



# Rosehill College News



## PROGRESS REPORTS AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MEETINGS

### PROGRESS REPORTS

At the end of this term you will receive a progress report with grades from all subject teachers for Attitude, Punctuality, Equipment, Homework and Quality of Work to date.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MEETINGS

Families of Yr11 and Yr12 students are invited to make appointments on the schoolinterviews site to meet with Tutor Group Teachers on Wednesday 12 April, 1.25 - 6.00pm.

To discuss:

1. Progress towards gaining 15+ credits per subject.
2. The student's goals and aims this year.
3. How his/her achievement is tracking - green, orange or red.



### Dates to Remember

**Monday 27 March**  
Manutaki Year 10 Camp

**Wednesday 29 March**  
Taikura Year 10 Camp

**Wednesday 12 April**  
Year 11 and 12 SAMS

Together we create an environment for personal excellence

## From the Principal Tena koutou katoa

It has been a pleasure to welcome students and staff from Yamato Nishi High School this week, continuing our ten year association with the Japanese school. Thank you to their homestays and in-school buddies for making their visit a memorable one.

Pounamu and Kahurangi have enjoyed good weather for the first week of our Year 10 Camps at Waharau. These camps provide an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning and skills in a different environment and are a highlight of Year 10.

Whanau and members of the school community had the opportunity, on Thursday evening, to see our Kapa Haka group present their performances from the ASB Polyfest. It was great to see so many in the Hall enjoying the talents of the students. I acknowledge the amount of work that goes in to produce such high quality performances, and thank students and tutors for their dedication and enthusiasm.

On Wednesday evening, we held two information evenings. The first was a NCEA hui which was led by Ministry of Education facilitators.

The second was for those students, and their parents and caregivers, who are interested in the World Challenge trip to Thailand and Cambodia.

*Sue Blakely, Principal*



## Student Achievement Meetings

The first Student Achievement Meeting will be held in Term 1, Week 11 on Wednesday 12 April for Year 11/12 students from 1.25pm to 6pm.

The first meeting is primarily around setting the scene for the year, clarifying NCEA entries, discussing and setting goals for specific subjects, Numeracy, Literacy, UE Lit, UE, Course endorsement, Certificate endorsement. Also to identify issues that have arisen or potential barriers/obstacles and linking with Subject Selection in Term 3 and potential pathways.

Heads of House will be available in close proximity to the Tutor Teachers, other staff will be available in their offices, such as Careers, Learning Support and the Senior Leadership Team.

The second meeting in Term 3 will focus around progress on plans made in the Term 1 meeting, in relationship to Subject Selection and pathways for 2018.

Bookings should be made to meet with tutor teachers online via [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using Event Code as2sj. See page 4 for further information.

## Visit from Yamato Nishi High School Tokyo, Japan

This week we welcomed our sister school from Japan, Yamato Nishi High School. This school has been a Rosehill College sister school since 2006 and they visit Rosehill College every second year.

The 2 teachers and 15 students are staying for one week, attending classes with a Rosehill College buddy as well as participating in a number of different activities. Some of these activities have included Māori culture lessons.

The students are enjoying being in homestay and are making friends during their short time here.



*Ms Ogihara, Ms Enari and students from Yamato Nishi High School at the Powhiri welcome on Tuesday morning.*



## Year 12 Geography Trip to Tongariro

The Year 12 Geography students went on a two day field trip to Tongariro National Park last Friday and Saturday. They were gathering data for their research assessment in streams either side of Mt Ruapehu. Despite the terrible forecast for Saturday the weather was great on the Friday and everyone had fun measuring things such as the velocity of the stream and soil drainage. It was a fun trip and all the students were fantastic!



## The Great Kiwi Science Competition

The annual Great Kiwi Science Competition is skills-based and closely aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. The competitions are organised by The Centre for Evaluation & Monitoring at the University of Canterbury. The competitions cater for students of all abilities in primary, intermediate and secondary schools and measure the performance of students in each curriculum area.



The tests are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students. The tests are administered online and take 45 minutes to complete. Each test consists of 40 short answer questions depending on the year level.

### What is the Kiwi Science Competition based on?

Questions in the Kiwi Science Competition are skills based and cover:

#### Investigating

Experimental design, use of controls and the notion of a 'fair test'.

#### Interpreting data

Interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs.

#### Critical thinking skills

Reasoning, problem solving and logical deduction.

The tests use every day contexts relevant to the following strands of the science in the New Zealand Curriculum:

- Nature of Science
- Living World
- Planet Earth and Beyond
- Physical World
- Material World

The exact time and rooming of the Competition is to be advised later in Term 2.

The dead line to enter for the Great Kiwi Science Competition is **by the end of Term 1, 13th April. The entry fee is \$8.50.**

Please contact Mrs Jawad for any further information by email: [n.jawad@rosehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:n.jawad@rosehillcollege.school.nz)

## Year 9 Science

This week 9SCV started their CSI unit where they will be solving a new crime, once again I would like to thank Care Importers from Drury who donated the products for our class to use.



## National Flash Fiction Day

June 22, 2017 is our shortest day of the year — and the day we know and love as National Flash Fiction Day.

The competition this year will open February 15 – April 30. New this year! A youth category, with award-winning children's writer Fleur Beale and NFFD 2016 winner Heather McQuillan as judges.

Go to <https://nationalflash.org/> to register.

ROSEHILL COLLEGE PRESENTS...

# SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

OPEN TO YEAR 11, 12 & 13 STUDENTS  
MON 3RD APRIL TO FRI 7TH APRIL  
OPENING NIGHT 3.30PM TO 4.30PM MONDAY

# 06 POWER

A4 PRINTS SELLING FOR \$10  
A3 PRINTS SELLING FOR \$15





## Automotive Department

We have been given some engines but would appreciate the donation of some more fairly simple car engines. We would prefer carburetor models but not limited to. Please contact Mr Glading at Rosehill College at [a.glading@rosehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:a.glading@rosehillcollege.school.nz) or phone 295 0661.

### NZ Track and Field Championships

Paige Bell finished 3rd in her U18 400m heat, missing out on the final by 0.04 seconds. Very tough to miss out by such a tiny margin - but she did get a personal best. Her heat time placed her 10th overall.

The Auckland U18 women's 4x400m relay team finished 4th, with Paige bringing them home strongly.

Liam Haddock finished 12th overall in the U18 400m and also missed out on the final. The boys 4 x 400m team finished 4th also but were bumped to 3rd after one of the other teams was disqualified.

### MOTO X

The Moto Cross competition last Friday was held at Phillip Farm in Rotorua. With approximately 500 riders and ideal riding weather of sunshine our results are:

Tyron Jones 2nd overall in 125/250f novice  
Jayden Hughes 18th overall in 125/250f novice  
Jack Majurey 13th overall in 125/250f novice  
Michael Tripodi-Carter 13th overall 125 support  
Scott Pethybridge 24th overall in 250pro 15-18 years

### ROWING

Congratulations to our Rosehill Rowers for an amazing NISS effort. Matthew Darby, Joel Mansell and Nick Oliver improved their times having a strong finish to their year. Brooke Andrews, Kenna Richmond, Ashleigh Riddle, Rebecca Powley, Charlotte Molloy and Mitchell Dench were highly successful in qualifying for finals. These girls will be attending Maadi, a five day National regatta at Lake Karapiro. We wish them and their Coach, Ron Neighbours, all the best at Maadi. All our rowers have worked very hard and we are very proud of their efforts.

### Auckland Secondary School Athletics Championships

The Auckland Secondary School Athletics Championships happened on Tuesday 21st March at Mt Smart stadium in Penrose. With over sixty different schools sending their top athletes who qualified from the different regional competitions, Rosehill did very well with the four athletes that were entered.

Ava Duggan qualified for 100m and hurdles final but unfortunately, due to an existing knee injury, she was unable to compete in these races. Paris Boyce Bacon ran her heat for the 200m but was unsuccessful in making the final. Paige Bell received a silver coming second in the 400m final and 5th in the 200m final while Liam Haddock received a bronze in the 400m final.



## ICAS English Exam

The ICAS English exam is coming up again this year. Payment of \$9.50 can be made to the Cashier. Payment is due by March 27. Please note the test is not until August 1.

**ICAS**  
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND  
ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

### Water polo

On Friday we played Sacred Heart Sky. This was a difficult game against unconventional opposition. They played an unstructured game and shot from wide out often. Whilst physically bigger and stronger than our team we remained focused in the first half and scored some great goals. Jessica Ingram scored four goals in the first half whilst Chloe Rickit picked up the other one for us to have a 5-3 lead going into the break. All the team worked tirelessly in the second half on defence especially Lilly Hart who was clambering all over the opposition to block their shots. Syan Purcell finished off a penalty shot in the last second of the game to give Rosehill a 6-4 win.

On Sunday we played a very good Glendowie side. We were slow starters and could not match the Glendowie swimmers for pace and found ourselves down 5-0 at the end of the first quarter. With a stern word from Syan motivating the team into defensive action the Glendowie side were held to 1 goal over the next two quarters before they scored 3 more in the final quarter to beat us 9-0. Besides the first quarter the side showed good spirits defensively against a strong team.

### Lawn Bowls

On Wednesday 22 March a group of Lawn Bowlers went to the Te Kauwhata Bowling Club for a pairs tournament against Te Kauwhata College students. It was a round robin and a team from Te Kauwhata came first (they are the current Thames Valley champions) but our team of Lee Warburton and Haylen Chase came a close second. It was a good day with the drizzle quickly clearing to let the sun through.

We will continue our Wednesday afternoon practices at Papakura Bowling Club as we prepare for a tournament in Term 2 against Manurewa High School.

Anyone interested in joining the team should see Mrs Edwards in B3



**ROSEHILL COLLEGE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MEETINGS**  
**Wednesday 12 April and Thursday 26 July**

**Dear Parent / Caregiver**

You have been sent this letter because you have one or more students in Years 11 and/or 12 attending Rosehill College.

Rosehill College is holding Student Achievement Meetings on Wednesday 12 April and Thursday 26 July from 1.25 – 6pm. Normal timetabled classes will operate until 12.35pm on these two days and it is expected that students accompany their family to this important event.

**Student Achievement Meetings**

These interviews are a meeting of the student, the student's family and the student's Tutor Group Teacher.

At the meeting the following will be discussed in regards to your student/s:

- Term One Progress Report
- Long and Short Term Educational Goals
- Record of Achievement
- The student's pathway/career aspirations
- Information from subject teachers regarding goals and progress
- Academic mentoring responses

**Making Bookings for Student Achievement Meetings for 12 April 2017**

Bookings for each student and family with a Tutor Group Teacher are for 20 minutes.

Please logon at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) to book.

Use the event code **as2sj**

Use the drop-down boxes to select your student's Tutor Group Teacher and select a suitable time.

It is possible that the room used for the interview is not your student's usual Tutor Group room. You will receive written confirmation of the room used for the Student Achievement Meeting.

**Making Bookings for Families without a Home Computer**

For families without home access to a computer, two options exist.

- The Sir Edmund Hillary Library in Papakura has free wireless internet access for users.
- You can call the school on (09) 295 0661 ext 871 for assistance with booking interview times.

For both the above options, if you do not have your own email address, please use [schoolinterviews@rosehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:schoolinterviews@rosehillcollege.school.nz) and we will post your booking confirmation out to you.

**Other Staff Available on the Day of the Student Achievement Meetings**

Either before or after your interview with the Tutor Group Teacher, please feel welcome to visit:

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| • School Counsellors   | at Student Support |
| • Senior Leadership Team (Associate Principal and Deputy Principals) | in the Admin block |
| • Kaimanaaki or School Nurse   | at Student Support |

You are welcome to book interview times with the following:

- Careers Advisor
- Gateway Coordinator
- Your child's Head of House

Subject Teachers will be working in their role as Tutor Group Teachers and will not be available.

**Parking and Refreshments**

Parking will be available for families at the Edinburgh Avenue entrance. Tea and coffee will be available for parents. Please feel free to bring other children with you to the interviews if you are unable to make alternative arrangements for that time.

**Obtaining Leave from Work**

You will receive written confirmation stating your interview time. If you need another document to show your employer that verifies your requirement to leave work, please contact Philippa Kaiser on:

(09) 295 0661 ext. 871 or by email: [p.kaiser@rosehillcollege.school.nz](mailto:p.kaiser@rosehillcollege.school.nz)

Kind Regards  
Rosehill College







## Back to School

Now that term one is well underway we are putting an emphasis on truancy and ensuring our children are in school when they're meant to be. It is in everyone's interest to ensure that all children are attending school as it is a legal requirement until you are 16 years of age.

Once upon a time, skipping school used to be a risky and often one-off occurrence with the challenge of going undetected. You couldn't go out and do anything because you knew the shopkeepers, neighbours, and family friends were quick to report you to parents or school authorities.

Today, truancy has become a major problem that negatively impacts on the future of our youth. Truancy can be the beginning of a lifetime of problems for our youth. Those who routinely skip school fall behind in their school work and drop out because that's easier than catching up.

Truancy is also a stepping stone to delinquent and criminal behaviour. There is overwhelming evidence that chronic absenteeism is the most powerful predictor of delinquent behaviour. Truant students are at higher risk of being drawn into dishonesty, drugs, alcohol and violence.

As parents and caregivers, if you're in any way condoning or turning a blind eye to truancy, you are contributing to the problem.

This month we are undertaking a large operation throughout Tamaki Makaurau to target locations where we know truants congregate. With a focus on reducing truancy we will see a reduction of youth offending including daytime burglary and vehicle crime. Our efforts hope to see lower truancy rates, lower juvenile crime, and a heightened working relationship between Police, local schools and truancy services. ■

## Getting to School Safely

The safety of our youngest and most vulnerable community members is paramount and we take all suspicious approaches to children very seriously. This has been well covered in the media lately and is obviously of huge concern to us. Here is some advice that you can pass on to your children to help keep them safe:

- Avoid walking to or from school on your own.
- Don't be distracted by cell phones or other portable devices while you are walking.
- If someone is following you walk quickly straight ahead. Cross the road and see if they follow. If they are still following, go into a shop or approach a group of people and ask for help.
- Never get in the car with someone you don't know.
- If someone you don't know comes up to you and asks you questions, be polite but tell them that you won't talk to them. Stay a good distance away from them and walk away.
- If someone grabs you, yell and scream and kick out to attract attention to the situation.
- If you are scared, or someone has tried to harm you, as soon as you can go into a shop or approach an adult (even one you don't know) and ask them to call the Police on 111.

A walking school bus is a great way to get to school safely in a group. See if your school organises this service or talk with

other parents in your area who might be able to get a group together. A good thing to remind your children is "if mum and dad don't know; don't go".

Any suspicious approaches should be reported to Police immediately on 111 – don't delay. The faster we hear about it, the sooner we can respond and hopefully identify the person involved. ■



*Pakuranga Heights School on their Walking School Bus Day earlier this month.*

