

Rosehill College News



THERE'S ALWAYS HOMEWORK

Review each day's work

Retaining information in memory is the most important part of 'learning' a subject.

It requires effort.

Regular revision is the only way...

Lesson work goes into short-term memory....

Going over work each evening puts it in long-term memory.



Dates to Remember

Friday 3 March

Swimming Sports

Tuesday 7 March

ID Photo Catch Up
DCP Yr 9 Parent Evening - Atawhai

Wednesday 8 March

DCP Yr 9 Parent Evening - Kahurangi

Thursday 9 March

DCP Yr 9 Parent Evening - Manutaki

Friday 10 March

Staff Only Day - **School Closed**

Together we create an environment for personal excellence

From the Principal *Tena koutou katoa*

Congratulations to Manutaki House who won our House Day event on Tuesday afternoon. Strong House spirit was evident from all Houses and the final points were close. Thank you to our Director of Sport, Mr Fraser, and the PE Department for their organisation and to staff for their supervision and encouragement. We hope to be able to return to Massey Park in future.

Thank you to all students and staff who gave blood today. This is a vital community service and Rosehill College donated well.

The Mau Rākau Programme has commenced and we had 47 students attend for session 1. We have 13 Year 11 students who have returned to the programme from 2016 and are working to gain NCEA Level One credits from Poutahi this year through the Mau Rākau programme. We welcome any of the board to come a participate or observe our programme throughout the year. Programme is every Wednesday afternoon period 5.

I look forward to welcoming the parents and caregivers of our new students to the information evening at 6pm next Tuesday. This is an opportunity to meet your son or daughter's Head of House and Tutor Group teacher. Please ask your son or daughter for the three letter code of their Tutor Group, as this will make it easier to meet their teacher.

Sue Blakely, Principal



Important Notice for RH7 and RH8 Bus Students

As from the Monday 27th February Murphy Buses are changing some pick up times in the mornings by: - 10 mins earlier. These changes affect students on the RH7 and RH8 routes.

Please read the notice on page 4 of this newsletter for further details.

New Student and Parent Evening

Welcome to Rosehill College. We hope that new students have started to feel like they belong and can contribute to our school. Connections between the school and home help build positive outcomes for students so we would like to invite all our new students and their parents to our New Student and Parent Evening on Tuesday 28 February at 6:00 pm.

This is an opportunity to meet senior staff, your child's Head of House and their Tutor Teacher. These are the key people that you will be communicating with while you are part of Rosehill College. The evening starts in the school hall and students do not need to attend in school uniform. We look forward to seeing you all at this evening.

Year 12 Biology Trip to Omana

On Wednesday, 5 classes of Year 12 Biology students went to Omana beach to collect data for their ecology standard. This involved setting out quadrats along line transects and counting and recording all the species present. Apart from gathering data it was a good day for everyone and a chance to experience some of the great outdoor areas available to everyone in Auckland.



Japanese Sister School visit 20 to 25 March

We urgently need 5 host families for 5 Japanese 17 year old female students. They would need to be met at the school on Monday 20 March at 4pm; on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they will be attending school. Friday morning they go to the city by train and would need to be transported to and from the train station. Saturday they will spend with the host family and after dinner transported to a hotel in Mangere as they have an early flight on the Sunday.

The Japanese are looking forward to sharing their culture with us and it is a great opportunity for us to share ours with them. Host families will need to have a spare bedroom for one student, provide three meals a day and interact with them in English conversation. Financial reimbursement will be paid. Please contact Mrs Delwyn Blackbourn by email d.blackbourn@rosehillcollege.school.nz or on 2950661 ext 884.

Indonesian Tour Group visit 29 March to 7 April

We will also require families for a group visiting group from Indonesia from the 29th March to 7th April. Please contact Mrs Delwyn Blackbourn if you would like further information about hosting a student from this group.

Otago Junior Mathematics Competition

The Maths Department is taking entry for the Otago Junior Mathematics Competition which will be held on Wednesday 5th April.

Entry fee is \$5. Please pay this to the school cashier.

Final date for payment is Friday 3rd March.

Please see your Maths teacher for more details.

PROCEDURES FOR VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

If any member of the public, whether parent, caregiver, grandparent, tradesperson or supplier etc., wants to come into school to see either a member of staff or a student at the school, there are procedures that need to be followed. Please:

1. Make an appointment to see whoever it is you want to meet with. Teachers are generally best contacted by email to arrange an appointment. All the school email addresses are generic – firstname.surname@rosehillcollege.school.nz. If you are not sure of an email address please contact the main office on (09) 295 0661 extension 0 and they will help you.
2. When you come into school make sure you sign in at Reception, just inside the main front door.
3. Please ask for a visitor's sticker, if it is not given automatically, which you must wear at all times whilst you are on school grounds.
4. Remember to sign out when you leave.

Your support in this would be much appreciated.

New Staff Profiles

Christine Wardle Teacher of English



I was born in Leeds where I began my teaching career after completing an Honours Degree in English and History, followed by a PGCE. In 2011, I came to New Zealand and taught at Wairoa College before coming to Auckland. Aside from teaching, I enjoy multi-sports and have recently tried paddle-boarding and Kite-surfing. I also enjoy writing and in 2013, my first novel, 'Beneath the Perfect World' was published.

Jack Gillon Teacher of Digital Technologies and Business



All the way from the UK! I have come to Rosehill College after completing my training in Edge Hill University, Liverpool, UK. Back in 2015 I graduated from my Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science, and immediately began my PGCE at the same university. I have travelled around the globe during my time off from study and decided to land in New Zealand, for good! My first impressions of Rosehill College are very positive ones! I can't wait to get stuck in and enjoy a long and successful career here.

Alexandra Dumitrescu Teacher of English



I was born in Transylvania, Romania. I have a BA (Hons) in English, an MA in American Studies, and Grad Dip Tchg from Otago. In 2014 I was awarded a PhD from the University of Otago.

Before starting at Rosehill, I taught at St Mary's Rowendale, the Universities of Otago and Cluj, three high schools and one primary school in Romania and Hungary. I was a researcher at AUT, where I also studied for a Master of Creative Writing and worked as an editor for two business newsletters. Before that I was a matron in a Girls boarding house in Dunedin and had a brief stint as a warehouse operator. During high school I worked on archaeological sites during the summer.

In my spare time I write poems, short stories and literary studies. One of my proudest achievements was winning first prize in the Maori Week poetry competition in Dunedin.

I strongly believe that anyone can write if they are determined enough to do so - at least 150 words every day. Traditionally, boys have been better at writing because they focus easily on one thing at a time, while girls tend to branch out. I would like to encourage the students at Rosehill College to write as I know the written word has the power to heal broken hearts, move mountains or open minds.



Key Dates for 2017:

- Swimming Sports- 3rd March
- Hillcrest Exchange- 20th June
- Sports Team Photos- 1st August
- Winter Tournament Week- 4th-8th September
- Sports Awards- 2nd November



Athletics - Counties Manukau Club Champs

Some great results from the athletics held last weekend:

Paige Bell was 1st 400m, 1st discus, 1st shot put and 2nd 200m in 14yr Girls

Georgia Berry was 3rd in the 400m and 4th 100m for 14yr Girls

Taylor Bell was 3rd 13yr girls 1500m

Upcoming Trials and Sign Ups

- Football Boys and Girls - sign ups are currently on - Trials 22nd and 29th of March for Girls
- Netball Senior - 28th Feb & 1st March, 3.30-5.30pm
- Rugby 1stXV / 2ndXV Trial - Thursday 2nd of March
- Junior Rugby / Restricted Rugby Sign ups and Gala 9th March 3:45pm - Field
- All Badminton - 2nd March, Lunchtime in Sports Centre
- Netball Yr9 & Yr10 - 7th & 9th March, 3.30-5.30pm



Paige Bell and Georgia Berry after receiving their medals on the podium

Counties Manukau Tennis Tournament

A big congratulations to our Tennis Team who competed at the tournament on Thursday 23rd February doing very well in the Intermediate Boys Double and the Senior Girls Double. Our Intermediate Boys, who came second and won the Silver Medal in the doubles, were William Lintott and Harrison Clotworthy with scores of 6-0 and 6-2. Coming first, winning the Gold Medal, were Annie Mills and Pania Pique winning their sets 6-0 and 6-1. Cameron Airey played hard and won all his set games in the Intermediate Boys Single making it through to the semi-finals. Well done, a great start for Term 1 for the Tennis team.

Volleyball Boys

The boys had a good start with their games and did really well to defend their side. Our boys played against Southern Cross in which they won the first set and were a close 6 points away in the second set. Against Auckland Seventh Day Adventist High they had a close point when the boys were down 2 points in the first set of 23-25 and the second set 19-25. Well done boys, you have made the coach proud with your hard training and commitment.

House Day

Well done to everyone who competed for their House. The colours were fantastic and it was great to see positive House spirit. Rangatahi had the best House chant on the day and will be trying to keep that going for Swim Sports on the 3rd of March. Congratulations to Manutaki who were the overall winners! See below for some photos.

Volleyball Girls

Our girls have done very well in both games with a win against Kia Aroha High in both sets, and winning their first set against Auckland Seventh Day Adventist High. They played hard for the win which was very close. Congratulation girls for doing very well in the competition.

U18 School Girls All Stars

Utua Atonio has been selected to join the tahi kaha U18 School Girls All Stars Rugby 7s invitational team, to participate in the Ivi International Invitational Tournament to be held in Nevada, USA next weekend and the Vancouver Rugby Festival in the following week. We wish Utua and the team all the best!





House Day photos by
Jenna Hancock 13AGK

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

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RH7 & RH8 Students

Murphy Buses have been conducting surveys on all Rosehill College Routes

We have found some of the services are running late which means students are arriving late at schools plus some services having an overcrowding issue.

Main Reasons

- Increase of traffic & many new students
- Students embarking onto incorrect routes

As from the Monday 27th Feb we're changing some pick up times in the mornings by: - 10 mins earlier

RH7: - Ex Ararimu Hall now 07.35, this will carry on at each pick up point. (please ensure you arrive at your pick-up point on time.)

As from Monday 27th Feb all students from the Crn of Drury Hills & Waihoehoe until Crn of Fitzgerald Rd (Ex RH8) will now catch RH7 ONLY.

RH8 is now an express service to Rosehill College from Drury Hills Rd.

These services will be surveyed by a Murphy Bus Inspector on a regular basis.

On behalf of the Murphy Buses Management Team we would like to thank you for your help with the new time changes & we look forward to helping the students arrive at Schools Safely on time.

