



RONGOTAI COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Week 4, Term 4, 2018

COMING EVENTS

Friday 16 to Tuesday 20 November
Junior Examinations

Monday 19 November
Pasifika Parents' Asosi meeting
6.30pm in the staffroom

Friday 23 November
Teacher only day

Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 November
Year 10 Camp

Thursday 29 November
Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm in the
Mackay Library

Friday 30 November
Year 9 Social Action Day

Monday 3 December
Fiafia Night

Wednesday 5 December
Seniors return for assembly
Junior impromptu speech competition

Thursday 6 December
Whole school photo taken
Junior reports distributed and final day of
school for students
Prizegiving

Friday 7 December
Teacher only day

Friday 14 December
School office closes

2019 TERM DATES

- Term 1** Monday 28 January to
Friday 12 April
- Term 2** Monday 29 April to Friday
5 July
- Term 3** Monday 22 July to Friday
27 September
- Term 4** Monday 14 October to
Friday 6 December

The last four weeks have been a very positive and productive time at the college, culminating in senior

students sitting external examinations, which started here at Rongotai on Thursday 8 November. The exams continue through until Friday 30 November.



While exams are in progress, some senior students have remained at school working to add to their credit totals as part of our Qualifications Attainment Programme. It has been extremely pleasing to see a number of these boys achieving their NCEA qualifications, and by doing so, being granted study leave.

JUNIOR EXAMINATIONS

With senior external examinations underway, we turn our attention to our school junior examinations. Examinations for Year 9 and 10 students will begin on **Friday 16 November**. A copy of the examination timetable is included with this newsletter. Please help your son to organise his study time leading up to these examinations.

Teachers have been asked to outline what will be included in the examinations, and to place this material on Google Docs. This should help boys prepare for their examinations. Your son can show this to you so you can help him prepare for the exams. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to telephone or email your son's teachers.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

We will be having a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 23 November**. There will be no school for students on this day.

SCHOOL PHOTO

Thursday 6 December at 9am, we have arranged for a professional photographer to take a whole school photo for the first time since 2013. This will allow our leaving students the opportunity to appear in such a photo at least once in their Rongotai College years

We had tried to organise this for earlier in the year but various circumstances meant that it was not possible to organise it earlier. All students are encouraged to be at school in full uniform for this photo.

END-OF-YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

When the NCEA exams are completed, we expect all 2018 students to attend school on **Wednesday 5 December**. This will be our last full school assembly, and will start at 8.55am, in the Renner Hall. At this special assembly, we will farewell leaving staff and read out the prize list for Prizegiving. Senior students will be free to leave after assembly. Year 9 and 10 remain for the whole day.

The last official day for all students is **Thursday 6 December** when 'Te Rama' magazines will be distributed. As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, we will then take our full school photo before going to the Indian Centre for prizegiving rehearsal. Senior students will be dismissed at lunchtime. Year 9 and 10 students will return to school after the rehearsal. They will go to

their form room and be given their school report and Te Rama (if one has been ordered), to bring home.

PRIZEGIVING

Prizegiving is the culmination of our year's study and activities and is a full school event. It will be held this year on **Thursday 6 December** in the Indian Centre, starting at 7.30pm.

Please note this date in your diary and we invite you to attend this enjoyable celebration with us. Please also read the "Important Dates and Events" notices carefully and instruct your son to attend at the times when he is required. **All students must attend Prizegiving.**

At Prizegiving, Year 13 students will receive Leaving Certificates. Testimonials will be posted in due course.

Prizegiving is the last official school event for all students, who are free to go on holiday at its conclusion. Parents of Year 13 school leavers are cordially invited to a Leavers' Supper following Prizegiving.

LIBRARY & TEXT BOOK RETURN

Senior students should already have returned library books and textbooks, but those who have retained them for exam study should bring them in on the day of that subject's examination and give them to their teacher. Junior students should begin returning any textbooks to their subject teachers after the junior examinations.

SUMMER READING

To assist students to get over a reading slump during the summer break, the library will be running a Summer Reading Programme. Students can borrow up to six books provided they will be returning to school and have no outstanding loans. Years 9 and 10 can borrow summer reading books from the 13 November.

UNIFORMS

You may like to consider donating uniform items which your son no longer needs. If your son is leaving college, or has grown out of part of

his uniform, please consider bringing it to the College Shop. The money raised from your donation of uniform is spent in the interests of the students. Unfortunately, we no longer sell clothing on the owner's behalf.

2019 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for 2019 are ongoing, and next year we will have good Year 9 cohort.

It is not too late to enrol students for Year 9 or other years for 2019. If you have friends who intend to enrol their son at Rongotai College for next year, please urge them to send the "Application for Enrolment" form to us as soon as possible.

ACADEMIC NEWS

SUBWAY BLESSING

Rongotai College Art students have been involved in designing and painting the new sea-themed murals on the entrances to the subway below the airport runway. These were blessed and officially opened recently. Students worked with artist Sheyne Tuffery, and Paul Tobin from Weta Workshop on the murals.



EOTC

Education Outside of the Classroom plays an important part in the learning of boys.

Over the last week or so of the school year, a number of activities have been organised for our Year 9 and 10 students, including Year 10 camp, Year 9 Technology Programme (related to earthquake preparedness) and activity days which will include a community service aspect for Year 9. These will involve boys taking part in a range of in-school and out-of-school activities that are enjoyable, positive learning experiences. More

details will be sent home regarding these activities over the next few weeks.



SPORTS NEWS

COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON AWARDS

A great year of sport was celebrated at the College Sport Wellington Sports Person of the Year (SPOTY) awards ceremony on 4 November.

Congratulations to **Ezrah Vaigafa** (Basketball) and **Tim McKibbin** (Floorball) for being named as Sportsmen of the Year in their respective sports.



Ezrah Vaigafa (left) and Tim McKibbin.

Congratulations are also due to **Henry Hollis** (Badminton), **Shannon Lucas** (Futsal), **Sam Marsters** (Golf), **Sajan Patel** (Hockey), **Evander Tere-Rongotaua** (Rugby League) and **Dylan Jackson** (Softball) for being finalists in their sports.

3x3 JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our junior 3x3 basketball team who won the College Sport Wellington tournament this week. Well done boys!



THANKS!

A number of businesses, organisations and individuals support Rongotai College Sport and sports teams in many ways, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued support.

Without their support our sporting programmes would not be as successful or extensive as they currently are.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QUIZ EVENING

The Parents' Association recently organised a hugely successful Quiz Evening at The Pines. This event has become a highlight of the school calendar. \$9,500 was raised on the night. Well done to all involved.

A big thank you to the students who worked so hard on the night, along with Mr Tavernor and the auctioneer, Brent Gilbert, from Lowe & Co Real Estate, who volunteered his time.

Thank you also to the following businesses that generously supported the event:

- Libby Beattie Interior Design
- Cook Strait Fishing Charters
- Waitoa Social Club Hataitai
- Kip McGrath Education Centres
- Tania Tupu
- Havana Coffee Works
- BBQ Skins
- Sue Dasler Pottery
- Island Bay Butchery
- Scale Studio Ltd
- Inhabit Designstore

- Unichem Cuba Mall Pharmacy
- The Children's Bookshop
- Commonsense Organics, Kilbirnie
- The White Room Gallery, Island Bay
- Island Bay Butchery
- Headstart Hair Design, Kilbirnie
- Sugar Flour Cafe, Kilbirnie
- The Botanist, Lyall Bay
- On Trays Food Emporium, Petone
- The Roxy Cinema, Miramar
- Trinity Group and St John's Bar and Eatery
- Habit, Evans Bay
- Maranui Cafe, Lyall Bay
- Empire Cinema and Eatery, Island Bay
- The Cardrona Distillery and Museum
- Scale Studios Ltd
- Noel Leeming, Lyall Bay
- The Larder, Miramar
- The Pines
- Bruce and Beth Simpson
- Our parent community

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

Included in this newsletter is a list of our important dates and events for the end of this year and the beginning of the 2019 school year. ***Please keep this in a prominent place as it gives you a clear rundown of what is happening in our college as this year draws to a close and the new year begins.***

The *Important Dates and Events* notice also clearly explains when students are released for exams etc.

and when they are required at school. Please go over this carefully with your son so that you can ensure his attendance when he is required.

2019 SUBJECT CONFIRMATION

The 2019 academic year begins with Senior (Year 11-13) course confirmation interviews with Deans and Academic Mentors. These will be held on Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 January. Students should contact the school to make an appointment, and can begin to make appointments from now on.

FIRST DAY 2019

All 2019 students at all levels must attend school on Monday 28 January starting with our first assembly at 8.55am in the Renner Hall. We will formally welcome our Year 9 students to Rongotai College.

Talk of 2019, of course, means that the 2018 school year is fast drawing to a close. I am looking forward to seeing you at our various upcoming events, especially our Prizegiving on Thursday 7 December.

Kind regards,

Kevin Carter
PRINCIPAL



Rongotai College Sports Person of the Year finalists (from left) Ezraha Vaigafa, Dylan Jackson, Sam Marsters, Sajan Patel, Shannon Lucas, Henry Hollis and Tim McKibbin

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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

2018

Wednesday 7 November

NCEA EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS START. All Year 11 and 12 students must wear uniform.

Monday 12 November

Students leaving school are requested to fill out an "Application for Leaving" form by this date.

Friday 16 to Tuesday 20 November

JUNIOR EXAMINATIONS

Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 & Friday 30 November

Year 10 Camp

Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 November

Year 9 Technology Programme

Friday 30 November

Year 9 Social Action Day

Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 December

Junior activities

Wednesday 5 December

ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND SCHOOL.

School begins at the normal time of 8.55am.

Seniors will be released at approximately 11am.

Thursday 6 December

ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND SCHOOL

The day begins at 8.55am with Form Period at school and is followed by the taking of the full school photo, then Prizegiving rehearsal at the Indian Centre. All students will be dismissed at approximately 11.30am.

Year 9 and 10 students will return to school after prizegiving rehearsal. They will go to their form room and be given their school report and Te Rama (if one has been ordered), to bring home.

Evening - PRIZEGIVING

ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND IN SCHOOL UNIFORM.

Students report to the Indian Centre at 7pm.

Prizegiving starts at 7.30pm.

Friday 7 December

Teacher only day.

Friday 14 December

College office and shop close.

2019

Tuesday 15 January

College shop open.

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Office open at the following times:

Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 January

10.00am to 4.00pm

Thereafter, from Tuesday 22 January, normal hours (8.15am to 4.30pm)

Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 January

Year 11, 12 and 13 course confirmation interviews (please phone the college to make an appointment).

Monday 28 January

All students report to the Renner Hall for assembly at 8.55am.

COLLEGE SHOP

Uniform and stationery items are sold in our college shop. Leading up to the start of the 2018 school year the opening hours will be:

Tuesday to Friday 15 to 18 January

10.00am to 4.00pm

Tuesday & Wednesday 22 & 23 January

8.30am to 6.00pm

Thursday & Friday 24 & 25 January

8.30am to 4.00pm

Thereafter, from Monday 28 January, normal hours (8.30am to 4pm)

Credit card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

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