

Rosehill College News

 **Noel Leeming**

PAPAKURA

BYOD Evening

Papakura Noel Leeming will be hosting a Rosehill College BYOD evening on Thursday 10th December 2015. The store will be open late until - 8pm.

Families and Friends of Rosehill College will get the opportunity to purchase the Chrome book bundle and as a seasonal extra, exclusive to Noel Leeming Papakura, we are offering families commercial school pricing store wide. This is a great opportunity to get Christmas shopping sorted. The team at Noel Leeming Papakura look forward to seeing you there.



Sustainability Short Film Competition, The Someday Challenge

Two Rosehill College students, Kane Wadsworth (13AJJ) and Neihana Lowe (12PPE) along with Neihana's cousin, Sheldon Rua, are among the winners of The Someday Challenge sustainability short film competition for their film *Home*.

This film, narrated by Sheldon and directed by Kane and Neihana, is about the challenges of living on the Southside. This is an amazing film by three very talented young men. Among the many prizes this group have already won is the chance to be featured in the 2016 International Film Festival.

You can view and vote for the film as Element Audience Favourite at <http://www.theoutlookforsomeday.net/films/2015/137/>.

From the Principal *Tena koutou katoa*

The NCEA and scholarship exams have finished today. Congratulations to all the students who sat exams, having prepared themselves to do their best. It can seem a long wait from now until the results are released in mid-January. My thanks go to the teachers who worked with students, giving extra help and tutorials. Thank you to the Year 9 and 10 students who have been considerate of those sitting exams by being quiet when moving through the school.

Today we welcomed Year 8 students from Rosehill Intermediate, Karaka School, Kereru Park Campus, Papakura Normal School, Ramarama School, St Mary's School, Te Hiji School, Conifer Grove School, and Drury School. This orientation helps our new students in 2016 know a bit about where to go on the first day and a little about how such a big school operates. On Monday, Hingaia Peninsular School, Opaheke Primary and Waiua Pa School will have their orientation.

Casey Tahana has travelled to France as part of Earth Guardians New Zealand to be a representative of New Zealand youth at the COP21 summit in Paris on climate change. She is with Earth Guardians from other countries presenting at the Conference of Youth.

Congratulations to Neihana Lowe, Kane Wadsworth and Sheldon Rua who submitted a short film on sustainability in The Someday Challenge. Their film is a category winner, with which category being announced at the awards evening next Thursday.

Congratulations to Alexa Kennedy who was named the ASB Young Sportsperson of the Year in the Gymsports - All Disciplines category.

Junior House Day takes place on Tuesday. Students must bring a hat and sunblock to use throughout the day, even if it is cloudy.

Sue Blakely, Principal



Junior Prizegivings and end of year arrangements Thursday 10 December

Parents and whanau are warmly invited to attend these prizegivings. On Thursday, students will be given their end of year reports to take home.

Year 10 students will not have timetabled lessons. The Year 10 prizegiving will be at 9.15am and Year 10 students are dismissed at the conclusion of this at approximately 10.15am.

Year 9 students will attend their normal class for Day 6 period 1 & 2 and then the Year 9 prizegiving will be at 10.45am. Students will be dismissed at the conclusion at approximately 11.45am.

Murphy Buses will collect students from school at the conclusion of the Year 9 prizegiving. Waka Pacific will run at normal times and it is recommended that students find alternative ways home.

Applications for reconsiderations and reviews for NCEA and Scholarship

From their Learner login, students can access the forms for reconsiderations and reviews after the return of examination booklets.

Changes of address and return of examination booklets

Students who have a permanent change of address over the holiday break will need to contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 in order to update their details to ensure their booklets get sent to the correct address.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 8 December

Junior Fun Day

Thursday 10 December

Year 10 Prizegiving - 9.15am

Year 9 Prizegiving - 10.45am

End of Term 4



MIT Trade Academy Prizegiving

Tyler Barham and her mother at the MIT Trade Academy Prizegiving. Taylor gained the Excellence Award for Carpentry.



Papakura Women's Probus Group Hawkins Centre

Kapa Haka were asked to perform at this group's end of year function on 27 November and we gladly agreed. This group of elderly women asked for familiar songs for females. We did as they requested, poi, waiata-tira, waiata-ringa, tititorea. They requested an encore and we were happy to oblige. They were lovely company and when we finished they all got up and wanted to meet the group. We were invited to snacks and refreshments – so wonderful to have our last performance for 2015 in the company of these retirees (ladies of leisure....) nga mihi.

To all the whanau and staff safe holidays.
Whaea Freda me nga rangatahi o Pukeroihi Kapa Haka.

KAPA HAKA

Queen Liliuokalani Childrens Centre, Waianae, Hawaii
Hawaiian Cultural Exchange
21 - 24 November 2015 at the Moemoea, Rosehill College

ALOHA !

Moemoea was blessed with the arrival of 19 Hawaiians, 11 Opio (youth) and 8 Makua (adults/parent/minders). They were a breath of fresh air. When you have so much on your plate in and out of kura it's easy to lose sight of what's important, Aroha – Whanau, their presence put things into perspective. We can learn a lot from their visit, being kind to one another, having respect for yourself as well as others no matter what the circumstances are, day to day raru are trivial compared to what these young youth from Hawaii have to endure. They all had nothing, no family, living on the streets all trying to survive then Liliuokalani came to their aide, their new whanau and with it the revival of their Hawaiian culture.

Our time with them gave us a special connection culturally. During their stay we were able to show them what Tamaki Makaurau has to offer - Pakuranga Night Markets, Avondale Markets, Exchange with Waiorea (Western Springs College), Tattoo Exhibition at MIT Manukau, Paradise Ice Rink Botany, Ten Pin Bowling and shopping galore and yes FOOD was always at the top of the list (funny that..)

The most important event was the performance night which coincided with the whanau evening. Our guests were invited to the performance and a shared kai. We were overwhelmed with the numbers and it set for a good night. Senior students and whanau members performed with Kapa Haka and we got what we expected kaha and passion. For four of our students it was their last performance ever Ash, Sylvana, Brockson and Te Atawhai nga mihi.

Nga Opio/Makua o Liliuokalani were next, from start to finish it was graceful, discipline and focussed. The Ha'a (haka) was precise, slick, spellbound but in the hype of their performance they were very humble and respectful something we lack at times. A lot of learning took place for everyone in the whare that night. I am so grateful that this whanau are hosting kapa haka next year hoping to enrich each other's lives even more. Thank you to kapa haka for hosting our guests and to whanau who allowed their tamaiti to be a part of this whakawhangaungatanga. Looking forward to 2016.

MAHALO

XFactor at Drury School

On Wednesday 2nd December, Drury School hosted their very own XFactor talent competition. Mr and Mr Harrison were invited to judge this and were blown away by the superb talent in all three categories, Singing, Dancing and Instrumental. It is exciting to think that some of these students will be Rosehill College's next shining stars in a few years time.



Junior Fun Day

Junior Fun Day will take place on **Tuesday 8 December**. Students may wear mufti on this day.

The times for the day will be as for a normal Tuesday, with buses running at the normal Tuesday times. Students will participate for the Junior House Trophy in House teams over a variety of activities. A lot of work has gone into planning this day. It's an important school activity that is aimed at team building, skills development and confidence. Sun block, sun hat and water bottles are essential. The canteen will be open.

If it is raining, classes for Day 4 will go ahead as normal so students should bring appropriate gear for those classes as well as what they need for Fun Day.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT OFFICE...



The student office would like to thank all the **RUNNERS** we have had working in the office throughout the year. It is a very important job with responsibilities, giving students valuable experience in an office environment at the same time as giving them a good grounding on how the school works. We look forward to seeing them again next year.



We wish all students a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year!

BORROWED ITEMS

Through the kindness of a few parents, some uniforms have been donated for students to use in the case of emergencies. At the moment we have good stock, however, we would greatly appreciate any donations for the following items...

*** Junior & Senior Girls Skirts * Socks * Shoes ***
Many thanks for your contributions!

CONFISCATED ITEMS

Next week students will be able to collect confiscated items from the student office at interval and lunch times only.

LOST PROPERTY



The Student Office have a number of items in the Lost Property including uniforms, glasses, jewellery, keys, usb's etc. Please come to the Student Office during Interval and Lunchtimes only to identify your



property. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a charity at the end of Term 4, 2015.



READING

Term 4 Week 9 – HOW ARE THEIR READING SKILLS?

We expect Year 9 students to achieve at N.Z. Curriculum Level 4. Divided into sub-divisions of 4D=Developing, 4B=Basic, 4P=Proficient, 4A=Advanced.

We expect Year 10 students to achieve at N.Z. Curriculum Level 5. Divided into sub-divisions of 5D=Developing, 5B=Basic, 5P=Proficient. 5A=Advanced.

GOOD NEWS

Year 9 students in Reading have made a 30 point increase within Curriculum Level 4A this year. This point increase is beyond expectation and Rosehill Yr 9 students read at the level expected nationally.

Year 10 students in Reading started the year at 5B and made a 24 point increase to reach 5P at the end of this year. Their point increase has been beyond expectation and Rosehill Yr 10 students read at the level expected nationally as well.

THE CHALLENGE

Promotion of and motivation to read at school and at home is still a fundamental foundation skill for understanding, achievement and success.

There is a well-known recorded 'drop off' in skills over holiday breaks; **regular reading is the activity that means students return to school better able to cope from the start.**

Our students are capable of achieving at the national expectation so they have the potential to achieve above the national expectation. Please help by encouraging your son/daughter to read.

Rosehill College Gateway Programme Applications for 2016

Applications for next year are invited for our school Gateway Programme if you are returning in 2016 as a Year 12 or 13 Student. If you are not familiar with the Gateway Programme it is a Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) funded programme designed to strengthen the pathways for senior students (Y12/13) with the transition from school into the workplace. The Programme Coordinator finds students work experience in a variety of careers in the community, with particular focus on students who are looking at transitioning into either a trade or directly into employment after leaving school. The programme delivers Gateway students additional work related courses and training with NCEA credits to help them toward their chosen goals. In some situations work placements may lead on to either employment or apprenticeship opportunities. Gateway has limited places so if you would like to be considered, pick up an application from Mrs Dyer in the Gateway Office at the back of the School Library or click this shortcut to be taken to the form: [Application Form](#).

If any parents or families of Rosehill College have a business that would be a suitable workplace learning experience for a Rosehill Student please contact the Gateway Coordinator, Mrs Dyer on 295 0661 ext 847 or email n.dyer@rosehillcollege.school.nz

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Home Stays Wanted

3 Months French Exchange Student

If there are any families within the Rosehill College community who would be interested in hosting a French exchange student for 3 months between June to August 2016 please contact Tyla Warrender at the email address listed below.

The purpose of the exchange is so that Mahault can improve her English. Kind and friendly families are welcomed and multiple host families are also welcomed as it is understandable that 3 months is a long time to host.

If you are interested in hosting please contact Tyla and contact will be made with her family. This is a private exchange and all arrangements will be negotiated between the families. If the exchange goes ahead Mahault will attend Rosehill College as an exchange student.

Tyla Warrender - 12261@rc.school.nz



NZ Track and Field Championships

We would like to wish Brookelyn Varney all the best for her 800m race that will take place in Timaru this weekend at the NZ Track and Field Championships!

Turbo Touch

This week on Tuesday we had our Turbo Touch final were the Local Lads team faced off with the Wild Cards for the top spot and a winner's pizza lunch. The Local Lads played some awesome turbo touch till the very end and took out 1st place, while the Wild Cards fought back and provided some great competition to watch. Congratulations to the Local Lads, we hope you liked your pizza!

All students should keep an eye out in term one next year for more competitions like this one but with different sports. It is a great way to get active and involved with your friends at lunchtime see you all there!

Chiefs U17 Rugby

Congratulations to Harry Lunny and Vulangi Olosoni for their selection in the Chiefs U17 development camp on the 13th of December.



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BREAK-AWAY



FREE

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

PAPAKURA AGES 11-17

Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm

Please bring a packed lunch,
togs and towel plus
covered shoes.

TURN OVER TO SEE
WHAT'S HAPPENING...
see website for details

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