



TENA KOUTOU MATUA MA

Ka kite ano

With senior prizegiving season over and NCEA external exams underway, the pace of life with only

junior students knocking around the college is *chill*. Our **Sports and Cultural Awards** evening in Week One, closely followed by the **Senior Academic Prizegiving** in Week Three, were both big and bright occasions. These events are a wonderful opportunity to both reflect and marvel at what we've achieved this year, as well as to recognise student excellence at the highest level. Congratulations to all our students who have received recognition this year, it is hard-earned and extremely well-deserved. Good Luck to those who are sitting NCEA externals in the coming weeks, you've got this!

Growing young leaders is a strong tradition of our college and our Student Council play a very important role. We endeavour to provide real opportunities for students to develop their skills, build confidence and broaden their experience. The outgoing 2024 Leaders have done a fantastic job and we thank them for the energy, commitment and creativity they brought to their respective roles this year.

Our 2025 Student Leaders were announced at the Senior Academic Prizegiving and are as follows:

STUDENT LEADERS 2025

Head Leaders

Kaya Davis Mila Thomas **Sports Captains**

Michayla Buis Sophia Hackett

Cultural

Alex Robbins Lily Skelling

Social Action

Angel Dai Nerissa Lay

Cassie Gibbs

Whanau Support House Leaders Hanover

DJ Brain

Miles

Amber Nightingale Maia Campbell

Cody Watson-Walker Declan Kitchenman

Madeline Wallace

Wattenbach

Tyburnia

Gisele Cooper

Lance Dumlao

Last week the BOT appointed Rodney College's new principal, Mr Laurence Caltaux, who will join the college in 2025. A short introduction from the BOT follows. We'll be meeting Mr Caltaux for the first time this week as he's popping up for a visit. Our **Junior Prizegiving** occurs on the last day of the term, **Thursday 12 December.** This will be my last formal school occasion as principal so it will have special significance for me. I look forward to seeing many of you there to celebrate our Year 9 & 10 tamariki achievement.

Nga mihi

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Irene Symes **Principal**



NEW PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Kia Ora e te whānau o Rodney College

As you are aware, over the past few months the Rodney College Board has been engaged in a robust and careful process, working towards the appointment of our new Principal - Tumuaki. We were delighted with the calibre of applicants for the position.

On behalf of the Board, Senior Leadership Team and Staff, we are delighted to announce Mr Laurence Caltaux as our new Principal commencing in Term 1 2025.

Laurence is currently Deputy Principal at James Cook High School, where he oversees various aspects of the school including ICT, Careers, Gateway and Technology. Laurence is a dedicated and passionate educational leader who has extensive curriculum and pastoral experience, with over 15 years in senior leadership.

We look forward to formally welcoming Laurence and his whānau into our Rodney College community next year.

Ngā mihi nui

Rodney College Board of Trustees

YEAR 13 GRADUATION

We said goodbye to another great Year 13 cohort, but not before they enjoyed their last few days at

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school. Their last days had themes like: Yourself in 10 years, anything but a bag and something from childhood. They celebrated their graduation with dinner at The Club in Mangawhai with

teachers and parents. They will be missed; they were an awesome group of students!











SCHOOLDOCS TERM 4 REVIEW OPEN

Just a reminder that the the review is ipen and you can submit feedback. The Key policies:

- Finance and Asset Management Policy (board)
- Managing Income and Expenditure (board)
- Financial Conflicts of Interest (board)
- School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income
- Expenditure
- Asset Management and Protection (board)
- Property Planning and Maintenance Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft

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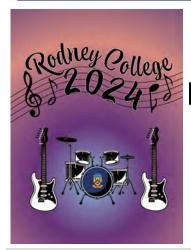
PUBLIC TRANSPORT WHEN O MAHURANGI PENLINK OPENS

The opening of O Mahurangi Penlink will be a significant change for the Whangaparāoa Peninsula. AT is therefore reviewing the existing bus and ferry services to see if changes need to be made to benefit more people. This includes the NX2 bus service that currently runs between Hibiscus Coast Station, Northern Busway stations, Wellesley Street and city universities.

Tell AT what's important to you when it comes to public transport, and share your feedback on three possible scenarios for future bus and ferry services for the peninsula. Visit https://

haveyoursay.at.govt.nz/wpstudy

We also have a Facebook post you could share: https://fb.me/26HBMaiYiM7M0nh



2024 SCHOOL MAGAZINE \$15 ON SALE SOON

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Eleven students and Pete all took to the shears to raise money for cancer. The students had worked hard at fundraising and there was over \$5000

raised for Shave For A Cure, from cuts and a crazy hair day. All the students looked great with their hair in extreme styles and do's. Thanks to the dedicated students

who were brave to lose their locks and Mr Kingsley who was a great supporter and organizer.











BLUELIGHT & LIONS

In the holidays I went on the Lion New Zealand. Thanks to the Lions Club for sponsoring me and thanks to the Bluelight crew for organizing the trip.



We went to Waiheke Island, on to the Coromandel Peninsula, (we saw Bottlenose dolphins on the way). We sailed from there all

the way to Kawau through rough steep waves

where the boat felt like it was going to tip over but never did. On the last day we went to Motutapu Island by Rangitoto. One activity we did was turbo touch at Kawau which nearly everyone joined in on. We went to the old outpost on Motutapu Island with really deep tunnels which echoed really loudly when we yelled into the pure darkness, but my favorite thing

was when the boat went on a near 90 degree angle, which gave everyone a thrilllike feeling. This was when we were sailing to



Kawau Island, which took about 3 hours to get to from the Coromandel, covering 35 nautical miles or about 64 Kilometers. I made some really good friends over the five days and learnt new skills about team building, teamwork, and all-round social skills. We also learnt more practical skills like knot tying, boat maintenance, and being able to eat delicious food at all times because we had

an amazing cook, thanks, Pepper! I learnt all this, thanks to the Bluelight team and the Lions Club.

Izaac Warahi



FORENSIC INSIGHT

Forensic Insight spent two days with our Junior Science classes in Week 4.

The students all participated in fingerprint analysis to solve a crime staged in a classroom. Our very own CSI Rodney. They solved the case and learned a lot about crime solving techniques.



SPACEWARD BOUND

Spaceward Bound, modelled from the successful NASA programme, visited our school to give students a simulated experience of planets and satellites.



They visited various

environments on Earth, other planets and moons and travelled through the Universe. They also flew from Rodney College to the edge of the Universe and back. Overall it was a fun experience for the

Year 10 students.



BP BUSINESS SPRINT

On Tuesday 22 November Rodney College hosted the Young Enterprise Scheme who came to run the one day Business Sprint with Year 10 students who are considering taking Commerce in Year 11. The purpose of the Business Sprint is to introduce students to the entrepreneurial spirit and encourage them to develop collaborative problem -solving skills.

Students worked in small groups to address a real world issue that will impact our community, the

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Our junior boys and girls volleyball teams competed in the cup competitions held at Kensington during week 3. For newly formed teams they played extremely well.

Congratulations to the girls for placing 6th.



opening of the Warkworth to Te Hana motorway bypass. Students were presented with data that suggests that traffic travelling through Wellsford will reduce by 90% with the motorway's opening and were asked to come up with ideas for businesses that could encourage visitors to Wellsford and support

economic growth in the region. Students developed some creative ideas such as making Wellsford an art/dance/music hub or building a food forest.

7. Rementing Wellsford

We had three guest judges; Charlene Morrison, Libby

Sinden and Sam Walter, who engaged the students in justifying their plans and offered great feedback. The Business Sprint will remain an annual event on the Rodney College calendar as a fun and collaborative way to introduce students to commerce thinking. The Rodney College Social Sciences department is interested in hearing from local business people who would like to be a judge at a future event, come and talk with commerce and business studies students, or maybe host a trip. Please contact pip.walter@rodneycollege.school.nz

JUNIOR TOUCH

Junior Boys Touch Rugby started off well as Rodney began the tournament playing against a well drilled Kerikeri team. It was a very tight game but Kerikeri managed to one up on us with the score being 5 to 4. Feeling a bit confident we then played against the Whangarei Boys top team, and yes, they played like it, winning against us pretty easily. This was followed up by their second team, where we held our own until fitness kicked in, WBHS 2 beating us 5 to 2. Our final was evenly matched against Okaihau College; both teams showed grit and determination, and when the hooter went we ended the game in a draw 5 all. I am very proud of the junior boys'

efforts as they continue to grow within the game, and I know that this tournament was just a stepping stone to making it to the nationals in the future.



JUNIOR GOLF

On Monday 4 November Rodney College sent two teams to the Northland Junior Golf Day held at the Sherwood Park Golf Club in Whangarei. The weather was perfect for a day of golf and students played exceptionally well.

Rodney College entered two teams into the 9 Hole Ambrose competition. Congratulations to Team 1 made up of Brayden Wedgwood, Harley Wade, Eli Heywood and Leo Mclaren who took out the competition coming in three shots under par. Team 2 which included Levi Dixon, Ethan

Joplin and Jimmy Hardman (and two students from Pompallier)
were a
close
second
coming in
on par.

It's very encouraging to see the depth of talent in



this group of junior golfers, and their dedication to continuing to develop their skills on the golf course is admirable. It was also very pleasing to see the whanaungatanga practiced amongst the students with all of them encouraging each other throughout the day. Lastly, a big thanks to Ben Wade for driving up and spending the day on the course and all the other students' parents who continually support their children's growth as golfers.



Jack Pennefather played for the Kaipara Elite team in the U18 B grade in the SAS Slam on Labour Weekend and won their grade.

Kalem Tana was coach and the team consisted of boys from Otamatea, Ruawai, Dargaville and Rodney.









JUNIOR FUTSAL

On Wednesday we had three teams participate in the Northland Futsal Festival. For lots of our students this was a new experience and they played extremely well. The Sport Northland Festivals are a great event for our development players and providing them the opportunity to have a go, manage themselves and step up and umpire games. Lots of fun was had by all. Our top goal scorer was Liam Bleakley.

SPORTS & CULTURAL PRIZEGIVING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO OUR COACHES, MANAGERS AND FACILITATORS

Athletics Michael Mitchell, Maria Northin Kalem Tana, Mirna Manuell, Edwina Came, Ken Manuell, Gill

Pennefather

Boys Cricket Steve Davie-Martin **Drama Productions** Lucy Duffield

Golf Pip Walter, Maria Northin, Marie

Rambaud

Hockey Alan Batten, Delwyn Cramond,

Talia Watson-Walker, Brooke Jones, Charlene Morrison

Mili Williams, Lisa Te Haara

Netball Team 1 Glen Thomas, Serina Wade Netball Team 2 Donna Railey, Lisa Witheford Netball Team 3 Rebekah Dingemans, Saralaya

Frost

Netball Team 4 Bonnie Lenssen, Georgina

Hackett

Netball Team 5 Rochelle Gray, Mel Williams

Netball Team 6 Anastasia Tinsel, Talia Watson-Walker

Year 9 Harbour Team

Netball

Lorraine Brien, Abby Meagher

Senior Harbour Team

Glen Thomas, Juanita Oldfield

Boys Soccer Sean Kingsley

Girls Soccer Rugby 7s SquashBrooke Jones, Kyla Middleton
Alex Hammond, Michael Kingi
Edwina Came, Mirna Manuell,

Kurtis Danks, Stu Oldfield

Volleyball Brooke Jones

Turbo Touch Pete Wynwood, Michael Kingi **Student Referees & Umpires who have**

regularly officiated in their sport for Rodney

College Katie Williams, Willow Mitchell,

Hanna Kerrigan - Netball. Matthew Came - Basketball

Special acknowledgement - overall contribution to school sport

on to school sport

Mili Williams

Edwina Came Mirna Manuell

SPORTS CHAMPIONS

Athletics

Junior Girls Metallica Richardson

Ellie Russell

Junior Boys Brayden Wedgwood

Intermediate Girls
Intermediate Boys
Senior Girls
Senior Boys

Millie Brierly
Finn Andrews
Kyla Middleton
William Clapham

House Cup Hanover

Basketball

Contribution to Basketball Senior Player of the Year

Senior MVP

Jakob Clapham Jeremiah Guevara Alex Manuell Jack Pennefather

Junior Player of the Year Izaac Warahi

Cricket

Best All Rounder Bhavya Sharma
Best Results Trophy Peter Sundvick
Junior Player of the Year Mitchel Elliott

Cross Country

Junior Girls Tala Smith
Junior Boys Brayden Wedgwood

Intermediate Girls Millie Brierly
Intermediate Boys Cairyn Waite
Senior Girls Kyla Middleton
Senior Boys Peter Sundvick

House Trophy Hanover



Equestrian

Equestrian Cup - Overall Excellence

Samantha Wakeling

Golf

Golf Champion 2024 Jimmy Hardman

Hockey

Hassall Family Trophy - Most Improved Girl

Olivia Dobbs

Wilson Rolfe Cup - Most Improved Boy

Hunter Lusty

Sun Valley Motel Trophy - Sportsmanship

Peter Sundvick

Girls Hockey Shield - Overall Excellence

Laura Cramond

Allen/Came Cup - Most Outstanding Boy

Jason Godinagh

Carrell Cup - Player of the Year

Kyla Middleton

Netball

All Round Excellence - Team 6

Amy Watson-Walker

All Round Excellence - Team 5

Claire Gibbs

All Round Excellence - Team 4

Madeline Wallace

All Round Excellence - Team 3

Aylah Dingemans

All Round Excellence - Team 2

Michayla Buis Hanna Kerrigan

All Round Excellence - Team 1

Bella Wade

UNISS MVP Kacey Williams

Mackenzie Oldfield

Soccer

Girls

Most Improved Erin Ostermann Most Versatile Kiki Te Haara

Player of the Year Kyla Middleton

Boys

1st XI All Round Excellence Bhayva Sharma

1st XI Player of the Year Logan Matheson

Peter Sundvick

Junior Player of the Year Finn Andrews

Squash

Champion Girl - College Club Champs

Kacey Williams

Champion Boy - College Club Champs

Matthew Came

Swimming

Junior Girls Emma Lay

Junior Boys
Intermediate Girls
Intermediate Boys
Senior Girls
Senior Boys
Harley Wade
Kacey Williams
Joaquin Hare
Kyla Middleton
William Clapham
House Shield
Hanover

CULTURAL AWARDS

Merit Certificate - Contribution to School

Magazine Production

Amber Nightingale Kaya Davis Sophia Hackett Michayla Buis Bhavya Sharma Jack Pennefather Jeremiah Guevara Madison Priem Randaya Amarasekara

Rebecca Lay Reef Brown Regan Pennings

Zara Yorke

Tatiana Chan Chui

Merit Certificate - Achievement in Music -

Performance

Alex Robbins
Amber Nightingale
Thomas Tameris
William Clapham
Taowi Davis
Madison Priem
Reef Sutherland





Merit Certificate - Performance at RockQuest - Northland Region Alex Gibson

Merit Certificate - Achievement in Performing Arts Technology - Innovation and Creation Benny Manson

> Bree Biddle Michael Lynch Shristy Negi Koby Wattam

Merit Certificate - Achievement in Drama -

Performance

Kaleb Ruka
Abby Fairweather
Michael Lynch
Tayla Elliott
Linchristine Wilson
Jack Hansen
Hope Henderson

CULTURAL BLUES

Cultural Blue - Achievement in Kapa Haka - Performance Tai Tokerau Festival

Leiera-Rose Ruka Aviannah Rerekura Lesieli Maka Donna-Marie Te Huia Dayshin Para Victoria Kingi Rahera Vaipou Clarice Goudarzi Stella Te Haara



SPECIAL AWARDS

Haka Trophy - House Haka

Tyburnia

The Dempster Family Shield - Variety Concert

Miles

Junior Writer of the Year

Fleur Coward

Senior Writer of the Year

Peter Sundvick

Trevor Lithgow Memorial Cup - Overall Contribution to Visual Arts Corbyn Dunn

Tapihana Paikea Trophy - Excellence in Tikanga Maori Dayshin Para

Wellsford High School Trophy - Excellence in Drama Michael Lynch

Senior Music Trophy - Academic Excellence in Music and Contribution to School Music William Clapham

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS For Outstanding Achievement in 2024

Key: NSS - Northland Secondary Schools

Boys Basketball - Kaipara Secondary Schools Competition - 2nd / NSS Premier League - 1st / North Island A Premierships - 8th

Matthew Came, Jakob Clapham, Mark Delos Santos, Jeremiah Guevara, Azariah Hare, Joaquin Hare, Tamati Hoani, Alex Manuell, Jack Pennefather, Cairyn Waite

Surfing - NZ Scholastics Surfing Champs 1st in U18 Longboard **Emma Lay**

Cricket - New Zealand Cavaliers Cricket Team vs Cook Islands **Peter Sundvick**

Golf - 1st Team (Net) in NSS
Matthew Came, Alex Manuell, Peter
Sundvick, Jack Pennefather

Squash - 1st Team in NSS

Matthew Came, Xavier Jones-Browne,
Harley Wade

Boys 3 on 3 Basketball - 1st in NSS (Nov 2023) **Jack Pennefather, Jeremiah Guevara, Matthew Came, Alex Manuell**

Boys 3 on 3 Basketball - 2nd in NSS (August 2024) **Jack Pennefather, Tamati Hoani, Mark Delos Santos, Jeremiah Guevara**

Girls 3 on 3 Basketball - 2nd in NSS Kiki Te Haara, Charlene Masiutama, Kacey Williams, Kyla Middleton

Girls Turbo Touch - 2nd in NSS **Emma Brien, Millie Brierly, Michayla Buis,**



Isbe Kuinikoro, Kyla Middleton, Mackenzie Oldfield, Kiki Te Haara, Mila Thomas, Bella Wade, Kacey Williams

Torpedo 7 Get2Go - 2nd in NSS Pippa Meagher, Emma Lay, Ayla Brien, Nerin Jackson, Brayden Wedgwood, Harley Wade, Quinn Oldfield, Jimmy Hardman

School Record Broken - Swimming Intermediate Boys 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay -Hanover

Joaquin Hare, Zac Wakeling, Lincoln Clapham, Finn Andrews

SPORTS BLUES AWARDS

Criteria: Placed in the top at Northland level; represented either Northland or Auckland or North Harbour at age group level; regional representative; selected for North Island or Inter Provincial Competition. Blues will be awarded to individual students. Team awards will be considered for teams who have placed in the top 2 at national level.

Equivalent awards can be given to students excelling in sports not played in college and/or students who are not able to play for college teams due to their commitments for representative teams.

Gold awards are given to students who have represented New Zealand or another country at the discretion of the panel. The student must be an enrolled student at the time of the achievement to qualify for the award.

Key: NSS - Northland Secondary Schools NISS - North Island Schools

Millie Brierly - Athletics NSS 2nd IG 200m Kodi Kerr - Athletics NSS 2nd SB Long Jump Peter Sundvick - Athletics NSS 2nd SB 800m William Clapham - Athletics NSS 2nd SB 400m Jakob Clapham - Basketball - NSS Premier



Winners

Mark Delos Santos - Basketball - NSS Premier Winners

Jeremiah Guevara - Basketball - NSS Premier Winners

Azariah Hare - Basketball - NSS Premier Winners

Joaquin Hare - Basketball - NSS Premier Winners

Tamati Hoani - Basketball - NSS Premier Winners

Cairyn Waite - Basketball - NSS Premier Winners Samantha-Lee Wakeling - Equestrian - Ranked 6th in New Zealand in Grand Prix, 1st North Island Show jumping Championship 1.20m Eli Heywood - Golf NSS Individual 2nd Net Emma Lay - Surfing - Nationals 1st in U18 Longboard, Northland Scholastics Surfing Team Mila Thomas - Swimming - NSS 2nd 16-19yr 50m Backstroke

Brayden Wedgwood - Swimming - NSS 2nd 12-13yr 50m Backstroke

Harley Wade - Swimming - NSS 2nd 12-13yr 100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke

Kacey Williams - Touch - North Harbour U16 - awarded MVP for her team

Kyla Middleton - Athletics

NSS 1st SG 800m, 1st SG Long Jump Tennis - Ranked #7 in New Zealand for U17 Girls Doubles

Jack Pennefather - Athletics

NSS 2nd SB High Jump

Basketball - Northland U18 Basketball & NSS Premier Winners

Matthew Came - Basketball NSS Premier Winners

Badminton - NSS 2nd Individual Badminton Squash - Northland Representative

Alex Manuell Basketball - North Harbour & Northland Men's U20 & NSS Premier Winners Squash - Northland Representative

SPORTS BLUE EQUIVALENT

Briar McPherson - Cheerleading - Cheer Factor Grand Champions

Finn Andrews - Surf Life Saving - Oceans 24

Nationals: 2nd U14 Beach Relay

Sienna Purcell - Surf Life Saving - Oceans 24

Nationals: 2nd U14 Beach Relay

Emma Lay - Surf Life Saving - Oceans 24

Nationals: 10th for Run Swim Run

Matthew Came - - Tag - Northern Stingrays U18 Mixed



Alex Manuell - Tag - Northern Stingrays U18 Mixed

Kiki Te Haara - Tag - Northern Stingrays U18 Mixed

Mila Thomas - Tag - Northern Stingrays U18 Mixed

Kacey Williams - Tag - Northern Stingrays U18 Mixed

Bella Wade - **Tag** - Northern Stingrays U16 Mixed

Amy Watson-Walker - Tag - Northern Stingrays U13 Mixed

Indigo Byrne- **Whiteoak** - Tag - Junior Oceania Nationals - Aotearoa Māori U16 Mixed

Mackenzie Oldfield - Tag - Northern Stingrays U16 Mixed & Junior Oceania Nationals - Aotearoa Māori U16 Girls (placed 2nd)

Millie Brierly - Junior Tag Nationals - Hibiscus Coast U15 Girls (Dec 23) (placed 2nd) & Junior Oceania Nationals - Aotearoa Māori U16 Girls (placed 2nd)

OVERALL SPORTS AND CULTURAL PEOPLE OF THE YEAR



Student Official of the Year
Tag Nationals - Junior Oceania Cup
Quinn Oldfield

Student Coach of the YearGirls Soccer Kyla Middleton



Captain of the Year Netball Mila Thomas



Junior Sportswoman of the Year Sienna Purcell Emma Lay



Junior Sportsman of the Year Brayden Wedgwood Harley Wade



Sports People of the Year Senior Sportswoman Kyla Middleton



Senior Sportsman of the Year Matthew Came Alex Manuell



Cultural Person of the Year Michael Lynch

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

Tuesday 5 November (to Tues 3 Dec)	NZQA exams start
Wednesday 27 November	Tennis Junior Singles / Doubles
Friday 29 November	Junior Beach Volleyball
Monday 2 December	Year 10 Waitangi Trip
Monday 9—Wednesday 11 December	Challenge Week
Thursday 12 December	Junior Prizegiving / Last day of Year
Wednesday 25 December	Christmas Day
Wednesday 1 January	New Years Day
Monday 27 January	Auckland Anniversary Day - Public Holiday

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.

