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# Rodney College



TENA KOUTOU  
MATUA MA

It's been a very positive and productive term, as you will see as you leaf through the pages of this newsletter. As usual, we finish on a

tremendous high with our Kapa Haka group performing with great pride at the annual **Tai Tokerau Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Festival** in Whangarei. As usual, our group has put in many hours of preparation to make sure their performance is perfect. Again, a number of the items performed are original pieces, including lyrics and choreography created by Diva and Waimarie Ratu. A huge CONGRATULATIONS and thanks must go to tutors Diva-Ataahua Ratu and Jordan Teaupa. Tremendous gratitude also goes to Whaea Ma, Waimarie 'Mam' Ratu, Rau Morgan and Pete Wynward for their unrelenting support to kapa haka.

There has been a great deal action on the property front this term and I'm happy to report that D Block renovations are almost complete. When students return in Term 2 they will have access to a new science lab, toilet suite and learning space.

Sadly we farewell Mr Lee, our beloved HOD Science at the end of this term. Mr Lee has taught at the college for 10 years and is a highly regarded colleague to staff and teacher to students. We thank him for his contribution to the college and will miss his entertaining and inspirational performances in assembly. Mr Lee is retiring to travel and spend time with his family. Whilst the term may be coming to an end, our

teachers are still working hard to prepare for the first Parent Student Teacher Conference (PST) occurring in the second week of Term 2 on **Thursday 9 May**. This is an important meeting for you and your child and we look forward to seeing you all. Please make your appointment for this day NOW.

Ka kite ano

Irene Symes  
**Principal**

**PARENT STUDENT TEACHER  
(PST) CONFERENCE  
THURSDAY 9 MAY 2019**

To make your appointment, go  
online to

**[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)**

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

**rwyb5** Follow the instructions  
to make an appointment with  
your child's Academic  
Counsellor.

**BOOK  
NOW!**



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## DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING STUDENTS

All pick ups and drops off must be at the Tomas Road courts, not within the bus bay. Under **NO** circumstances are students to be picked up or dropped off at the top of the driveway or in the office area. The only exception is if you are collecting your child from the sick bay.



## CELL PHONE USE

While students are allowed to have their phones at school, please can parents be respectful when they choose to communicate with their child. Students are not to be using their phones in class without the permission of their teacher. Your child may have their phone confiscated if they do not use it in the appropriate way.

If you wish to communicate with your child during school hours, please feel free to ring the student office on 423 6038. Please help us to use our class time for teaching and learning.



## 2018 SCHOOL MAGAZINES

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are still available for purchase from the office.  
**ONLY \$10**



*A Youth Nurse will be available for 2 1/2 days per week as of Term 2 on the college premises.*



## RODNEY COLLEGE HOODIES

# \$65 SALE

## NOW ON



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## CLEARYAK EXPERIENCE - TOURISM

A beautiful March day saw 16 Level 3 Tourism and International students head to Goat Island Marine Reserve to experience kayaking in the Clearyaks and visit the Marine Discovery Centre. Our day began with a safety briefing from Sarah McRae. We also learnt how Sarah and her partner Brooke started Clearyak three years ago and how they had grown their business through social media and implementing the lessons they learned as the business grew. After that we took out the kayaks to experience the marine life in the reserve for ourselves.



Despite the choppy conditions which saw a few of us having an impromptu swim, everyone saw plenty of red moki and snapper, and a few even saw a stingray. For those of us who ended up in the water rather than on it, we got to see first hand the qualities needed to be successful as an adventure tourism guide, when Clearyak crew

member Alex calmly guided us back to shore.

Next we headed to the Marine Discovery Centre to learn more about the impacts tourism had on the area from Tim Haggitt before getting up close and personal with a number of the centre's residents. These included a friendly octopus, and small shrimp that enjoyed cleaning people's hands. In addition, the touch tank was a definite highlight.

It was a great day out learning about and experiencing a premium tourist location that's accessible to all and right on our doorstep. Thanks to Robyn Rae for accompanying us.

Helen Yorke (TIC Tourism)



## ROCKY SHORE - BIOLOGY

On February 28 March, Level 2 Biology went on a trip to Goat Island. The scenery was beautiful and we headed towards the rocky shore on the beach and unpacked the gear to set up our biology investigation.

Our goal was to investigate the different species found along the rocky shore and to understand



and explain their distributions in abundance with a report. We did this in groups and put out transect lines on the rock line so we could easily collect data about each species. It was fun to not only experience how beautiful Goat Island was, but to learn new things and educate ourselves about the biology of the population on the shore.



Ray Taito





## KELLY SLATER AND FANS

Kelly Slater, known for his unprecedented 11 World Surfing Championships, was in Mangawhai Heads and some of our students got snapped with him.



## FIRST AID

Farming, childcare, building, tourism and hospitality industries all require a knowledge of first aid so these Gateway students attended training through Lifecare Consultants recently. Wendy (tutor) found our students took an excellent interest and engagement in the training and felt that the students were prepared for most emergency situations. Let's hope they never have to use these skills. Health & Safety in the workplace training is also being taught to Gateway students before they start making their arrangements to go to work next term at their chosen placements.



## MITO SCHOLARSHIP

Well done to Kaleb Carpenter, a past student who works at Poland Motors, who has received a Kick Start scholarship from Mito to help further his career.

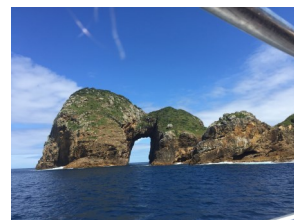
The Kick Start Māori and Pasifika scholarships are awarded to individuals of Māori or Pasifika ethnicity who have full-time employment or an offer of full-time employment in one of MITO's industries in 2019 and have not previously been enrolled in a MITO training programme at Level 4 or above. This



scholarship pays the first year fees for any MITO apprenticeship or traineeship programme at Level 4 or above.

## POOR KNIGHTS - GEOGRAPHY

On the 12th of March, the Level 1 Geography class headed to the Poor Knights Islands to study the environment and the sustainability of the reserve.



During our day we snorkelled, kayaked, paddle boarded and cruised around the islands on the Perfect Day Cruise. We got to see the unique sub-tropical environment of the Poor Knights and the colourful marine flora, fish and stingrays. It was an awesome experience, which we recommend to everyone because you get to see the beautiful environment and learn about the marine reserve and sustainability.

Rosa and Grace



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### LEVEL 3 HISTORY TRIP

On 1 April the Year 13 VC History class departed on their Northland History trip. The weather was terrible and changes to our itinerary needed to be made. On the way north we visited Ruapekapeka Pa to see how Maori built fortifications to repel musket and cannon fire during the Northern Wars. Despite the rain it was good to see the trenches and get an idea of why it was built in that location. We then drove on to Kerikeri to visit the Stone Store, which is New Zealand's oldest commercial building and also Kemp House, which was built by missionaries along the waterfront.

The next morning we visited the Waitangi Treaty Grounds where we experienced the history of the Treaty House. It was a memorable visit with the students getting to take part in many Maori traditional games in front of the flagstaff. Next stop was Russell. Some students were investigating the sacking of Kororareka so there were many landmarks for them to investigate.



They visited the famous flagpole, which Hone Heke cut down, and then went on to Pompallier House where we learned how the missionaries produced prayer books and leather.

On our third day we were lucky enough to get a private visit to

Butler Point whaling museum. Students are studying the early contact period and the information given was invaluable. As we were almost at the top we decided to visit Cape Reinga to see where Maori spirits depart to Hawaiiki.



Our last stop was Marsden Cross at Oihi in the Bay of Islands. This was the site of the first Christian sermon in 1814. After climbing up to the Pa site and having a picnic lunch we even managed to find New Zealand's first lemon trees. After all this we made our way home to Wellsford.

Students now have to put in the hard work completing their first history internal for the year. It was a great trip and was well worth all of the effort.



## ATTITUDE PRESENTATIONS

### **Hauora - Year 9**

We introduce the concept of holistic wellbeing and cover the four main aspects of this; the physical, mental, spiritual and social sides to every teenager. This programme gives young people ideas on how to tackle their teenage years and become the best version of themselves that they can be.

### **Sex with Attitude - Year 10**

We discuss the emotional and social aspects of sexuality and provide a decision-making guide to relationships. The programme covers the benefits of postponing sexual involvement, and how to set boundaries. It challenges teenagers to think about the options for their future.

### **Attitude - Year 11**

This presentation offers practical advice on how to get through the hard chapters of life and delivers the 'life messages' teenagers need to grow mental and emotional resilience. It covers the importance of making positive decisions, and how to build the four cornerstones of a meaningful life.

### **Crossroads - Year 12**

A guide and information about decisions that are needing to be made at transition times during secondary schooling.

### **The Pits - Year 13**

This is a basic overview of how the brain works and a survival kit for handling stress, depression and the tough times in life. This presentation aims to normalise common mental health issues and give practical solutions of how to get help.







## HOUSE CHAMPIONS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wattenbach	1032
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Miles	914
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hanover	889
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tyburnia	765

## ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS

### Junior Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Toby Henderson	37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	RJ Joseph	29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Xavier Edmonds Cooper	27

### Junior Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Caitlin Heke	28
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sapphire O'Keefe	22
3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Keziah Baker	20
3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Nadia Walker	20

### Intermediate Boys

1 <sup>st</sup> =	Reagan Collins	31
1 <sup>st</sup> =	Jackson Brierly	31
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Billy Whelan	27

### Intermediate Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Drew Crosbie	42
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chance Herewini	31
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rosa Ewing	22

### Senior Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jayden Wright	35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jesse Manuell	31
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Finn McKelvie	27

### Senior Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Georgia Brierly	41
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Louisa Tubailagi	33
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tamara Marshall	32

## RECORDS BROKEN

### Senior Girls

100m	Georgia Brierly - 13.06
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# NORTHLAND ATHLETICS

## JUNIORS BOYS

### **Xavier Edmonds Cooper**

1st Shotput 10.75m

### **Toby Henderson**

1st 300m 41.96

2nd 200m 25.40

3rd 800m 2.31.81

## JUNIOR GIRLS

### **Caitlin Heke**

1st Javelin 23.95m

3rd 70m Hurdles 27.01

## INTERMEDIATE BOYS

### **Jackson Brierly**

1st 800m 2.13.09

1st 1500m 4.50.72

### **Kaden Mill**

3rd High Jump 1.60m

### **Billy Whelan**

3rd 1500m 5.12.40

## INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

### **Drew Crosbie**

3rd Shotput 9.19m

## SENIOR BOYS

### **Jesse Manuell**

1st 400m 55.81

2nd 200m 23.30

2nd= 100m 11.84

## SENIOR GIRLS

### **Georgia Brierly**

1st 100m 12.88

1st 200m 26.97

1st 400m 1.05.93

### **Paige Rynne**

3rd Discus 17.35m

### **Louisa Tubailagi**

2nd 100m 13.15

2nd 200m 27.99

3rd 400m 1.07.52

3rd Long jump 4.30m



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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Term 1 is almost completed and once again it's been a very busy term. It was great to see so many of our students getting involved.

Our 1st XI **cricketers** completed the season as Runners Up in the Wyatt Cup with a loss to Dargaville High School in the final. Huge thanks to Robert Blunden for again giving up his time to coach, transport and umpire our boys throughout the season. Also a big thanks to Brendon Bracewell (Black cap) for coming in each week to run training sessions with our players. We are also very lucky that our new Geography teacher Steve Davie Martin is a keen cricketer and has already got involved helping with our cricket.

I took a great team of 21 talented students in all age groups to Northland **Track and Field** held at Trigg Stadium in Whangarei. This is a very competitive event with students representing schools from all over Northland. The students all gave it their very best and we had a very successful day with some fantastic results. Big thanks to our awesome support team Jo Warahi, Rachel Brierly, Hira Wynyard and Sandra Kashammer, who is our representative official on the day so as we are free to support our students with all their events.



Congratulations to Jesse Manuell, Georgia Brierly, Caitlin Heke, Jackson Brierly and Toby Henderson who qualified to represent Northland at the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics held in Tauranga over the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> April. Toby Henderson placed first in his heat in the Junior Boys 300m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the final which is a fantastic result at this level of competition.

Four students Harry Leese, Norah Williams, Rachel Came and Mikaila Isla competed in the Open Individual **Tennis** Tournament held in Kamo Whangarei. These students have been attending lunchtime Tennis lessons with Hugo (supported by Wellsford Tennis Club) in the Gym Term 4

2018 and this current term. The students really enjoyed the experience and won many of their games. We are really grateful to Edwina Came for transporting us to this event as there was no van available. Her support was really appreciated.



Northland Scholastic **Surfing** #2 was held at Sandy Bay on the 4 April with six students competing. Blake Whelan, Cooper Lay, Ben McCardle, Trinity Smith, Corey Vercoe and Billy Whelan. Results are: Longboard - 1st Billy Whelan and 2nd Corey Vercoe and in the U18 Boys Corey Vercoe placed 1st. Well done to all who competed.



Tamara Marshall competed in the Combined Training (**Show Jumping/Dressage**) in Kaikohe also on the 4 April completing a clear round in the show jumping. Tamara also competed at Horse of the Year with great results - see the separate write up for these.

We have completed **netball** trials and our 5 teams have been announced. This process takes a great deal of time and we are very grateful to the independent selectors and to Irene Gubb for organising this process. We have confirmed coaches for each team but we still need umpires so if you are able to help us, please contact Mili Williams or myself. Netball starts Friday 3 May (first Friday Term 2).

We have completed **football** trials and we are really grateful that Richard Jansen has once again put his hand up to coach our girls' 1st XI and Mr Byars our 1st XI Boys and Roberto Di Muro, our new Maths Teacher, is going to take on the boys' 2nd XI.

We will definitely need parent support with all 3 teams in order for us to be able to compete in this tournament which is on every Wednesday in





Term 2. This would be mostly with transport although any support is appreciated. We are also required to provide referees for home games. Please contact me if you can help out with transport or refereeing etc.

Georgia Brierly was selected for the Northland U18 **Sevens** team which competed on Friday 5 April at East Coast Bays Rugby Club in the Northern Region Sevens Tournament. Georgia's team won all their games which included North Harbour, Waikato, Counties and won the final against Bay of Plenty 28-0. Georgia has just received confirmation that she has been selected again for the NZ Dutch Barbarians (U18 Sevens) which will compete in Australia in October this year.

Caitlin Heke is going to be very busy over the school holidays as she is attending a training camp for NZ U14 **Basketball** Development squad and then travels to Invercargill representing Poi Tarawhiti O Te Raki Paewhenua (North Harbour Maori **Netball**) at the Te Waipounamu Maori Netball Tournament.

**Hockey** is underway with fitness and turf trainings already started. There was a trial on 7 April and it is looking like one mixed team this year. The season starts after school on the first Monday back after the holidays.

We have students playing in several **rugby** teams. The U18 Team Kaipara Wolves is made up of players from Dargaville, Otamatea and Rodney. Their season has already started and is played on a Saturday. The U16 Team is a Rodney Otamatea Team and is called Rodney Otamatea. We hope to have a 1st XV combined team with Otamatea competing in the Secondary School competition towards the end of Term 2 and we intend on entering Rugby Sevens teams later in Term 3.

In the annual Te Hana Fun Run, Callum Whyte and Keziah Baker both won their grades. Callum came 2nd overall and Keziah's team won the team trophy.

Thanks for all the wonderful support from parents and community again this term, we truly appreciate it.

Maria Northin  
Sports Coordinator (027 694 4480)

## HORSE OF THE YEAR

Tamara Marshall and her horse Midway Manolito, competed at Horse of the Year, held in Hawkes Bay, in the Show Jumping where she did extremely well.

Tamara placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 1.10 metre division. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1.20 metre 2 phase and 4<sup>th</sup> in 1.15 metre 2 phase. To place in these divisions is very credible as there were some very renowned riders competing.

She also competed for the Waitemata Team which came 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Photos: Jade Marshall



## BLACK FERNS

On Monday 1 April, I was one of three girls selected from the Northland region to meet with the Black Ferns coaching staff. Northland rugby was able to select 3 girls who they think have a pathway/career in the Black Ferns, either 15s or 7s. I was super nervous going into my meeting but they were really nice and we just chatted. We were meant to do a training with them after the meetings but the weather was bad so they called that part off. I was very grateful for this opportunity and am excited to keep working hard since I have a better insight on where to go from here on.

Georgia Brierly

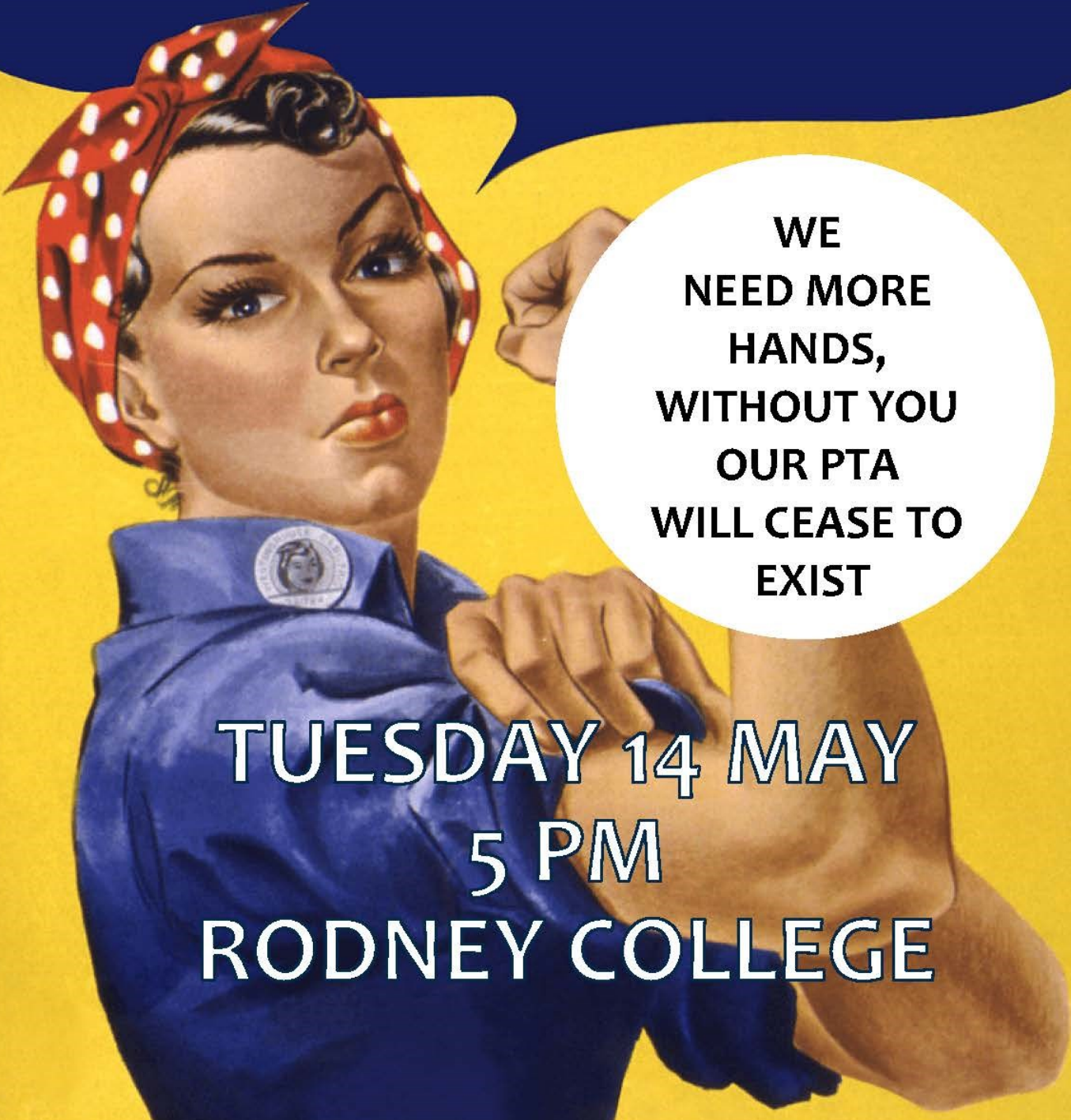




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PTA

We Need You



WE  
NEED MORE  
HANDS,  
WITHOUT YOU  
OUR PTA  
WILL CEASE TO  
EXIST

TUESDAY 14 MAY  
5 PM  
RODNEY COLLEGE



# Life Hacks

## Mindfulness for Teens and other important skills

**Where:** Te Waka Youth  
72 School Road, Wellsford

**What:** - A 5 week course for a few hours on a Wednesday.  
- Snacks and learning about self management.  
- Tricks to get the best out of yourself and life.  
- Understand yourself / others and what makes you tick.  
- Healthier communication, boundaries and relationships.

**When:** Wednesdays, 11.00 - 2.00.  
1st of May for 5 weeks (first week back at school).

Sign up: Contact Mel on 0276431517  
or Facebook or Insta message Te Waka Youth  
Get a note from parents/caregiver for permission to participate and leave school grounds.

*Limited  
Spaces*

Brought to you by:  
Homebuilders Family Services  
& Te Waka Youth Wellsford

## RSA PLAY POOL



The Wellsford RSA invites  
any Rodney College student  
who wishes to learn to play  
pool, to come and learn on  
Wednesday s 3.30pm to  
4.30pm. The only cost is respect for the club  
and their tables.

## NETBALL

### COACHES AND UMPIRES

Our teams depend upon volunteers to  
coach and referee to have a successful  
season.

Please contact Mili Williams or Maria  
Northin if you can help.

4236030

## ACTIVE LIVING PHYSIO

PHYSIO IS NOW AVAILABLE  
FOR ONE DAY  
AT THE COLLEGE

12.30PM — 4.30PM  
TUESDAYS

Bookings can be made at the  
student office



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

<b>Monday 29 April</b>	Start of Term 2
<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	Midweek Football starts
<b>Thursday 9 May</b>	Parent Student Teacher Conferences (PST)
<b>Thursday 16 May</b>	Writers Festival—Aotea Centre
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b>	School Cross Country
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	Year 12 Careers Expo
<b>Friday 31 May</b>	Teacher Only Day
<b>Monday 3 June</b>	Queen's Birthday
<b>Tuesday 4 June</b>	Lower North Cross Country
<b>Saturday 6 July</b>	Term 2 Holidays

**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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Mr A Batten	Year 13 Dean	alan.batten@rodneycollege.school.nz
Mrs H McDonald	SENCO (Learning Support)	423 6030xtn 260 helen.mcdonald@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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