

MAY/JUNE 2021

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# Rodney College



TENA KOUTOU  
MATUA MA

Already we are over halfway through the year and Term 2. Irene Symes is enjoying her sabbatical. She has visited several schools

collecting data for her research and is enjoying the change of focus.

A large number of our students have visited Auckland over the last few weeks. Various classes have visited the art gallery, museum and the zoo. Students have attended performances put on by the NZ Opera, The Ugly Shakespeare Company and have attended The Auckland Writers festival sessions. Watching professional artists helps inspire our student performers who this term have performed in the Te Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Festival, the annual speech competitions and have taken part in the Rock Quest Northland heats. We wish two bands, Inaudible and Barred, all the best for their performances in the finals later this term.

Education outside the classroom is not only a great motivator for students but helps students contextualise their learning. Classes have visited historical sites in Northland, have attended the Dargaville Field Day, have spent a day at Tree Adventures and been mountain biking at Woodhill Forest. Students collected data from Piroa Falls and Waipu Caves, completed a marine study at Goat Island.

The wellbeing of students and staff has been a focus for our pastoral team and student leaders. The student leaders organised I am Hope to

speak to the school about mental health. They also ran a successful Pink Shirt day to put an end to bullying. Jazz Thornton, the co-founder of Voices of Hope, an organisation that provides help and hope to those struggling with mental illness, will speak to students later this week. As in past years, the Year 10 students have been involved with the Stand Up programme.

Winter Sports teams of Netball, Rugby, Soccer, Squash, Basketball and Volleyball are well under way and the much needed turf is finally under construction. A big thankyou to the Sports Coordinator, Maria Northin, managers, coaches and parents for supporting these teams. Being part of a team is a valuable experience.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Matariki week festival. This will include the school's drama performance of Tartuffe, a Ki o Rahi competition, International Day and will finish with the much anticipated House Haka competition.

Ka kite ano

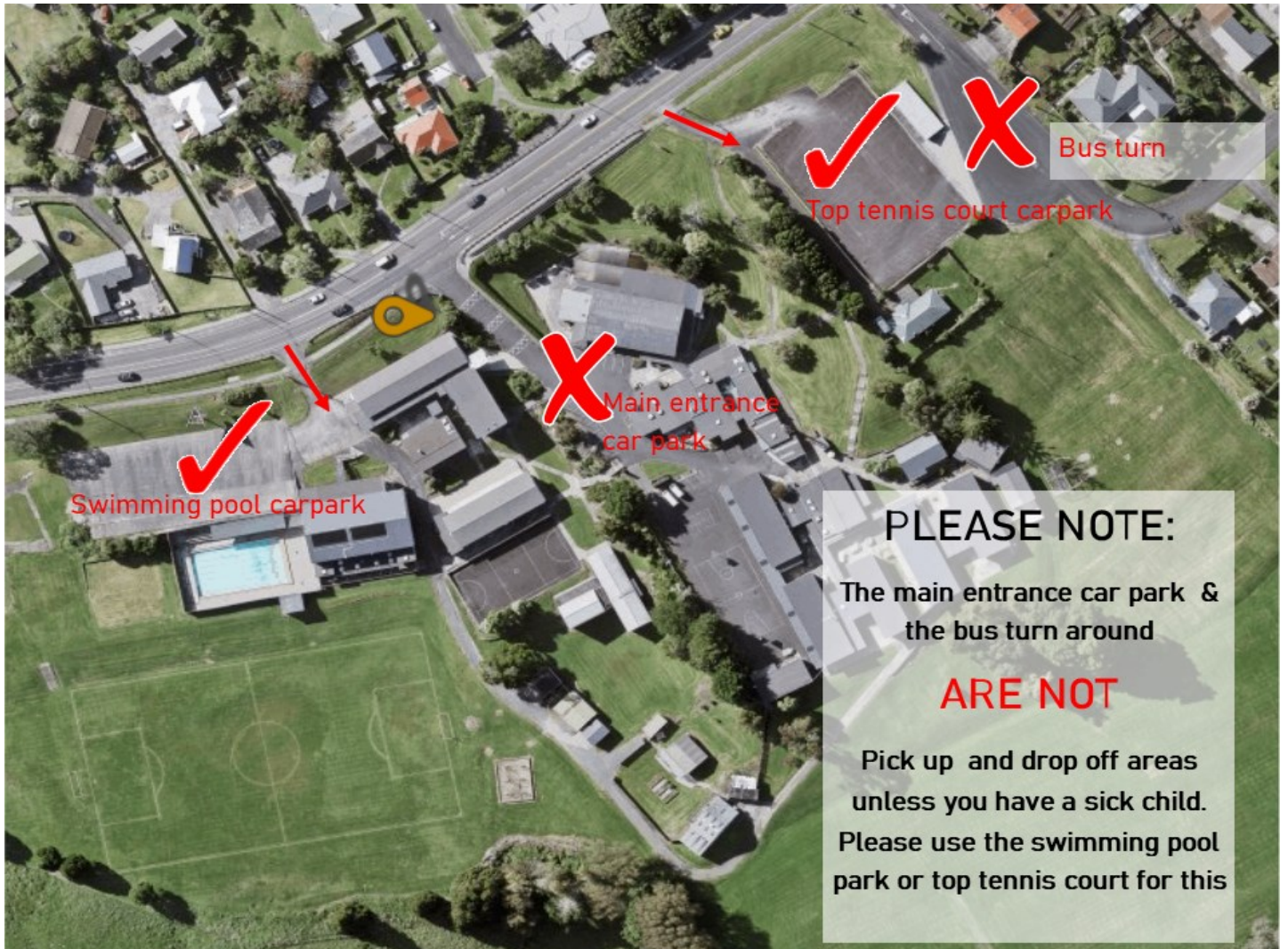
Stephen Rowe  
**Acting Principal**



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# WHO'S WHO

When corresponding with the school eg, payments, texts, emails etc please make sure you put your child's name. It is very difficult to know who belongs to whom.

## FOOD FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Some of the staff were in for a treat as they experienced real Asian flavours. Mrs Benjamin, one of our Math and Science teachers, taught us how to make a true Indian feast. Pete Wynwood, the only male, made the most of the abundant food!





# HEALTH CLINIC



## HOURS

### MONDAY

9AM - 3PM (NURSE)

### TUESDAY

9AM - 3PM (NURSE)

### WEDNESDAY

HAND PHYSIO 1PM - 3PM

### THURSDAY

9AM - 3PM (NURSE)

DOCTOR 10AM - 12 MIDDAY

**NEW  
HOURS**



**mana**  
HAND THERAPY

Our Hand Therapy Clinic is Opening

Do you have a hand/wrist/finger/forearm or elbow injury?

We do splinting, dressings, casting, and all rehabilitation for hand, wrist and forearms

We have a hand therapy clinic at the nurses' station on Wednesday 1-3pm funded by ACC

Contact Sarah during school hours

or

Phone Mana Hand Therapy on 09 973-3164 after hours to book and request the school clinic

Or email [info@manahandtherapy.co.nz](mailto:info@manahandtherapy.co.nz)



**ANTI  
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## LEVEL 1 STREAM STUDY

In Term 1, Mr Trottier and Mr Kingsley's Level 1 Science classes went on a trip to do stream health testing on two rivers at Mahurangi and Goat Island.

We measured temperature, pH, macroinvertebrate, flow rate and titration, as well as looking at vegetation surrounding the rivers.

Our aim was to see what effect urbanisation and intense agriculture had on a freshwater ecosystem. As an added bonus, we also got to go snorkeling at Goat Island and saw a wide range of fish species and aquatic plants.

By Kayla Wood

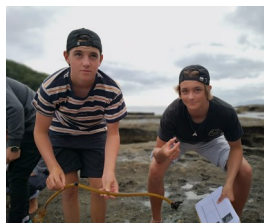


## LEVEL 2 GEN SCIENCE

On Monday 8 March, the Year 12 General Science class visited Goat Island to conduct research on the rocky shore. We started the day leaving the college in the morning all crammed into the school vans, learning all about Mr T's fire fighting experiences on our way. Once we arrived we got straight into our research, collecting data of the different species present on the shore. This went on just a tad too long as the majority of the class was quite obviously sick of counting hundreds of oysters by the hour mark, some even comparing the experience to worse than sitting in science class itself. Once we finally finished our research we were treated with a trip to the local dairy to

waste our change on junk food which everyone appreciated. We made our way back to Goat Island and finished the day with a long walk down the beach resulting in some slightly wet students. The ride back wasn't something to miss. You were either a soggy uncomfortable teenager or you were putting up with soggy uncomfortable teenagers complaining. Overall we had a great time away from the classroom and we all look forward to our future General Science trips.

By Sean Brennan



## LEVEL 2 CHEM HOTE0 STREAM STUDY

On 23 March, Year 12 Chemistry went on a school trip which involved travelling to three different

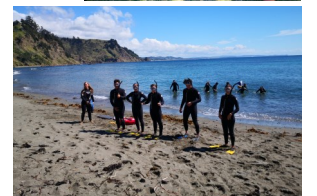
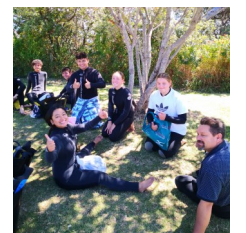


locations: the Hoteo River, Mahurangi River and Goat Island. The purpose of the trip was for a Level 2 Environmental Chemistry assessment that required us to collect three varied water samples and carry out procedures such as adding chemical solutions to identify the present ions

or anions in the sample. The overall experience was fun as we were able to venture out of school to different places.

To finish off the trip we also had the opportunity to dive and snorkel at the Goat Island Marine Reserve, which we felt was the highlight of our trip. This is because we learnt about numerous species in the reserve and witnessed animals such as a manta ray up close as we snorkelled.

By Cayene Odi





## ANZAC DAY

Rodney College commemorated Anzac Day, as always, at the dawn service in Wellsford. It was nice to see so many people come from around the town to stand in remembrance, including several members of our Student Council, and Shalynne and Zavannah representing the fire brigade. The large turnout at the service and later at the RSA was emblematic of the kind of close-knit and dedicated community this school is so lucky to be a part of.



## AUCKLAND WRITERS FESTIVAL

In search of inspiration, Carl's Jr and Bobba Tea, 27 students from across all year levels travelled to Auckland to attend the Writers' festival. The speakers delved into their own journeys in writing; sharing experiences and expertise to help demystify the process of developing ideas, writing, and the torture of editing. Each speaker had a different way of going about their craft and together had messages useful for all.



## HISTORY TRIP 2021

Last Monday Level 2 History went on a journey back in time to look at early Maori/Pakeha relations in the Bay of Islands.



The students visited **Oihi Mission Station**, today known as 'Marsden Cross', the site of New Zealand's first Christian mission station. The station was set up through the efforts of



Reverend Samuel Marsden and Ruatara, chief of Rangihouapa. This was followed by visiting Kerikeri

Mission station along with a very interesting talk about the history of the site.

No trip north is complete without visiting the Waitangi Treaty grounds and the students got taken on a journey of stories around the treaty and the different perspectives about the event.

In the afternoon the "Hellhole of the Pacific", Russell, beckoned and we all spent time

exploring the town and learning about the French Catholic brothers who set up the printery under the leadership of Bishop Pompallier.



On our last day we visited the Kawiti Glow worm caves and braved the deluge to visit Ruapekapeka Pa. It was great for the students to visit the places that they have been learning about and it gives them more insight into events of the past.





## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Term 2 is the start of team sports. **Hockey** has got off to a good start with lots of new players and the team has been moved up to Division 2. The coach, Jason Warahi and manager, Alan Batten, are pleased to have the experience of Brooke Jones, PE Teacher at Rodney College, as a great addition to the coaching team.

Rodney College had two Senior Mixed **Volleyball** teams enter the Volleyfest held at Kensington



Stadium on 14 May. The tournament was set up by Northland Volleyball as an Open Tournament aiming to increase participation for schools that do not compete in nationals. Both our teams played extremely well and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Rodney Blue came away with 5 wins out of 7 games, and Rodney Gold 4 wins out of 6 games. It was great to see our students develop their skills and support one another each game.

Our **Boys Soccer** team is currently second on the table. Although the team is mostly a senior boys team we have had several junior players that have stepped up to help out the team at our weekly Wednesday games.

This year Rodney has four **Netball** teams competing on Friday nights at Rodney Netball Centre. The season started with grading in early May and teams are now allocated to their grades. All teams are showing improvement since starting the season. This year would not have been possible without our volunteers who have stepped up to coach and manage our teams. Big thankyou to the following :

Team 1: Grace Oldfield and Judith Oldfield  
Team 2: Lynette Gubb and Donna Baker  
Team 3: Sarah Baldwin and Glenn Thomas  
Team 4: Shalynne Jones and Zavannah Aitken

Rodney College U14 and U16 Saturday **Rugby** Teams have had four games so far and each week their skills and confidence are building. Big thanks to the coaches and managers for all the time you give up and the ongoing support you give to get these teams on the field every Saturday. New players always welcome.

Edwina Came and I took a team of students to the Northland secondary schools Individual **Squash** Tournament in Whangarei. Our team consisted of Matthew Came, Rachel Came, Anthony Copeman Boyle, Xavier Jones-Browne, Alex Manuell, Harry Oldfield and Peter Sundvick. The competition was very strong and our students played very well against some high graded players. We are looking forward to competing in the Teams Squash on 17 June. Thanks, Edwina, for your ongoing support to our squash players.



Michael Kingi and I took 14 students to a new Sport Northland event for us, **Kiwi Tag**. Many of our students play Tag at Tomarata so it was exciting for Rodney College to enter a mixed team for the first time. A few rules were challenging for our team, but we managed to adapt to the situation. All in all it was a good day. The players demonstrated great skills and really had fun.





We also took 15 **Rugby** boys to spend some time at the very impressive Blues Headquarters and watch the players train and get autographs (see attached write up).



Every year we are asked to provide Umpires for Horizon School Primary Interschool tournament at Rodney Netball Centre. Eight Year 9 & 10 students; Michayla Buis, Tia Jones, Hanna Kerrigan, Isbe Kuinikoro, Kiki Te Haara, Mila Thomas, Amelia Waenga and Izabella Walstra did an amazing job of taking on this responsibility and the organisers were more than impressed with their ability and patience. I am personally very proud and grateful to these girls for being such great representatives for our school.  
Maria Northin

## BLUES BROTHERS

Not often do you get to see your favourite player in real life, you only see them on TV. This wasn't the case for many of our rugby boys as they were absolutely speechless when they saw their heroes, especially RJ Joseph. He was in the right place at the right time, as Reiko Ioane, an All Black, gave his playing shoes signed to anyone who was interested. Miss Cath Lewis was the reason why we had this opportunity and we thank her for everything; she is a gem. Sam Pierce who works at the Blues HQ organised the day for the Rodney College students, so many thanks also to him. Big thank you to Maria Northin for her support as she made the day run smoothly. The Rodney students really enjoyed the day, and it's an experience they will never forget.



## WELL STOCKED

Loyd Clarke raced at Waharoa Speedway for the North Island Ministock Champs in the Term 1 holidays. It was the first time that he had raced on this track. In the first race he was 15th on the grid and finished first. In Race 2, Loyd was 8th on the grid and placed second and Race 3 was 11th and came second. Racing is in the family with both his dad and his younger brother, Todd, racing.



## OUTWARD BOUND

Wren Mackintosh, a Year 13 student, had an amazing experience at Outward Bound. No phones were allowed and so there was no contact with the outside world. They slept under the stars at Torea Bay and woke up to stunning views.

To go on Outward Bound is a memory that will last forever and the impact is life changing.



# PICKLEBALL

The Mahurangi Pickleball Club will be introducing the sport of Pickleball to the local Wellsford area.

**THURSDAY NIGHTS (6-8PM) SESSIONS**  
**RODNEY COLLEGE SCHOOL GYM**  
**STARTING THURSDAY 24 JUNE.**

Suitable for all ages, it is good for fitness but with an emphasis on fun. For more information, check out this link, <https://youtu.be/E4y7TzHwdIM>, or simply come along on the night.

There will usually be a charge of \$5 per person, but your first session is free.



## THANKS

We would really like to give a **BIG THANKS** to ITM Warkworth for sponsoring our U14 Rugby Team and to Farmsource and Farmlands for donating water bottles for both the U14 and U16 Rugby Teams. Your support is much appreciated.

**WARKWORTH**



Weds: 4.30-6.30pm  
Commencing Term 2



\$10

**CHESS CLUB**  
**MANGAWHAI**

FOR ALL THE CHESS FANS OUT THERE

**RAW BEGINNERS ~ NOT TOO SURE!**

**INTERMEDIATES ~ ADVANCED PLAYERS ~ EVEN THE ADDICTED**

Let's all come together to play the game, share knowledge, teach great moves, coach the newbies, challenge the "masters"

... and have fun!

A chance to learn, play and make friends  
(no age restriction)

Tuition and/or Coaching on hand for beginners

**Supervised by an Adult**

2 rounds of : - Play 30mins / Break 20mins

**Refreshments included**

**Phone Tina - 021 689 988 for Details & Bookings**



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PRESENTS

Moliere's

# TARTUFFE

(THE HYPOCRITE)



RODNEY COLLEGE  
THURSDAY 8 JULY 7PM



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\$85

*The*  
**GREAT**  
**MASQUERADE**

31/7/2021

Rodney College



Location: Wellsford Community Centre  
Doors open: 6pm (Year 13) 7-7:30pm (Year 11&12)  
Ball finishes: 10:45pm

*(Masks encouraged)*



**RODNEY  
COLLEGE**

**OPEN EVENING**

6 PM

THURSDAY 26 AUGUST

5.30PM SAUSAGE

SIZZLE



**FRIDAY  
27  
AUGUST**

**OPEN  
DAY**



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

<b>Thursday 17 June</b>	Music Mentor Day 2
<b>Friday 18 June</b>	Level 3 Biology - Massey University
<b>Monday 21 June</b>	Year 9 Science Extension Trip
<b>Wednesday 23 - Friday 25 June</b>	Level 1 Business Challenge
<b>Tuesday 22 June</b>	School Cross Country
<b>Wednesday 23 June</b>	RockQuest Final
<b>Thursday 1 July</b>	Northland Cross Country
<b>Monday 5 - Friday 9 July</b>	Matariki Week
<b>Saturday 10 July</b>	Term 2 Holidays
<b>Monday 26 July</b>	Start of Term 3

**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.

