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TENA KOUTOU
MATUA MA

This newsletter comes to you in **Te Wiki o te reo Māori** / Maori Language Week, and at a time when the Auckland region remains

in Level 4. This means there is plenty of opportunity for us all to stop and take a moment for te reo Māori. We hope that both this newsletter and expanding your reo will help to bring some sunshine into your wintery bubbles this week.

One lesson we have all learned in lockdown is that life goes on. So, on Monday 30 August we welcomed Debbie Anderson into the Rodney College whanau as HOD Technology. Many students have met their new digital teacher online and Debbie is really enjoying getting to know her students. We also congratulate Helen McDonald, SENCO, for securing a new position as SENCO at Albany Junior College, starting in Term 4. We hope that the Alert Levels drop sufficiently quickly now so that we can acknowledge Helen's contribution for over five years she has been with us, and that we get to farewell her in person before the end of Term 3. Finally, Student Accounts staff member Jeannette Macdonald is retiring at the end of the year. Jeannette has worked at the college for ten years and has been very innovative in this role. You will see advertisements for both positions at the back of this newsletter.

Covid-19 continues to disrupt our lives but we have been lucky this year in being able to fit in a number of events, including our School Ball. This event was a huge success thanks to the hard mahi of our Social Action Leaders, Grace Myers,

Shalynne Jones and Damien Ferrall. This team, with the help of senior students and whanau, transformed the Wellsford Community Centre into an oasis of glitter and glam. Students who attended looked stunning, the food was delicious, and the dancing enjoyed by all. Thank you to all involved.

As far as the remainder of the academic year goes, the pressure is fully on our senior students now. There is no need to panic though, teachers will be flexible and are always ready to help. Senior students just need to continue to complete the work that is set for them in their Distance Learning programmes now, and ask for assistance when they need it.

He waka eke noa – we are all in this canoe together

Fortunately, with NZQA moving the external exams back two weeks, students will have a bit more time to complete internals and prepare for the external NZQA exams on their return. A copy of the new NCEA external assessment / Exam Timetable is included in this newsletter. Enjoy your read!

We're looking forward to resuming school-based learning soon.

Ka kite ano

Irene Symes
Principal



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NCEA EXAM TIMETABLE

As you may be aware, NCEA exams for 2021 have been pushed back two weeks to help compensate for the current lockdown. Below is the updated timetable for Level 1 - Level 3, Year 11, 12 and 13s.

2021 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE (published 26 August 2021)

Exams available digitally shown in blue

Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 22 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
	2.00 pm	Chinese	Media Studies	Dance	Calculus
Tue 23 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Earth & Space Science Cook Islands Māori	Drama
Wed 24 Nov	9.30 am	Lea Faka-Tonga	Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Thu 25 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics		Te Reo Māori	Classical Studies
	2.00 pm	Korean	Drama	Samoan	Statistics
Fri 26 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama Lea Faka-Tonga	Chemistry
	2.00 pm	Chemistry	Classical Studies		Economics
WEEKEND					
Mon 29 Nov (Westland Ann. Day)	9.30 am	Japanese	Latin Dance	Japanese Art History	Earth & Space Science
	2.00 pm	Social Studies	French	Spanish	Latin
Tue 30 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	
	2.00 pm	Economics	Korean Cook Islands Māori	Accounting	
Wed 1 Dec	9.30 am	Cook Islands Māori	English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	German
Thu 2 Dec	9.30 am	English	Lea Faka-Tonga		English
	2.00 pm	Drama	History	Health	Physics
Fri 3 Dec	9.30 am	Business Studies	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science Chinese German	Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
WEEKEND					
Mon 6 Dec	9.30 am	Art History Te Reo Māori	Japanese	Latin Social Studies Psychology	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
Tue 7 Dec	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Samoan Spanish	Geography	Chemistry	
Wed 8 Dec	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics	Korean	Media Studies
Thu 9 Dec	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	
Fri 10 Dec	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm		German	Home Economics	Art History
WEEKEND					
Mon 13 Dec	9.30 am		Business Studies	French	Japanese
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		Geography
Tue 14 Dec	9.30 am	Health	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Te Reo Rangatira	Chinese
	2.00 pm		Social Studies	Music Studies	Spanish

YEAR 9 SCIENCE KELLY TARLTON'S TRIP



All students of Year 9 visited Kelly Tarlton's Aquarium

on 2 July. The students discovered a sea of wonders at Kelly Tarlton's. Sea dragons and horses, King and Gentoo penguin, sharks, rays and fish were some of the fresh water and tropical habitats they visited. At Turtle Bay they learnt about turtle rehabilitation and got up and close and personal with the inhabitants of the rock pool. The students appreciated the Kelly Tarlton's mission to inspire conservation of the ocean. It was an enjoyable day and fun learning experience.

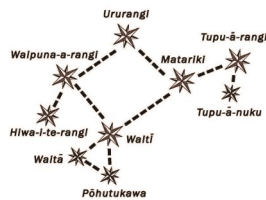


MATARIKI WEEK

In the last week of Term 2, we celebrated Matariki Week. We had our inter-whanau competitions of Ki o rahi and our Haka competition. We also had our Showquest team compete up in Whangarei, coming a very credible second (look at the Showquest write up for more info) and our Level 2/3 Drama performed Tartuffe on the last Thursday night of the term (also see write up).

We also ran a design competition. The winning design would get printed, by our own Mr Wynward, onto a t-shirt or hoodie that could be bought by students and staff. This year Grace Myers designed the winning logo which is pictured below.

The Rodney College
Matariki T-shirts for 2021
Designed by Grace Myers (Year 13)



This year's Haka competition was won by Hanover with Miles taking second place, Wattenbach third and Tyburnia fourth. A huge thanks to the panel of judges who came for this fierce competition. The Ki o rahi tournament was won by Wattenbach 3, beating Hanover 1 in the final. Again, thanks to the referees and Sports Captains for the organising and running of the games.



HANOVER



MILES



WATTENBACH



TYBURNIA





Moliere's **TARTUFFE** (THE HYPOCRITE)

The Level 2/3 production went French this year with Moliere's Tartuffe, a rollicking classic French Farce. Though written in the 17 century the class used a modern translation and adaptation to great effect and set it in 1960's Paris. Religious frauds weren't anything new in 16c France nor in the 60's. Tartuffe, the con man, inveigles himself into Orgon's life and proceeds to turn his household upside down. It is a play where the women are wise and the men generally foolish. Everyone but Orgon and his harriden of a mother can see the hypocrite, Tartuffe, for what he is. Mayhem ensues!



The performance was littered with snappy dialogue, witty asides and much physical humour, particularly in the shenanigans of Tartuffe's attempts to seduce Orgon's wife and the purposeful entrances and exits and the scenes where characters hide to overhear what's going on.

The cast effectively and skillfully used the rhyming couplets, created the larger than life characters with great aplomb and wrung as much satirical humour out of the situation as possible. Everyone relished their time on stage and gave the audience a night to remember.



CHARACTERS

Orgon - a rich gentleman
Mariane - his dutiful daughter
Elmire - his wise wife
Darmis - his firebrand son
Madam Pernelle - his meddling mother
Dorine - their street smart maid
Clementine - Elmire's clear cut sister
Tartuffe - a religious fraud/conman

Damien Ferrall
Hayley Nathan
Eleanor Hayward
Monty Vermoa
Mia Atkins
Kiana Dixon
Samantha Hunia
Keelan Landrey
Howe
Liam Olsen
Scarlet Walker
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Sean Brennan
Scarlett Walker
Sara Nicoll
Jo Warahi
Sean Brennan



Valere - Mariane's fiancé
Monsieur Loyal - a bailiff
Flipote - Madam Pernelle's maid
A Flick
Stage Manager
A.S.M
Lighting
Poster design & programmes
Music

COSTUMES

Designed and made by PAT & Textiles Dept & Ms Cath Lewis, Hayley Nathan, Sean Brennan, Samantha Hunia & Holly Buxton and sourced by cast

MAKEUP & SET

PAT and Jessica Walker

** PAT = Performing Arts Technology





At the end of term two, a group of 30 Rodney students entered the ShowQuest heats in Whangarei for the first time ever, feeling like the underdogs, big time. We had put together a ten minute performance over the term, written, choreographed and directed by three seniors, Kaylee Cannell, cultural leader Kiana Dixon, and myself, but everyone involved contributed. The performance was based on historical issues around gendered dress codes, and the purpose was to point out the extensiveness of these problems today. Yet despite the seriousness of our topic, we had a lot of fun putting this show together. We did dances to *The Candy Man*, *San Francisco*, *I Will Survive*, *I Want to Break Free*, and the wonderful drag queen number *I Wanna Dance with Somebody*. Our costumes were loud, most coming out of students' wardrobes at home. The dances were fun and a little messy. Our props were cut together from leftovers, odds and ends, and all ended up looking amazing. Overall, our show was nothing like the polished contemporary numbers we were up against. But perhaps the judges could sense the fun we were having, and the amount of student work gone in, because we managed to pull a few prizes (Best Use of Drama, Most Effective Use of Live Sound, Best Costume and Enhancement) and got 2nd overall. I don't think any of us could quite believe it. Backstage was a gobsmacked hush as it was announced. The nicest part was everyone felt like they had contributed something, the beauty of it being student run. Even without the prizes, we felt like we had pulled something off and enjoyed ourselves every step. Our daily practices became something I looked forward to, being able to spend an hour here and twenty minutes there with a loveable bunch of misfits who quickly became friends :) Two weeks after the competition had ended we missed each other so much that we decided to enter a film making contest, which is still in the works. Thank you Mrs Eyre for all the mahi behind the scenes, it wouldn't have worked without you, and thank you Lucy for your patience and — eventual — enthusiasm! Get involved next year Rodney students, I really recommend it!

Eleanor Hayward





The **CREAT MASQUERADE**



The Rodney College students were ecstatic about having a school Ball this year. It was a huge success with high praise to the Social Action team of Damien Ferrall, Shalynne Jones and Grace Myers. It was awesome to be back in Wellsford and the decorations transported those who attended back to the Roaring 40s. Pillars, swooping curtains, chaise lounges and lights set the brilliant atmosphere. The food, music and photography and of course the masked attendees looking suave and gorgeous!



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SPORTS ROUNDUP AUGUST 2021



Term 3 got off to a great start

with the annual Quadrangular Tournament, this year held at Ruawai High School. We took our Top Netball team, Football team, Volleyball Team and Touch team to compete against Otamatea High School, Dargaville High School and Ruawai High School. The students really enjoyed the day and the Football Team won overall in their division.



We also attended the annual Lower North Boys Basketball Tournament held at Otamatea High School. We had a great day and won all our games playing against Otamatea HS 26-10, Dargaville High 20-16, Ruawai High School 23-20 and Bream Bay College 19-18. Big thanks to Monty Vemola for taking on the required Refereeing duty as well as playing.



Matthew Came, Peter Sundvick, Alex Manuell and Rachel Came competed in the Northland Secondary School Boys Badminton. This was a challenging competition with a variety of schools attending. Our team placed 8th out of 18 teams.



Our UNISS team competed in the Northland Secondary Schools Senior Netball Tournament

held in Whangarei. This was a great warm up for UNISS (Upper North Island Secondary School) one week Tournament which has now been cancelled due to Covid. We played some very competitive games and came away with a few good wins.



Our hockey team competed in the annual day tournament, the Greenwood Shield at Warkworth turf against Bream Bay College, Otamatea High School and Mahurangi College. Read about this in the following write up.

Some of our U16 rugby boys played in the Rodney Otamatea Rhinos team in the U16 Taniwha Cup - see write up.

Our Senior Boys Basketball Team competed at the Northland Secondary Schools Basketball Tournament in Whangarei. This was our first time competing in Division 1. We got off to a great start winning our first game against Kaitia, a draw against Dargaville High School and a loss to Northland College. We came 6th overall which was a great result in Division 1. Well done to our players: Charlie Balle, Xavier Edmonds Cooper, Brody Hayman, Mikaila Isla, Alex Manuell, Jack Millerchen, Monty Vemola, Rex Beecher. Big thankyou to Jarred Balle for coming and supporting the team and to Monty for taking on the Refereeing duties again.

This was the last event we competed in before lockdown and unfortunately several events including Tournament Week have since been cancelled. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our students, in so many ways, to be able to play such a variety of sports so far this year.

Our Sports and Cultural Prizegiving is now going to be held on Tuesday 2 November. Could you please ensure that if you have trophies from any of the Prizegivings that you return them as soon as we get back to school in order for us to get them engraved.

Can you please email me any achievements that your son or daughter has had this year in Sports that I may not know about. Please email me on maria.northin@rodneycollege.school.nz



SPORTING TALENT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Tane Stewart competed in the Mid Winter Taniwha Open Darts Comp held in Kamo, Whangarei, during the school holiday break. Competitors travel from all over NZ and are top ranking players, some of whom have represented NZ. Tane placed 9th out of 60 competitors in the singles, an incredible placing when he was the only junior player. He also competed in the pairs comp and finished in the last 32 out of 60.

Caitlin Heke was selected to play for North Harbour in their U16B Netball team for a 3day tournament in New Plymouth over the school holiday break. Caitlin was captain of the team. Caitlin was also selected to play in a NZ Kiwi Tag U16 team to represent NZ in Australia in September 2021, which has been since cancelled.

Gage Laughton recently participated in the IFFA Nationals (14-18 years) in Field Archery winning the Gold. He also broke the NZ record for the highest score. In the school holidays Gage placed 2nd in the NZFAA Nationals (14-18yrs) in 3D Animal.



A huge thank you to Wellsford Pharmacy for this amazing Giveaway of over \$400 worth of strapping tape, first aid and all things needed to support our Netball team who were travelling to UNISS Netball Tournament (Upper North Island Secondary Sports), which has now been cancelled due to COVID.

U16 RUGBY

It has been a very challenging rugby season this year, with some good rugby played and great skills being demonstrated. Rodney College started well but the Whangarei and further north teams showed their experience and depth to prove they were too strong. A highlight was the first Taniwha Cup Tournament hosted in Wellsford for the U16s teams. Rodney made up most of the Rhinos team but were also boosted by talented players from Otamatea and Mahurangi College. Although we didn't come away with a win, we were selected as the best sportsmanship team. Overall awesome rugby was played, skills were being more developed, and young boys are becoming young men.



ALL TROPHIES & CUPS

Please would you help us prepare for our up and coming Prizegivings. We are needing all trophies and cups returned as soon we are open. We would appreciate your help.



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ANNUAL GREENWOOD SHIELD

August 4th, 8:30 am, found the Rodney College Mixed Hockey Team in a van on our way to Warkworth hockey turf. We played Mahurangi College, the reigning champs, up first. Unfortunately we couldn't hold the line in the first half, conceding 5 goals. After the arrival of our superstar Callum Whyte, we posted a much better second-half, but still lost overall 8-0.

We then played Otamatea High School, in our closest match of the tournament, possibly even the season, as we remained at 1-1 until the last 10 minutes after Jackson Brierly scored an amazing mid-air shot to turn the tables in our favour. We managed to hold on and get the win.

We then played Bream Bay College later in the day but struggled to hold our own against them, losing 7-0. Our team really stepped up during the tournament, not only on the field but also in

teamwork and camaraderie off the field, particularly from our juniors who had never touched a hockey stick before the beginning of the season.

I would like to make a very special thank you to Miss Jones and Mr Batten for all the hard work, support and management on the day, and Jason Warahi our coach for the year. I'm very proud of the whole team; bring on the rest of the season!!



U14 RUGBY 2021

Coaches: Mr. Michael Pieters and Mr. Richard Denton

Managers: Mrs. Edwina Came and Mrs Diane Denton

Rugby training started during Term 1 and through the April holidays and the first matches commenced after the holidays. We started with a group of young boys who almost immediately



changed their way of thinking from primary school boys to young men at the start of their college life at Rodney.

Some of the boys started

playing rugby for the first time in their life and that meant getting to know each other as well as what rugby is about. This life is a life of camaraderie and giving everything for each other. This was not easy and the acceptance of this took some time, convincing, blood sweat and almost tears. These boys came to realize what the term 'team sport under pressure' meant and it will serve them well into the future and life after rugby and college. Making the right decisions under pressure was accomplished and although

winning was the goal the realizations that it was not everything in rugby, but ultimately the goal will be fulfilled in life and that means a lot more than winning a rugby game.

Traveling with a young bunch of men, some of them were not even eleven years old and still in primary school, on the start of this journey in life and rugby meant that both coaches as well as the managers learned a lot about youngsters and how they see and experience life in New Zealand today.

We as a team have not had a lot of successes in winning rugby matches in 2021, but all the adults involved have high hopes for the team in the future especially as a core number of players will be eligible to play for the team in 2022. Let's all help to motivate these players to continue this game that we all love and enjoy so much.

Mr Michael Pieters



SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS COORDINATOR (SENCO), 1MU + 1MMA, FULL TIME PERMANENT

SENCO Full time, permanent. 1MU,1 MMA.

Our college is seeking a dynamic, responsive Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO) responsible for ensuring that the college has comprehensive and inclusive support to assist students with special needs. Please state all teaching subjects. Rodney College is a small, rural secondary school situated in Wellsford. We are committed to quality teaching and learning in a culturally inclusive environment.

Position to commence as soon as possible. Please visit our website www.rodneycollege.school.nz under Vacancies section for an Application pack. Applications close at **2pm, Thursday 23 September, 2021.**

Accounts/Data Analysis

Part Time, 25 hours per week

A position is available for an enthusiastic and capable person with strong data entry/analysis and accounts experience to work in our Student Services Office. The position will be for 25 hours per week, Monday to Friday (term time only) from 8.30am - 1.30pm Monday to Thursday, and 8am to 3.30pm Friday.

We require the appointee to have initiative and the ability to work to a consistently high standard while representing the College in a professional yet friendly and engaging manner at all times. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills are essential as you establish effective and supportive relationships with students, parents and staff. An understanding of the workings of a secondary school would be an advantage.

Key Tasks will include

- Data entry of student information/attendance/leavers processes
- Analysis/reporting of student achievement information
- Student accounts invoicing, office banking, reconciling & reporting
- Student Office duties as directed

Required Attributes

- Excellent all-round IT Skills
 - Strong accounts and invoicing experience we use MUSAC
 - Ability to maintain confidentiality in all aspects of school operations
 - Attention to detail is one of your key strengths as data accuracy is essential
 - A First Aid Certificate – or be willing to obtain it
 - The ability to multitask and work under pressure
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- The terms and conditions of employment are covered by the Support Staff in Schools Collective Agreement (see www.minedu.govt.nz). A successful police vetting is an ongoing condition of employment at Rodney College. Starting date is Monday 18th October 2021.

Please forward your covering letter, including two current employer referees and CV to eo@rodneycollege.school.nz Applications close 24th Sept 2021.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Monday 22 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 2 November	Sports & Cultural Prizegiving
Friday 5 November	Junior Science Exam
Thursday 11—Friday 12 November	Junior Exams
Tuesday 16 November	Senior Academic Prizegiving
Wednesday 17 November	Graduation Dinner
Monday 22 November	NCEA Exams start
Monday 6—Friday 10 December	Challenge Week
Monday 13 December	Junior Prizegiving
Monday 13 December	Last day of year

**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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