



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

Tuesday 21 February
House Day

Thursday 23 February
ID Photo catch up
BOT Meeting - 7.00pm

Friday 24 February
Blood Donor day

Tuesday 28 February
New Students and Parents Evening - 6.00pm

From the Principal Tena koutou katoa

It was good to see a number of parents and some students at our first Parents' Forum for 2017 on Wednesday evening. Associate Principal William Madgwick presented information about how NCEA works and how parents can support their students as they undertake their qualifications.

Also on Wednesday evening, our International Students' Department held a meeting for our homestay families who welcome international students into their homes. If you are interested in being a homestay family for short or long term students, please contact our School Office.

Next Tuesday we have our annual House Day. This is in a different format to last year, as we are unable to use Massey Park due to the renovations of that facility. Student will have periods 2 and 3 in normal classes followed by inter-House activities in the afternoon. I look forward to a good afternoon of friendly rivalry between the Houses.

Sue Blakely, Principal



Japanese Sister School visit 20 to 25 March

We urgently need 5 host families for 5 Japanese 17 year old female students. They would need to be met at the school on Monday 20 February at 4pm; on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they will be attending school. Friday morning they go to the city by train and would need to be transported to and from the train station. Saturday they will spend with the host family and after dinner transported to a hotel in Mangere as they have an early flight on the Sunday.

The Japanese are looking forward to sharing their culture with us and it is a great opportunity for us to share ours with them. Host families will need to have a spare bedroom for one student, provide three meals a day and interact with them in English conversation. Financial reimbursement will be paid. Please contact Mrs Delwyn Blackburn by email d.blackbourn@rosehillcollege.school.nz or on 2950661 ext 884.

Indonesian Tour Group visit 29 March to 7 April

We will also require families for a group visiting group from Indonesia from the 29th March to 7th April. Please contact Mrs Delwyn Blackburn if you would like further information about hosting a student from this group.

House Day 2017

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Welcome to our new International and Exchange students

We have welcomed the new students for term 1, they have travelled from all over the world to attend Rosehill College. The students have had a three day orientation program and are now enjoying classes and meeting Rosehill College students.



Back row: Mrs Henwood – International Director, Sam Chen (Taiwan), Franco Tejada (Peru), Leo Sanchez (Argentina), Charlie Lu (China), Rosie Ku (South Korea), Frederikke Christiansen (Denmark), Daniela Roman (Chile), John Libradilla (Philippines) and Fabio Roman (Peru)

Front Row: Alexis Vargas (Chile), Sergio Rondon (Peru), Lucy Lu (China), Mariko Sano (Japan), Suzuka Enomoto (Japan), Kanaha Nagai (Japan), Yui Miyaji (Japan), Mahiro Kamienoo (Japan), Cleo Chen (Taiwan) and Mrs Blackburn – International Coordinator.

Interact Club

On Tuesday the Interact Club held our very first fundraiser of the year - Valentine's Day roses! Anonymous roses were bought leading up to the day and were delivered to lucky recipients on the morning of Valentines.



At interval and lunch on Valentine's day we had queues of people ready to buy roses, resulting in an amazing profit of \$930! All of our profit will be donated to the charities we support. We also had a Valentine's frame going around where many students took the opportunity to take photo's with their friends and Valentines!



We would like to say a huge thank you to the members of the Interact Club for making this day so successful. We hope that after witnessing one of our biggest fundraisers of the year more students will be encouraged to join the group which is always open, all year round, to all students of any year level!

Tayla Cowper and Carys Nolan (Co-Presidents of the Interact Club 2017)



Attenburrow

Hi, My name is Attenburrow - named after the famous Sir David Attenborough, I live in B4 and am known as the Science Bunny. I am a minilop buck, my mum is called Panda and my dad is called Simba. I am helping spread the message of our school values - respect, caring and responsibility. My Year 9 class is responsible for looking after me and they are doing an awesome job! If you see me out on my harness hopping around the school, make sure you come and say Hi!



Mau Rākau 2017



Kia ora whānau. Our Mau Rākau Programme at Rosehill College will be starting on WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY at 2.25pm outside our Wharenuī Moemoeā. We extend a warm welcome to the parents and whānau of the community to come and see the programme kick off for 2017. Please contact Te Tari Māori (Māori Department) for further information. Mauri Ora!

Otago Junior Mathematics Competition

The Maths Department is taking entry for the Otago Junior Mathematics Competition which will be held on Wednesday 5th April.

Entry fee is \$5. Please pay this to the school cashier.

Please see your Maths teacher for more details.

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 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)

Together we create an environment for personal excellence



New Staff Profiles

Ben Moore Teacher of Drama



I am arriving at Rosehill College with three and a half years of Drama teaching experience. I have been performing and creating theatre for the last 10 years, and it continues to be my greatest passion. I have the honour of looking after the esteemed Mrs Harrison's classes while she is away for term one of 2017. I am looking forward to helping a new group of students to find their voice

and create at least one moment on stage that they can look back on with pride.

Sandy Edwards Teacher of Science and Chemistry



I am coming to Rosehill College from Te Kauwhata College in the Waikato. I have previously taught at Glendowie College and Sacred Heart College (Auckland). I have a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and have taught general Science and Chemistry for 18 years.

I am married with two adult children and enjoy tramping, urban walking, gardening, doing jigsaws and reading (mostly historical fiction). I am a keen lawn bowler I am no expert but enjoy bowling when I can. I hope to introduce Rosehill College students to lawn bowls and am excited to be joining the staff of such a vibrant and multicultural school.

Catherine Hamilton Teacher of English and Social Studies



Kia Ora, I come to Rosehill College in my 2nd year of teaching. In 2012, I completed a Bachelor of Performing and Screen Arts which then led me to train as a Drama and Media Studies teacher in 2015. I picked up English while working at Waitakere College in 2016 and am excited to add Social Studies to my skill

set. I am a singer in my free time and am passionate about video editing. I'm an advocate for creating safe and inclusive spaces for diverse students and staff to thrive, and hope to be an active part of the change I wish to see in our world.

Jitika Austin Teacher of Science



In 2009 I graduated from the University of Auckland with a bachelor of Pharmacy (HONS). I worked as a pharmacist for a few years before changing my career to teaching, which is where my passion lies. Pharmacy gave me a great basis for my teaching subject, Science, more specifically Biology. Working in Pharmacy allowed me to put into practice

what I learned and gave me the opportunity to meet new people. It also highlighted the importance and the influence of secondary education in a young person's life. Therefore I am really looking forward to teaching at Rosehill College. So far I have enjoyed my time here and everyone has made me feel welcome. I look forward to working with the students and contributing to the great team here at Rosehill College.

Anthony Mitchell Teacher of Drama and Media Studies



Seven years after my education at Rosehill College came to an end, I have returned as a teacher ready to contribute and give back to this wonderful school. After finishing a Bachelor of Performing and Screen Arts in 2010, I worked as a freelance filmmaker, but made the decision to become an educator and teach both Drama and Media, which is dear to

my heart. In my spare time you will find me down to Papakura Theatre Company where we are striving to bring high quality theatre to our community. I look forward to helping students here at Rosehill College achieve their potential, the same way my teachers did for me.

Chloe Leith Teacher of Classical Studies and Social Studies



I am a second year teacher and I have come to Rosehill College after spending a year teaching History and Classical Studies at Gisborne Girls High School. I have a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History and Classics through the University of Auckland.

I have a passion for both the old and the new and I am excited to share this with my new students this year. I also need to prewarn my students about my obsession with Alpacas and cute little animals. I am really looking forward to experiencing all Rosehill College has to offer in 2017.



Key Dates for 2017:

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



Motox

As we know Motox is coming up soon. Here are photos from last year's competition which highlights how well the Boys placed in the Competition in the Paeroa event.



Upcoming Sign Ups

- Football Boys and Girls
- Rugby Gala - Junior and restricted weight teams - 9th of March at 3:30pm on the field
- Upcoming Trials
- 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 - practice this Tuesday and Thursday for trial teams.
- All Badminton - 2nd March, Lunchtime in Sports Centre
- Netball Yr9 & Yr10 - 7th & 9th March, 3.30-5.30pm

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This will be a great afternoon and the first chance to win a House competition in 2017!

Volleyball

Senior Girls played an amazing game against Papatoetoe High which was one of the most intense games in the competition. Points were head to head and at the end, both teams won a set each and we lost our last game by 1 point. Our girls had a good push against Mangere; it was a very close game but lost. The girls now know they have a good competition ahead and are going to train hard to gain a placing in the Auckland Secondary Volleyball Competition. The Player of the Day is Lau Seiuli; she continued to show her best defence for her team.

Our Boys have had a hard start with numbers but have continued to impress the competition with getting to play big numbers of school. They did really well yesterday and know next week to train hard and play hard for their next game. The Player of the Day was Ielu Peti who played well in the competition.

Women's Artistic Gymnastics

Caitlin Todd is one of three gymnasts selected to represent New Zealand at a World Cup event in Melbourne from 22 to 25 March. This competition is one of four in the 2017 Individual Apparatus World Cup Series and is a qualifying event for New Zealand gymnasts seeking nomination to the 2018 Commonwealth Games Team. It will be held at the HiSense Arena and includes World Champions and Olympic gold medallists. Caitlin has recently been named to the Senior National Squad and this is her first competition as a Senior International gymnast.



Head of the Harbour Regatta

Well done to all the Rosehill Rowers who raced at the Head of the Harbour Regatta last weekend. Despite the water being choppy, the crews were dedicated to their purpose. We had many crews entered in Division 1 and Division 2 races which shows the strength of their rowing and improvement. Two crews came away with medals. Our Under 15 double sculls girls team, made up of Kenna Richmond and Brooke Andrews, won a silver medal in Division 1, under coach Ron Neighbours. The girls Under 15 coxed quad sculls, Kenna, Brooke, Ashleigh Riddle and Charlotte Molloy won a bronze medal in Division 2. One more regatta to go before NISS.



Orienteering

Orienteering kicked off this week on a wet and humid night at Wesley College. Nearly three hundred competitors lined up at the start and Rosehill College had its biggest team yet among them. The team consisted of a number of students new to the sport and some who were more experienced yet still a little rusty on their navigation skills this early on in the season. Our juniors did exceptionally well with Sharon Wessels and Hazel Greg finishing 4th and 5th with Abbey Chalmers and Kate Aislabie not far behind but still in the top ten. Jakob Silcock finished 7th in the Junior boys grade and our best in the Senior girls came from Annabelle Jackson and Sophie Taylor seeing them finish 8th and 9th respectively. Next week the team is off to Papatōetoe High School.

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>

