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As far as the academic year goes, time is rapidly ticking away for senior students. When we return in Term 4, Year 11-13s will have 13

school days before they head off on study leave to prepare and sit their NZQA exams. We are running '**Spring-Back**' again this year for those who need to stay with us a bit longer to complete internals. This will be running from **31 Oct - 8 Nov**. As I mentioned to students in the last assembly of the term, it is essential that they spend time during the Sept/October holidays completing internal work and preparing for their exams.

The following points are a good place to start with study.

Organise your study place at home.

Set up a Study Planner and stick to it.

This should allow for the repetition of the same content and a focus on areas that need extra attention.

Make big study tasks into small ones.

Break them down into manageable bite size pieces.

Just do it! Use typical distractions as rewards. Set a goal to do 20-30 mins of study, then use those distracting things you like to do (eat/listen to music) as a reward, before doing the next 20-30 mins block.

Look after yourself. Sleep well and eat correctly. Late night cramming before an exam will decrease your performance.

As usual, we finish Term 3 with the House highlight of the year, Variety Concert. Thank you to all the very talented students who performed on stage, and to those who rolled up their sleeves to work behind the scenes. You provided us with a wonderful week of entertainment and demonstrated strong house spirit. Special acknowledgement and congratulations must go to our hard-working house leaders; Ruby Ewing and Lily Cameron (*Miles*), Julianne Cunningham and Noah Pride (*Tyburnia*) Tamara Marshall and Jack Oldfield (*Hanover*) and Talia Sampson and Ethan Batten (*Wattenbach*). You all did a fantastic job pulling together your crew. The winning house this year was Miles with an original storyline entitled '**Miles From Home**'

Finally, as we move to the final quarter of the academic year, it is time to celebrate and acknowledge the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of so many of our hardworking, talented students. The first of our celebrations will be the **Sports and Cultural Prize Giving** being held on the **Wed 16 October at 7pm**. Our academic accolades are awarded at our **Senior Prize Giving** on **Wednesday 30 October** at 7pm.

Ka kite ano

Irene Symes
Principal



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DECLARATION OF STUDENT ELECTION RESULTS

VOTES:

BLAIN, KATHRYN	5
EWING, ROSA	35
LOGUE, RACHEL	107

I HEREBY DECLARE **RACHEL LOGUE** DULY
ELECTED

SIGNED:

JO WARAH
RETURNING OFFICER



DID YOU KNOW?

All students under the age of 18 are eligible for free dental care through the Ministry of Health.

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www.wellsforddental.co.nz

MEASLES INFO

As you are aware there is a current measles outbreak in Auckland which is predicted to spread further. So far there have been no reported cases at Rodney College, however we do know that there have been reported cases in the community.

Measles is highly contagious and easily preventable.

For this reason, we strongly advise that if your child/children are not vaccinated, that you do so immediately. This is a FREE service to anyone born after 1969 and can be provided by your GP or local Medical Centre.

For more information freephone contact
0800IMMUNE

FREE measles immunisations*

Saturday 14 September, 9.00am - 3.30pm
Comprehensive Care, Building A,
42 Tawa Drive, Albany



* For people aged 1-49 years of age who have not had a vaccine against measles (or don't know whether they have)

RSVP
<https://whoozin.com/MN-G-GVW-7JCK-YU4F>

* One dose of a vaccine against measles is considered 95% effective in preventing measles



PLEASE READ IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Minister of Education has announced that families of secondary students will no longer have to pay fees to enter NCEA and NZ Scholarship. This change will remove financial barriers and ensure all the credits received towards NCEA will be visible in a student's Record of Achievement. Any NZQA payments received by Rodney College for the 2019 year have now been refunded to the student's account.

If you have any queries, please contact Jeannette Macdonald, our Student Fees Officer, on 423 6030.



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SETTING UP KAMAR APP

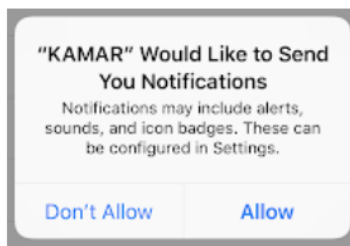


The Process for setting up the Kamar App is the same on both Android and iPhone.

The Following steps are for the Kamar App and to log into the Rodney College Portal.

Step 1. Download the App

Open the App Store for your platform, search for Kamar and download the Kamar App. The App Icon will look similar to this.



Step 2. Opening the Kamar App for the First Time

Open the App and accept any warnings that may pop up about notifications. If this is the first time you have opened the Kamar App then you will be taken straight to the Settings page.

Step 3. Creating the Profile

To start creating the Profile click either the + icon (this might be different on an android phone, or the Default line).

Step 4 Adding the information

The first thing to do is Enter a name for the Profile.

It is best to enter your child's name

Enter the portal address next: <https://portal.rodneycollege.school.nz>

Enter your username - child's first name and first 6 letters of the surname

Enter your password

You will be entering your student's password that was in the portal letter.

Click Save.

Step 5 Logon

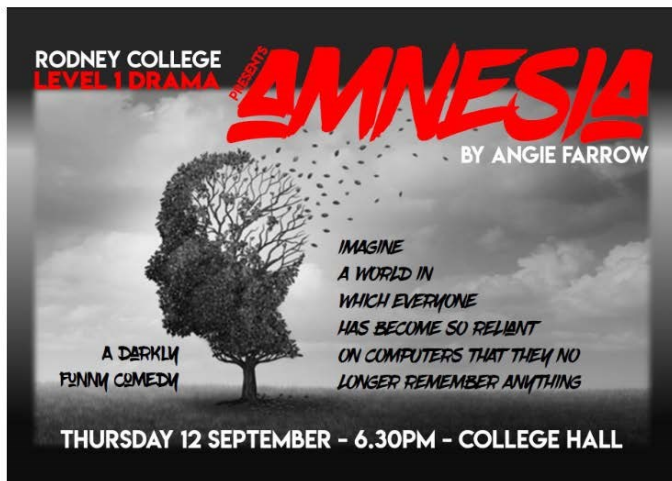
Once you click Save, you will be taken back to the settings screen.

Here you can enter another child by clicking on the plus at the top right of the screen or click on the back arrow and you will be taken to the log in screen.

You can now click the Logon button and you will be logged in.



"AMNESIA" YEAR 11 DRAMA PRODUCTION



Directed by Lucy Duffield.

"Imagine a world in which everyone has become so reliant on computers that they no longer remember anything."

"Amnesia" is a thought-provoking play written by Angie Farrow, a contemporary New Zealand playwright. This ensemble production requires most characters to be on stage throughout the performance.

The Year 11 cast handled the challenges of this production with maturity and confidence, working together well to give the audience many interesting ideas to consider. Costumes were unique to each character, often giving us some hint as to their role in the group. One interesting concept was the use of a fake crown representing God, which was interchangeable between the characters.



The overall premise is that modern technology has destroyed our memories, resulting in people not even knowing the names of basic household items, let alone remembering previous emotional relationships or important concepts from their chosen profession. Thus we have an artist,

Sebastian who cannot remember the words he needs to describe his work; a psychoanalyst Heidi, who cannot remember a relationship with the artist Sebastian. Certain words seem to come randomly to some characters, but rarely the word they need.

This results in a great deal of humour and chaos as the characters continually search for things they don't remember, or in some cases don't even know what they are searching for; a case in point is the cuckoo-clock.

Towards the end there is a faint glimmer of hope as a few memories begin to re-surface, but in true 'Groundhog Day' style these are soon forgotten and the characters are doomed to repeat their confusing and futile lives.

This play makes the audience think about the effects of computers and modern technology on our lives – are we sacrificing ourselves, our minds and our relationships for the convenience of i-phones, laptops and social media?

Perhaps this is why some of the top execs in Silicon Valley don't let their kids have a phone.



"Amnesia" Cast List:

Heide Fritz, psychoanalyst - Eleanor Hayward
 Sebastian Lush, artist - Keelan Landrey-Howe
 Dane Darling, stud - Liam Olsen
 Liz Layton, failed business woman - Kiana Dixon
 Jacqueline Le Coq, philosopher - Vanessa Langman
 Mary May, murderer - Jessica Walker
 Indigo Singh, matron - Damien Ferrall
 The woman, God - Georgia Key

By Ms M Hay



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VARIETY CONCERTS

WATTENBACH

This year the Wattenbach Variety Concert, 'Bach to the future' was based on the journey of the Matilda Wattenbach ship back in 1862 on its way to New Zealand. In our take of the story, en route to New Zealand the boat hits a rough storm, travelling the crew into the future. The crew discover Rodney College in the years of 2050 & 1990 as they figure out how to get back to their real time. The whole house really pulled together in the few days leading up to the concert and put in the work to make the variety concert happen. Throughout the variety concert we were able to show some of our diverse talents that we have within our house which was really cool to see...Such as; awesome actors/actresses, singers, musicians, dancers, comedians, prop makers and helping crew. Overall we're really proud of the house for what we achieved and how we always come together and put in the work! It was an awesome week of watching some amazing concerts from all the houses. Talia Sampson-Leader



TYBURNIA

Variety Concert is one of the funniest and most entertaining events at Rodney College. This year we chose our theme to be around the game of Cluedo, based on the four houses. The Variety Concert is the one time in the year everyone can come together and have an important part to do whether it's doing props/art, music acts, drama and any special talents people want to show off to the school!! The Variety definitely pushed us way out of our comfort zone but really helped us grow as individuals, helped the younger leaders step up and learn from our mistakes. This year has been so much fun to work alongside different age groups and different individuals to all come together to put on a show.

Julianne - Leader



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MILES

This year's Miles variety concert, *Miles from Home*, entailed the story of a mixed group of vacationers on their way to Hawaii. Mid-flight their plane crashed into the ocean and they found their way onto a remote tropical island, inhabited with dancing islanders. In the end, they were all rescued. This year the variety concert went surprisingly smoothly for Miles, with a well-delivered performance. Big thanks to everyone from Miles who was involved in the concert. Special mentions to Troy and Damien for a heartwarming duet.

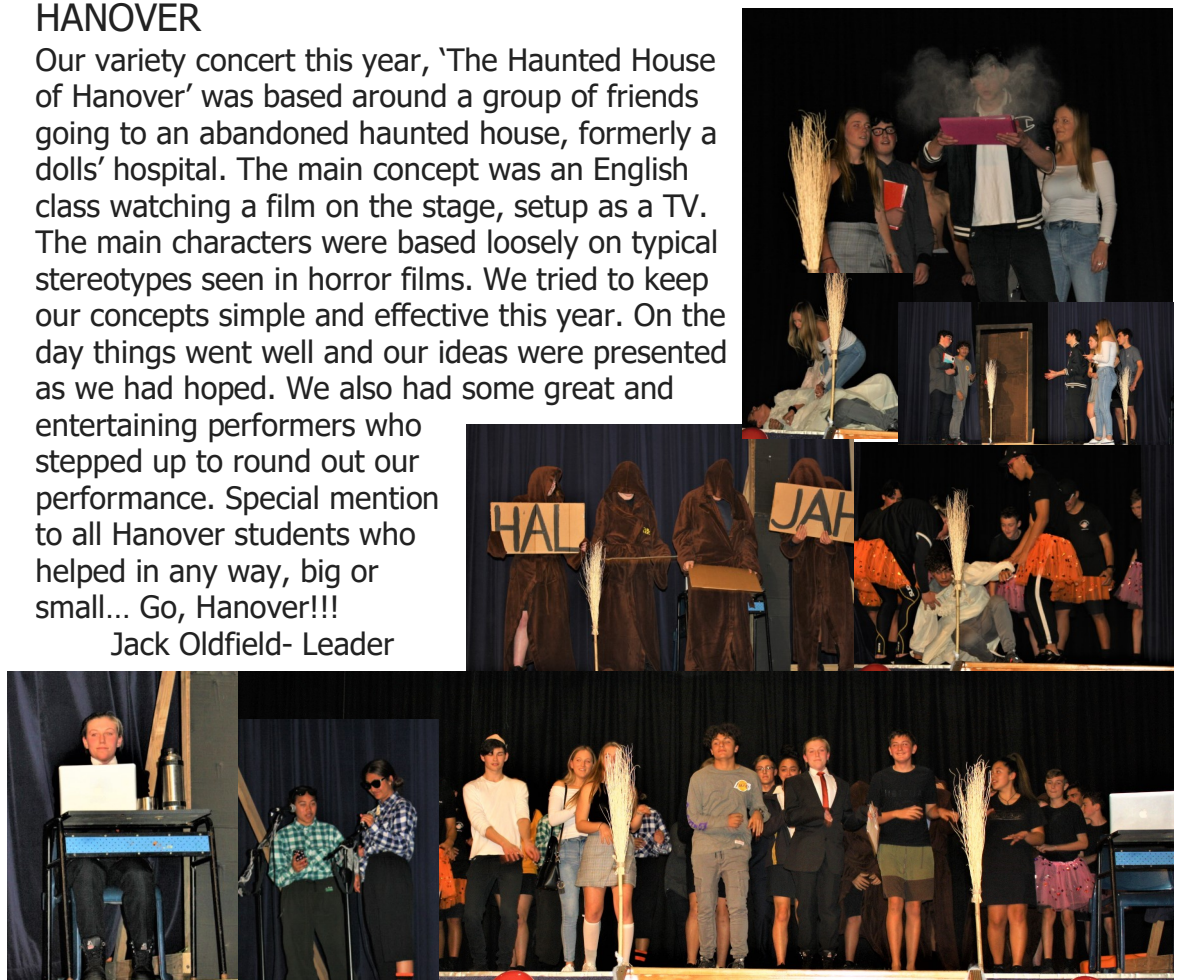
Ruby and Lily -
Leaders



HANOVER

Our variety concert this year, 'The Haunted House of Hanover' was based around a group of friends going to an abandoned haunted house, formerly a dolls' hospital. The main concept was an English class watching a film on the stage, setup as a TV. The main characters were based loosely on typical stereotypes seen in horror films. We tried to keep our concepts simple and effective this year. On the day things went well and our ideas were presented as we had hoped. We also had some great and entertaining performers who stepped up to round out our performance. Special mention to all Hanover students who helped in any way, big or small... Go, Hanover!!!

Jack Oldfield- Leader



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FASHION WEEK

Rodney College Textile students attended Fashion Week where they got to go behind the scenes and into the dressing rooms and meet the producers.

The Resene Catwalk show was very colourful and fun, featuring some of NZ top designers.



NGATI WHATUA TERTIARY SUMMIT

The Tertiary Summit is a three day event where Ngati Whatua rangatahi are welcomed into AUT to experience life on campus, having current students come in to talk to us about life after school, and all the opportunities offered for students to succeed.

Over the three days we were introduced to four other schools within Ngati Whatua and together we learned about the history within our iwi. The knowledge our tangitahi upholds is very interesting.



CATWALK ARTS 2019



Danielle Bright, a Year 12 Textiles student entered the Harbour Hospice Catwalk Arts 2019 with her amazing entry called 'The Power of Knowledge'

It was made from Recycled book covers and pages to form a dress featuring large 'Earl Queen' collar and lace up bodice, with a long circular skirt covered in layers of pleated pages.

Dani's creation was made with commendable effort and troubleshooting where she worked independently. Dani's work was entered in the Youth section along with 5 other entries. There were 2 placements which was 1st or Highly Commended. Dani was awarded Highly Commended, which is outstanding!

CHEMISTRY

It's end of term in the Chemistry lab and students are busy completing internals and chasing subject endorsements. Level 1 Chemistry is completing an internal on different types of chemical reactions including the thermal decomposition of copper carbonate into copper oxide and carbon dioxide (as demonstrated). Level 3 students are performing a redox titration as seen in the background to determine and verify the vitamin C content of various fruit juices.



NORTHLAND BALLET & DANCE

Olivia Platt competed at the 2019 Northland Ballet and Dance Inc Competition, held at Forum North.

Olivia entered 9 sections and gained:

1st Demi-Character - Ballet - Juliet
National Character - Russian
Classical Impromptu
Classical Ballet
Classical Pointe

2nd Classical Barefoot
Classical Variation

Very Highly Commended
Contemporary Lyrical

She was also awarded:

Ackers Aggregate Trophy 12 years & over
(Highest scores in Classical, National, Barefoot, Demi & Impromptu)

McCullough Trophy
(Most Outstanding Performer in Ballet Section)

S Maugham Cup
(Most Authentic National dance Incl Music & costume)

Wilson Trophy (Ballet Adjudicators overall Choice)

Torres-Carrick Family Award
(14 yrs & over. Classical Ballet, Pointe & variation)

Tess Graham Memorial Trophy

(Technical Excellence in Ballet. 12 yrs & over)

Northern Dancing Academy Trophy

(Best Characterisation of a demi character)



Congratulations, what an awesome result and so well deserved.



HOCKEY TOURNAMENT - BLENHEIM

On Saturday 31 August the Rodney College Hockey team travelled down to Blenheim for a week to compete in the South Island Mixed Hockey Tournament.

We played 6 games in total, and with a mix of wins, draws, and losses our team managed to place 8th overall. The team worked really well together against the top teams only allowing them to get minimal goals. The MVP of the week went to Finn McKelvie for "always running, even on the verge of death."

As well as being there to compete we were also able to have some down time, which included tenpin bowling, trips to the swimming complex, and sightseeing around Picton.



We stayed alongside Kavanagh College at Spring Creek Holiday Park which was awesome, as we made good friendships with players from the other team. This was a really good week and ended the season on a positive note. Thanks to our coach, Jason Warahi, and manager, Mr Batten, for organising our trip.

By Tamara and Aiden (Captains)



SPORTS ROUND UP

Term 3 has flown by due to being another busy term. Our Hockey Team and Netball Team competed in Tournament week. Hockey travelled to Blenheim and Netball to Northcote. (please see other writeups)

Our Senior Boys Basketball Team competed at the Lower North Interschool Tournament held at Otamatea High School. We played and won our games against the following schools; Ruawai 47-17, Dargaville 35-15, Otamatea 29-13 and drew with Bream Bay 13-13. Bream Bay and Rodney ended up on the same points at the end of the day and Rodney College won on overall points



difference. This is the last game for many of our senior players and they will be certainly be missed. A big thanks to Dominic Miringaorangi and Vince Cuadra who have played and coached our students for the past five years. They leave a big gap as Basketball is a very popular sport in our school. If you know anyone that would be interested in helping out with Basketball, please let me know.

Congratulations to Rosa Ewing who has just competed at NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championship held at Water World in Hamilton. Also, to Trinity Smith who has just competed at North Island Secondary Ski Champs at Mt Ruapehu in the Giant Slalom. Trinity competed against 140 girls and is awaiting official results but was very happy with her time of 33.15 seconds.

I have been up to Kerikeri twice this week to support our students competing in the Northland Secondary



Schools Sevens Tournament. Tuesday 17 September our Open Girls played, coming away with two wins and two losses. Our losses were to Whangarei Girls High and Kerikeri High School who ended up 1st and 2nd overall. Our U15 Boys played on Thursday 19 September. The boys lost their first game to a very confrontational Okaihau



College but won their next two games. Big thanks to Alan Brierly for coaching and transporting the girls and to Mike Kingi for coaching and transporting the boys.

I also took the opportunity to go to Trigg Stadium in Whangarei last Saturday to watch three of our students play for Northland against Auckland East in the U18 Womens 15 a-side Rugby game. This game was the



curtain raiser to the Farah Palmer Cup. Our students, Mya Wilson, Louisa Tubailagi and Georgia Brierly (C) had a great game and beat Auckland East 46-25. They have two games to go against Tauranga and Taranaki. Good luck girls!

We recently had our Sports Photos taken and these will be on display on the sports notice board by the student office and for sale at the student office sometime early next term.



Congratulations to the following girls from our top junior Netball team for winning B Grade at the Rodney Netball competition. The team consisted of Shannon Elliot-Palmer, Eve Hampson, Caitlin Heke, Mikaila Isla, Hannah Nolan, Sam Oldfield, Paris Pukeke and Trinity Smith

I would like to take this opportunity to say a **Big Thank you** to all the wonderful people that help make our sporting opportunities happen by coaching, transporting and supporting our students in many ways. Your help is truly appreciated.

Maria Northin
Sports Coordinator

**SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 1 NOV
OLD BOYS RUGBY GAME**

ASB SPORTS AWARD FINALISTS

Golf	Tarrin Rous
Karting	Billy Richards
Official	Jackson Brierly
Official	Oliver Broadhead
Parasports	Brennan Massey
Rugby Union	Georgia Brierly
Rugby Union	Patrick Abellera

Congratulations to our students that are finalist for the ASB Sports Awards. We wait with anticipation for the results.

UNISS REPORT

UNISS (Upper North Island Secondary Schools) Netball Tournament is run annually with over 100 teams from around the Northern Zone and Waikato/ Bay of Plenty Zone. Competing for the top five spots to qualify for Netball New Zealand Secondary Schools, or top five of your grade to move up a grade next year, and for many schools it is a chance to compete against other secondary schools from around the two zones and place higher than your own school team did the previous year. Teams are split into four grades A, B, C & D, 32 teams max in each grade, Rodney College sitting in C Grade.

Day 1 2019 was a rough start with two major injuries to the defence in the first game. The team continued on with two games lost that day. Day 2 we had great improvement and adjusted well, bringing in two new players to help share the load. Unfortunately, we lost the next two games, the first game was end of the first pool play which took us to bottom 16 of our grade.



The second game, battling the rain, the team played well but incurred another injury. Day 3 the team came out fighting, gaining one point with a great come back game and only a three goal loss in the second game. Day 4 the team really started to settle in and were ready to fight and gaining our first win by over 10 goals was a real boost. For our second game the team was still fighting, coming up against the toughest and roughest game so far, with only a five goals loss. Day 5, the final day, the team needed to empty the tank, the first game was a loss by only a couple of points but a good win for the last game. It was great to finish the tournament with a win.



It was a challenging week but was a great experience with a lot of improvements all round by the team. Farewell to our four Year 13s leaving and good luck for the future. Look out for all our young ones at Rodney, they had a great eye opening experience this week and they will only get better and better over the next couple of years.

A big thank you to our supporters that came down to watch or sent us messages throughout the week, and the great support from the staff at Rodney College who continue to support Netball at the school. Thanks also to all our sponsors from our raffle prizes, buying tickets and especially GRM Security; you all have made the trip possible.

Irene Gubb - Coach



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

Monday 14 October	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 16 October	Sports and Cultural Prizegiving
Thursday 24 October	ASB Sports Awards
Monday 28 October	Labour Day
Wednesday 30 October	Senior Academic Prizegiving
Thursday 31 October	Spring BackGraduation Dinner
Friday 1 November	Junior Science Exam
Friday 8 November	Senior NCEA Exams start
Thursday 7 November	Junior Exams start
Friday 6 December	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.**



Mrs M Williams	Absences	423 6038 attendance@rodneycollege.school.nz
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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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