

Rosehill College News

Education Review Office Report

At the end of last year, the Education Review Office released their very positive report on Rosehill College following their visit in September 2015. The report can be read on the ERO website www.ero.govt.nz or by using this link Rosehill College ERO report 2015. The brief summary of the report is below.

ERO Report summary

Rosehill College provides meaningful and relevant learning experiences for students. Respectful relationships and opportunities to contribute and participate promote a positive school tone and high levels of student engagement. Capable leadership and professional inquiry support school development and strategic decision making.

House Day

House Day is back for 2016 and will be occurring on the 16th February! This is a whole school event and students are expected to wear their house colours for the day while participating in both novelty, fun events and athletic events.

The event will be held at Massey Park, from 9.45am-2.30pm and students will need to **bring their own food, water, hats and sunscreen** on the day. More information will be provided on posters around the school, in the school newsletter sent home and in the daily notices closer to the event.

Dates to Remember

Thursday 11 February

Whole School Assembly

Tuesday 16 February

House Day

Wednesday 17 February

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Parent Forum on NCEA - 7.00pm

Monday 22 February

Classes finish at 12.30pm

Wednesday 24 February

New Students and Parents Evening -
6.00pm

Thursday 25 February

Swimming Sports

From the Principal *Tena koutou katoa*

Welcome to the start of the 2016 school year and best wishes to all in the school community for a most successful year. This week we have had the pleasure of welcoming 420 Year 9 students and about 70 students at other year levels. We have international and exchange students who have joined us from other countries including Brazil, Cambodia, Colombia, China, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Japan, New Caledonia, South Korea, Taiwan and the United States.



I ask that parents/caregivers who drop off or pick up their students at school do so away from the school entrances. It is dangerous to drive into the school grounds with so many students in the area as pedestrians and we do not have any provision for a drop off area inside the fences. Arrange with your son or daughter that they meet you in one of the side streets where you can park and wait for them. I thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our students safe.

Thank you to all staff who have worked hard to ensure a smooth start to the year. Creating a school timetable for 1900 students and 110 teaching staff is highly complex and further complicated by a significant number of enrolments at the start of this year and the changes to subject selections that occur at senior re-enrolment. As we try to balance the numbers in classes, it will be necessary to make some timetable changes. I ask for everyone's patience and understanding as we go through this process.

This week, senior staff ran a very successful Senior Leadership Camp for our Head Students and other senior Student Leaders. It was great to see them developing their team and leadership skills and I look forward to a great year ahead. In addition, about 200 Student Advisors were trained to work with and support our Year 9 students in their transition to high school.

NCEA results were released in mid-January and it was very pleasing to note that our students gained the highest percentage of achievement in Levels 2 and 3 since the NCEA began, exceeding the targets for 2015 set by our Board of Trustees. Congratulations to all students who gained their certificates endorsed with merit or excellence and in particular to:

Stella Choi, Sungjin Kim, Dylan Pak, Jessica Kelly, Amelia Marlow, Corey Biddick, James Mulholland and Zane Penny who gained NCEA Level 3 with excellence.

Sue Blakely, Principal

Think Global; Act Local



During the holidays, solar heating was installed for the swimming pool. This will contribute to the cost of heating the pool and we are grateful for the support of the Solar Group Ltd for the installation.

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THE OUTLOOK FOR SOMEDAY

Neihana Lowe and Kane Wadsworth, together with Neihana's cousin, were one team of 20 winners nationally in the Outlook for Someday Film Challenge. The challenge asks young people up to the age of 24 to interpret "sustainability" and what that means for them. There were 156 entries involving over a thousand young people in workshops and filming. **Their film**, entitled Home, is of a young poet telling us a story about the challenges of life on the Southside. It received the Tearaway Secondary School Performance Award for a film made by young people of secondary school age with strong on-screen performance. Congratulations!



Student Achievement Meetings (SAMS) 2016

These are changing from the past 5 years, this year there will be a focus on Year 11 and Year 12 students, no other Year levels will be involved in these meetings this year. There will be two meetings this year rather than one, the focus will be around NCEA achievement, goals and pathways relating to 2017 and beyond.

Dates are:

Term 1 - Week 11 Year 11/12 SAMS [1.30 to 6pm] Wednesday 13th April
Term 3 - Week 1: Year 11/12 SAMS [1.30 to 6pm] Thursday 28th July

Parent/Teacher Interviews

These remain the same as in the past at the following dates and times:

Term 3 A-L Thursday 18th August 2.30 – 6.00pm
M-Z Monday 22nd August 2.30 – 6.00pm

Welcome to our new International and Exchange Students

This week 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 looking forward to classes and meeting Rosehill College students.



Back Row: Eric Nagy (Hungary), Hogo Brandao (Brazil), Antoine Malecot (New Caledonia), Deepwinder Singh (India), David Bohorquez Sanchez (Columbia) and Mrs Henwood - International Director.

Second Row: Mrs Blakely - Principal, Julianne McCoun (USA), Motohiro Hirayama (Japan), Yuki Kajiki (Japan), Frank Guo (China), Leo Lin (China), Ann An (South Korea) and Mrs Blackbourn - International Coordinator.

Front Row: Sophia Chen (Taiwan), Leonie Rosler (Germany), Yuki Kajiki (Japan), Suzy Yamashita (Japan) and Andy Li (China).

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".



What is e-Learning?

Whatever the technology, learning is the vital element. eLearning forms a part of a conscious choice by teachers and students for the best and most appropriate ways of promoting quality learning.

eLearning is:

- the use of electronic technology to deliver, support and enhance teaching
- the use of online and multimedia technologies to improve the quality of learning by facilitating:
 - access to a wide range of resources
 - synchronous remote exchanges
 - asynchronous collaboration

Best practice blended eLearning enables students to access and engage with class content prior to entering the classroom, and arrive at classes with their own questions and ideas. This is called flipping the classroom. Teachers can focus on shaping and developing each child's learning from diagnosing exactly what they do not understand, rather than spending a significant amount of class time presenting information in a one-size-fits-all approach. Imagine the difference between a school uniform that is delivered in exactly the same size for everyone, and a school uniform tailored to fit for your child.

A blended eLearning curriculum means your child's homework may be generating summaries and questions rather than practising from worksheets. It may mean that your child is asked to access online games or skills-builders to help identify their weaknesses, so that teachers can focus on exactly what they need in class times to achieve to their full potential.

AUDITIONS, AUDITIONS, AUDITIONS...

For the 2016 Musical Production 'ANNIE' will be held on Saturday 27th February. Don't miss out on your chance to be involved in one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences Rosehill College has to offer.

Auditions are open to ALL Rosehill College students.

Come to the Drama/Dance office during lunchtimes to book an audition time.



Year 10 Camps

Year 10 students will be given information sheets and permission slips for the upcoming Year 10 camps. Please note that these forms and payment for the camp are due by Friday 11 March. Camp dates are as follows:

Taikura: 14 - 16 March
Manutaki: 30 March - 1 April

Atawhai: 16 - 18 March
Pounamu: 4 - 6 April

Rangatahi: 22 - 24 March
Kahurangi: 6 - 8 April

Whole School Assembly



We will be having an outdoor whole school assembly on Thursday 11 February, Period 2. Students should bring a black or blue hat and wear sunscreen to protect themselves from the sun.

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Caps and Bucket Hats

Plain navy blue official school caps and bucket hats are in stock and are available from the Resource Room.

Caps: \$6.00
Bucket hats: \$8.00



Together we provide an environment for personal excellence

New Staff Profiles

Renuka Ram Teacher of Mathematics



I have come to Rosehill College with over thirty years of teaching experience at various secondary schools both overseas and in New Zealand. My teaching career in New Zealand started at Kelston Girls' College in 1997 where I was Teacher in Charge of Mathematics for Level 3 Statistics, an acting Assistant Head of Mathematics, Head of Commerce and a Dean during my eighteen years there.

My last contract was at Mount Albert Grammar School as a teacher of Mathematics up to senior levels. I am really excited to be part of Rosehill College for the rest of my teaching career and would like to thank the Principal and Board for giving me the opportunity to contribute towards the welfare and achievement of our students.

Sally Dent Teacher of Art, Painting and Photography & Design



It is with great enthusiasm that I join the dynamic team at Rosehill College. This will be my seventh year teaching art at a secondary level. Growing up in rural New South Wales, I always had a passion for arts and crafts. I pursued my interest in photography by shooting local events for the local newspaper. When I left school I moved to Sydney where I completed a Diploma of Photography. Here I worked on commercial shoots before I decided to take some time off and go travelling. In 2005 I moved to Brisbane to study Fine Arts and Education at Queensland University of Technology. After graduating I began teaching at an all boys school, Iona College in Brisbane.

In 2011 I decided I wanted to move back to New South Wales to be close to my family and took a permanent position teaching art at Kinross Wolara School in Orange, New South Wales. It was here that I met my partner who convinced me to move back to his home country of New Zealand to pursue a career in dairy farming. I've been in New Zealand a year and a half now and apart from the constant "rugby digs", I love it. Having worked as the Teacher in Charge of Art at Te Aroha College last year, I am looking forward to being a part of a larger staff here at Rosehill College.



Welcome to 2016

Welcome to Rosehill Sports for 2016, we are looking forward to what this year has in store as we have a lot of exciting changes and improvements occurring. Another warm welcome goes out to all new students and parents, we offer a wide range of sporting codes here in the Sports Office and we are always happy to help with any queries. You can contact either our Sport Coordinator, Toni Humphries, at t.humphreys@rosehillcollege.school.nz or our Sports Assistant, Sarah Skidmore, at s.skidmore@rosehillcollege.school.nz

Rosehill Sports Website

For 2016 the sports department will endeavour to improve our Rosehill Sport website where we will provide regular updates, draws and information on key sporting events throughout the year. If you require any information regarding Rosehill Sport the website will be a good first port of call. You can access the website at <http://rosehillcollege.school.nz> and then click on the sport tab.

Rosehill Sports Facebook

The Rosehill Sport Facebook page will also be developed for 2016 with more updates, links to weekly draws and photos of games and events. If you have any sporting news or achievements that you would like to be celebrated on the Facebook page or in this weekly newsletter then please send them through to Sarah Skidmore at s.skidmore@rosehillcollege.school.nz



College Sport App

College Sport has made massive improvements to the way they communicate with schools, parents and students this year by developing the College Sport App, which is free and available to download to any Apple or Android phone through the App store. We would like to encourage as many of our students, parents and coaches to download this App as soon as possible as it will provide direct updates for all sports provided by College Sport. The type of information that will be available in your pocket will be draws, venues (or venue changes), directions to the venues, cancellations, the bylaws for each sport and much more. This App will be helpful for everyone involved in sport and will be a great reference for parents and students to know where they need to be.

Coaching/Managing Volunteers

Due to the nature of sport in schools we are always looking for parents or family members who are interested and willing to volunteer some of their time to help us either coach, manage or transport our sports teams. If this is you or someone you know, please contact Toni in the Sports Office or phone on 295 0661 ext 844.

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