

# Rosehill College News

## Rosehill Student Awarded Scholarship to 2019 Flying School

Cameron Airey (13THR) received a Rotary Scholarship to attend the 53rd Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School in January this year.

See page 2 for the full story.



## Ex Rosehill Student Success

Paige Tapara, who left Rosehill in 2015, is set to take the stage as support for George Ezra's sold out concert at Spark Arena on Monday night. Paige released her own EP, *On My Own*, in 2017 followed by her single, *Alignments*, last year.

Well done Paige, we look forward to seeing you take the world by storm!

## Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 6 February**  
Waitangi Day

**Friday 8 February**  
Whole School Assembly

**Tuesday 12 February**  
Parent Forum on NCEA - 6.00pm

**Wednesday 13 February**  
BOT Meeting - 6.00pm

**Wednesday 20 February**  
ID Photos taken

**Thursday 21 February**  
New Students and Parents Evening - 6.00pm

Together we create an environment for personal excellence

## From the Principal *Tena koutou katoa*

Welcome to the start of the school year and best wishes to all in the school community for a most successful year. Yesterday we held a powhiri to welcome 350 Year 9 students, about 50 students at other year levels and new staff. It is pleasing to note that we are fully staffed for the year.



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 those staff who worked hard to ensure a smooth start to the year. Creating the school timetable is highly complex and further complicated by a significant number of enrolments at the start of this year and the changes 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.

Last week, senior staff ran a very successful Senior Leadership Camp for our 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 have been trained to work with and support our Year 9 students in their transition to high school.

Congratulations to all students who gained their certificates endorsed with merit or excellence and in particular to the following students who gained NCEA Level 3 with excellence:

Priya Thandi, Campbell Michie, Anmoljit Ghuman, Abigail Oliver, Wendy Lee, Brenna Yuksel, Lisa Chinyai, Stephanie Tapp, Megan Fell, Brydie Sherlaw-McGowan, Taalia Joosten, Michael Ritchie and Jessica Robinson

At the end of last year, the Education Review Office released their very positive report on Rosehill College following their visit in October. The report can be read on the ERO [website www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz)

*Sue Blakely, Principal*

## ERO Report excerpt

*Students experience a welcoming and caring environment that values them and their hauora. Pastoral care for students is focused on learning. High levels of support assist in reducing learning barriers and supporting engagement with learning. Learners benefit from the school's inclusive culture. Respectful and affirming relationships between teachers and students are evident. This promotes an environment in which students have a strong sense of place and belonging.*

*Middle leadership is effective in strengthening conditions for equity and excellence. Leaders reflect on and respond well to achievement data, adapting and evolving programmes to meet student needs. Most departments are offering increasingly flexible learning programmes and assessments that better respond to students' individual interests, needs and strengths.*

*The school has consistent expectations for learning. Student engagement for learning and achievement is promoted and supported by staff. Student leadership programmes foster students' confidence and skills to contribute to, and actively influence, school development.*

## Reminder - Late Start Tuesdays

A reminder that students should be at school before the first bell goes at 9.40am on Tuesday mornings. AT Metro buses run at the normal time. Murphys buses leave from their starting points at 9.00am on Tuesdays. For more information on buses see our website under "Enrolments / Buses".



## 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!



### Cameron Airey Scholarship to Flying School cont...

Cameron was awarded a Rotary Scholarship in 2018 to attend the 53rd Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School. He spent two weeks in January 2019, as an Ab-initio (First time student) at the prestigious Walsh Flying School based at Matamata airport. The Flying School was set up in 1915 to train pilots in WWI, but has continued to train aspiring aviators of which about 25% continue on to become commercial pilots. The aim of the school is to enable participants to fly solo, even those like Cameron with no prior flying experience. While the flight school is operational, Matamata Airport is one of the busiest in the Southern hemisphere with an average of 1100 flights / day, providing the highest quality training in aviation in New Zealand for 16-19 year olds.



Flying school students were divided into 4 flights with flight leaders and allocated Flying Instructors who were responsible to take the students through comprehensive flying lessons including air traffic control communication, take-off, landings, circuits, stalling, emergency landings and night flying until the ultimate solo flight. Each student who flies solo receives their 'Wings' badge. Cameron was approved to take his solo flight after 8.5 hours flying, but only after passing multiple 'perfect' circuits alongside a Category B Instructor. In 2019 only 46 % of the Ab-initio's obtained their 'Wings'.

Flight school was a tough two weeks with most days starting at 06:00 and finishing at 20:30. When not flying, each flight team attended lectures on CAA aviation regulations, instrument flying, meteorology and plane aerodynamics to build knowledge to the final aviation exam. When not in lectures each flight team assisted volunteers with plane maintenance, cleaning and camp meals. The school encourages teamwork, independence and discipline. Students develop lifelong friendships and networking in the aviation industry. The CEO of Air New Zealand and RNZAF attended the school's Prizegiving evening.

Cameron's flight hours will count towards his ultimate goal for a career in aviation, most likely as a commercial pilot. Cameron is yet to select his aviation college but receiving his 'Wings' at Walsh Flight School will hopefully assist him in gaining selection at his aviation college of choice. The Scholarship to attend the Flight School has given him the best possible start in his career, and has confirmed aviation as his desired career pathway. Cameron would like to thank his Head of House, Mr Aitchison, for nominating him for the scholarship and Papakura Rotary for giving him this opportunity. He encourages any Rosehill students who are thinking of a future aviation career to look at this opportunity of a lifetime as the first step towards their career.



## Leadership Camp

Last week the Senior Student Leaders spent two days at Waharau developing their leadership skills. Between sessions on leadership and organisation the students participated in a Great Race where they had to work together as a team to achieve set goals. It was a great opportunity for the students to learn more about other leaders and prepare them for the start of 2019.



## Whole School Assembly



We will be having an outdoor whole school assembly on Friday 8 February, Period 2. Students should bring a black or blue hat and wear sunscreen to protect themselves from the sun.

## 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 – firstinitial.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.



## PROCEDURES FOR UNWELL STUDENTS

If you receive a txt or phone call from your child saying they are unwell please...

- Tell them to go to the nurse first before you come to the school
- The nurse will assess the student
- Then she will contact the parent/caregiver 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.

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

## 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.



## 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



## 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 Thursday 28 February. Camp dates are as follows:

**Atawhai: 4 - 6 March**  
**Manutaki: 13 - 15 March**

**Rangatahi: 6 - 8 March**  
**Pounamu: 18 - 22 March**

**Taikura: 11 - 13 March**  
**Kahuranig: 20 - 22 March**

## Attendance Procedure

If your student is absent from school please phone the Attendance Officer on:

FREE PHONE: **0800 RCAWAY (0800 722929)**

Or 295 0661 Ext 869 **at any time and leave a message**

Or EMAIL: **attendance@rosehillcollege.school.nz**

### Receiving a text message notifying of an absence

- Please reply to the txt (this number cannot be saved on your mobile phone – **it is invalid after 7 days**)
- OR phone: 0800 RCAWAY (0800 722929)
- OR the parent/caregiver provides a note explaining absence

### Student to leave school during the day

- Please provide a note for your student to take to their Head of House
- 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.

### 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 – in case of a fire or emergency – we need to know where students are at all times.

### Long Term Absence

Long Term Absence – Self Interest Leave of more than four days. If the student will be absent during term time for an extended period – please advise date of absence, return date and reason for absence by one of the following methods:

- Phone the Attendance Officer on 295 0661 ext 869 or 0800722929; or
- Send letter addressed to Principal, Rosehill College, P.O. Box 72546, Papakura, 2244; or
- Email – **attendance@rosehillcollege.school.nz**





**Join us in 2019- It's not too late!!!**

Community coaches, managers and volunteers we are looking any community coaches/managers for football, hockey and netball both junior and senior teams.

Specifically for our 1st XI Football boys team, 2nd XI Football girls team, 2nd XI Hockey girls team, Senior Prem Development netball team and junior teams.

We are grateful for any adult support we can get for our teams.

Trainings can work around your schedule, our sports department is here to assist with the admin side of things and are happy to have a chat with you if you think this is something you may be interested in doing next year. Coaching/managing can also be a shared role between people to make the work load lighter if need be. Please contact our sports department

Meghan or Irene on 09 295 0661 ext 844 for more information.



**Saturday  
9th March 2019**  
10am until 2pm  
Corners of Tatariki St, Edinburgh  
Ave & Tairere Cres., Rosehill

Heaps of **free** activities,  
including:  
Face Painting  
Sausage sizzle  
Games  
SPOT PRIZES  
**Free** entertainment  
Information stalls

**Aiming to build connections  
within Rosehill area.**

**Welcome to all our New Students and Staff**

