

JUNE JULY 2019

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# Rodney College



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MATUA MA

The recent triennial Board of Trustee (BOT) election process is done and dusted! As a result, I'd like to assure you that in terms of its governance, Rodney College

continues to be in very capable hands. Congratulations to **Edwina Came**, our newly elected BOT- parent representative. For Edwina, this move is simply a shift in focus, as she departs her BOT Wellsford School role to take up a position on the Rodney College Board. We are extremely grateful for her continued commitment to the education of the young people of Rodney.

I would also like to say how grateful I am to have a number of members returning from the previous board; Jason Warahi (Chair) Richard Pride (Vice Chair) Clare Haywood (Parent rep), Kent Watson-Walker (Parent rep) Anne Waight (Staff rep) and Darcie Laughton (Student rep). Collectively, this committee brings with it considerable knowledge and experience.

The key focus of our BOT is undoubtedly towards improving student achievement and engagement in their learning, and providing a positive environment at the college in which teaching and learning occurs. I look forward to working with our new BOT to advance this very important work.

We started this term with our PST conferences. To keep you informed of your child's learning progress to date, Subject Reports and an NCEA progress report (Year 11-13) have been included in this mail out. When we return in Term 3,

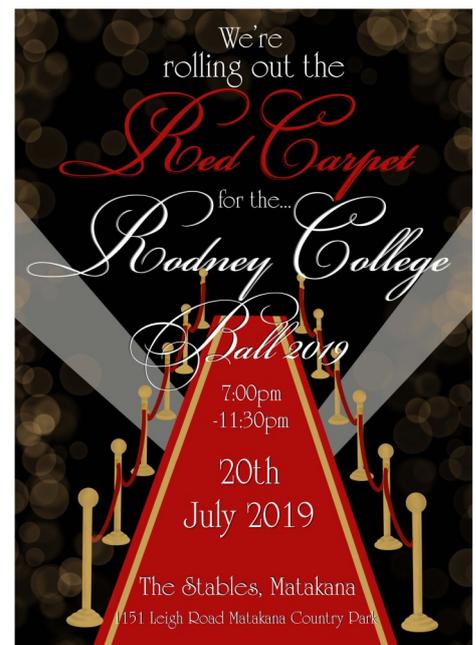
everyone will need to be ready for a shift into top gear. The countdown towards NCEA completion is on for our senior students with only 13 school weeks to go before they embark on their external exams.

During the term break, the social highlight of the year, our annual School Ball is being held on **Saturday 20 July** at The Stables in Matakana. This is a Red Carpet event and is eagerly awaited by all. There is an important letter enclosed in this mail out for parents/caregivers intended for any parent who has a child attending this event. Please read this carefully.

Here's to a great night on the 20 July, and a safe and enjoyable term break.

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Irene Symes  
Principal



# HEALTH CLINIC



## HOURS

MONDAY

9.30AM - 2PM

TUESDAY

9.30AM - 11.30PM

PHYSIO 11.30AM - 4.30PM

WEDNESDAY

9.30AM - 2PM

THURSDAY

9.30AM - 2PM

## UNIFORMS

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# ACTIVE LIVING

PHYSIO

PHYSIO IS NOW  
AVAILABLE  
FOR ONE DAY

Bookings can be made at the  
student office

## 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.



## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2020. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list.

Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page \(https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html\)](https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html)

The scholarship page is free to use and always will be. Unlike GivMe, students can access the information at home and on their mobiles etc. We have published a number of tips for application success as well, designed to make the application process less stressful for your students.

## YEAR 9 STARDOME

On Monday 10 June, the Year 9 students went on a science discovery visit to Auckland's Stardome.



The first part of the trip to this observatory saw the students gathered for a question and answer session to check prior learning. The students were enthusiastic to learn more and were proud to show off their existing knowledge.

The first session was followed by a scavenger hunt through the information centre displays using ipads and their observational skills to find the right display, and then the correct answer. Ont o the Stardome itself. Here we saw the difference between the Northern and Southern Hemisphere skies at night, and the separating of Father Sky and Mother Earth as told in the Maori fable. We went on to learn how early mariners navigated by using the stars. We learnt about Matariki and how Maori used the Matariki/ Pleiades stars in their Waka journeys across the Pacific. We also learned about the Matariki festival and the timing according to the stars.

## CHILEAN EXCHANGE

Our first exchange with North Cross school in Curacavi, Chile, took place this term with the arrival of Laura and Amira in Year 10. It was an excellent start to the exchange programme and the two girls had a wonderful time in New Zealand, visiting Rotorua, Northland, Hobbiton and the Coromandel, and experiencing kiwi school life. They return to Chile this weekend accompanied by two of our students, Mia Atkins and Jaide Collinson, for the return exchange. I'm sure it will be an unforgettable experience for them. If any Spanish students (including those in Year 9) are interested in doing this exchange next year, please see Mrs Rae.



## YEAR 13 BIO TRIP

On Friday 28 June, the Year 13 Biology class were lucky to travel to Massey University to carry out gene editing techniques. This was an awesome experience as they got to carry out what they have been studying in class and have a trial run at what university laboratory sessions would be like. They also got to hear what undergraduates and post graduates were studying in the biological sciences and hopefully get some inspiration about what to study next year!



## ACADEMIC COUNSELLING YR 12

The AC class at Rodney College this term have been doing a leadership course to learn about themselves and leadership styles. Throughout the course, the students were able to do multiple tests and have conversations to discover their own leadership types and how to function in a group. To put themselves to the test they were taken to Action Matakana an obstacle course which put their leadership skills and fitness to the test. They had to scale 3 metre walls, wade through mud and swim across lakes, all while keeping a heavy jerry can off the ground the entire time. The course pushed them all and tested their leadership skills but they all came through and had great fun along the way.

Sam Reiff  
Springboard



## TEXTILES

Skye and Phoenix, right, are both doing a Level 3 Achievement Standard that requires making a prototype considering the wider social environment. They are using traditional techniques (weaving and patchwork) that both their grandmothers do, who are also sharing their knowledge. The girls are doing the same techniques using contemporary recycled materials. They have to get feedback from their nanas.



Year 9 Textile students made cushions by up cycling materials with the focus on mosaics.

## SPEECH AND SPOKEN WORD COMP

The first annual Rodney College Speech and Spoken Word Competition was held on Thursday 20th June at lunchtime in the hall. The competition was split into junior and senior categories, with the juniors having to speak for 3 to 4 minutes and the seniors having to speak for 5 to 7 minutes. Students were able to choose their own topic and form of presentation so the audience were treated to a real variety from the contestants - a spoken word poem, a persuasive speech on LGBTQI rights, a humorous presentation on the restrictions of comedy, to name a few.

All the contestants did a great job and it was hard for the teachers from the English Department to choose the winners! We eventually decided on the following: in the senior competition, first place went to Max Eyton (Year 13) and second place was Carlos Gillon (Year 13). In the junior competition, first place went to Samantha Hunia (Year 10), second place Will Heron (Year 10), and third place Sam Hendry-Powell (Year 9).

Congratulations to the winners and to all the contestants for giving it a go! Also, a big thank you to the English department for judging and the teachers and students who came to watch and support the students competing.

Georgina Hackett, HoD English

## HISTORY LEVEL 2

There may not be many primary sources available to access for students researching our involvement in the Vietnam War but Year 12 History students visited two museums to find them.

The lack of information available speaks to the controversy surrounding New Zealand's role in this conflict and this is what makes it an interesting topic to research. Our research delves into not only why New Zealand was drawn into this conflict and the nature of our contribution, but also the protests surrounding our involvement, and



Auckland War Memorial Museum we were pretty hungry so we headed back across the bridge and visited Hansan Vietnamese restaurant as a fitting end to our trip.

Mrs Yorke  
History Teacher

the effects on both veterans and New Zealand society.

Of course after researching at both Devonport Naval Museum and the

Museum we were pretty



## LEVEL 3 BUSINESS STUDIES



To help gain more knowledge into how a New Zealand business operates, Level 3 Business Studies class had the awesome

opportunity to visit a New Zealand printing company, Platform Print. Students were given a tour around the factory by one of the owners of the business, Karen Mete, and the different parts of the production chain were explained. The trip had a strong hands on experience with students being able to print their open company logos onto garments.

This business trip was an amazing experience, where the class was able to understand the

important aspects of successfully running a medium sized business and being able to apply what we have learnt in class to real world scenarios. To experience it being carried out in person and interact with their staff and equipment was very exciting.



Talia Sampson

## LEVEL 2 DRAMA

For inspiration for their production of West, the Level 2 Drama students visited the Silo Company at Q Theatre. They were spoilt to see 'Wolves', written by a Pulitzer Prize winning playwright.



Stephen Berkoff's West to the stage on Thursday - a wild ride of 60's East End London.



Many thanks to both teachers and parents who have endured the long hours of practice and the picking up at late hours. We so appreciate all your support.

Lucy Duffield  
Drama



The Level 2 students have been working hard on their performance of West. For an assessment the Level 2 students spent many hours beyond scheduled classes to bring



## GLOBAL CHEER AND DANCE GAMES

Year 11 student, Alex Matheson competed in Hawaii at the Global Cheer and Dance Games for All Star Infinity, based in Silverdale. Countries from all over the world competed, USA, Canada, Australia, China and New Zealand. Her team, Relentless, won gold in their division, First Senior 3, and placed 3rd for the Grand Champs. It was a 2 day competition where they scored 30% on day one and 70% on day two.

Alex has been cheerleading for 4 years and her position is back base. She has an upcoming event, Utopia, at the North Shore Events Centre and will compete in the New Zealand Nationals at the end of the year. Alex also coaches a level 2 team, 'Limitless', which is also part of Infinity. This means she is in Silverdale 4 nights a week either training or coaching. So, this win is well deserved.



## SADD WEEK

For SADD Week - Students against Dangerous Driving, the Wellsford Fire Brigade came and demonstrated their skills and the procedure of extracting victims in an car accident.

Students Against Dangerous Driving empowers young Kiwis to prevent loss on our roads. We hope that our youth will adopt safer attitudes and behaviours when stepping into a car.



## TRI SERIES KARTING CHALLENGE

Billy Richards, a Year 11 student, entered the Whangarei/Auckland/Mt Wellington Tri-Series Karting Challenge and came home with a gold medal on 30 June. Out of 15 races over three days, spread between different tracks in Whangarei and Auckland Billy had 8 wins, 4 seconds and 3 thirds. Quite a feat with the downpours of rain and his class, at times, mixing with a much faster class which made for some interesting passing manoeuvres. Well done Billy!



# NORTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

## SENIOR BOYS

5 <sup>th</sup>	Jackson Brierly	23.38.6
12 <sup>th</sup>	Billy Whelan	25.03.7

## SENIOR GIRLS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Georgia Brierly	16.53.1
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## YEAR 9 BOYS

11 <sup>th</sup>	Anthony Grindlay	12.27.1
14 <sup>th</sup>	Toby Henderson	12.41.9

## YEAR 9 GIRLS

9 <sup>th</sup>	Keziah Baker	14.37.6
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sophie Reid	14.54.9



## SPORTS ROUNDUP JUNE 2019

Term 2 has been a very busy term with 3 teams playing Football every Wednesday. This has involved a lot of organizing and required a lot of parent help with assisting with transport etc. which we are extremely grateful for. At the time of writing this we are playing in the playoffs against the North of the North for final placings.



The girls played Bay of Islands College up in the Bay of Islands for the semi finals playoff. They won 1-0 which is a fantastic result. They are playing Bream Bay in the final for 1st and 2nd.

Hockey is progressing well in Division 3 in the Northland Competition. The team has won all their games bar one to date and are looking forward to going to Tournament in Blenheim next term. The manager says that the team is working really well together and has a great team spirit.

I took a team of 7 students to the Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country held at Barge Park in Whangarei. Four of the students were

Years 9s which is hopefully a great experience for their future. I was so thrilled for Georgia Brierly taking out the senior girls title in



her last year at school. Georgia really dug deep, passing a very talented runner on the last hill to finish the clear winner. Jackson Brierly placed 5<sup>th</sup> and Billy Whelan 12<sup>th</sup> out of 25 Senior Boys. Anthony Grindlay 11<sup>th</sup> Toby Henderson 14<sup>th</sup> out of 38 Year 9 Boys. Keziah Baker 9<sup>th</sup> and Sophie Reid 12<sup>th</sup> out of 25 Year 9 Girls. All great results in this very competitive event.

We attended the Northland Secondary Schools Squash Teams Tournament in Whangarei



with four teams. All four teams played very well with two of the Teams winning their divisions. Tamara Marshall, Aiden Henare and Nicholas



Sundvick won the Mixed Open and Jack Oldfield, Ethan Batten and Finn McKelvie won the Boys Novice. Big thanks again to Edwina Came and Rebecca McKelvie for helping out with transport and on the day.



Congratulations to Tamara Marshall for winning the ladies Division 1 Northland PSA Squash Tournament recently.



Congratulations to Trinity Smith for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Maori Bay West Coast Surf Competition in very challenging conditions and for winning the U18 Girls in the Northland Surfing series. Good luck Trinity for the rest of your events. Also well done to Billy Whelan for placing 4th in U16 Boys and Cory Vercoe placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in U18 Boys in the Northland Surfing Series.

Another congratulations goes to Tarrin Rous who won 'Best Gross' at the Northland Secondary Schools Golf Qualifier in Whangarei.

Tomarata School asked us again this year to supply referees for their Hockey/Soccer days. We supplied 18 students. The students were Year 9 & 10s and they took on this role with a great deal of maturity. Big thanks to the following students for representing our school so well: Jaxon Ashton, Keziah Baker, Hayden Carmichael, Lewis Cox, Anthony Grindlay, Caitlin Heke, Toby Henderson,

Samantha Howroyd, Daniella Isla, Mitchell Jones, Zeph Jones, Ella Logue, Brendon Mason, Lochie Moir, Payton Pere, Ryan Watson- Walker, Blake Whelan and Kayla Wood.

We had the great pleasure in being asked to present badges to Keith and Caroline Marshall for their long service to New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics. This award was presented in Assembly by Irene Symes, Principal, with a heartfelt speech given by Head Girl, Georgia Brierly, followed by a morning tea with the staff. It was great that Sandra Kashammer, Eileen Parsons and Tony Marshall were able to come along to support Keith and Caroline at this presentation. We as a school are extremely



appreciative of the many, many years they have supported our students and the community. Thank you again to all those who put their hand up to volunteer to help us in our sports; it is much appreciated, and we would be lost without it.

Maria Northin  
Sport Coordinator

# SPORTS UNIFORMS

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPORTS UNIFORMS  
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**PLEASE**  
RETURN THESE TO MARIA NORTHIN  
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**Top tennis court carpark** ✓

**Bus turn around** ✗

**Main entrance car park** ✗

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The main entrance car park & the bus turn around **ARE NOT** Pick up areas unless you have a sick child.

Please use the swimming pool or top tennis court for this



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

<b>Saturday 20 July</b>	Senior School Ball
<b>Monday 22 July</b>	Start of Term 3
<b>Monday 29 July - Friday 2 August</b>	Market Week Level 1 Business
<b>Thursday 1 August</b>	Badminton Individuals
<b>Friday 9 August</b>	Loves Me Not - Year 12s
<b>Thursday 22 - Friday 30 August</b>	Senior Assessment Exams
<b>Monday 26 August</b>	Mid Term Break
<b>Thursday 29 - Saturday 31 August</b>	Tertiary Summit Ngati Whatua - Auckland
<b>Monday 2 - Friday 6 September</b>	Tournament Week
<b>Thursday 5 September</b>	Year 8 Open Evening

**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.

