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# Rodney College



TENA KOUTOU  
MATUA MA

Since our return on 31 August from lockdown Level 3, Rodney College students and staff have been making up for lost time. In four rapid weeks, a number of sporting events have occurred, including Basketball, Hockey, Squash and Rugby Sevens. Gateway students returned to their work experience, and some school trips went ahead. The last for the term occurred today, an Ecology trip to Goat Island with Dr Trottier to explore what lurks below the water. In Week 8 the 2021 enrolment process began and we opened our doors to next year's new intake of Year 9s in our **Open Day** on 4 September. Then, in Week 9 **Assessment Week**, senior students participated in practical workshops and exams in preparation for their externals in November. All must be commended for their efforts.

Covid-19 continues to disrupt life at school but we also continue to be agile and fluid in our approach, accommodating the disruption as best we can - it certainly keeps everyone on their toes, as I'm sure you are finding in your own lives.

Sadly, the extension of Level 2 in the Auckland region for another two weeks meant that our School Ball has had to be cancelled. A huge THANK YOU must go to **Kaylee Woolley** (Social Action Leader) and her committee, and **Jo Warahi** (Social Action Sponsor) for the many hours of planning and arranging that they put in

throughout the year in preparation, only to have the plug pulled at the last minute.

As far as the academic year goes, the pressure is fully on our senior students now. Fortunately, with NZQA moving the external exams back two weeks, they have a bit more time to complete internals and prepare for the external NZQA exams on their return. We are running '**Spring-Back**' again this year and expect **all seniors** to participate in this programme this year. Spring-Back begins on the Wednesday straight after our **Senior Academic Prize Giving (10 Nov)**, running from **11- 18 Nov**.

Finally, as we move to the final quarter of the academic year, it is time to celebrate and acknowledge the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of so many of our hardworking, talented students. The first of our celebrations will be the **Sports and Cultural Prize Giving** being held on the **Wednesday 28 October at 7pm**. Our academic accolades are awarded at our **Senior Academic Prize Giving** on **Tuesday 10 November** at 7pm. Please note, these events will adhere to Covid group gathering requirements, so we will inform you of these in Term 4.

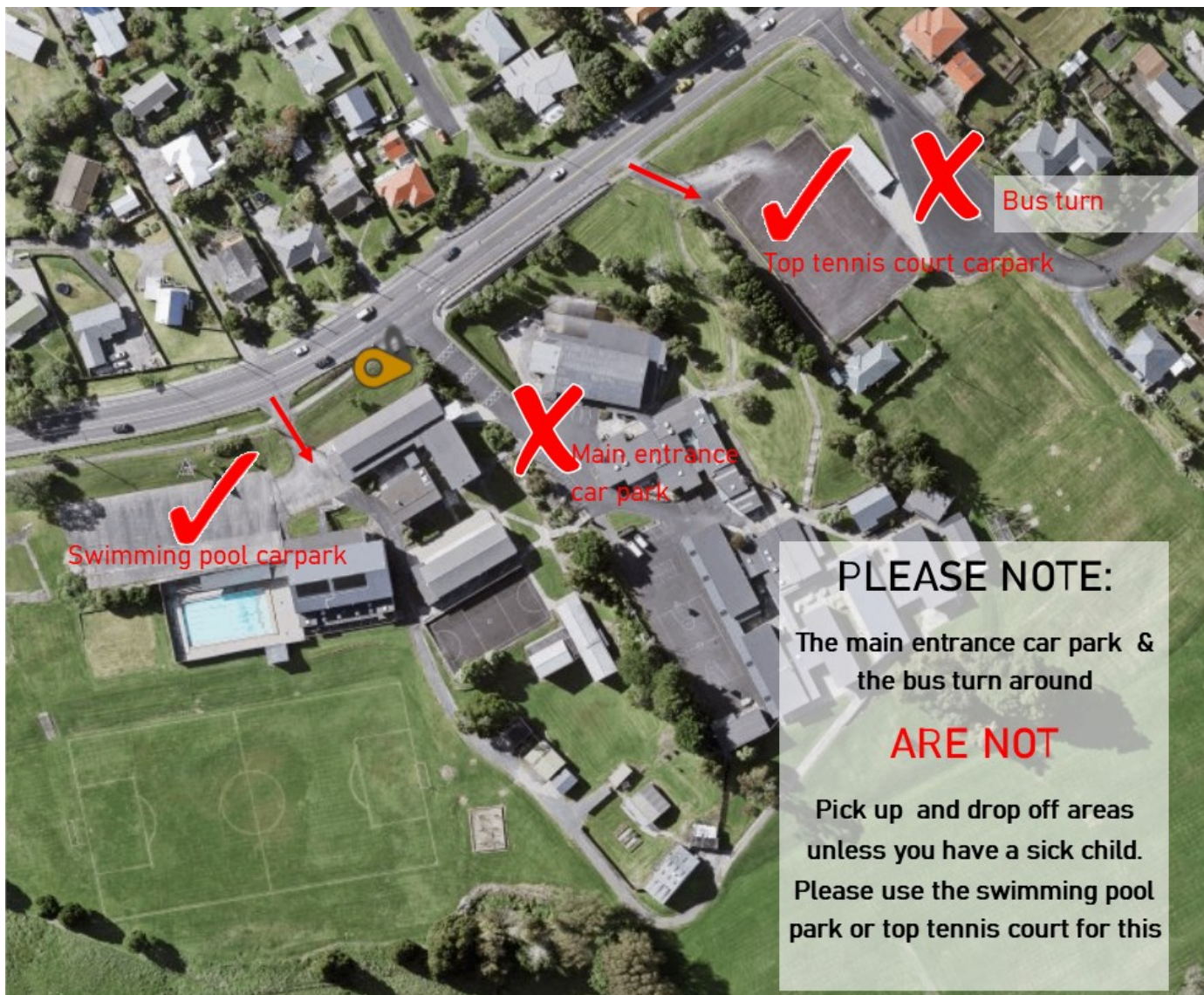
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Irene Symes  
**Principal**



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# HEALTH CLINIC



## HOURS

### MONDAY

8.30AM - 4.30PM

### TUESDAY

8.30AM - 4.30PM

### WEDNESDAY

PHYSIO 11.45AM - 5PM

### THURSDAY

8.30AM - 11AM

DOCTOR 1PM - 2.30PM



## RODNEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

### Declaration of Student Election Results

#### Votes:

Goodall, Fynn	43
Isla, Mikaila	56
Watson-Walker, Dylan	30

I hereby declare **Mikaila Isla** duly elected.

Jo Warahi  
Returning Officer



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## NCEA CHANGES AND EXAMINATIONS

We are grateful that NZQA has been responsive to student needs in relation to NCEA requirements for 2020. Following the second Covid-19 lockdown, they announced further adjustments to NCEA for 2020, particularly for Auckland based students. Click here for full details [Message to Auckland whanau and students - NCEA](#).

NZQA has advised that if we are at Alert Level 1, 2 or 3, NCEA exams will proceed with appropriate requirements in place, as directed and agreed by the Ministry of Health. If we are at Alert Level 4, NCEA exams will not take place because school sites are required to be closed. The Unexpected Event grade process would be available for students prevented from sitting NCEA exams as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

## NCEA TIMETABLE

NCEA exams are proceeding as usual even though it has been one crazy year.

2020 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Exams available digitally shown in blue					
Date	Time	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Scholarship
Mon 16 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Rangatira	Physics	Business Studies	Calculus
	2.00 pm	Chinese	German	Dance	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
Tue 17 Nov	9.30 am	Media Studies	Earth & Space Science	Drama	Chemistry
	2.00 pm		Classical Studies		German
Wed 18 Nov	9.30 am	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Art History	Statistics	
	2.00 pm	Geography	Spanish	Earth & Space Science	Drama
Thu 19 Nov	9.30 am		Mathematics & Statistics		Biology
	2.00 pm	Music	Accounting	History	French
Fri 20 Nov	9.30 am	Mathematics & Statistics			Classical Studies
	2.00 pm		Drama	Samoan	Statistics
WEEKEND					
Mon 23 Nov	9.30 am	French	Te Reo Māori	Calculus	
	2.00 pm	Economics		Accounting	
Tue 24 Nov	9.30 am		English		Religious Studies
	2.00 pm	History	Chinese	Biology	Economics
Wed 25 Nov	9.30 am	English			Te Reo Rangatira
	2.00 pm	Drama	History	Health	Physics
Thu 26 Nov	9.30 am	Business Studies	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science German Chinese	English
	2.00 pm	Biology	Music	Media Studies	Accounting
Fri 27 Nov	9.30 am	Science		Making Music	History
	2.00 pm	Samoan Spanish	Geography	Chemistry	
WEEKEND					
Mon 30 Nov	9.30 am	Te Reo Māori Art History	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira Social Studies Psychology	Samoan
	2.00 pm	Latin	Agricultural & Horticultural Science		Geography
Tue 1 Dec	9.30 am	Accounting		English	
	2.00 pm	Home Economics	Economics		Media Studies
Wed 2 Dec	9.30 am	German	Biology	Geography	
	2.00 pm	Dance		Physics	
Thu 3 Dec	9.30 am	Physics	Home Economics	Classical Studies	Japanese
	2.00 pm		Media Studies	Home Economics	Art History
Fri 4 Dec	9.30 am	Chemistry	Business Studies	French	Te Reo Māori
	2.00 pm	Classical Studies	Health	Economics	
WEEKEND					
Mon 7 Dec	9.30 am	Japanese	Te Reo Rangatira Latin	Japanese	
	2.00 pm		French	Spanish	Latin
Tue 8 Dec	9.30 am	Health	Samoan Education for Sustainability	Te Reo Māori Latin	Chinese
	2.00 pm		Social Studies	Music Studies	Spanish
Wed 9 Dec	9.30 am	Social Studies	Dance	Art History	Earth & Space Science
EXAMS END (Term 4 ends 16 Dec)					



***Now is the time for our students to dig deep and do their very best.***

Despite this extra time, it is essential that all Year 11-13 students use their time well over the term break to complete internal assessment work and to prepare for their external exams. Students need a **PLAN** and **PLACE** to work at home.

**Organise your study place at home.**

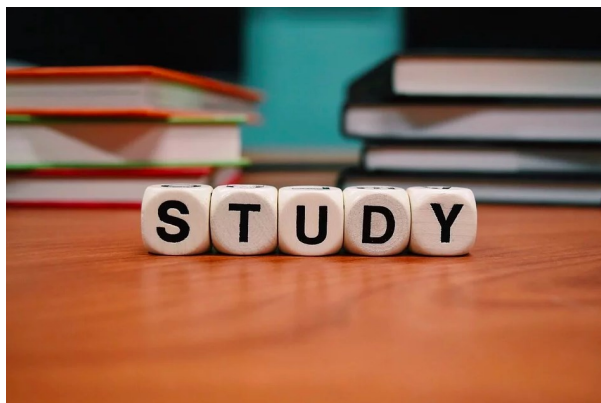
**Set up a Study Planner and stick to it.** A good planner should identify hours in a day, and days in a week. This should be reviewed on a weekly basis.

Plan your study to allow for the repetition of the same content and a focus on areas that need extra attention.

**Make big study tasks into small ones.** Break study tasks down into manageable, bite size pieces.

**Just do it!** Set a goal to do 20-30 mins of study, then use those distracting things you like to do (eat/listen to music) as a reward, before doing the next 20-30 mins block.

**Look after yourself.** Sleep well, exercise, eat correctly and remember to BREATHE.



## READERS' CUP QUIZ 2020

Four students, Ethan Skelling, Braeden Ashton, Sebastian Kashammer and Randaya Amarasekara committed to read six books to compete in the Readers' Cup Quiz. Due to Covid the competition was held in a zoom meeting.

Thanks to Monica for organizing and supporting the students.



RODNEY COLLEGE  
BALL 2020

**CANCELLED**  
DUE TO COVID  
RESTRICTIONS

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

Wellsford Community Centre  
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## YEAR 10 FOOD TECH LUNCHEONS

You have to somehow get yourself invited to one of the Year 10 Luncheons as they are absolutely amazing! Or, to put it in the Master Chef way, "That has flicked all my switches!" This year they were as great as ever and all the customers were highly satisfied.



## BIOLOGY ZOO TRIP

Our Level 3 Biology class recently visited the Auckland Zoo as an opportunity to further our knowledge around skeletal progression across human evolution. We attended a hands-on session discussing the evolution of hominins leading up to human existence. We were given the opportunity to analyse skulls and skeletons from different hominin groups. This was beneficial in order for us to interpret the advancement of their physical properties across significant time periods.



We took part in a group activity which included arranging authentic and also some model skulls in an order which best represented the time period they existed in. A critical observation across this activity was the consistent brain expansion, showing thought processes surpassed over time, enabling *Homo sapien* survival.



This trip was particularly relevant to the learning we have been doing throughout the term leading into our end of year exams. We thoroughly enjoyed our day at the new and improved Auckland Zoo!

Lexi Porteous





## LEVEL 3 TOURISM SNOW PLANET SHEEP WORLD

Tourism in a Covid world is a very different beast and it was both sobering and enlightening when Level 3 Tourism Students were finally able to go on our rescheduled trip to Snow Planet and Sheep World.

As well as experiencing what it was like to be a tourist at these two contrasting local



attractions, we had informative talks from key staff and learnt about the challenges and changes needed to successfully operate a tourist destination in 2020. We also learnt what it takes to be a great employee in these two iconic local attractions. One of the takeaways from visiting both venues was the need to be flexible.

For Sheep World, when 75% of their market disappeared overnight, this meant they needed to make changes to the product and the way staff operate to cater to a local market. We learnt that staff working at both venues need to be very versatile and able to work across a range of different roles while always maintaining high levels of customer service. Key attributes needed to be successful include being able to think on your feet, build and maintain client relationships, as well as being punctual and willing to constantly

learn new skills.

The trip complemented our unit on the Economic Importance of Tourism, highlighting the critical importance of domestic tourism both pre-covid and today. Many people are surprised to learn that domestic tourism always contributes more to the economy than international tourism, particularly in areas outside of central Auckland and Queenstown.

It was great to hear first hand perspectives from John and Brooke at Snow Planet and Karen and the team at Sheep World about how they are adapting and keeping our tourism industry going. Of course playing in the snow and feeding cute animals also makes for a great day. Thanks also to Lara Callachan for coming with us.

Mrs Yorke



## RUGBY LEADING LADY



Louisa was awarded the following at the Otamatea Hawks RFC prizegiving - Back of the Year for Womens Rugby, Most Tries Award out of the Seniors (Men and Women) and the Outstanding Achievement Award. Louisa has been in the starting line up for the Northland Kauris in the Farah Palmer Cup for the last two games playing in the Wing position.



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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Even with lockdowns due to Covid 19 we have still managed to play a lot of sport this term. Term Two got off to a great start with our school being invited to join the **Interschool Challenge** hosted by Dargaville High School. Forty four Rodney College students, mostly Year 12 and 13, travelled to Dargaville by bus and played a variety of sports including Basketball, Netball, Football and Touch. Many of the students played several of these different sports, which at times required them to run from one match to the next. We played against students from Ruawai College, Otamatea High School and Dargaville High School. It was a great event and we look forward to attending again next year.

We are extremely fortunate to have a basketball coach this year, Matt Tawhaio, who has a strong background in basketball. His three children play basketball at a high level with his two sons having gained scholarships to attend school and play in the USA.



We entered the **Girls Basketball** team in the Northland Secondary Schools tournament which ended up being held in Kaiwaka due to no Whangarei teams entering. This was a great experience for these girls as many of them are new to basketball.



The **Senior Boys Basketball** team competed in the Northland Secondary Schools Tournament

held in Whangarei. This is always a very competitive tournament and it was the first time this team has competed at senior level. We had some good wins and made it to the semi finals, coming 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

The boys also competed in the Southern Schools Interschool **Basketball** tournament hosted by Otamatea. They played four games with four wins. 31-21 against Dargaville High School, 35-16 against Otamatea High School 31-22 against Bream Bay and 45-21 against Ruawai College.



Edwina Came and I took a group of 10 students to the **NSS Individual Squash Tournament** held at Whangarei Squash Club. It was a very competitive tournament with students playing that



were A grade and B grade. Our students, who have been well supported by Edwina Came at Wellsford Squash Club, all played very well with some very encouraging results. Mathew Came, Jesse Manuell and Alex Manuell all played in Div 1 and came away with some good wins. Rachel Came placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Girls Div 2 Competition. Congratulations also to Mathew and Rachel Came who have recently competed in two Squash Northland Tournaments. Rachel and Matthew both placed second in the Northland Junior Age Groups in the U15 Boys and U15 Girls. Matthew also placed second in Champion of Champions E Grade competition.

Congratulations to Samantha Davis for being selected for Northland Football Club Premiership League for U14 girls.

Gage Laughton is currently competing in the NZ Bow Hunter National U18 Series. He placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the first round and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the second round. He is currently first in the series with the 3<sup>rd</sup> round in the school holidays.

Our shortened season of the Whangarei Hockey competition has gone very well this term, and we





managed to take out the top spot in Division 3. Everyone has improved so much in such a short period of time, even with less training being possible.

We are really thrilled for Louisa Tubailagi and Georgia Brierly (ex student) being selected for Northland Kauris in the Farah Palmer Cup Womens Rugby Team. Go Girls !!! Great news also that Jesse Manuell has been selected for Northland U18's Rugby Team.

It was great to read in



the paper that several of our students from last year have also been selected for Northland U19. Congratulations to Patrick Abellera, Ethan Whyte, Noah Pride and Javarne Porter.

Just a reminder to all Coaches and Managers of Sports Teams that Sports Photos are on the 15<sup>th</sup> October in the School Hall. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Sports and Cultural Prizegiving is on the 28th October.

Big thanks to all that have helped our students in their sporting endeavours. Your support is always really appreciated.

Maria Northin  
Sports Coordinator

## HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

On the 4th of August, our mixed hockey team was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Lower Northland Boys hockey tournament. We



played against the top teams from Mahurangi and Bream Bay Colleges. It was a great opportunity for our developing team to bond while also gaining more experience and skills. Although we

lost to both teams, we really enjoyed the challenge and it made us a much stronger team. Mackenzie and I were very proud of the team's persistence and positive attitude. Our shortened season of the Whangarei competition has been going very well this term, and we are hoping to take out the top spot in Division 3.

Everyone has improved so much in such a short period of time, even with less training being possible. By Katherine Pride (Co-Captain)

## RUGBY SEVENS

Rodney College entered into the U15 7s Rugby competition held in Whangarei Old Boys Marist. Preparation had been difficult due to the second lockdown, however, the team played very well, putting up a good fight against Whangarei Boys, Kerikeri and Bream Bay even though we went down to them. Rodney won against Otamatea demonstrating the potential they have in the sport. Thanks to all the players for their commitment and the managers Maria Northin, Jo Barnes and Michelle Broadhead for their support of the team.

Mr Kingi



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## CHAMPION RIDER

Samantha-Lee Wakeling, one of our Year 9 students has had a very impressive season in Equestrian.

Samantha placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Horse of the Year in the 1.10 Championship which is an amazing achievement in this very prestigious event. She was one of the youngest riders in the 1.10 Pony Championship and was on one of the most inexperienced ponies in the class that she won. She also placed 1<sup>st</sup> at Auckland Cup Showjumping Champs, Northland Open Pony 1.10 Champs, Taupo Christmas Classic, Open Pony 1.10 Classic and Woodhill Sands Open Pony 1.10 Championship.

Samantha has been selected for the Dunstan Young Rider Camp in October; there were over 500 applicants and 52 young riders from around the country were selected.



## MINI STOCKS CHAMP IN THE MAKING



Lloyd Clark, a Year 11 student at Rodney College, was awarded Most Improved for the season at the Mini Stocks at Waikaraka Park.

Lloyd has been racing for 3 years which



means he travels to Auckland every weekend during the season. Most nights consist of 3 races of 10 laps. Lloyd loves racing and this love has been passed down by his Dad who races Superstock cars.





## SENIOR SPORTS CHALLENGE

This year we were fortunate enough to be invited along to the Senior Sports Exchange, an annual event hosted by some of our surrounding schools. We travelled up to Dargaville and were welcomed into the school, alongside Otamatea and Ruawai, with a powhiri. All the schools were extremely warm and welcoming, but eager to get the competition rolling. Throughout the day Rodney competed in a range of different sports; basketball, soccer, netball, and touch. It was a

very busy day, with some people playing up to three sports; jumping from one court to another. I was extremely proud of how hard everyone went and how well they represented our school. Once the sport was done we received the results, and an amazing spread of food from Dargaville. Unfortunately, Rodney did not take the overall win for the day, however, we're so grateful to have been invited along for some great sport. I hope the relationship we've established with these schools continues throughout the years, and maybe one day Rodney will take the win!



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# **NEW**

## **UNIFORM TRY ON DATES**

HELD AT RODNEY COLLEGE HALL

TUESDAY 27 OCT 3pm - 6pm  
THURSDAY 29 OCT 3pm - 6pm  
SATURDAY 31 OCT 9am - 12pm



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

<b>Saturday 3 October</b>	Senior School Ball <b>CANCELLED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS</b>
<b>Monday 12 October</b>	Term 4 begins
<b>Tuesday 13 - Friday October</b>	Year 11 Market Week
<b>Tuesday 13 - Wednesday 14 October</b>	Speech Contest
<b>Wednesday 14 October</b>	Sports Photos
<b>Wednesday 28 October 7pm</b>	Sports and Cultural Prizegiving <b>Covid restrictions apply</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 November</b>	Senior Academic Prizegiving <b>Covid restrictions apply</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 November</b>	Yr 13 Graduation dinner <b>Covid restrictions apply</b>
<b>Thursday 22 October</b>	Year 8 Enrolment catchups
<b>Monday 26 October</b>	Labour Day
<b>Wednesday 11 - Wednesday 18 November</b>	Springback
<b>Monday 16 November</b>	NCEA exams begin
<b>Thursday 19 November</b>	Teacher Only Day
<b>Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 December</b>	Challenge Week
<b>Monday 7 December</b>	Junior Prizegiving / 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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