



## NCEA ACHIEVEMENT 2014

The great work of students aiming for 15+ credits in each subject and the academic coaching from Tutor Group Teachers has contributed to continued improvement in all our NCEA results; higher rates than in the past two years.

	2012	2013	2014
Level 1	60.8%	73.1%	<b>72.2%</b>
Level 2	68.9%	65.1%	<b>72.8%</b>
Level 3	52.7%	55%	<b>59.6%</b>
U.E.	49.6%	52.3%	<b>40%</b>

**Congratulations to all the students who gained the NCEA Level they were aiming for.**

We aim to continue the trend in 2015 with **15+ BEST**; expecting all students to aim to achieve the **BEST GRADE** possible, do their **BEST WORK**, be on their **BEST BEHAVIOUR**.



Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who gained **Level 3 Endorsed with Excellence**; twice the number of 5 years ago.

Daniel Ballard, Holly Barry, Avnit Chopra, Hritika Ghaiee, Katy Krauts, Lily Kwok, Hannah Lawn, Blair Lowry, Tayla Powell, Nicole Sweeney, Pip Todd, Allie Zohoori-Dossa.

## *From the Principal Tena koutou katoa*

Welcome to 2015!

This week we welcomed all our new students and staff members with a powhiri held on Thursday morning. Our best wishes to those students and staff as they settle into the College.



My thanks go to all the staff who worked hard during the holidays to prepare for the 2015 school year, and this week has been a busy one with senior re-enrolment, Student Advisor training and the Student Leadership Camp at Waharau. About 250 senior students have been involved in preparation for the year, with the Student Leaders enhancing their leadership skills and the Student Advisors training and then welcoming our new students yesterday. Thank you to all those students for their commitment to our school community.

It always takes a few days for the timetable in a big school to be confirmed, and our timetablers have been working long hours on constructing the best timetable possible. Changes to timetables are caused by a number of issues, including enrolments and re-enrolments coming in this week. We ask students to be patient with any changes that need to be made.

We were very pleased with last year's NCEA results – see the separate item on those in this newsletter. It is very pleasing to see consistent improvement in our students' NCEA results over recent years. We will be running a new NCEA academic campaign this year to encourage all senior students to work for success. We will outline that campaign to students in assemblies over the next few weeks and in newsletters.

### **Dropping off and picking up students**

Would all parents and caregivers please avoid driving into the school's car park areas to drop off or pick up students before and after school, as it is unsafe to have cars driving through the grounds at those very busy times. Similarly, please don't stop or park on the yellow lines near our gates as traffic infringement notices may be issued. Drop students off or pick them up at some distance from the school – the short walk will be good for them!



Best wishes to everyone in the Rosehill College community for a successful 2015.

*Sue Blakely, Principal*

## Reminder - Late Start Tuesdays

A reminder that students should be at school by 9.35am (the first bell goes at 9.40am) on Tuesday mornings. Waka Pacific buses run at the normal time. Murphys buses leave from their starting points at 9am on Tuesdays. For more information on buses see our website under "Enrolments / Buses".

## Whole School Assembly



We will be having an outdoor whole school assembly on Wednesday 4 February, Period 2. Students should bring a black or blue hat and wear sunscreen to protect themselves from the sun.



## We encourage families to use automatic payments to pay for School Fees and the School Donation

Many College families have made the decision to pay school fees via automatic payments. These are easy to set up. The benefits of doing so can include:

- Pressure taken off parents and students at the start of the year.
- One AP is sufficient to cover all students in a family.
- Many 2014 AP payers have already paid all of their 2015 fees without the need to come into school.
- No need to queue at the College's cashier's office.

To set up an automatic payment to the College please record the following details on our bank particulars/code/reference fields.

**Payments to: Rosehill College BOT**

**Account No: 12-3031-0837472-00**

**Our Account Particulars: School Fees**

**Code:** Enrolment number. If you do not know your student's enrolment number please phone the Student Office (2950661 Extn 851) to get this information.

**Reference:** Family name, Initial

### Class Materials Charges for Years 12-13

These charges were payable at time of re-enrolment. Unless payment is made in full (or an automatic payment set up at re-enrolment time) seniors will be asked to select an alternative option which does not have a fee. This deadline has been extended to the end of Week 2 (5 February 2015). Students will be asked to select an option which does not have a fee if materials charges or any fees from prior years remain unpaid (without an AP) at that time.

### Class Materials Charges for Years 9-11

These fees are payable by the end of Term 1, 2015. If materials charges remain unpaid (without an AP) at that time, and the student may not be able to participate in extra-curricular activities.

### Year 10 CAMP FEE - ALL Year 10 students \$150.00

This is payable by 4 March 2015. Please speak to your child's Head of House before this time if you are unable to either pay in full or set up an AP by that deadline.

### Prior Year Fees

All outstanding fees from 2014 were payable in full by the first day of school (30 January) unless an AP was set up by that date. We have extended this deadline until 13 February but after 13 February, any outstanding debt (where no AP exists) may result in the student not being able to participate in extra-curricular activities.

### School Donation

Thank you to those who have or are paying the school donation. If you are intending paying in full or setting up an AP before 31 March 2015, remember to deduct the discount from your payment.

School Donation				
	Fee per family	Fee per student	Discount per student	Discounted fee
Single student family	200.00	200.00	20.00	180.00
Two students in the same family	320.00	160.00	15.00	145.00
Three or more students in the same family	375.00	125.00	10.00	115.00

## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 4 February**

Whole School Assembly - Period 2

**Friday 6 February**

Waitangi Day

**Monday 9 February**

Mighty Mouth Dental at school to 20 February

**Wednesday 11 February**

Parent Forum - NCEA and Parent Portal - 7.00pm

## Applications for House and School Badges

These are based on NCEA results from last year and applications close on Wednesday 18th of February at 3.20pm. The criteria for these are on the school website or with your Head of House, as are the application forms. These need to be fully completed and returned to your HoH by that date. If you have any complex queries, please see Mr McConchie.

## New Staff Profiles

### JACQUIE JOHNSON

#### Head of Department - French



I have come from St. Cuthberts College where I have been teaching for two and a half years. Prior to that I was Head of French and Assistant Head of Languages at Epsom Girls' Grammar School. I began teaching in 1979 after gaining a Master of Arts Degree from Auckland University and a Post Graduate Diploma from the Sorbonne University in Paris. I subsequently worked at a variety of schools including Otahuhu College, McAuley Girls' High School, Mt. Roskill Grammar, Baradene College and Auckland Grammar. In 2006 I took up an eight month MOE Language Immersion Award and gained a further Diploma in Applied Linguistics from the University of Besançon in France.

I am feeling very honoured to be teaching French at Rosehill College as the Languages Department has a glowing nationwide reputation thanks to the efforts of my predecessor, Sue Pommarède, over her dedicated 24 years here.

### SHELLEY WRIGHT

#### Teacher of Economics



I have resumed my teaching career at Rosehill College after taking leave to care for my two young daughters. I previously taught Commerce at Otahuhu College.

Prior to completing my teaching qualifications I was a Bank of New Zealand Branch Manager, a Credit Analyst and Business Banking trainer.

My dream job was always to be a high school teacher and I am extremely glad I have been able to pursue this. I have a degree in Business Studies attained from Massey University whilst I was working in banking. I hope my experiences both in the classroom and in the work force will assist in bringing out the best in my students in the Economics classroom and in the Business Enterprise journey my Year 10 students will go on.



# Leadership Camp

Leadership camp is one of the first and most important dates in the school calendar. It is crucial to the new leaders to have this time to help build and develop their leadership skills. The three days are a great way to prepare every leader for the challenges they will face throughout the year. Over these past three days friendships have been made and lessons have been learnt. Every single leader has come away from the camp with so many new skills and understanding of leadership. There is a huge amount of trust among this incredible group of leaders and they have worked together to find shared goals for the school, making for a great 2015.

Robbie Thomson, Head Student



## PROCEDURES FOR UNWELL STUDENTS

If you receive a txt from your child saying they are unwell please do not come immediately to school - please ask them to follow the correct procedure which is -

- Advise their teacher and request a note to see the nurse
- Go to the nurse at the Health Centre
- Our Registered Nurse will assess the student
- **The Nurse will then contact you 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.

Please remind your child about this and emphasize to them the importance of being seen by the school's Registered Nurse who will assess their condition and phone the parents/caregivers if necessary.

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

## Heads of Houses

Atawhai	Mr Williams	Ext 808
	s.williams@rosehillcollege.school.nz	
Kahurangi	Ms Mackay	Ext 807
	d.mackay@rosehillcollege.school.nz	
Manutaki	Ms Cowlshaw	Ext 835
	t.cowlshaw@rosehillcollege.school.nz	
Pounamu	Mr McConchie	Ext 834
	s.mcconchie@rosehillcollege.school.nz	
Rangatahi	Ms Wolken	Ext 833
	n.wolken@rosehillcollege.school.nz	
Taikura	Mr Aitchison	Ext 806
	h.aitchison@rosehillcollege.school.nz	

## NAMING GEAR

We get a lot of uniform and non-uniform items handed into the Student Office – some are very expensive and all too frequently a charity ends up benefiting as students don't collect them! Please ensure that all items brought or worn to school are NAMED, so that lost items can be returned to the rightful owner.



## Attendance Procedure

If your student is absent from school, please phone the Attendance Officer on 295 0661 Ext 869 at any time and leave a message.

### Receiving a text message notifying of an absence

- Please reply to the text (this number cannot be saved as a contact number on your mobile phone – it is **invalid after 7 days**).
- OR phone our Attendance Officer on 295 0661 Ext 869
- OR provide a note explaining the student's absence

### If a student needs to leave school during the day

- Please provide a note for your student to take to their Head of House
- The 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, as outlined on the left.

**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

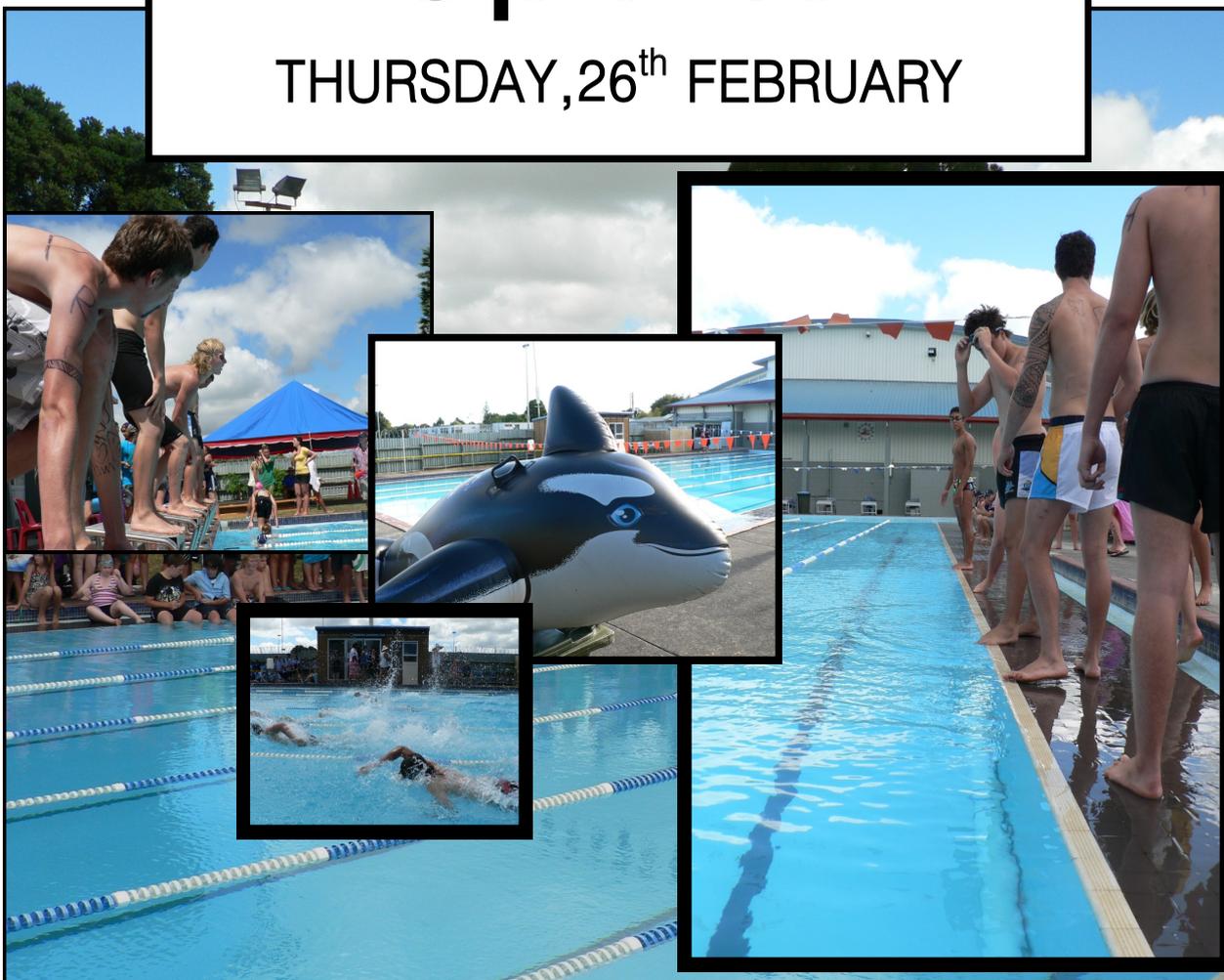
- provide a note from the parent/caregiver advising the reason for being late
- OR the parent/caregiver should phone the Attendance Officer on 295 0661 Ext 869 and leave a message

Year 9 - 12 students may not leave the school grounds without permission. We need to know where students are at all times.



# Swimming Sports

THURSDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY



## SIGN UPS:

Will be done through  
Your Head of House  
and House Leaders  
shortly

## GYM ONE

Look for your House Leaders - they will assist  
you. Championship or Non Championship events  
for Junior, Intermediate and Senior students.  
YOU MUST CHOOSE CHAMPIONSHIP OR NON  
CHAMPIONSHIP – YOU CANNOT DO BOTH.



# HOUSE DAY



## ATHLETICS SPORTS

17TH FEBRUARY  
2015

MASSEY PARK  
PAPAKURA

Signed up competitors  
must be at the park by  
9.30am

Mufti is worn, and house  
colours are encouraged.

**NO BBQ OR CHILLYBINS**

