

Rosehill College News

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WEEK FOUR – IT'S BEST TO ALSO HAVE CO-CURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

What we know is that students' academic achievement is strengthened by their involvement in co-curricular activities.

New Students and Parents Information Evening

Wednesday 18 February 7pm

We would like to invite parents/caregivers of all Year 9 and other new students to an information evening on Wednesday 18 February at 7pm. The evening will start in the Hall and then parents/caregivers will have the opportunity to meet with their son/daughter's Head of House. Students are welcome to attend and can come in mufti. We intend to finish the evening no later than 8.15pm.

From the Principal Tena koutou katoa

Congratulations to our Scholarship winners for 2014! Melanie John 13MWK gained a Scholarship pass in Physical Education, Hannah Lawn 13PWR in Painting and our 2014 Dux, Daniel Ballard 13PWL, gained Scholarship passes in Accounting, Chemistry and Economics. Daniel's name will be placed on the Scholarship Honours Board in the Hall.



On Wednesday evening, it was great to see our Staffroom filled with parents and students at our NCEA information evening. Many questions were answered and all departed with a greater understanding of what is required. If you missed the evening, you are warmly invited to our NCEA hui which will take place in Moemoea on Wednesday 25 February.

We look forward to welcoming the parents and caregivers of Year 9 and other students new to the College on Wednesday 18 February at 7.00pm in the Hall. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's Head of House, and to find out about the College's procedures. Please ask your child which House he or she belongs to before you come along.

It was with great pleasure this week that we signed a partnering agreement with the Rising Foundation, and welcome Gideon Rihari as our Rising Foundation Youth Worker. The Rising Foundation was set up by John Bongard and a group of former South Auckland kids and others with ties to the community to help "at risk" kids. See the article elsewhere in the newsletter.

In Principal's assemblies this week, I have talked about the purposes of holding an assembly – to gather as a community and to communicate ideas and information. I communicated the following information to all students:

- It's not OK to verbally abuse a teacher.
- It's never OK to threaten or physically assault another person.
- Certain things are banned at school – cigarettes & smoking, alcohol, drugs, synthetic drugs or legal high substances, fireworks, weapons of any sort.

Any such actions will have serious consequences, and are likely to result in a stand down or suspension. I also noted that all but a very small number do live by our values and show their pride in being a Rosehill student.

Sue Blakely, Principal

Rosehill College Portal

This special website links with our school student database and gives families information about their children's progress at Rosehill College. Parents and caregivers will be able to access information about timetable, attendance and academic achievement. Please note that the timetables shown in the Parent Portal for Tuesdays show a 'Study Period' for all students for Period One to accommodate the four period day on Tuesdays.

This week families have been emailed (posted to those without email addresses) their personal Portal logins and passwords. Please note that the login/password for students, primary caregivers and secondary caregivers are all different. This gives each user a slightly different level of access and it is important that each user keeps his or her own login details private.



The Portal is not 'live'. Attendance information currently has a 24 hour delay e.g. the information parents view on Tuesday will be correct for Monday – Tuesday's information will be correct on Wednesday and so on. Also note that academic information is only entered to the student database (and Portal) after our rigorous marking and moderation procedures are finalised. As such, there can often be considerable time between students sitting an assessment and the results being posted on the Portal.

To access the Portal, students can click on the Portal link from the Student Hub. Parents and students can login from clicking on the link at the top of the school website www.rosehillcollege.school.nz



Dates to Remember

Monday 16 February
Student ID Photos

Tuesday 17 February
Athletics Day - Competitors only at Massey Park

Wednesday 18 February
New Students and Parents Information Evening - 7pm

The Rising Foundation



A group of former South Auckland kids and those with ties to the community has set up The Rising Foundation to assist at-risk youth to develop to their full potential. It was founded by John Bongard who grew up in Papakura and Manurewa, one of three kids raised by a solo mother in a state house. He says "My schools were a melting pot of races and while there was never much money around there was never a shortage of talent. From modest family backgrounds many of us went on to do well and participate in all walks of life. It's that potential we need to continue to unlock and create a 'Rising' for." The Rising Foundation has been particularly successful initially in South Auckland schools. At the base of the organisation, The Rising Foundation will be physically situated in the school.

Young people are referred to the programme through teaching staff, Boards of Trustees at the schools and Government agencies. Once these students have been identified, their families are approached and asked if they would support their child in the programme. It is part of the constitution of The Rising Foundation that every family buy into the programme and every family is visited. Family attendance at camps is encouraged and we also get tremendous support from the teaching staff at our schools.

Our aim is to continue to teach students to really think with a view that the BOX does not exist. With this in mind, we reinforce the notion that with positive changes in attitude and hard work, huge potential can be unlocked and nurtured, even though some of our students are facing very challenging personal circumstances.

"Not one child is spared personal growth, especially in the areas of self-esteem, self-worth and having a fulfilling life. Being part of The Rising Foundation gives them self-trust, self-worth and a sense of belonging. You only have to visit these students to see the way they are being taught to think outside of the box." Lady Sarah Fay

Aim

- The Rising Foundation runs a break through programme to support adolescents in challenging personal circumstances to rise up and to build positive lives.
- It supports, guides and challenges them to discover the satisfaction that is gained from contributing to their communities and achieving personal goals.
- The programme has been designed by a social worker and has been successfully tested in South Auckland.
- While the programme begins in schools, post schooling work continues to provide employment opportunities for our graduates.
- The Programme has separate pathways leading to tertiary studies or employment opportunities for our graduates.
- Once an adolescent has crossed a certain negative line they fall to existing government agencies (e.g. Police) for attention and assistance. Our goal is to work with students displaying leadership potential who have not yet crossed that line.

Maths Competition 2015

All students in Advanced Mathematics classes should have received a permission slip for entry into the Australian Maths Competition and the Otago University Junior Maths Competition. Entries close Friday 20 February. Students in advanced classes are expected to enter at least one of the competitions. Mathematics teachers have copies of the permission slip for anyone who may have missed out.

Student ID Photos

These will be taken on Monday 16th February.

Students must be wearing correct uniform in order to have their photo to be taken. If a student is not in correct uniform their photo will not be taken.

If a student is absent, their photo will be taken at a later date.

New Staff Profiles

ROSENE SPENCE Teacher of English



I have come to Rosehill College after teaching for eight years in West Auckland and have degrees in English and Music. I moved to Auckland from Wellington in 2000 to join the Royal New Zealand Navy Band as the 1st flute/piccolo player, leaving the band in 2004 to study. I trained as a secondary teacher in 2006 and joined the staff

at Kelston Girls' College the following year. I am looking forward to teaching at Rosehill College and helping students to enjoy their English classes and achieve their goals.

KIRSTY HARRIS Teacher of English

As an ex student of the school I am excited to have the opportunity to come back as a teacher at Rosehill College.



In 2010 I completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree (majoring in English and History), through the University of Auckland. I then completed my Teacher Training, also at the University of Auckland in 2012. Since then I have been working as a Social Science Teacher at Alfriston College.

I am really excited to work with the English Department and am looking forward to helping students achieve their potential.

Te Roopu Awhina

We would like to invite Staff, Students and their Whanau to a "Whakawhanaungatanga Evening", held at our School Pool on Wednesday 4th March - Week 6.

We will be having a shared BBQ so if you wish to bring some food to share, you are most welcome.

For further details, please contact Whaea Pare on 09 295 0661 xtn 866.



From the Learner Support Department Special Assessment Conditions

Students with identified special needs, such as Dyslexia, can be given support and assistance in the form of Special Assessment Conditions (SAC's). These are particularly important during the NCEA years 11, 12 and 13 so students can demonstrate their true knowledge and understanding, and get the grades and credits they deserve. The application process for SAC's is starting now. If you believe your student would benefit from SAC's AND you have independent evidence of a special need (an educational psychologist report or similar), please email Mr McHardy asap r.mchardy@rosehillcollege.school.nz. Some students are already known to us but with such an important issue it doesn't hurt to double check!

Stationery Special Offer

Filofax Pocket Domino Organiser
with 2015 diary perfect for homework diary.
Available in pink and purple \$20 each (RRP \$40)
Available from the Rosehill College Resource Room



Athletics Day

Our Athletics Day will be held on the 17 February at Massey Park, Papakura. Sign-ups are taking place now during tutor time and House Assemblies. Only students that sign up through their House Leaders and Head of House will be attending. There will be non-Champ events and students must do at least 2 events each. This year we have a Pentathlon event consisting of 3 track and 2 field events for our competitive athletes. House colours are encouraged for the day and parents are welcome to come and support. The school buses will not be going to Massey Park so you will need to make your own way there from school. They will need to be at the park no later than 9.30am on the day and once there the students cannot leave, so remember to bring enough food and drink for the day as of course sunscreen and hats.

Congratulations to Brookelyn Varney 10PNJ who recently competed at the Auckland Athletic Club Champs at Mt Smart and won the woman U16 3k event. Well done!!

Fitness Training

Fitness Training began on Tuesday this week with a circuit training session. We had a good turn out and the students worked hard, leaving with red shiny faces. Our next session is on Thursday and will involve a CrossFit inspired workout. Any students keen to improve their fitness prior to trials are welcome to come sign up for Thursday in the sports office. Training will be run in future on Tuesday mornings from 8.15am in the Sports Centre and Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm. Please note that Fitness training will not run next Tuesday due to Athletics Day.



Rosehill Sport Facebook page

Like our page to help keep up to date with what's happening



Superheroes STEAM ahead!

27 February 2015, 6pm – 8pm

Neon Foyer, School of Engineering,
University of Auckland

Join us for an evening of drinks, nibbles
and talks about future career possibilities & women tech



Nanogirl
Dr. Michelle Dickinson



Jewella
Dr. Jenine Beekhuizen

Spaces are limited, so RSVP SOON here:
bit.ly/supersteam



This event is free for school girls (age 13 to 18 years old). Girls are encouraged to bring their mum, or the closest to a mum. Each girl will receive a free book.

More info: www.steam-ahead.org

In collaboration with Futureintech



Rugby Pre-season

Any boys wanting to play for the 1st or 2nd XV this year – pre-season training started on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th at 5.30pm here at school.

Sports this term

Orienteering, Cheerleading, Senior Volleyball, Senior Boys Cricket, Golf and Waterpolo.

Senior Girls Volleyball started this week. The girls had a promising start to the season with two very tight games against Mangere College and Kia Aroha. Irene, the girls coach, was very happy with the girls with only two trainings under their belt prior to games.

Cheerleading had a good turnout for the try outs which took place on Wednesday. Orienteering will be starting on the 16th February

Rowing

Good luck to our school rowers who are competing in the Head of Harbour regatta on the north shore this Saturday.

Winter code sign-ups will start later this term.

Outstanding Sports Fees

If your son/daughter have any outstanding sports fees from last year these need to be cleared before they join teams for 2015.

Permission Slips

This year we are trying to cut down the amount of paper we send and receive. We will therefore be sending the permission slip home attached to your email on file. Please read and reply with/without your permission. Please also check that we have a email that is checked regularly on our records. Permission slips can also be found on the Rosehill College website www.rosehillcollege.school.nz under Sport/About/Permission Slip download.



New to ROSEHILL COLLEGE for 2015



All Ages, abilities and fitness levels welcome.

THURSDAYS

in F1 (Drama/Dance Studio)

3:30-4:30

Staff and students of Rosehill College

6:00-7:00

Public class \$5

(Rosehill Students free)

Easy to follow moves, great music, lots of fun.

Ditch the workout, Join the party!

For more info email J.duhig@rosehillcollege.school.nz

or text 0220832122

