



# Rosehill College News



## QUESTIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS TO ANSWER

Academic Mentoring happens between the Tutor Group Teacher and each student at Tutor Group Time.

These questions can be accessed by each student through the Student Portal.

1. What have been your academic targets so far? Your achievements? Poor performances?
2. What are the achievement and qualification goals that are important for you this year?
3. What is your long-term career goal?
4. What have your whanau said to you about your education and future?
5. People prefer different ways to learn. What ways work for you?
6. Do you have information about topics and assessments for each subject?
7. What can be done to raise your achievement? What actions are you now going to plan out?
8. Where will you keep a record of your academic conversations and results?



## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 15 February**

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Parent Forum on NCEA - 6.00pm

**Tuesday 21 February**

House Day

**Thursday 23 February**

BOT Meeting - 7.00pm

**Tuesday 28 February**

New Students and Parents Evening -  
6.00pm

## From the Principal Tena koutou katoa

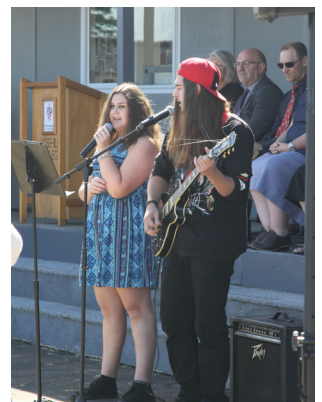
We held the Whole School Assembly yesterday, and it is a great sight to see nearly 2000 students and staff gathered together on the field. New staff were introduced and student leaders were acknowledged. The Head Students each addressed the assembly, reflecting on their own experiences, motivations and aspirations. A common theme was the acceptance and celebration of diversity.



Our timetabler made a number of changes to students' timetables last night and new timetables were given to students this morning. We know that these changes can be a little unsettling for students who are just starting to build relationships in their classes, and now have to build relationships with different teachers and classmates, so we don't do this lightly. However, we must even out the numbers of students in some classes, and have created some new senior classes in English, Mathematics and Science to reduce large class sizes. If your son or daughter is upset at a change in timetable, please encourage them to take the change in their stride, as it is not possible to revert to the original.

A reminder to parents and caregivers to not drive into our grounds near the end of the school day. Attempting to do so is too dangerous at a time when hundreds of students are exiting through our front gates, along with school buses coming onto our site. Please arrange to meet your student off-site if you are picking them up at this peak time.

*Sue Blakely, Principal*





# Library News

During the holidays the school library was painted and new carpet tiles were laid. New furniture was purchased and we are now able to offer a flexible modern learning environment for students and staff. An enormous amount of time and effort went into packing up the library and shifting the furniture; then unpacking the books and arranging the new furniture. I would like to thank the library and property teams for working very hard to make the refurbishment run smoothly. We were able to open the library to students on Friday 3rd of February.

We were sorry to lose Louana McCormack at the end of last year. She is now the librarian at Opaheke school. In her place we welcome Jenna Morris to the team!

## READING

Do encourage your teenager to check out the library. We have an excellent collection of resources designed to support student learning and reading. It is still essential that students are working to improve their reading ability and vocabulary at secondary school. Check out this [YouTube video](#).

## PROCEDURES FOR VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

If any member of the public, whether parent, caregiver, grandparent, tradesperson or supplier etc., wants to come into school to see either a member of staff or a student at the school, there are procedures that need to be followed. Please:

1. Make an appointment to see whoever it is you want to meet with. Teachers are generally best contacted by email to arrange an appointment. All the school email addresses are generic – [firstinitial.surname@rosehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:firstname.lastname@rosehillcollege.school.nz). If you are not sure of an email address please contact the main office on (09) 295 0661 extension 0 and they will help you.
2. When you come into school make sure you sign in at Reception, just inside the main front door.
3. Please ask for a visitor's sticker, if it is not given automatically, which you must wear at all times whilst you are on school grounds.
4. Remember to sign out when you leave.

Your support in this would be much appreciated.

## 2017 PAKAKURA CLEANUP AND DRIVER'S LICENCE PROGRAMME

This year, Rosehill College will be running the Driver's Licence Programme. This is a programme that helps students to gain their Learner Driver Licence at a reduced cost. We work in partnership with the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust and Auckland Council. If you are interested, please keep a close eye out in both the newsletter and student notices for further information. We would like to participate in the Pakakura Cleanup which will be run by the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust, set for 25 February 2017, and will be signing students up from next week. Students who are interested DO NOT have to be 16 at the time of the cleanup, as we will schedule the testing for later in the year. For further queries, please contact Jessie Peneamena ([j.peneamena@rosehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:j.peneamena@rosehillcollege.school.nz))

## Attendance Procedure

If your student is absent from school please phone the Attendance Officer on:

FREE PHONE: **0800 RCAWAY (0800 722929)**

Or 295 0661 Ext 869 **at any time and leave a message**

Or EMAIL: [attendance@rosehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:attendance@rosehillcollege.school.nz)

### Receiving a text message notifying of an absence

- Please reply to the txt (this number cannot be saved on your mobile phone – **it is invalid after 7 days.**
- OR phone: 0800 RCAWAY (0800 722929)
- OR the parent/caregiver provides a note explaining absence

### Student to leave school during the day

- Please provide a note for your student to take to their Head of House
- Student is to obtain an 'Exit Permit' from their Head of House **before Tutor time**

### If a student is unwell during the course of the day

- They should go to the nurse.

### If a student is late to school before tutor time finishes

- The student must go to their Tutor Teacher to sign in late

### If the student is late to school after tutor time

- The student **must sign in at the Student Office and**
- **Provide a note** from the parent/caregiver advising the reason for being late
- **OR** the parent/caregiver should phone the Attendance Officer on 295 0661 Ext 869 and leave a message

Year 9 - 12 students may not leave the school grounds without permission – in case of a fire or emergency – we need to know where students are at all times.

## PROCEDURES FOR UNWELL STUDENTS

If you receive a txt or phone call from your child saying they are unwell please...

- Tell them to go to the nurse first before you come to the school
- The nurse will assess the student
- Then she will contact the parent/caregiver if the student needs to go home.



We have systems in place to best manage this and the safety of students can be compromised if they txt family instead of following our procedures.

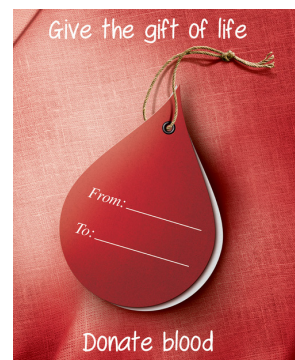
**Your support in this would be much appreciated.**

## Blood Donor Day

It is that time of the year again.... for all those who can or are interested in donating blood.

**Friday 24 February  
9am - 2pm**

To make the day run smoothly there is a time allocation of 4 people every ten minutes. Students must put their names down on the list outside the Nurse's Office.



## New Staff Profiles

### Mike Wilson Teacher of Technology



2017 holds a lot of firsts for me. Including...becoming a father, buying a home, and of course starting a new job as Carpentry and Trade Skills teacher at Rosehill College. I began my career in the Building industry by completing a building apprenticeship through the BCITO straight after leaving Pakuranga College in 2001.

Several years later in 2015 I completed a Bachelor of Education through Laidlaw College and began work at Bucklands Beach Intermediate as a classroom teacher. Music is also one of my passions and I love playing drums and writing music with my band in my spare time. I'm very much looking forward to combining my passion for teaching and carpentry together and in doing so, equipping Rosehill College students with new and useful skills and most importantly for life beyond school.

### Helen Scott Teacher of English



Talofa lava, Bula, Kia ora, Bonjour.

I'm delighted to be here with you. This is my fourth year in Auckland having taught and lived in Wellington previously. Highlights so far in teaching - the movie made for my farewell last year and seeing my Tutor classes grow to be the most awesome class in the House. Speaking of which - excited to be in Atawhai, teaching English and working alongside stunning colleagues and students. Have a fabulous year and best of luck to you all.

### Gagan Mann Teacher of Food Technology, Science and Enterprise



I have come to Rosehill College after teaching Science and Horticulture. I joined teaching after completing my masters in both Science and Education. I came to New Zealand in 2003 and worked in the food industry as a food technologist and went to the University of Auckland for my post graduate diploma in food science. This year I am looking forward to leading my learners at Rosehill College in their Food Technology, Science and Enterprise classes.

### Kiranjeet Kaur Teacher of Mathematics



I started my teaching career in India after completing my masters degree in Mathematics and BEd from Punjab University Chandigarh.

I migrated to New Zealand in 2004 with my husband and two children. I started with a picking and packing job at the warehouse. After finishing my diploma in teaching from the University of Auckland in 2005, I restarted my teaching career in New Zealand in 2006 and worked at Southern Cross, Papakura High and Botany Downs Secondary College in various roles.

I love reading books and spending time with my family in my spare time.

I have started my teaching career at Rosehill this year and so far I am really enjoying teaching at Rosehill and looking forward to working alongside great staff and as a part of mathematics department.

### Soley Finnbogadottir Teacher of Media Studies and Social Studies



I have come to Rosehill College after completing my Teachers training at the University of Waikato last year. I completed a B.A in History and Film, Television and Media Studies at the University of Auckland in 2015. I was born in Iceland, however I grew up in New Zealand and am very much a Kiwi.

I am excited to begin my journey at Rosehill College and to meeting all the wonderful staff and students

### Bill Herbert Teacher of Geography, Social Studies and Tourism



I've come to Rosehill College after a decade of teaching at New Zealand's equal oldest school. In 2016 I completed my third degree qualification in Geography and New Zealand History at the University of Auckland. This complements my background in American History and Political Science. At Rosehill College I am excited to share my passion for learning while also getting involved with extracurricular outdoor activities.

Together we create an  
environment for  
personal excellence



### Key Dates for 2017:

- House Day - 21st of February
- Swimming Sports - 3rd March
- Hillcrest Exchange - 20th June
- Sports Team Photos - 1st August
- Winter Tournament Week - 4th-8th September
- Sports Awards - 2nd November

### Current Sign Ups

- Rugby 1st and 2nd XV - All boys wishing to trial for these teams must register at the Sports Centre at lunchtime on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Softball Boys
- All Basketball Boys and Girls
- Rosehill Raptors Basketball Coaches/Leaders

### Upcoming Trials

- All Basketball Girls - 13th February, 3.30pm
- Netball Premier - 21st, 22nd & 23rd February, 3.30-5.30pm
- Netball Senior - 28th Feb & 1st March, 3.30-5.30pm
- Rugby 1stXV / 2ndXV Trial - 1st of March
- All Badminton - 2nd March, Lunchtime in Sports Centre
- Netball Yr9 & Yr10 - 7th & 9th March, 3.30-5.30pm

### House Day

This year House Day will be held on Tuesday the 21st of February. Due to the current closure of Massey Park we will be holding an afternoon of novelty events. More information will be available next week. This will be a great afternoon and the first chance to win a House competition in 2017!

### Rosehill Raptors Basketball Club

The Rosehill Raptors Basketball Club is still going strong and will be coming back to its weekly Thursday spot in the Sports Centre, kicking off in term one on 16th February.

This programme is designed for Primary (3.45pm), Intermediate (4.45pm) and junior College aged students (5.45pm) at all Basketball skill levels. It's a free afterschool programme run by Tim Dennis and Senior Rosehill Student Coaches for all to enjoy, so spread the word and come along to try it out!

Call the Sports Office for more information and keep an eye out for the posters – 295 0661 ext 844.



### Rowing

All the best to our Rowers who are competing at the Head of Harbour Regatta on Saturday. It is being held at Lake Pupuke on the North Shore, please come along and support our crews!

### Volleyball Senior Boys

Our boys had a great start with training last year, and they played their first game yesterday against James Cook High. Our boys won the first set and lost both other sets. The boys will be ready for their next game on Thursday 16/02/2017, hoping to push hard on this round.

### Volleyball Senior Girls

Our Senior Girls team had an awesome start which they played against Waiuku College and won both sets 25/18 and 25/13. In their next game our girls pushed hard and won against Papakura High 25/19 and 25/21. This year our girls have been training hard for these competitions and are looking forward to playing their next game.

### Signmee Communication Tool

Signmee is a new communication tool that the Sports Department is currently trialling with the hope of using it permanently. Basically, it allows our Sports Staff to generate an online permission slip catered to each sport or activity which is then emailed home and can be signed online in your own Signmee account.

- When your child is selected for a team you will be sent your first permission slip to your email address and be asked to create a log in with a password for Signmee.
- You will then be able to view your Signmee inbox and any permission slips may be opened and filled in from here.
- It is important to note that all fields must be filled in, even with an NA if required, before you can complete the form.
- To sign permission the parent must re-enter their Signmee password into the box at the bottom and this notifies the sports department that your child is good to go.

Please read a more detailed description of how Signmee works by following this link <http://bit.ly/2klzzyC>

