



# Rodney College

TENA KOUTOU  
MATUA MA



Thank you for your participation at our first PST for the year held on 10 May. At this stage of the year students at **ALL LEVELS** need to be focussing on their

learning goals: every day, in every lesson. Our academic tracking and monitoring is **ongoing** and teachers have a close eye on your child's progress in all subject areas. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss your child's progress with their subject teacher at any time. As usual, life has been very busy at the college. Winter sports are well underway with some impressive results coming in already. We held our annual school Cross Country a week ago with good participation at all levels. Congratulations to our golfers: Tarrin Rous, Aaron Allot and Jack Oldfield who have once again qualified to compete in the NZ Secondary Schools Finals held in September, representing Northland.

On the cultural front, Rodney College was very well represented in this year's Smokefree Rockquest with five entries, and one combined Rodney College/ Mahurangi College band entry. Well done to **Soup of the Day** (Oskar Primbs, Lilah Ferguson, Connor Goodall and Isaac Noser) who will go through to the regional finals on Friday 22 June. A big thank

you to Liana Casci, HOD Music, for her help and support.

Last weekend three Rodney College students participated in this year's MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) held on Friday and Saturday at AGGS. Well done to our delegation (Oskar Primbs, Brooklyn Wilson and Carlos Gillon) representing **Bulgaria**. Also, a special thank you to HOD

English, Georgina Hackett, who prepared and accompanied these students throughout this event. Also, a big THANK YOU to our student Enviro Group and PTA for the work they put into planting up the area by our new ramps. Our Enviro Leader Nicky McDonald played a huge part in making this venture happen. She organised planning meetings with students and Eden Worsfold from **Rural Design**. She wrote to **Topuni Timber** to request mulch and was gifted 20 cubic metres, which was delivered by **Greenwoods**, also free of charge. The PTA, supported again by Enviro group stalwarts followed up by planting 400 plants in a wave design on Sunday 20 May. Thank you also to Eden and Emma from **Rural Design** for their generous donation of time, expertise and plants. The 1<sup>st</sup> of June heralds in the official start to winter and it's COLD. We accept the need for students to wear extra layers at this time of year, in addition to their school jersey and /or jacket, which is why we now allow them to wear a long sleeved white, navy blue or black thermal, as part of their school winter uniform. Please remember that LOGOs on these garments, including socks, are NOT permitted.

Nga mihi

Irene Symes  
**Principal**



## NCEA PAYMENTS (NZQA FEES) ....

Students must pay a standard annual fee of **\$76.70** to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement and for the awarding of qualifications. The fee is collected by the school prior to **1st September each year**.

A fee of \$30 per subject will also be charged for entry into New Zealand Scholarship.

### Financial Assistance is available for all NCEA and Scholarship payments as follows:

To be eligible for financial assistance the applicant (normally the parent or guardian of the candidate) must be the fee-payer and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be receiving a **Work and Income** or **Study Link** benefit as your main source of income OR have a **Community Services Card (benefit based applications)**
- Have a joint family income that would entitle the applicant to receive a **Community Services Card (income based applications)**
- Be a fee-payer with **three or more children** who are candidates (**multiple candidate applications**) where the total fees to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum.

### How much will I need to pay?

	I am eligible for Beneficiary or income-based assistance	I am not eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance
I am paying for one child who is a candidate	\$20	Full fees (\$76.70 for NZQF and \$30 for each Scholarship subject)
I am paying for two or more children who are candidates	A maximum of \$30 per family	Where fees are payable for more than one candidate, a maximum of \$200 per fee-payer

*Please phone Jeannette Macdonald 423 6038 for a financial assistance application form if you think you may be eligible.*



### IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT MYOPIA (SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS).

Myopia is becoming a global public health problem. It is important for young people (who are at risk) and their parents to understand options to reduce the progression of myopia during school years, and prevent future eye problems. Read more on McDonald Adams Optometrist website.

([www.mcdonaldadams.co.nz/blog/2017/7/8/myopia-management-considerations?rq=myopia](http://www.mcdonaldadams.co.nz/blog/2017/7/8/myopia-management-considerations?rq=myopia))

**McDonald Adams**  
OPTOMETRISTS

## Congratulations

Michael Sundvick made the Dean's Honours List at Auckland University for Engineering 2017.

The Dean's Honours list recognises students who have demonstrated excellence in academic performance by being in the top 5% of their year of study.

An outstanding achievement!



## RYDA

ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS

RYDA is a not for profit organisation that has developed a programme to help educate young people about road safety as they approach that period in their life when they start driving a car and ride as a passenger in a car driven by one of their peers. All our Year 11 & 12 students attended this programme and with the support of Rotary, St Johns, Lions and local Police learnt safe driving practices.



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### THE KING IN SOUTH AFRICA

In April, Kingi Herewini was invited to play in the Africa Pacific Dragons U18 side in Paarl, Cape Town, South Africa. The team was made up of players selected from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji, to compete in a three day World Schools Festival rugby tournament. Kingi was billeted out with another team member where they experienced first-hand what it was like to live in South Africa. The team, who met at the airport just days before playing together, competed in



temperatures close to 40 degrees. Though they did not win a match, Kingi came away with one try and two conversions for his side over two games. Kingi had the privilege of leading the haka, which was a first, and the crowd was huge.



The team visited Wellington, a small town close by, where they spent the day with the children. This gave Kingi a new appreciation of the small things we take for granted. Kingi came away with experience he will never forget, on and off the field, and accommodation if he ever returns.

### BLUELIGHT SKILLS CAMP

Six Rodney students, Destiny O'Keeffe, John Brunton, Vanessa Langman, Darcie Laughton, Shamus Dalglish and Patrick Abellera, attended a Bluelight Skills camp in Mangawhai Heads this month. This programme focuses on leadership training, practical skills, respect, team work, self-confidence and leaderless tasks.

For Patrick, Bluelight camp was a life changing and unforgettable experience, learning leadership skills, self discipline, self management and team building. "It has given me a taste of what life would be like in our New Zealand defence forces, inspiring me to be a navy chef in the New Zealand Navy. I felt so honoured to receive the Overall Excellence Trainee Student award for the 2018 Bluelight camp. I would like to thank all the Bluelight staff for their hard work and commitment for making this experience the best. I highly recommend this camp to anybody who gets the opportunity to go, as you would never forget the memories and friendships formed through this camp."



### DVC TRIP TO QUARRY GARDENS



On Friday 13 April, the Year 11 and 12 DVC students took a trip up to the Whangarei Quarry Gardens to learn about post modern architectural garden designs and apply spatial awareness for our upcoming assignments.

It was overall a very relaxing day, walking around the gardens in the sunshine, and a great way to finish off the term.

Skyla Stokes



### LEVEL 3 TOURISM AT GOAT ISLAND MARINE

Year 13 Tourism students and our international students experienced a fun and informative day learning what it takes to run a successful tourism venture just down the road at Goat Island Marine Reserve.



As well as having a go operating the special clear kayaks and experiencing the odd sensation of having a snapper swimming within centimetres of our behinds as they passed beneath us, we had informative talks from both front line staff member Savanna, and business owner Brook. We found out that despite having a very successful first year of operating there were still many lessons to learn including the need to be



thinking about new activities that can run during the "off-season". We rounded off our visit to the area by attending the Marine Discovery Centre and meeting some of the locals and expanding our knowledge of the marine life in the reserve. An interesting and thought provoking talk from Tim gave us a closer look at the secret life of starfish under their microscope, before heading out to their famous touch tank. A common theme from both Brook and Tim's talks was the urgent need to take action on the vast amounts of plastics that are entering our oceans with devastating impacts on a variety of marine life: an issue we all need to be involved in if NZ is to continue to be able to market itself internationally as a clean and green location with thriving marine ecosystems.



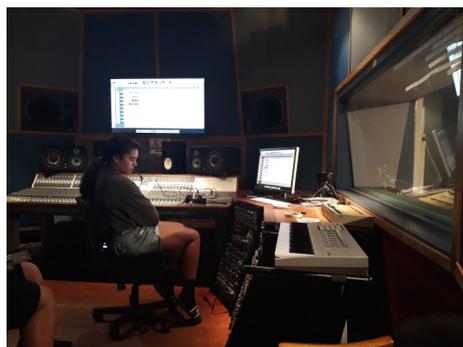
All in all a fun, informative, yet sobering day introducing our learners to some hands on roles involved in front line tourism right here in the Rodney region. Thanks to Jack and Mrs Rae for coming with us.

Helen Yorke  
Tourism Teacher

### SAE MUSIC



At the beginning of Term 2, our Level 2 and 3 Music students got the opportunity to go down to Auckland and check out a university called SAE. This is a university that is dedicated to educating in creative media industries, which includes audio engineering. This was the main reason, I, personally, wanted to go and check the place out. When we got there we



had a tour around their campus. (They had two staff dogs which were just adorable.) We had the opportunity to record a song



our band had written. While we recorded in the live room the other students were next door in

the mixing room listening to what we played, recording it and making the noise levels extra spicy for us. After recording we mixed the song and got a really good recording of it which ended up on YouTube.

All round it was a fun learning experience which showed us what it's really like in a studio.

Lilah Ferguson



## POOR KNIGHTS GEOGRAPHY TRIP



On Tuesday 8 May our Year 11 Geography class went on a field trip to the Poor Knights Marine Reserve. Fortunately due to our small group size we were lucky enough to be on board the "Bright Arrow" launch with our skipper, Steve, and crew.

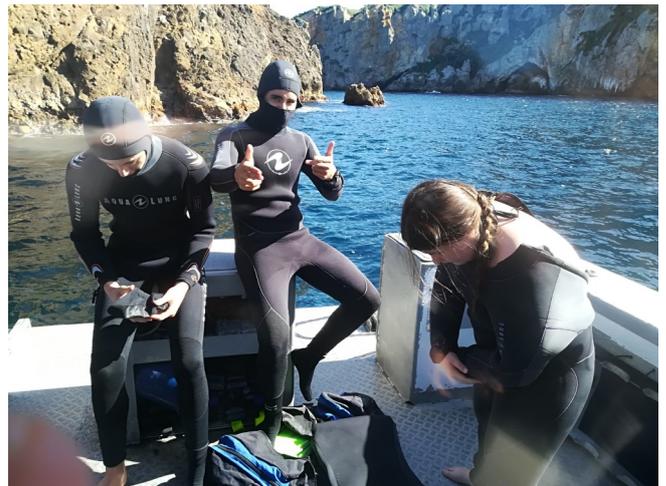
On the way out to the Poor

Knights we came across a large pod of dolphins which played and swam alongside the boat for at least 20 minutes. When we arrived at the Poor Knights we dropped anchor at "South Harbour" right next to the world famous Blue Maomao Arch.

We spent a couple of hours snorkelling here, seeing hundreds of blue maomao, large snapper, scorpion fish and trevally, as well as swimming

through the caves and arches. We then circumnavigated the islands and learnt about the natural and cultural history of the area, including Ngati Wai's history of settlement.

Overall the trip was one of the best yet, looking at sustainable tourism and the benefits of marine reserves in NZ.



## COMMUNITY GETS BEHIND PLANTING

Next time you are in school be sure to check out the fantastic new native planting on the bank linking the top and bottom parts of the school. PTA and Environment Group members have been busy spreading mulch and planting 400 plants to rejuvenate this area. The planting compliments the new ramp and will ensure good links between the upper and lower parts of the school. But none



of this would have been possible without the amazing support of some very special people. Big thanks go to

Eden and Emma from Rural Design for all their planning expertise, and generous donation of their time and many plants. Topuni Timber really came to the party with 20cm<sup>3</sup> of mulch – cheers Bill! Cartage was kindly provided by Greenwoods, thanks Mike, additional plants came from Carl

Mainwaring, and man power from Pete Wynwood and Phil Newlands. It was fantastic to get so much support and this has resulted in a real transformation that will serve as a great legacy for those students who put in all the hard work. Thanks also to our tireless PTA.



Helen Yorke  
Environmental Group Sponsor.



## DRAMA DAYS

The Drama department got off to an hilarious start this year with the NCEA class performance of various Commedia Del Arte plays. A zany, masked and slapstick high octane show! Their grasp of the theatre form and stock characters was as professional as it was slick. There were a good few laughs for the start of the year from this highly talented class who mastered the exaggerated and exuberant acting with aplomb! They are currently working on devised plays having a good look at the



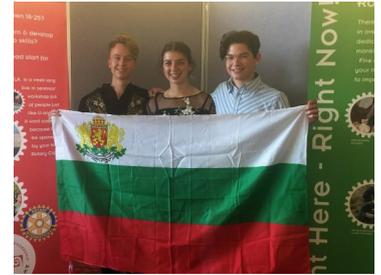
sometime evils of social media and in one case the renowned 27 Club of which the likes of Amy Winehouse and Kurt Cobain were stellar members. This performance is likely to be at the end of week 6. Year 10 class are also creating some sterling work. In the first instance they had to perform an extract from a neutral script - creating characters, plot and action all from scratch - I was dead impressed with the result! They will next perform a modern parody of Macbeth - great fun with the witches as gym bunnies! We can also look forward to them performing chorus work.

As to the after school group ....trying to beat their powerful "Antigone" from last year has been a challenge, but they are up for some existential tragi/comedy on the meaning of life and human condition with Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" and a number of his short plays. Additionally they hope to enter Goon territory once more with a 'radio'



## MUNA

Who knew that waking up at 5.30am and waiting in rush hour Auckland traffic just to sit in an auditorium listening to a congregation of peers discussing world issues for 10 hours would be such an incredible and valuable experience. The Rotary Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), held at Auckland Girls Grammar on



the 18-19 May, is a simulation of the United Nations assembly, where each of the participating schools in Auckland and Northland are given a country and must represent their nation realistically in a multitude of settings.

From placing Bulgaria and Eastern Europe as one of the most influential blocs of the UN, to devising strategies to tackle the most pressing global issues facing humankind, to meeting 200 like-minded, dedicated and inspiring peers, the MUNA was an amazing event that I would recommend to every student given the opportunity in the future!

-Oskar Primbs



## GATEWAY

For the fourth year, Rodney College is participating in the North Harbour Rugby Referees Programme. Students are trained in refereeing and are then set to be the



refs at the North Harbour Primary School Tournament at venues throughout the region. It's a hard task for young refs but our students step up to the challenge. Their natural sporting skills and affinity with the children are outstanding. This year we have Jackson Brierly (Yr 10), Tyler Buis, Victoria Vakatini-Harding (Yr12), and Connor Stanford (Yr 13) in the programme. With Patrick Abellera (yr 12), Kingi Herewini & Sage Walters-Hansen (Yr 13) coming back for a second year to help out with the tournaments and gain further experiences with North Harbour Rugby.



## ANZAC DAY

Rodney College was well represented at the ANZAC dawn parade with Rachel Logue carrying the flag for the Mangawhai Cadet Unit, Briana Steele representing the St John Cadets and some of our senior students.



It was a beautiful morning for remembering those who fought and those who died on our behalf.



## HISTORY OF A LIFETIME

The morning of the 16th was an early one. Myself, along with the rest of the Level 1 History class, travelled down to the Massey University Campus to listen to a lecture given by Professor Clarence Lusane (Howard University) and Minnijean Brown Trickey.



Professor Lusane gave a lecture on the Black Panther movie and its links with the 1950's-60's black civil rights movement. He also reflected on how it was an indictment of the treatment of coloured people in modern US society.

Minnijean was one of the students involved in the "Little Rock Nine" event, where nine coloured teens attended a recently desegregated white high school. Her lecture offered us an invaluable perspective on what life was like in segregated America and the everyday oppression that she had to endure.

To say that meeting her and listening to her journey was amazing would be an understatement. Her story along with the positivity she has maintained throughout all her experiences as a coloured woman made for an unforgettable experience.

Crimson Lily Hodgkinson.

## NZSS TEAM QUALIFIER NORTHLAND

The Rodney College Golf team competed at the Team Qualifier for Northland at Mt Denby, Whangarei Golf Club. The team played brilliantly, winning the Gross division and the Nett Division! Winning the Gross Division allows them to compete for Northland in the NZ Secondary School Finals being held at Manawatu Golf Club, Palmerston North, in early September.

The boys looked sharp in their new shirts kindly sponsored by Kez & Lynette Allott, a huge big thank you to them for doing this and to Hira Wynyard



for getting them supplied so promptly. The boys presented themselves well and there was a great team spirit. As each of the boys finished, they walked back to support their fellow team members.

The results were Tarrin Rous - 75, Aaron Allott and Jack Oldfield - 89 and Pacey Laing-Smith - 112. Tarrin also came runner up in the individual gross by one shot. All in all a great day, a great result and a proud moment for Rodney College & Mangawhai Golf Club.



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Term 2 has got off to a very busy start with all our team sports well underway.

We were very spoilt to have Dr Justin Ihirangi Heke, Sports Psychologist and Maori Health and Physical Activity Consultant, come and speak to our representative sporting students about mental strength, attitude and grit. There were a lot of questions asked and the students found it very informative, taking a lot away with them to apply to their future performances and individual sport. Thankyou Justin for giving your time to support our sporting community.



Netball has started and grading rounds are finished. Our top senior team qualified for Premier Division, Rodney 2 and Rodney 3 qualified for A Reserve. Rodney 4 and Rodney 5 for C grade.

Hockey is off to a great start with our Team 1 winning all their games. Their coach Jason Warahi said they are aiming to move up a division after the 1<sup>st</sup> round. Team 2 are also going well and the team dynamics are coming together well, considering they have several new players. Hockey is still keen on finding more players experience not necessary. Trainings are on Thursdays after school and games on Monday nights. Transport is provided. See myself (Sports Coordinator) or Jo Warahi (front office) if you are interested in joining.



We have 3 soccer teams, two boys' and one girls'. We could have had another boys' team if we had another coach and transport options. The students train every Tuesday, and on Fridays games are organised for the extra players to have a game. Big thanks to Oskar Primbs and James Logue for all their help with trainings, running Friday games etc. Big thanks to Richard Jansen for his awesome effort coaching the girls' team and Robert Blunden and Chris Byars for taking the two boys' teams.

Rugby is going really well with some great results from both the U18 Team and U16 Team. U16 Team had a loss to Horahora last weekend but had wins in both their previous games. U18 had a great win against Kaitaia, 38-17, last weekend which has them sitting 1<sup>st</sup> equal with Moerewa on the standings table.

Kingi Herewini, Sage Walters Hansen, Connor Stanford, Patrick Abellera, Noah Pride and Javarne Porter are part of the Northland Academy whose aim is long term preparation for Mitre 10 Cup, Blues and NZ U20s. The boys have been attending rigorous training sessions on Monday nights to prepare them for the U18 Blues Camp in the July School holidays.

Congratulations to our Golf Boys for their outstanding result AGAIN, qualifying them to compete in the NZ Secondary Schools Golf tournament (see attached write-up). Surfing event #3 was cancelled due to weather conditions. We are awaiting the announcement of the Northland team as we are hoping that some of our students will have qualified.



I took a van load of students to the Northland Secondary Schools Individual Squash Tournament in Whangarei. We had a great day with great results. Tamara Marshall – Girls Open Plate winner, Aiden Henare – Boys Open Plate winner,



Nick Sundvick - Boys Novice Winner, Grace Oldfield – Girls Novice Winner, Briana Steele – Girls Novice Runner-up.

We ran our Rodney College Cross Country last Tuesday. We had over 135 students compete. This event was only compulsory for Year 9 students. The top runners from this event qualified to compete at our more demanding event being held at the McDevitt farm in Hoteo

on Thursday 31 May.

Thanks again to our wonderful parents and community who help make all these sports happen by transporting, coaching, umpiring, refereeing, managing a team or being official at an event etc. You are truly appreciated.

Maria Northin  
Sports Coordinator



**Rodney College  
Annual Fundraiser**

**Queen's Birthday  
Fun Run/Walk**

**5km**

**Pacific Theme  
Dress Up**

*Bring some summer fun to winter!*

**Spot Prizes & Cash Prizes  
Including Fastest "Old" Boy & Girl**

**Mangawhai Tavern  
Sunday 3rd June - 10am Start**

 Tickets from...  
Rodney College \$15 Adults  
Bamas Mangawhai \$10 Student/Child  
9am on the day at the Tavern

All pick ups and drops off must be at the Tomas Road courts, not within the bus bay.

Under **NO** circumstances are students to be picked up or dropped off at the top of the driveway or in the office area. The only exception is if you are collecting your child from the sick bay.





**Rangitoto  
College**

RANGITOTO COLLEGE extends a warm invitation to all ex-students, ex-staff and Alumni members to a special Alumni event on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 12pm-10:30pm.

Please email [sally.thompson@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:sally.thompson@rangitoto.school.nz) to ask any questions or to express an interest in attending our exciting Alumni event.

**HOW TO KEEP IN TOUCH:**

Please LIKE our 'Rangitoto College Alumni' page

Please request to JOIN our 'Rangitoto College Alumni' group

*Te Waka*

# Girls Group

Starting 24th May '18.

~ Every Thursday 3.30 - 5.00

~ Young Wahine aged 16 - 20(ish)

~ At Te Waka Youth Services, 72 School Rd, Wellsford, Cottage at far side on car park.

~ Contact Mel 027 643 1517,

[TeWakaYouth@gmail.com](mailto:TeWakaYouth@gmail.com)

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

<b>Sunday 3 June</b>	Mangawhai Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser
<b>Monday 4 June</b>	Queens Birthday
<b>Wednesday 6 June</b>	Lower North Cross Country
<b>Thursday 7 June</b>	PUM (Paid Union Meeting) school finishes at 12.45pm
<b>Tuesday 12 June</b>	Northland Cross Country
<b>Monday 25 - Friday 29 June</b>	Business Studies - Market Week
<b>Monday 2 July Friday 6 July</b>	Matariki Week
<b>Thursday 5 July</b>	House Haka Competition
<b>Saturday 7 July</b>	Term 2 Holidays start
<b>Saturday 28 July</b>	Senior School Ball

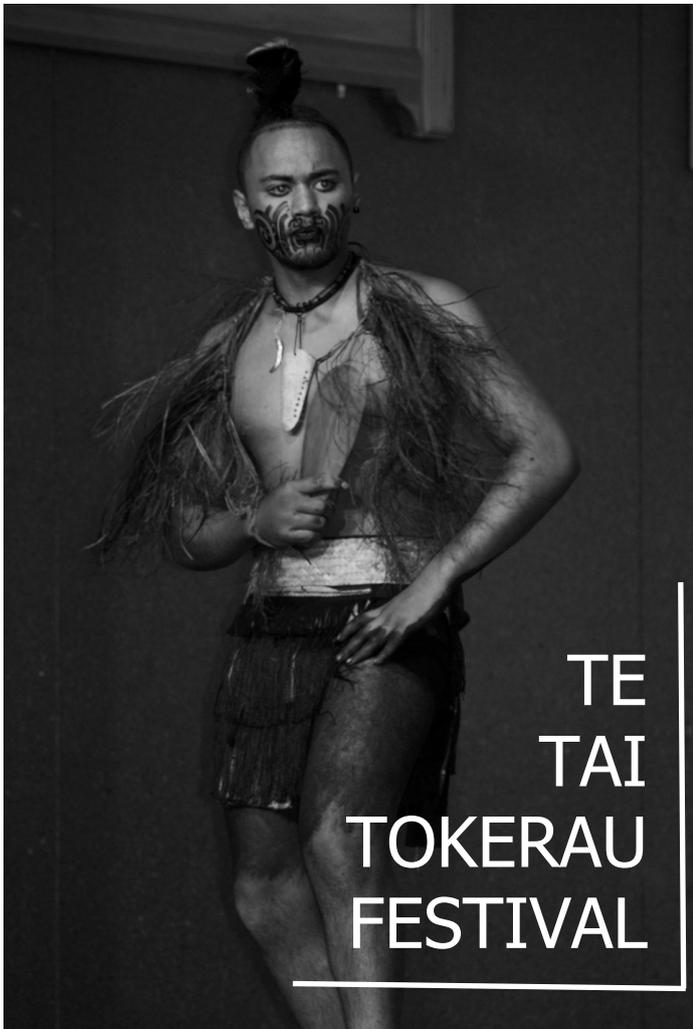
**A warm invitation is extended to all family and friends to attend all events during the year.  
We look forward to seeing you.**



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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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