



RONGOTAI COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Week 4, Term 1, 2018

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 6 March

McEvedy Shield at Newtown Park

Friday 9 March

Interim reports posted home

Monday 12 March

Class photographs taken

Saturday/Sunday 17/18 March

Relay for Life – Frank Kitts Park

Monday 19 to Friday 23 March

Summer Tournament Week

Thursday 29 March

Board of Trustees' Meeting at 6pm in the Mackay Library

Friday 30 March

Good Friday – Easter holiday

Monday & Tuesday 2 & 3 April

Easter holiday

Friday 13 April

Last day of Term 1

Monday 30 April

First day of Term 2

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1 Monday 29 January to Friday 13 April

Term 2: Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July

Term 3: Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September

Term 4: Monday 15 October to Friday 7 December

We are now well into what is proving to be a busy Term One, and you will be pleased to know that our boys are settled and working well. Visitors have commented on the very good atmosphere around the school. It was great to see so many parents at our Year 9 Parents' Evening during the height of the Cyclone Gita storm.

NZ SCHOLARSHIP

NZQA have released NZ Scholarship results. Three boys were awarded NZ Scholarships. Congratulations to **Tom Hughes** who was awarded an outstanding Scholarship in Biology and 2017 Dux, **Rian Lee** also received a Biology Scholarship. **Milo Guthrie** received a Scholarship in Geography. Congratulations to our NZ Scholarship recipients!

PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal allows you, via a secure log-in from the website, to check your son's attendance, personal details, results and groups with which he has registered. Daily notices are also found on the Parent Portal. Login information regarding our Rongotai Parent Portal for parents of Year 9 students was handed out at the Year 9 Information evening.

If your son is in Year 10-13 and you do not have access details to the Parent Portal, please email the.principal@rongotai.school.nz or contact the college office who will arrange for these details to be sent to you.

NCEA INFORMATION

By now, your son should have received an Assessment Statement in either paper or digital form from each of his teachers if he is studying for NCEA. These outline when all assessments are taking place. Copies of all the Level 1, 2 and 3 statements will be able to be downloaded from the website next week.

Please check that your son enters all his assessments in his diary or year planner. Alternatively, you can download a blank 'assessment calendar' from our website (www.rongotai.school.nz). Please

encourage your son to look at his diary or calendar often and help him to organise himself to prepare for his assessments.

McEVEDY SHIELD

This is a highly anticipated annual athletics competition contested between Rongotai College, Wellington College, St Patrick's College (Town) and St Patrick's College (Silverstream). This event will be held on **Tuesday 6 March**. All students are required to report to Newtown Park at 8.55am on this day to compete or to support our team. Students are required to wear school uniform.

Students must make their own way to the park, and are required to report for a roll call at 8.55am. Boys should report to their form teacher in the grandstand. Your son should ask his bus driver to drop him as near to Newtown Park as he can. Students will be dismissed from Newtown Park at the conclusion of the day (approximately 2.30pm) and are required to make their own way home.



Please make sure that your son wears his uniform appropriately for the weather and, if it is sunny, provide him with sun block. Limited

food will be available at the park, so he should also bring lunch and something to drink.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Itinerant Programme

Music lessons are available for piano, keyboards, guitar, bass, drums, voice, woodwind and brass. Lessons are \$100 a year. This compulsory fee will be added to your school invoice and must be paid before Term One ends.

If you're interested in signing up, be quick! These are always very popular and from Term Two onwards are usually restricted to Music option students.

If your son would like to be involved in any of this he should contact Mr Crayford at the Music Department.

Queries can be directed to greg.crayford@rongotai.school.nz

Big Band

The Rongotai College Big Band will travel to Tauranga at Easter to compete in the 41st National Youth Jazz Competition. Last year they were scheduled to participate but a cyclone made travel to the event too dangerous. Tickets for their raffle will be on sale at the Parent Interview evenings on 27 and 28 March or can be bought by contacting Sally Thomson-Gregg on thomsongreggfamily@gmail.com).



The band performed at several events in 2017 - Khandallah Town Hall ANZAC Day event, Worsley Bay School Fair, Midland Park for the

Mary Potter Hospice appeal, The Realm in Hataitai, Wellington National Band and Orchestra Festival and the Manawatu Jazz Festival. This year has started with a performance in aisle 26 at Bunnings in Lyall Bay to support their barbecue fundraiser.



SPORTS NEWS

Summer sports are well underway and we are being represented in 13 different summer codes.

Winter sports registration will take place from 7 March after which trials and preseason trainings for most teams will begin.

Athletics

Athletics is a major focus of the summer and it started off with the Rongotai Inter-House Athletics Day on 8 February at Newtown Park. Lock was crowned as the overall house champions, with Heron in second place, and Mackay in third, Renner was fourth.

Athletics Finals Day

Athletics Finals Day was held on Friday 16 February, and saw our athletes compete at Newtown Park against some athletes from Porirua College.



There were many highlights with some very determined athletes hitting personal best results.

Well done to all competitors and a special thank you to the staff and prefects who helped make this day a success.

Basketball

Four of our students have been selected in the NZ Basketball

Academy teams to travel to Las Vegas in July this year to participate in a tournament. They are **Paddy Blackman, Evyatar Tabor, Ezraha To'o and Ezraha Vaigafa**. Well done boys on your selection.



Paddy Blackman



Evyatar Tabor



Jaylin To'o



Ezraha Vaigafa

Softball

Congratulations to **Dylan Jackson** who has been named in the New Zealand



Emerging Sox squad for games against Australia in April, to be followed by participation in

the Friendship Games in July in Queensland.

Yachting

After a long and arduous yachting season,



congratulations to **Albert Stanley** who has finished the season as the 2nd ranked NZ

youth (under 19 years) sailor in the laser radial class. A great achievement.

Kind regards,

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