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# Rodney College



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MATUA MA

Term Two started on an extremely positive note for a number of reasons.

Firstly, we welcomed two new teachers to the staff at a powhiri on the first day of term. Mr Michael Pieters has joined the Technology Department as our new Wood Tech teacher, replacing recently retired Lindsay Lovegrove. Mr Pieters is from Fishhoek in Western Cape, South Africa and comes with a wealth of teaching, school leadership, and rugby coaching experience. He and his wife Marina and their two English Bulldogs are looking forward to making a new home in Wellsford. We also welcomed back a very familiar face to many. Mr Oliver Trottier has returned to the college as our new HOD Science, a position made vacant after Mr Lee retired at the end of Term One this year. We are all thrilled to have Mr T in our midst again, and already the Science Dept is *rockin'*.

Our second highlight was to return to a newly renovated D Block. Mr Crosby's Science Lab, the corridors and one of the old computer rooms have all had a total makeover and are looking fabulous. This area also now has a brand new toilet block, a Breakout room and adjoining canopy. This property project was the last of a number that have occurred over the past six months, which have include a whole school exterior paint job, extensive heat pump installation and re-roofing. The college is looking much sharper as a result, both inside and out!

Finally, our first PSTs for 2019 in the second week back were well attended with a record 84%

attendance by parents and students. Thank you for making this event a priority as we believe they are very important. At this stage of the year students' at **ALL LEVELS** need to be focussing on their learning goals: every day, in every lesson. 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 your child's progress with their subject teacher at any time.

Ka kite ano

Irene Symes  
Principal

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## OUR D BLOCK UPGRADE

We are happy to say our D Block upgrade is up and running with the new Science Lab, Mr Crosby's room (right), looking fantastic. We have a new Breakout room in the front (below centre) and D4 (shown bottom right) looking smart.

There are also new toilets and a rain shelter. This was much needed and will be awesome to have for this upcoming winter.



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## ZONTA SCHOLARSHIP

Georgia Brierly was awarded the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award which recognizes young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide.

Georgia writes: On 3 May I was lucky enough to have won a place on the Spirit of Adventure. This would not have happened without the scholarship I was awarded at the start of the year by the Zonta Club of Mangawhai. I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to go on such an amazing voyage and share it with so many different people. Every day was a full on day, doing lots of different activities such as sailing, hiking, cleaning, cooking, learning about sails and what ropes do what, leadership skills, communication skills and much more.



I will never forget all the amazing memories that were created or the people that helped create them.

Thank you, Georgia Brierly

## INVESTITURE AUCKLAND

On Tuesday 21 May, a past student of Rodney College, Tracey Swanberg, was awarded a QSM (Queens Service Medal), for services to victims of domestic violence. Tracey knew that she had found her place and vocation when she began work regarding the issues and interests of women. She has touched the lives of thousands of women and their families, supporting and easing their way into better lives. Tracey is pictured below (right) receiving her medal. Thank you, Tracey, for all that you have done and continue to do.



## STRIKES

Please read the information below so that you can make suitable arrangements for your child over this time.

### Friday 31 May - TEACHER ONLY DAY

Students are NOT required on this day as teachers are involved in professional development.

### Tuesday 4 June - Rostering Home begins

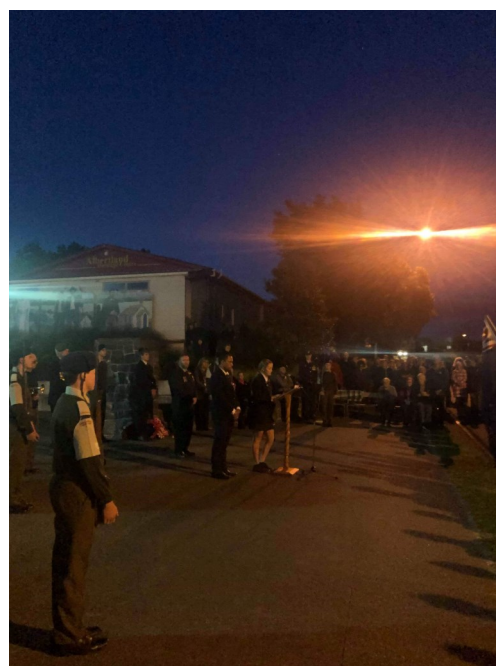
Year 9 students are NOT required at school. All other students Yr 10-13 should attend. Buses will run as normal.

Date of Action	Year Group
Tuesday 4 June	Year 9
Tuesday 11 June	Year 10
Monday 17 June	Possible Regional Strike Day
Tuesday 25 June	Year 11
Tuesday 2 July	Year 12

**These dates are subject to change. Please keep a watch for notices about these dates.**

## ANZAC DAY DAWN PARADE

Though many of the ANZAC services were cancelled, the Wellsford Dawn Parade was well attended and supported by our head students.



## POWER CHAIR FOOTBALL NATIONALS

During the April school holidays, Brennan attended the New Zealand Powerchair Football Nationals in Taupo. His club, the North Auckland Rebels were extremely successful. In a nail biting final between the Rebels and Canterbury Boltz,

Brennan scored the runaway goal securing the 1-0 final score and taking out the New Zealand National Title.

At the presentation awards dinner, Brennan was awarded the MVP (most valuable player) throughout the tournament and also the award

for most assists on goal.

The award dinner finished with the New Zealand National Team being announced, in which Brennan was selected. In October they will be heading overseas to compete in the FIPFA Asia Pacific Oceania Cup. This is the qualifying event for the 2021 FIPFA World Cup.

Brennan pictured on right.



## GIRL BOSS

Thirty girls from Year 11, 12 & 13 had the unique and amazing opportunity to attend the GirlBoss Leadership Workshop. This was an inspiring event where the girls learnt about how to be ambitious in stating their career aspirations, how to network successfully, developing an elevator pitch and finishing with action step statements. They then covered recruitment dos and don'ts including the most commonly asked interview questions of their strengths and their weaknesses. Finally, they covered the importance of an online profile and how to develop this using social platform tools.

The workshop presenter was Alexia Hilbertidou who founded GirlBoss when she was 16 and still attending school. Alexia has spoken at over 50

events to 30,000 New Zealanders. She has been a keynote speaker for over 20 corporate organisations including Air New Zealand, Trade Me, Chorus, Datacom, AMP, Auckland Council, Russell McVeagh, Vodafone, Westpac, and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. Through this work she has rubbed shoulders with many famous and important people including the Queen, Jamie Oliver, Theresa May, David Beckham, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. The response from the girls was awesome - "Being a part of the GirlBoss Leadership Workshop was truly an amazing experience! It opened up my eyes and gave me the confidence and assurance that no career aspiration/dream is too big. Listening to Alexia talk about all of her achievements at such a young age was very inspirational and motivating.

A valuable workshop I will not forget!"



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## WRITERS FESTIVAL

On May 16, a group of Year 9-13 students were lucky enough to attend the Auckland Writers Festival at the Aotea Centre in Auckland. This was an awesome experience and we were able to listen to talks from successful authors including Markus Zusak, author of the very successful novel, *The Book Thief*. He touched on effective writing techniques like the importance of bringing detail and personal connections to your writing. We also listened to Eileen Merriman, a young adult novelist, who spoke about her experience as an author and her journey to success whilst also being a successful haematologist. She also spoke about good ways to become recognised. Lastly was Akala, a highly successful hip hop artist, poet and author whose main focus is the fusion of rap and storytelling. He is especially well known for being the founder of The Hip Hop



Shakespeare Company as well as the recipient of BAFTA and MOBO awards. This was a super interesting trip and a great opportunity to learn more about writing techniques and be a part of thought-provoking conversations.

Jenae Hampson

## LIZ FREDRICSON

We welcome Liz to our staff as our School Nurse. Liz comes to us from Family Planning with a variety of experience in nursing, from heart to neo natal care and out in the community. She has three young children and loves working with youth.

She will start with doing individual Year 9 health checks but will also run a free clinic for all our students offering care and referrals.

The clinic will start running next week, Mondays to Thursdays.



## THINKING GLOBALLY ACTING LOCALLY - planting at Atiu Creek

On World Biodiversity Day, Rodney College Environment Group members headed to Atiu Creek Regional Park to help make our part of the world a little bit greener.

We were working with Conservation Volunteers NZ personnel Clair and Ursula and our event was part of the Matariki Tu Rākau programme. As part of the larger One Billion Trees programme Matariki Tu Rākau is an opportunity for communities to plant trees to recognise both past and present contributions made by the New Zealand Defence Forces. Funded by the Ministry for Primary Industries, the programme began last year to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the end of the First World War and the goal is to plant 350,000 trees by the end of 2020.



If our sore muscles at the end of the day are anything to go by, we reckon we made a valuable contribution to the programme and probably planted around 500 plants, including a number of future forest giants - kahikatea. There was far more to getting the trees planted than just digging the holes as the site was very steep and quite a lot of the time was spent ferrying the plants down to the site. That said, the weather improved and we had lots of laughs and even got to lay out a lot of plants ready for more volunteers arriving in a few days time. We had a really rewarding day out in a beautiful local park, and our thanks goes to Mrs Callachan who organised our participation, Mrs Yorke and everyone else who took part. There are plenty more planting days happening over winter so keep a look out for one near you.

Helen Yorke



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## TWENTY SEVEN YEARS STRONG

This term we say good bye to a long standing Board of Trustees Member, Gay Pride. Gay has been a fabulous asset to Rodney College not only on the Board but also on the side line of many sports fields. Gay came to us from Tauhoa School after serving 18 years on their board.



David and Gay have five children, Hannah, Liam (Head Boy), Grace, Devon and Noah who have all attended Rodney College.

Gay puts her hand up for anything and everything from toilet cleaning when we hosted the Tai Tokerau Festival to time keeping on swimming days, to just good cheering on the sideline of the rugby.

We will miss her greatly as she has been so generous with her time and her presence is always felt wherever she goes.

Gay, we will miss you and all your cheering. You have been a great support for our schools and we have been spoilt to have you. Thank you to both you and your family for all the time you have given us.

## SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST

The Northland Regional Heats for Smokefree Rockquest were held on Sunday at Tikipunga Highschool, Whangarei. We had two acts entered: Abbey Collins in the Solo/Duo category, and Elevated (Harry Leese - bass, Jackson Brierly - drums, Michaela Pow - vocals (Mahurangi College) and Mitchell Jones - guitar).



Well done to Elevated who made it through to the

Northland Regional Final. This will be held on Tuesday June 11 at Forum North, Whangarei - the show starts at 7pm. Please vote for Elevated for the People's Choice Award. Text ELEVATED to 959.



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## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

### Junior Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Keziah Baker	(H)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sophie Reed	(M)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teigan Crisp	(M)

### Junior Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Toby Henderson	(T)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anthony Grindlay	(M)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charlie Balle	(T)

### Intermediate Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mikaila Isla	(T)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grace Myers	(T)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lily Sumby	(M)

### Intermediate Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jackson Brierly	(M)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Billy Whelan	(T)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Regan Collins	(M)

### Senior Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Georgia Brierly	(M)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tamara Marshall	(H)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Katherine Pride	(W)

### Senior Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ray Taito	(H)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lewis Harris	(H)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Te Hiri Barlow	(W)

### HOUSE POINTS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wattenbach	242
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Miles	232
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hanover	216
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tyburnia	211



## SPORTS ROUNDUP MAY 2019

We had another very busy term with three football teams playing every Wednesday. We have 2 boys teams, both playing in the same division and a girls team. The girls have had a good run winning most of their games so



far. Big thanks again to Richard Jansen for coaching this team. The senior boys have won all their games so far. Thanks again to Chris Byars for coaching this team as he has done for many years. Our junior boys team is also going well considering they are mostly Year 9 & 10s and sometimes playing against senior teams. They had a great win against Ruawai last week 5-0. We really appreciate Mr Roberto Di Muro, who is new to our school, for taking on the coaching role of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI boys team. Also a huge thankyou to the very supportive group of parents supporting this team, it is really appreciated. We have two more weeks to go before playoffs.





I took the following students to Squash Individual last week in Whangarei: Alyssa Batten, Ethan Batten, Rachel Came, Kaylee Cannell, Aiden Henare, Izaea Jones-Browne, Jackson Lindsay, Tamara Marshall, Finn McKelvie, Nicholas Sundvick.



All of the students played really well and I was very impressed with the improvement and maturity on court that our senior students displayed, having watched their progress for several years attending this tournament. We are now looking at putting 4 teams together for the Teams event coming up this term. Big thanks to Edwina Came for transporting and supporting our students at this event.



Our surfing team has just completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> event in the series which was held this time at Ahipara.

- #1 Event: U16 Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Trinity Smith  
Longboard - 1<sup>st</sup> Billy Whelan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cory Vercoe,
- #2 Event: Longboard - 1<sup>st</sup> Billy Whelan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cory Vercoe.  
U18 Boys - Cory Vercoe.
- #3 Event U18 Boys - 3<sup>rd</sup> Cory Vercoe.

It was great for the future to have Blake Whelan and Cooper Lay, both Year 9s, join our team this year.

Our school Cross Country was held last week at Rodney College. The course was altered and lengthened to make it a little more challenging. (see results).



Based on the results from this event I will be putting together a team to take the Northland Cross Country on 11 June held at Barge Park Whangarei.

Hockey is in its 5<sup>th</sup> week; we have a mixed team this year with several new students. The team is gelling really well and after 2 weeks of trials was placed in Division 3. They have had good results so far with only one loss to date.

Grading games for Netball have been completed: Team 1 have made it into the Premier grade, Teams 2, 3, and 4 in the B grade, which creates great competition, and Team 5 in the C grade. Our teams are all playing very well especially considering that we are mostly playing against adults as no other schools are represented in this competition. Team 1 is busy fundraising to go to UNISS so please support them if you get the opportunity.

Georgia Brierly reports on the rugby: 'The Wellsford U18 Girls Rugby team has been doing very well! They have been playing every Monday night at a central venue in Mangakahia. They have had some good wins and the team is developing really well. With a mix of players new to the game and players who have some experience, the team works well together.'



The Kaipara Wolves U18 Boys Rugby team is sitting in 2nd place in their division. They have won every game except one against Kerikeri who they also drew to last Friday. The team consists of Rodney students, Dargaville High students and Otamatea students.

The Wellsford U16s Boys Rugby team has been playing every Saturday against teams from this area and the boys have been playing well.'

Good luck to these three teams for the next games and possible semi finals.

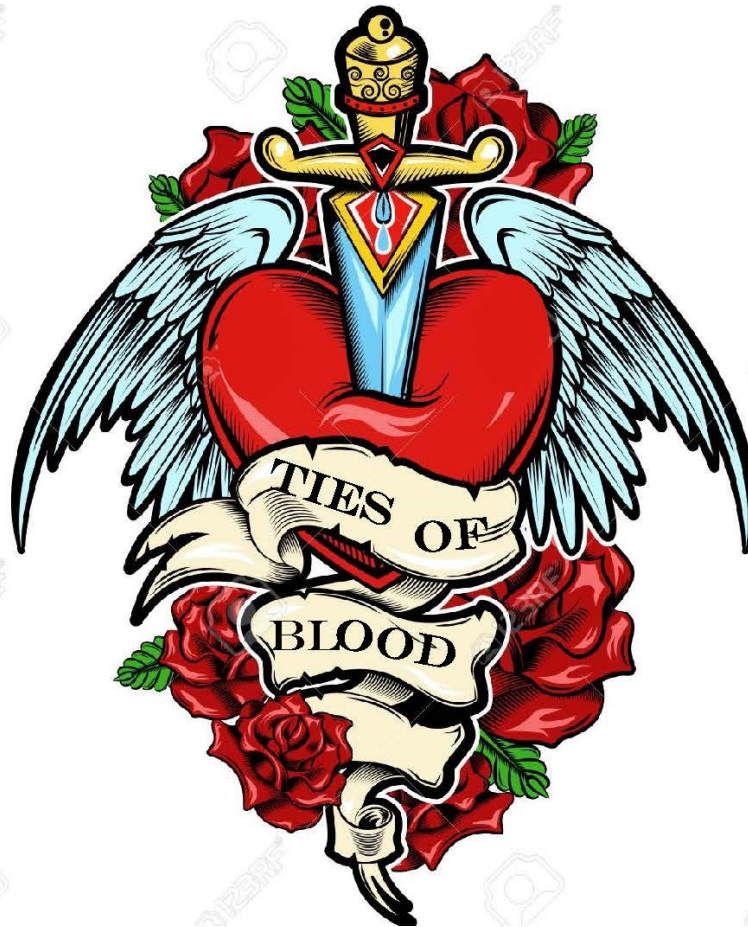
We are looking forward to a great finish to this term. Thanks again for all the great support.

Maria Northin  
Sports Coordinator  
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RODNEY COLLEGE LEVEL 2 DRAMA PRESENTS  
**STEVEN BERKOFF'S**



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# CROSS COUNTRY



# TREE PLANTING - ATIU CREEK





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

<b>Monday 3 June</b>	Queen's Birthday
<b>Tuesday 4 June</b>	Strike Day - Year 9s stay home
<b>Tuesday 11 June</b>	Northland Cross Country / Year 11,12,13 Attitude / Strike Day - Year 10s stay home
<b>Thursday 13 June</b>	English - Shakespeare @ Unitec
<b>Monday 17 - Friday 21 June</b>	Lunchtime Speech Competition / Possible Regional Strike Day
<b>Wednesday 19 - Friday 21 June</b>	BP Business Challenge
<b>Tuesday 25 June</b>	Strike Day - Year 11s stay home
<b>Thursday 27 June</b>	Drama - Q Theatre Wolves
<b>Monday 1 July - Friday 5 July</b>	Matariki Week
<b>Tuesday 2 July</b>	Strike Day - Year 12s stay home

**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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