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TENA KOUTOU
MATUA MA

It's been another busy term at Rodney College with lots of positives. The Education Review Office (ERO) visited in Week 2 and were

impressed with what they saw and heard. Thank you to those parents who attended a focus group with the ERO team to give them a parents' perspective on the college. We now await their written report. In the same week, Year 11 Business Studies, taught by Ian Callachan, held their increasingly popular and successful **Market Week**.

In Week 3, Year 12s attended '**Loves Me Not**'. This course has national recognition and is a NZ Police initiative, developed in collaboration with NGOs such as the Women's Refuge, and also NZ educators. It is a powerful, engaging programme providing essential life skills to our young people as they navigate their way through future relationship choices. I'd like to acknowledge the support of the police, especially Bernie Watts, Garry Morning and Shaz Glen, for making this event happen at Rodney College, and to the other presenters from our community who generously devoted their time and energy into the presentations to our Year 12 students on this day.

All Year 11-13 students are currently participating in **Senior Assessment Week**. With only 5 more weeks of Term 3 left, time is ticking away for our senior students in terms of their NCEA achievement. The pressure is now on **ALL** students; firstly, making sure that they are on

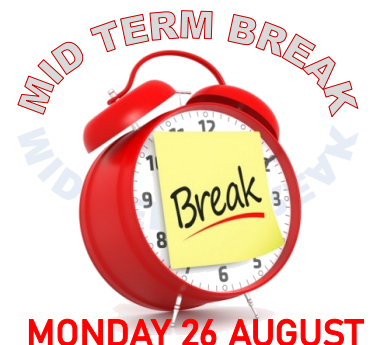
top of their internal assessments, and secondly, turning their focus to preparing for their externals which begin in November. By now all senior students should have a study routine in place at home, utilising their time in the evenings and weekends.

There are three important events still to occur in the remaining weeks of the term. Firstly, we are holding an **Open Evening** for new students enrolling for 2020 and their parents on **Thursday 5 September** starting at 5.30pm. This is followed by an **Open Day** for our Year 8s on **Friday 6 September**. Finally, we look forward to seeing parents and caregivers at Rodney College for our second **Parent, Student and Teacher (PST)** conference being held on **Thursday 27 September**. A key focus of these PSTs will be subject selection for next year, so it's a very important meeting to attend.

Also in the weeks ahead, House Leaders are working hard behind the scenes to prepare their house for the annual Variety Concert showdown. Please come along and support your house!

Ka kite ano

Irene Symes
Principal



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HEALTH CLINIC



HOURS

MONDAY

9.30AM - 2PM

TUESDAY

9.30AM - 11.30AM

PHYSIO 11.30AM - 4.30PM

WEDNESDAY

9.30AM - 2PM

THURSDAY

9.30AM - 2PM

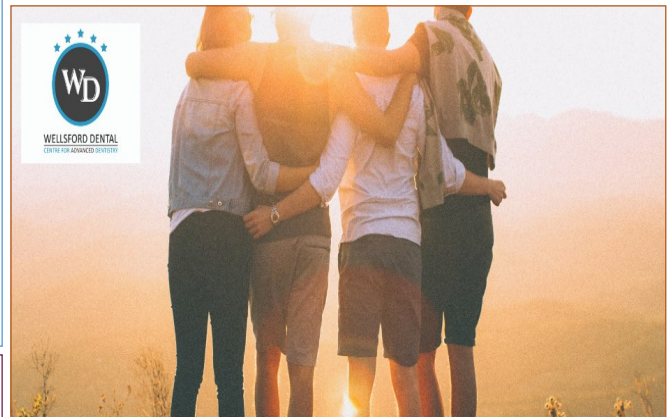
KAMAR PHONE APP

There is an updated App being released soon that will work on android phones. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**



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Bachelor of Commerce
& Riley Edwards for completing her
Master of Conservation Biology
at
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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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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>)

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.

DREAMING BIG DAY IN AUCKLAND

On Tuesday 6 August, myself (Jenae Hampson) and three other Year 13 students (Julianne Cunningham, Chontae Martin and Jessica Weller) were invited to attend a 'Dreaming Big' module for young women at the Mercury building in Newmarket. The day was split into three different sessions; a panel of renowned and successful women in NZ, a discussion on entrepreneurialism, and a discussion on 'imposter syndrome' and interview musts.

All of the women we were lucky enough to hear from were all super intriguing and inspiring; their stories spoke of the hardships and obstacles they faced as they moved up the hierarchy of the workforce. They encouraged us to never give up on our dreams and that anything you put your mind to



CONGRATULATIONS TO CF ACHIEVER - ARTS

Briar Lomas is a top student in her Bachelor of Design course at Massey University in Wellington. Now in her fourth (honours) year, she achieved an A+ in all her courses last semester and was nominated as one of only two students to join the Design Institute of New Zealand's Student Council. Briar was awarded Cystic Fibrosis Achiever for the second time. The first time when she was Head Girl at Rodney College in 2014, and this time for her exceptional work in her Bachelor of Design.

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is possible. Always dream big; the only thing stopping you is yourself.

Following this, we were invited to Government House by Her Excellency, the Governor-General of New Zealand, The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy, for the 'Bold Steps For Young Women' afternoon tea. Here we had the opportunity to meet with Her

Excellency and continue networking and talking to the successful women of NZ's workforce.

This day was an unsurpassable opportunity and we are so grateful to have been selected to attend the programme.



ZOO TRIP AND HUMAN EVOLUTION

On Friday 9 August, the Level 3 Biology class went on a school trip to the Auckland Zoo for a session on primates and human evolution. We had one of the keepers talk to us about the different kinds of primates found at the zoo and how these species compare and contrast to each other in terms of physical, social and emotional tendencies.

We had a chance to examine skulls and skeletons of chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans and humans in order to identify the differences between their physical properties. This led us to the human evolution section of the session where we had to order replica skulls of different hominins according to the time they were



present on earth. We did this based on the learning we have been doing in class as we work towards practice exams.

This was super

interesting and was beneficial in reinforcing the learning we've done with interactive activities. Thanks, Auckland Zoo!

Jenae Hampson

LOVES ME NOT

The Year 12 students took part in a full day workshop this term for the Loves-Me-Not Programme. Loves-Me-Not is a 'whole-school approach' to prevent abusive behaviour in relationships. It is based on a student inquiry learning process, where students take action (personal action, effective bystander action and community action) to prevent harm from relationship abuse.

Topics they participated in included: healthy and unhealthy relationships, types of abuse, control in relationships, myths that perpetuate sexual violence and scenarios around consent. We were fortunate to have an amazing facilitation team including Senior Constable Sharon Glen, Senior Constable Bernie Watt, Senior Constable Jon Williams, Senior Constable Garry Morning; Ashlee, Kimberley, Sam and Phoebe from Springboard; and teachers Ms Landrey, Mr Kingi and Mr Wynyard. The facilitators were impressed with the contribution from the students and how they involved themselves and contributed to the day.



LIKE A RIVER

Level 1, 2 and Year 10 Drama watched Massive Company's 'Like a River' in Whangarei earlier this month. It was inspired by teachings of Lao Tse. "Be still like a mountain and flow like a river. The best way to live is to be like water. The softest



things of the world overcome the hardest things of the world". Always this idea of the river and

it's gentle unstoppable force is present in the story. Lao Tse talks about a river being strong and nothing can stop it. And it will always flow around the hard edges of other people. And if something impedes it, it will still get where it needs to go. And if it needs to it will create it's own stream/path and become its own river. It was very relevant to today's New Zealand, especially for young people – the idea of speaking up and to protest about social issues like climate change, social media and pressures to conform.

Lucy Duffield



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LEVEL 1 TEXTILES

It was a great day out at Rainbows End for the Level 1 Textile students. Here they were trialling their prototypes which included dresses, bags and pants for internal Achievement Standards.

The students had to wear and use the prototypes they had made and evaluate their performance at the end of the day. The prototype was for use at a fun but casual event.

The day tested the practical side of garments; were they too short or too long, were they made in the right materials for wearing when wet, could you sit comfortably



in small spaces, could bags be used efficiently.

The students had a great day without too many embarrassing moments and learnt that when it comes to designing, practicality as well as looks is most important.

MEDIA STUDIES TRIP - CENSOR FOR A DAY

On Tuesday 13 August the Year 12 and 13 Media Studies classes travelled to Event Cinemas in Whangarei to take part in the 'Censor for a Day' programme, which is an event organised by the Office of Film and Literature Classification.

Censor for a Day gives senior media students first-hand experience of how the classification system for entertainment media works in New Zealand. The programme is not only about teaching young people about the classification system, but it's also about hearing their views on the role of censorship in our society.

To begin, the students were given a presentation about New Zealand's classification system by Henry Talbot, Senior Advisor in OFLC's Information Unit. This included an overview of the *Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993*. They also learned about the process followed by Classification Advisors (more commonly referred to as censors) when classifying films, electronic games and other publications. Students then watched a film that had recently been classified.

After lunch, students were taken through a classification exercise, guided by Classification Advisor Kim Bishop, to evaluate the film using our classification criteria. The exercise involved students answering questions that relate to specific criteria in the Classification Act. When

deciding on a classification, students had to consider the potential for the film to be harmful to young people, while also considering the right to freedom of expression under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBORA), including "the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind". They individually completed a classification form, which is a pared-down version of a seven-page consideration sheet that Classification Advisors use when classifying a film. The students were asked to decide on a suitable classification and descriptive note that would prevent the likelihood of injury to the public good from the availability of the film while balancing the right to freedom of expression provided by the NZBORA.

The OFLC staff then led a discussion about how the students applied the classification criteria to the film and the reasons behind their classification choices. There was also an opportunity for students to ask the OFLC staff questions about New Zealand's classification system.



Doggolicious

Market Week 2019

On Thursday 1st of August Level 1 Business Studies students began their annual market week selling their products during lunchtime throughout the week. This is a highlight of the school's food experience. Doggolicious, Freeezy Cookies, Woah Waffles, Buttie & Co, Smore Slice, House Of Flavour dumplings, Simply Donuts, JMF Brownies. Hours of research and development led to a very successful week with all groups breaking even and gaining knowledge of what it's like to run a small business in a competitive market.

By Olivia & Shalynne



WOAH WAFFLE



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SPORTS BLUES NOMINATIONS

We are looking for NOMINATIONS for Sports Blues for our 2019 Sports and Cultural Prizegiving. Nominations should be sent to Maria Northin (maria.northin@rodneycollege.school.nz) for students who have: represented Northland (or North Harbour); placed in the top 2 of a Northland (or North Harbour) event; achieved at Northland representative level (or North Harbour); selected for a New Zealand national team or achieved a top 2 placing at international level representing New Zealand in any sporting code.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Term 3 is now half way through and we are nearing the end of Friday night Netball and looking forward to Tournament week for our Hockey and Netball Teams.

Our top **netball** team is preparing to compete again this year at Upper North Island Secondary Schools Tournament (UNISS) with 125 Teams competing from schools from the top half of the North Island. This year it is being held at the Barfoot & Thompson Netball Centre, 44 Northcote Road, Takapuna, from 2 to 6 September. Good Luck, girls, we hope you have a great week! Our top netball team played in the annual Matoma Cup Challenge. This Cup was originally donated by the Jones family when Mahurangi College was no longer playing at the Netball Rodney Centre. Now with Otamatea High School no longer playing at Netball Rodney Centre, this year was possibly the only chance of playing against both our neighbouring schools. In the first game Otamatea had a convincing win against Rodney (34-16), the second game saw Mahurangi

shaving a convincing win over Otamatea (33-19) In the third game, Rodney played Mahurangi expecting a really tough game but our team put in 100% effort on court to get the best result they could. It was a close game throughout with Mahurangi winning 29-20.

We have also competed in the Northland Secondary Schools Tournament held at the new Netball Centre in Dargaville. The girls played extremely well and came away with three wins and one loss. This was a great opportunity to



SPORTS UNIFORMS

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPORTS UNIFORMS
AT HOME

PLEASE

RETURN THESE TO MARIA NORTHIN
URGENTLY



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prepare for UNISS.

Our top junior team is competing at the Northland Secondary Schools Junior Tournament in Kerikeri on Thursday 29 August.

Our **Hockey** Team is travelling to Blenheim for the Mixed Hockey Tournament. Teams travel from schools throughout NZ to compete. Good luck to the team and we wish you a successful tournament.

We entered a mixed team in the Lower Northland Boys Interschool Tournament against Mahurangi College, Bream Bay College and Otamatea High School. There were some great games, very close scores and Rodney came away with 3rd overall.

Their weekly Monday games are in their final stages where the team was in second position. They played their semi final with an unfortunate loss to Okaihau and will now play for 3rd and 4th place on Monday 26 August.



I took a team of 5 students, Tamara Marshall, Aidan Henare, Finn McKelvie, Jesse Manuell and Pacey Laing-Smith to the Northland Secondary Schools Individual **Badminton** Tournament held in Whangarei. All the students played very well with some good results and Finn McKelvie winning the Special Plate. Big thanks to Rebecca Collins for helping out again with transport.

Basketball is a very popular sport at our school with two boys teams competing at the Northland Secondary Schools events. Our Senior team competed in the Senior event and won several of their games against strong competition. We tied winning our pool but lost out playing in the quarter final on countback and played off for 5th and 6th with Dargaville, which we won. Well done, boys and thank you Mr Wynyard for taking us and for refereeing on the day.



Our Junior Basketball Team competed in the Year 9 & 10 NSS event. We had a great day, winning every game we played through to the final against Boys High, which we thought we had won until the referee blew the whistle on a foot fault, so we drew. The game then had to go to extra time and sadly we lost. It was an awesome game though and I was very proud of the boys. Huge thanks to Patrick Abellera for coming with me and taking on the coaching role for the day and refereeing when required.

Both our boys' teams are coached by students and mostly play against teams that have adult coaches. I am really appreciative of Dominic Miringaorangi, Vince Cuadra and Jarelle Porter for coaching the boys and I admire the passion that all the boys have for the game. As we have more players that are keen but missed out on these



events, I am organizing some interschool games for the future.

Congratulations to our students who have been selected to represent Northland in **Rugby**. We will be following their games with interest.

U16 Girls

Prescilla Barlow

U18 Girls

Georgia Brierly ©

Louisa Tubailagi

Mya Wilson-Hiraka

U18 Boys

Patrick Abellera

Jesse Manuell

Noah Pride

U18 Vikings

Jayden Wright

the information regarding Blues Awards (advertised in this newsletter) and email me if you know of any student who this may apply to or any information on students who have had success in sport that we should know about.
maria.northin@rodneycollege.school.nz

Our Sports and Cultural photos are on Thursday 12 September in the school hall. If you are a coach or manager of any of our teams we would love for you to be there. Please contact me if you have not already heard from me.

Our Sports and Cultural Prizegiving is on Wednesday 16 October in our school hall at 7pm. All Welcome.

Prizegiving and ASB Awards are getting very close and I am questioning students who I have identified as having met the criteria. Please read

Maria Northin
0276944480

CUPS AND TROPHIES

It's time to start polishing up those cups and trophies. Please return them to school by Friday 30 August.



**SPORTS
PHOTOS**

**THURSDAY 12
SEPTEMBER
9am onwards
college hall**

Coaches & managers
could you please let
Maria or your team
know if
you are unable to
be there

Maria
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Measles
contagious

REMINDER

Measles are in the Auckland Area. The only way to protect your family is to make sure they are vaccinated or immune.



OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

AND PARENTS

STARTS 6PM

IN COLLEGE HALL

SAUSAGE

SIZZLE 5.30PM

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

YEAR 8 STUDENTS

Thank you Rodney College

for supporting ASB.

Through ASBs school loan referral program your school has been nominated to receive 2x \$500.00

Faye Sworn, ASB School Account Manager

ASB

Because of the Privacy Act, we are not given any details of the people concerned and we would like to pass on our thanks for your support. If you wish to make yourselves known to us feel free to contact the office.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

Thursday 22 - Friday 30 August	Senior Assessment Exams
Monday 26 August	Mid Term Break
Thursday 29 - Saturday 31 August	Tertiary Summit Ngati Whatua - Auckland
Monday 2 - Friday 6 September	Tournament Week
Thursday 5 September	Year 8 Open Evening
Friday 6 September	Year 8 Open Day
Tuesday 17 - Friday 20 September	Variety Concerts
Thursday 26 September	PST Parent Student Teacher Conferences
Friday 27 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 14 October	Start of Term 4

**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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Mr I Callachan	Year 12 Dean	ian.callachan@rodneycollege.school.nz
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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Senior Ball

