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# Rodney





It's been an extremely eventful 11 week term and we finish on an immense high, with our Kapa Haka group performing with pride

and dignity at the 2017 Tai Tokerau Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Festival at Bream Bay. This year's group was exceptional for a number of reasons. Firstly, this was one of our largest kapa haka groups for many years, with students from Year 9 through to Year 13 performing with great enthusiasm. Secondly, all the items performed were original pieces, created by three members of the group, including both lyrics and choreography. Finally, this year our own senior students were the tutors. A huge CONGRATULATIONS must go to Diva-Ataahua Ratu, Henry Ashby and Eruiti Bristow for their leadership and commitment to our students. Tremendous gratitude also goes to Whaea Ma, Waimarie 'Mam' Ratu, Rau Morgan, Sissy Woodcock (costume design and construction), Whaea Nahi, Matua Kingi and Matua Wynwood for your unrelenting support for our tamariki.

We hit the ground running in Term 2 with three new faces joining us on the teaching staff. We welcome Stephen Rowe as Deputy Principal at the start of Term 2. I would like to acknowledge the fine work that Sandy Harris has done for the college in Term 1 in the role as acting Deputy Principal. Then, in Week 4 of Term 2, we welcome our new HOD PE Hira Wynyard, replacing Mr Rob Tee who is moving to Dilworth College. Mr Tee's time with us was short but sweet and we wish him and his whanau all the best. We also welcome Mr Ian Callachan who is joining the Social Science Department from Mahurangi College as Business

Studies and Geography teacher. We are very pleased to be welcoming these very experienced and talented educators to the staff of Rodney College.

Whilst Term 1 is winding down, our teachers are still working hard to prepare for the first Parent/ Student/Teacher Conference (PST) occurring in the second week of Term 2 on Thursday 11 May. We believe that these conferences are very important and look forward to seeing you all at the college on this day. A growing body of New Zealand research shows that by establishing strong partnerships and connections with parents, whanau and communities, student learning and achievement improves. Our meetings with you and your child are enriched by the knowledge that you bring. Our combined efforts support the educational focus on achievement we place on all of our students at Rodney College.

Ka kite ano

Irene Symes Principal



#### **WORLD FAMOUS IN MANGAS!**

Four students, Tana Te Whata, Serge Sweeney, Dylan Deegan and Jack Bennett, along 2 other Otamatea students have been made renowned for their "affirmative action". They were caught, as such, taking ownership of the skate park and cleaning off graffiti. How awesome too see that our youth of today still have what it takes to make a community great.



#### OUR NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We are privileged to have Stephen Rowe start with us as our new Deputy Principal. Born and bred in Christchurch, Stephen comes from a background of music teaching and has been the National Arts Coordinator, providing professional development for teachers around NZ. Most recently, Stephen has

been working as a facilitator for The University of Auckland with Kia Eke Panuku, a project that helps Maori students reach their potential, throughout Auckland and Northland secondary schools.



Stephen is married to Jillian and they

have 3 grown-up children. Stephen loves the outdoors and is a keen yachtsman, kayaker, tramper, and skier.

Make sure you say hello when you see him and make him feel welcome.

# ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMME (RYDA)

The Year 12 Road Safety Awareness Programme was held on Tuesday 14 March at the Wellsford Community Centre. This year we sent our Year 12 students, rather than our Year 11 students, based on the fact that in Year 12 most students are either going for their licence or are on their learners or restricted.

RYDA delivers six interactive sessions aimed at exploring crucial aspects of travelling safely, combining the efforts of local road safety experts, including driving instructors, the Police and recovering survivors of road crashes. In one session (Stopping Distances), students were given the opportunity to be a passenger of a vehicle driven by a RYDA instructor, the aim of the session was to give students the opportunity to see and feel the distance it takes to stop a vehicle at different speeds.

The overall aim of the programme is to help our

young drivers be safe on our roads, which also includes responsibilities as a passenger or a driver carrying peers. We believe the

programme has



provided the students with valuable information that will help them make responsible choices in the future.



#### FASHION & DESIGN - LEVEL 1 & 2

Smith & Caughey's hosted the Walk the Walk exhibition in the historic Lippincott Room on the 6th floor. The exhibition provided a rare opportunity to visit this lovely venue for the Fashion Museum to display garments from over 20 local designers, manufacturers and retailers from the past and today.



Walk the Walk revealed the traces that remain of our inner city fashion history through an exhibition of beautiful garments.

We were taken on a curated tour by Doris De Pont, who is the founder of the NZ Fashion Museum.

Mrs Buchanan



#### **LEVEL 3 HISTORY**

On 14 March 2017, our Level 3 VC History class had an amazing three day historical experience. To begin this adventure, we made a stop at the Ruapekapeka Pa where the final battle of the Northern Wars took place. We then went to the Rangihoua Heritage Park to educate ourselves on



the place where the missionaries first arrived in New Zealand. We found ourselves, that night, in a backpackers in Paihia with an amazing view of the waterfront.

The next day included many more exciting activities, such as a guided tour which helped us to travel back in time to the 1830s at the famous Stone Store and the home of the Kendalls. The highlight of the day was our trip to Waitangi Treaty Grounds where we visited the new museum and were very engaged Journey Luond and Cas Hannink with the historical content there which would be used as primary or secondary resources for our internal. We then walked further up to Hobson's family home and observed the three significant flags to New Zealand, flying there. From this, we caught the ferry across the bay to Kororareka/Russell to look at the historical features there, such as the flag pole that Hone Heke cut down four different times and the grave site of famous Maori chief Tamati Waka Nene. Our tour through Pompallier Mission station completed the day. On the final day we made our way up to the Hokianga where Mrs Callachan became confused between geography

and history, therefore taking us for a walk around the famous Wairere Boulders. To conclude our trip we went to visit the Manganunu mission station which had a beautiful view of the Hokianaga harbour, where we had our final tour presentation which was exciting. This



outing left us with many memories and historical information that will be extremely useful for our internal/externals and later on, as now we know the history of our land and how the two cultures came together.







# ATTITUDE PRESENTATIONS

http://www.attitude.org.nz/high-schools/ presentations/

Attitude – the youth education division of The Parenting Place – is dedicated to equipping teenagers with information and skills they need to negotiate the adolescent years and build meaningful lives. Attitude will speak to our students in May. Each year level have specific presentations, tailor made for their age.

#### Year 9 - Hauora

We introduce the concept of holistic wellbeing and cover the four main aspects of this; the physical, mental, spiritual and social sides to every



teenager. This programme gives young people ideas on how to tackle their teenage years and become the best version of themselves that they can be.

#### Year 10 - Hardwired

Drugs, tobacco and alcohol. We address the issues that cause people to develop habits and give ideas on



how to assess risks, make positive decisions, deal with peer pressure and overcome addictions.

#### Year 11 - Attitude

Choices. This presentation offers practical advice on how to get through the hard



chapters of life and delivers the 'life messages' teenagers need to grow mental and emotional resilience. It covers the importance of making positive decisions and how to build the four cornerstones of a meaningful life.

# Year 12 - Sex with Attitude

Sex and Relationships. This is a guide to building and maintaining healthy relationships, offering ideas



on dealing with peer pressure and coping with break-ups.

#### Year 13 - The Pits

Mental health. This is a basic overview of how the brain works and a survival kit for handling stress, depression



and the tough times in life. This presentation aims to normalise common mental health issues and give practical solutions of how to get help.

#### LOVES ME NOT

The Year 12 students took part in a full day workshop this term for the Loves-Me-Not Programme. The students gave some excellent feedback on the day. 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 John Williams, Mel, Isaac and Lydia from Springboard, Anna Kingi and Rikha Paikea who were part of our Year 13 camp earlier this year and teachers Mr Tee, Ms Landrey and Ms Harris. John was able to share a number of "police stories" at

lunchtime for students who wanted. The facilitators were impressed with the contribution from the

students, and how they conducted themselves throughout the day.







#### STAND UP

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP PROGRAMME

On the 3-4 April our Year 10 girls attended Stand-up: A positive relationship programme, to support the development of strong communication skills that keep our young people safe and empowered.

The focus on the first day was based on the "Equality Wheel for Teens" where shared power, self confidence, personal growth, communications and non -threatening behaviour



were discussed. Boundary issues and consent were also addressed. The second day featured Phil Thompson for protect Self Defence who not only reinforced the messages from the previous day but also gave some very effective responses to potentially dangerous situations.

The feedback from the students was positive and they were able to give examples of specific knowledge they had gained during the two days.



#### **BUS SHELTER BUSYNESS**

Most of you, by now, may have seen the improvement of our bus shelter. We have the PTA and the Environmental group to thank along with some great parents and families who all gave up their Sunday to make it look fantastic!

We would also like to thank Lionel Anderson, from Recreational

Services, for the paint and supplies.







ALL pick ups and drop offs 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.



### 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 now be charged for entry into New Zealand Scholarship as the \$76.70 NCEA assessment fee no longer covers entry to any NZ Scholarship subject entered.

#### 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 I am not eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance **Beneficiary or income**based assistance

I am paying for one child who is a candidate

\$20

Full fees (\$76.70 for NZOF 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.



#### SPORTS ROUNDUP APRIL 2017

Weather has had a major influence on the later part of Term 1. The **Touch Open** held in Kaikohe was rained off and the Wyatt Cup cricket had more cancellations than games.

We did manage to compete in the **U15** Sevens Finals day, albeit in the pouring rain all



day. The boys played great and big thanks to Joe Harding for coaching the team and to Rosa Vakatini Harding for all her help and to the parents that came up on the day. The boys played in the U15 south zone competition to qualify for the finals day.



We have played only one full game in the Wyatt **Cup cricket** due to the weather. The game against Otamatea came down to the last ball in the last over resulting in a loss to us. We attempted to play Mahurangi at Kaipara Flats and only got to play 16 overs before being rained off. We have organised for the third time to play Dargaville at home on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April as the other 2 games were also postponed to due to weather.

The Northland Secondary Schools Scholastic Surfing series 1 competition was postponed, this time due to lack of good waves. It was held at Sandy Bay on Saturday 2 April. Our students placed very well with Joseph Critchfield (Nubby) placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U18 Boys, Cory Vercoe and Bassie Waldron placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively in the U16 Boys

and Billy Whelan placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the U14 Boys. There are two more events to come 15 May and 9 June.

We have 3 students Saphael Hockenhull, Tamara Marshall and Paige Rynne entered in

the Dressage/Show jumping/ Show Hunter Competition on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at Waiuku Pony Club. Good luck girls and thanks Brooklyn Wilson for organising.

On Wednesday 12 April we were holding the annual RC Tennis Champs at Wellsford Tennis Club, but they have been postponed to Term 2. We have 28 students entered so far. Huge thanks in advance, to Mr Torrie for helping me again this year even though he has retired.

We have entered a U17 team in the the Northland Rugby Competition held on Saturdays and we also have several players playing in the Otamatea JB8 Team which also competes in the Northland Saturday competition. I will keep you posted on results for both these teams in our Newsletters and Updates. Big thanks to all the people involved in making this happen every Saturday for our students.

Soccer and netball have had trials and are sorting out their teams. We will have 5 netball teams; 2 senior, 2 junior and 1 social.

Soccer/Football will have 3 teams, 2 boys and 1 girls team. Chris Byars has put his hand up again to coach the 1st XI Boys and Robert Blunden has only had to have his arm slightly twisted to take on the Boys 2nd XI. Emma McNeish and Michelle Bellamy are taking on the Girls 1st XI. We are so grateful to all of you for supporting our students in this way. These people need support from parents in any way that you can, coaching, transport etc. Please let me know if you are able to help.

**Hockey** players are training twice weekly preparing for trials to be held in the school holidays on Sunday 23 & 30 April, 2pm - 3pm at the Warkworth hockey turf. The season starts first week of Term 2.

Finally a big thank you to all you wonderful people that have helped me again this year and those of vou who have helped for the first time. I hope this is the beginning of many more great times helping our students be given opportunities to be involved in a wide variety of sports.







#### LOWER NORTH ATHLETIC RESULTS

#### **JUNIOR BOYS**

800m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jackson Brierly	2.33.06
1500m	$1^{st}$	Jackson Brierly	5.07.94
Shot	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Regan Collins	8.2
Javelin	$1^{st}$	Kaden Mill	12.6
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mackenzee Warahi	11.56
Long	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jackson Brierly	3.68

#### **JUNIOR GIRLS**

100m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chance Herewini	13.97
200m	$1^{st}$	Chance Herewini	29.25
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Drew Crosbie	29.31
300m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chance Herewini	51.22
Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>		1.01.44
Long	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Drew Crosbie	3.74
Triple	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jessica Kashammer	7.76
High	$1^{st}$	Drew Crosbie	

#### INTERMEDIATE ROYS

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100m	$1^{st}$	Javarne Porter	11.75
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rawiri Walker	12.28
200m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Javarne Porter	25.47
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rawiri Walker	26.0
400m	$1^{st}$	Noah Pride	1.01.82
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jared Tantrum	1.02.84
800m	$1^{st}$	Luca Rudolph	2.25.25
1500m	$1^{st}$	Luca Rudolph	5.09.69
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lewis Harris	5.30.11
Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>		53.16
Shot	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sage Walters-Hansen	11.02
Discus	$1^{st}$	Sage Walters-Hansen	29.00
Javelin	$1^{st}$	Jarod Tantrum	31.96
Long	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Javarne Porter	4.73
Triple	$1^{st}$	Noah Pride	10.2
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Javarne Porter	10.15
High	$1^{st}$	Javarne Porter	

#### **INTERMEDIATE GIRLS**

100m	$1^{st}$	Georgia Brierly	13.13	3
200m	$1^{st}$	Georgia Brierly	28.09	9
Relay	1 <sup>st</sup>		57.94	4
Shot	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sapphire Norburn-	Cormack	8.78
Discus	$1^{st}$	Sapphire Norburn-	Cormack	19.02
Javelin	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sapphire Norburn-	Cormack	25.41
Triple	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Victoria Vakatini-H	arding	8.14

#### **SENIOR BOYS**

•	400m	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harrison Warahi Luke Stevens	_
1	800m	1 <sup>st</sup>	Harrison Warahi	2.16.66
	Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>		51.94
	Shot	$1^{st}$	Jade Zaia	13.32 New Record
	Discus	$1^{st}$	Jade Zaia	44.52
	High	1 <sup>st</sup>	Blake Steele	
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Asher Pirini	



#### NORTHLAND ATHLETIC RESULTS

#### **JUNIOR BOYS**

3<sup>rd</sup> 1500m **Jackson Brierly** 

#### INTERMEDIATE ROVS

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100m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Javarne Porter
400m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jarod Tantrum
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Noah Pride
800m	$1^{st}$	Luca Rudolph
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Noah Pride
Long Jump		Javarne Porter
High Jump		Javarne Porter
Discus	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sage Walters-Ha



#### **INTERMEDIATE GIRLS**

100m	$1^{st}$	Georgia Brierly
200m	$1^{st}$	Georgia Brierly
400m	$1^{st}$	Georgia Brierly
Discus	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sapphire Norburn-Cormack

 $1^{\mathsf{st}}$ Sapphire Norburn-Cormack Javelin

#### **SENIOR BOYS**

Javelin

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400m	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harrison Warahi
800m	$1^{st}$	Harrison Warahi
Long Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kingi Herewini
High Jump		Blake Steele
Shot Put	$1^{st}$	Jade Zaia
Discus	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jade Zaia

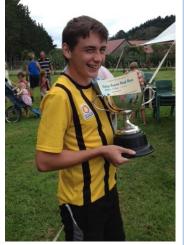


#### TE HANA ROAD RACE

The annual George Heaven Te Hana Road Race was held on Sunday 2 April. The college was well represented with Georgia Brierly being first woman

home for the 5th year in a row. Harrison Warahi came in 2nd overall, Jackson Brierly winning the U15 Boys and Ken Finlayson's (pictured left) team took out the Men's Team Trophy.

Well done to all the students and parents who took part in this event.



#### ATHLETICS RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Tina Coates of 'Tina's Stationery' who won the raffle hamper.

#### NISS ATHLETIC CHAMPS - INGLEWOOD

Five students represented Northland in the North Island Secondary Schools Athletic Champs in Inglewood on Friday 7- 9 April. Top athletes from around the North Island were there representing their regions, so the competition was of a high standard.

Georgia Brierly ran beautifully in her 200m & 400m (9th overall) and put in an amazing times after coming out of injury. Georgia also was first runner in the Northland Intermediate Girls 4x100m relay. Saphhire Norburn-Cormack made the top eight in Javelin, and threw the discus. Javarne Porter, our top place getter, jumped 5.97m in his long jump placing 4th overall. Javarne ran a great 100m with a great first time start out of blocks and bought home the Northland 4x100m boys relay valiantly. Harrison Warahi ran two PBs in his 400m & 800m. Jade Zaia threw both the shot and the discus placing 7th and 9th respectively.

We also managed to squeeze in some ten pin bowling and a visit to the New Plymouth Art Gallery.

A huge congratulations to those who took part and many thanks to those who supported the students by buying raffle tickets.

Thanks to Mrs Brierly and Mrs Warahi for taking them and for their brilliant cooking!!











# WELLSFORD PLUNKET GALA DINNER - AUCTION & DANCE

Wellsford RSA Saturday 20 May 2017, 6.30pm \$50 pp

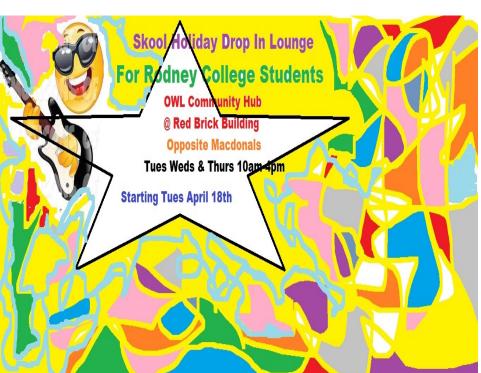
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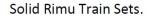
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### WELLSFORD SQUASH CLUB

#### Interested in playing squash?

Primary Juniors - Mondays from 4pm. Contact Edwina Came phone 423 9266 or email: johncame@ubernet.co.nz

College Juniors – Tuesdays from 4pm Contact Gary Marshall phone 423 8329 or email: marsh.jo@xtra.co.nz

Mens Night - Wednesdays from 4pm Contact Darryn Gibbons phone 021 170 7459

email: monkey.gibbons@gmail.com

Ladies Night – Thursdays from 4pm Contact Chanelle Oldfield phone 021 041 8435 or

email: chanelleoldfield@hotmail.co.nz

General enquiries please contact our Club Captain: Stu Oldfield phone 423 8811 or email: stuartoldfield@ymail.com





## **DENTAL TREATMENT**

We would like to make sure that all families are aware that dental treatment has no charge for under 18s



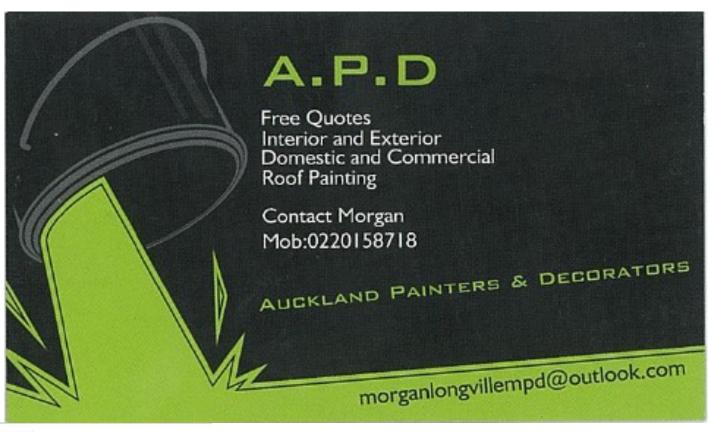
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Join us for small, interactive, website-based classes on tablets to master the road code Although the lessons are free, you will need:

- 1) A \$50 deposit at the start of the course which we will give back when you take the test
- ID, eg. Your birth certificate or passport, to enrol and sit your licence.
- 3) To be 16 years or older and ready to sit the test (Fri 26 May in Wellsford).
- 4) To book see a librarian for an enrolment form or phone 09 423 7702. Where: Wellsford War Memorial Library (Facilitated by Literacy Auckland North) When: Six lessons, 4-6pm, Mon 15, Tue 16, Thu 18 and Mon 22, Tue 23, Thu 25 May 2017









# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017**

Monday 1 May	First day of Term 2
Tuesday 2 May	Attitude Presentation
Thursday 11 May	PST Conferences (Parent-Student-Teacher)
Friday 19 May	Smokefree RockQuest Heats
Monday 22 - Tuesday 23 May	Project Possum
Friday 26 May	School Cross Country
Thursday 1 June	Hoteo Cross Country
Friday 2 June	Teacher Only Day
Monday 5 June	Queens Birthday
Thursday 8 June	Lower North Cross Country

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.

(Learning Support)



### TAI TOKERAU FESTIVAL 2017

Bream Bay



### NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATH-LETIC CHAMPS

Sapphire Norburn-Cormack, Javarne Porter (right), Harrison Warahi, Georgia Brierly and Jade Zaia



