Boys Soccer 1<sup>st</sup> XI Premier</b>	Sean Kingsley, Edwina Came
<b>Rugby</b>	Arapeta Waata
<b>Squash</b>	Kim Jones, Edwina Came, Kurtis Danks
<b>Volleyball</b>	Brooke Jones
<b>Turbo Touch</b>	Pete Wynwood
<b>Turbo Touch, Touch Rugby, Kiwi Tag</b>	Michael Kingi
<b>Student Referees &amp; Umpires who have regularly officiated in their sport for Rodney College:</b>	
<b>Netball</b>	- Norah Williams, Shannon Elliott-Palmer, Kacey Williams, Mackenzie Oldfield, Amelia Waenga
<b>Basketball</b>	- Charlene Masiutama

## SPORTS CHAMPIONS

<b>Athletics</b>	
Junior Girls	<b>Willow Mitchell</b>
Junior Boys	<b>Lincoln Clapham</b>
Intermediate Girls	<b>Kyla Middleton</b>
Intermediate Boys	<b>William Clapham</b>
Senior Girls	<b>Isbe Kuinikoro</b>
Senior Boys	<b>Toby Henderson</b>
House Cup	<b>Hanover</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	
Contribution to Basketball - Playing and Refereeing	<b>Charlene Masiutama</b>
Senior Player of the Year	<b>Jakob Clapham</b>
Senior Most Valuable Player	<b>Alex Manuell</b>
<b>Cricket</b>	
Best All Rounder	<b>Peter Sundvick</b> <b>Matthew Came</b>



Best Results Trophy – 4 wickets in 4 overs  
**Koen Hare**

### Cross Country

Junior Girls  
Junior Boys  
Intermediate Girls  
Intermediate Boys  
Senior Girls  
Senior Boys  
House Trophy

**Willow Mitchell**  
**Dom Pratt**  
**Millie Brierly**  
**William Clapham**  
**Rebecca Lay**  
**Peter Sundvick**  
**Hanover**



### Hockey

Hassall Family Trophy – Most Improved Girl  
**Laura Cramond**  
Wilson Rolfe Cup – Most Improved Boy  
**James Kerrigan**  
Sun Valley Motel Trophy – Sportsmanship  
**Cody Watson-Walker**  
Girls Hockey Shield – Overall Excellence  
**Kyla Middleton**

Allen/Came Cup – Most Outstanding Boy  
**Matthew Came**

Carrell Cup – Player of the Year  
**Caitlin Cramond**



### Netball

All Round Excellence

Team 6  
Team 5  
Team 4

Team 3  
Team 2

Team 1  
UNISS MVP

**Katie Williams**  
**Taylah Sheffield**  
**Aylah Dingemans**  
**Willow Mitchell**  
**Nerissa Lay**  
**Bella Wade**  
**Mackenzie Oldfield**  
**Kiki Te Haara**  
**Isbe Kuinikoro**  
**Kiki Te Haara**

### Soccer

Junior – Player of the Year **Levi Dixon**  
1st XI All Round Excellence **Logan Matheson**  
1st XI Player of the Year **Peter Sundvick**

### Squash

Champion Girl  
Champion Boy

**Rachel Came**  
**Matthew Came**



### Swimming

Junior Girls  
Junior Boys  
Intermediate Girls

Intermediate Boys  
Senior Girls  
Senior Boys  
House Shield

**Aakira Walstra**  
**Lincoln Clapham**  
**Kyla Middleton**  
**Kacey Williams**  
**Joaquin Hare**  
**Kiki Te Haara**  
**Toby Henderson**  
**Hanover**

### CULTURAL AWARDS

Contribution to School Magazine Production  
- Merit Certificate

**William Clapham**  
**Tia Jones**  
**Michael Hodge**





**Cullen Wee  
Peter Sundvick  
Zara Yorke  
Rebecca Lay  
Madison Priem  
Tatiana Chan Chui**

**Achievement in Music – Performance** - Merit Certificate

**Jack Pennefather  
Angel Dai  
Alex Robbins  
Shiahn Davis  
Michayla Buis  
Cody Watson-Walker  
Thomas Tameris**

**Performing at RockQuest – Northland Region** - Merit Certificate

**Thomas Tameris  
Alex Gibson  
Regan Pennings  
Randaya Amarasekara  
Peter Sundvick  
Sebastian Kashammer**



**Achievement in Drama – Performance** - Merit Certificate

**Abby Fairweather  
Kaleb Ruka  
Michael Lynch  
Tayla Elliott**

**Achievement in Performing Arts Technology – Innovation and Creation** - Merit Certificate

**Charlotte Dunn  
Benny Manson  
Koby Wattam**

**Achievement in Kapa Haka – Performance** Merit Certificate

**Ariana Van der Hoek**

**Achievement in Kapa Haka – Performance**

**Tai Tokerau Festival** - Cultural Blue

**Ahorangi Te Haara  
Leiera-Rose Ruka  
Ropata Ashby  
Dayshin Para  
Leigh-Vy Heke  
Cole Costello  
Aviannah Rerekura  
Titan Strickland  
Krystell Hemana**



**CULTURAL SPECIAL AWARDS**

**Haka Trophy** - House Haka

**Tyburnia**

**The Dempster Family Shield** - Variety Concert

**Hanover**

**Junior Writer of the Year**

**Keira Hackett**

**Senior Writer of the Year**

**Toby Henderson**



**Trevor Lithgow Memorial Cup -**  
Overall Contribution to Visual Arts

**Michael Hodge**

**Tapihana Paikea Trophy**

Excellence in Tikanga Maori

**Dayshin Para**

**Taumata Taonga Maori**

Overall Maori Cultural Award

**Ahorangi Te Haara**



**Wellsford High School Trophy**

Excellence in Drama

**Cullen Wee**

**Senior Music Trophy**

Academic Excellence in Music and Contribution to School Music

**Thomas Tameris**

**Junior Music Cup - Excellence and commitment in Music**

**Benjamin Hodge**

## **SPORTS BLUES & GOLDS AWARDS**

**Criteria:** Placed in the top 2 at Northland level; represented either Northland or Auckland or North Harbour at age group level, regional representation, selected for North Island or Inter Provincial Competition. Blues will be awarded to individual students. Team awards will be considered for teams who have placed in the top 2 at national level.

Equivalent awards can be given for students excelling in sports not played in college and/or students who are not able to play for college teams due to their commitments for representative teams.

Gold awards are given to students who have represented New Zealand or another country at the discretion of the panel.

The student must be an enrolled student at the time of the achievement to qualify for the award.

**Key: NSS = Northland Secondary Schools**  
**NISS = North Island Secondary Schools**

**Kyla Middleton**

Athletics - NSS 1<sup>st</sup> Long Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m

**Mila Thomas**

Athletics - NSS 1<sup>st</sup> 100m

**Lincoln Clapham**

Athletics - NSS 2<sup>nd</sup> Long Jump

**William Clapham**

Athletics - NSS 1<sup>st</sup> 400m, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m, Shot Put, Long Jump

**Ashdyn Woodcock**

Athletics - NSS 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot Put

**Toby Henderson**

Athletics - NSS 1<sup>st</sup> 100m, 200m, 400m

**Peter Sundvick**

Athletics - NSS 2<sup>nd</sup> 400m, 800m

**Charlene Masiutama**

Basketball - Northland U17 Girls

**Alex Manuell**

Basketball - Northland U17 Boys A Team

**Jeremiah Guevara** Basketball - Northland U17 Boys

**Kacey Williams**

Netball - North Harbour U16



**Lysharn Sionetali**

Netball - Northland Pasifika U16

**Kiki Te Haara**

Netball - Te Tai Tokerau Maori U17

**Krystell Hemana**

Rugby - U17 Girls Vikings

**Emma McCardle**

Rugby - Northland U16 Girls

**Matthew Came**

Squash - Northland Representative, NZ Junior Team

**Alex Manuell**

Squash - Northland Graded Champs, D Grade Winner

**Millie Brierly**

Athletics - NSS 2<sup>nd</sup> 800m, 1500m

Touch Rugby - North Harbour U16 mixed

**Jack Pennefather**

Athletics - NSS 2<sup>nd</sup> High Jump

Basketball - Northland U17 Boys A Team

**Isbe Kuinikoro**

Athletics - NSS 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m, 200m, Long Jump

Netball - Aotearoa Maori Netball International Secondary Schools Team





## SPORTS BLUE EQUIVALENT

**Dominic Pratt** Boxing - National Junior Cadet Champion 56kg

**Briar McPherson** Cheerleading - Team qualified to compete in Australia

**Samantha Wakeling** Equestrian - Winner Pony Grand Prix Super Series

**Daniella Isla** Jujitsu - 1<sup>st</sup> GI, 1<sup>st</sup> No GI Jujitsu

**Kyla Middleton** Tennis - NSS 2<sup>nd</sup> Tennis Individuals

**Keziah Baker**

**Millie Brierly**

**Matthew Came**

**Jaylah Clinton**

**Elliet Ashton**

**Joaquin Hare**

**Leigh-Vy Heke**

**Tia Jones**

**Isbe Kuinikoro**

**Corey-Jay Litherland**

**Alex Manuell**

**Charlene Masiutama**

**Emma McCardle**

**Mackenzie Oldfield**

**Tane Stewart**

**Kiki Te Haara**

**Mila Thomas**

**Bella Wade**

**Amy Watson-Walker**

**Kacey Williams**

**Norah Williams**

**Ashdyn Woodcock**

Tag Nationals

Oceania Tag

Aotearoa Maori

Oceania Tag New

Zealand Invitational

Oceania Tag Aotearoa

Maori

Tag Nationals

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Captain

Oceania Tag NZ

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Invitational

Tag Nationals

Oceania Tag Maori

Oceania Tag NZ

Invitational

Tag Nationals – Far

North Natives

Oceania Tag NZ

Invitational

## OVERALL SPORTS & CULTURAL PEOPLE OF THE YEAR

**STUDENT OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**

**Sebastian Kashammer**



## SPORTS PEOPLE OF THE YEAR

Junior Sportswomen

**Kacey Williams &**

**Millie Brierly**



Junior Sportsman

**Dominic Pratt**



Senior Sportswomen

**Kyla Middleton & Isbe Kuinikoro**



Senior Sportsmen

**Matthew Came & Alex Manuell**



**CULTURAL PERSON OF THE YEAR**

**Cullen Wee**



## FUTSAL FEST

The junior mixed team took part in a futsal festival which consisted of a full day playing games against a range of local schools. The competition, organised by Northland Football in Whangarei, was an awesome day.

We took a team of nine players and Kyla Middleton came along as our senior coach. All of the players did an amazing job scoring plenty of goals and showcasing their abilities and utmost sportsmanship, winning four out of their five games. It was a great experience and everyone came back with some fresh skills and a big smile on their face.



## SQUASH UPDATE

Matthew Came and Alex Manuell represented Northland at the National Squash Champion of Champions. Matthew was our B grade rep and Alex was the D Grade rep. Matthew played exceedingly well but did not place. Alex was seeded 5th in the draw but beat the 1st and 4th seeds respectively in pool play to finish top of his pool. He then beat the 3rd seed in the final, taking home the trophy. This is a great accomplishment—last year winning the E Grade National Champ of Champs title only to take out the D Grade this year.

Congratulations to Alex who is the reigning NZ Champ for Squash in D Grade 2023.

Rachel Came won the College Squash Girls Club Champs. Matthew won College Squash Boys Club Champs and was Runner Up in the Mens Club Champs for 2023.



## JUNIOR TOUCH

The junior touch rugby tournament took place in the far north at Kaikohe. Rodney College took both a boys and a girls team. The preparation was reasonably good, and both teams showed excitement mixed with nervousness. Boys were captained by Zac Wakeling and Joaquin Hare, even though the results weren't very promising, the team played with a lot of enthusiasm and courage. The girls were lead by Kacey Williams and Millie Brierly, and supported by experienced players like Poppy Howse and Bella Wade



(Mackenzie Oldfield was cheering from Australia). They played very well and made the semi

finals against the top team, Whangarei girls. They put up a good fight and even rattled Whangarei. However, we unfortunately did not come away with the win. I was very proud of the efforts of both teams and I hope they continue building their skills and experience within the game. I would like to thank all the captains, who demonstrated great leadership, also my fellow colleagues Pete Wynward and Pip Walter for guiding the teams. Also a big thank you to Joel Broadhead for being an amazing ref for our school, bring on 2024.

Mr Kingi  
Coach





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

<b>Monday 6 November</b>	NZQA Exams start
<b>Tuesday 7 November</b>	Junior Squash
<b>Friday 10 November</b>	Junior Volleyball Boys
<b>Thursday 16 November</b>	Junior Volleyball Girls
<b>Friday 17 November</b>	Teacher Only Day
<b>Friday 24 November</b>	Year 10 Waitangi Trip
<b>Tuesday 28 November</b>	YES Year 10 Business Sprint
<b>Wednesday 29 November</b>	Year 9 & 10 Junior Tennis Doubles
<b>Monday 4 - Thursday 7 December</b>	Challenge Week
<b>Friday 8 December</b>	Junior Prizegiving

**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.





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