



# RONGOTAI COLLEGE

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Week 6, Term 4, (20 November) 2020

### COMING EVENTS

**Wednesday 25 November**

Parents' Association meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom

**Thursday 26 November**

Board of Trustees' meeting 6pm in the staffroom

**Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 December**

Year 10 Camp

**Wednesday 2 & Thursday 3 December**

Year 9 Survivor Rongotai

**Friday 4 December**

Year 9 Social Action Day  
He Pō Whakanui evening

**Monday 7 December**

Seniors return for assembly  
Fiafia Night

**Tuesday 8 December**

Junior reports distributed and final day of school for students  
Prizegiving.

**Wednesday 9 December**

Teacher Only Day

**Friday 18 December**

School office closes

leave for their external examinations, which started on Monday 16 November while junior exams started on Thursday 19 November. The NCEA exams continue through until Tuesday 9 December.



While study leave has been 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.

### END-OF-YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

We expect all 2020 students to attend school on **Monday 7 December**. However, we realise that a few senior students will still be sitting external NCEA examinations and those students should sit their examinations as usual. That Monday 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 will remain for the whole day.

The last official day for all students is **Tuesday 8 December** when Te Rama magazines will be distributed. We will then go to

the Indian Centre for prizegiving rehearsal. Senior students will be dismissed at the conclusion of rehearsal.

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 again this year on **Tuesday 8 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 Graduation Certificates. Testimonials will be posted in due course.

Prizegiving is the last official school event for all students, who are then 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

### 2021 TERM DATES

- Term 1** Monday 1 February to Friday 16 April
- Term 2** Monday 3 May to Friday 9 July
- Term 3** Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October
- Term 4** Monday 18 October to Friday 10 December

The last few weeks have been a very positive and productive time at the college, culminating in senior students being on study

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. Year 9 and 10 students can borrow up to six books for summer reading provided they will be returning to school and have no outstanding loans.

### 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 student through our Student Welfare Fund. Unfortunately, we no longer sell clothing on the owner's behalf.

### 2021 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for 2021 are ongoing, and we will have a Year 9 cohort next year of approximately 150 students. A number of students in other year groups have also enrolled.

It is not too late to enrol students for Year 9 or other years for 2021. 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

### 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 Survivor Rongotai (which is related to earthquake preparedness), a Social Action day which is a community service day for Year 9s, and contextualised curriculum days for Year 9 and 10 students. 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.



## 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 8 November.

Congratulations to **Sam Brown** (Swimming), **Bevan Cox** (Badminton) and **Jesse Randall** (Football and Futsal) for being named as Athlete of the Year in their respective sports. Jesse was also a finalist in the overall Sportsman of the Year Award.



(from left) Bevan Cox, Sam Brown and Jesse Randall

Congratulations are also due to **Ciaran Bolger** (Softball), **Jack Cobden-Cox** (Floorball), **Alex Stewart** (Floorball), and **Sam and George Walker** (Futsal) for being finalists in their sports.

It was great to have the Rongotai College Big Band perform at the CSW Awards Evening during dinner. Some very positive

comments were made on their performance.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to our senior Rugby League team who recently won the CWS 9s competition.



### SOFTBALL

Congratulations to **Kyan Mill-Cameron** who has been named in the Junior Black Sox squad (along with Ciaran Bolger).

### 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 FOOD FAIR

The Food Fair was a fantastic success and the night highlighted that it is more than a fundraising event – it is an opportunity for the wider Rongotai community to get together, enjoy each other's company and enjoy some great food. The event was a hugely successful event again this year, with the Renner Hall full and buzzing. All the stalls sold out, and over \$7,000 was raised.

The night was enhanced by some great performances during the evening by Rongotai music groups, so a big thank you to the entertainers!

A huge thank you must go to the Parents' Association, the Whānau Group, the Pasifika Parents' Asosi, staff, all the stall holders and volunteers, the parents who baked, and the students who helped on the night and

contributed to the success of the evening.

We are also very grateful for the support of the Food Fair by many local businesses, and thank them for their generosity.

### 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 2021 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.

### 2021 SUBJECT CONFIRMATION

The 2021 academic year begins with Senior (Year 11-13) course confirmation interviews with Deans and Academic Mentors. These will be held on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 January. Students can book these interviews on-line from now on. This can be done by going to the School Interviews website ([www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)) and entering the event code 8upkz (for Rongotai College).

### FIRST DAY 2021

All 2021 students at all levels must attend school on Monday 1

February starting with our first assembly at 8.55am in the Renner Hall. We will formally welcome our new students to Rongotai College.

All this talk of 2021, means that the 2020 school year is fast drawing to a close. I am looking forward to seeing you at our various upcoming events, especially our Prizegiving on Tuesday 8 December.

Mā te wā

**Kevin Carter**  
**PRINCIPAL**



*Rongotai College Sports Person of the Year finalists (from left) Alec Stewart, Bevan Cox, Jack Cobden-Cox, Sam Brown, Ciaran Bolger, George Walker and Jesse Randall*

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## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

**2020**

**2021**

**Thursday 19 & Friday 20 November**  
JUNIOR EXAMINATIONS

**Monday 23 to Wednesday 25 November**  
School timetable as usual

**Thursday 26 November to Tuesday 1 December**  
Year 9 and 10 Contextualised Learning Programme

**Wednesday 2, Thursday 3 & Friday 4 December**  
Year 10 Camp

**Wednesday 2 & Thursday 3 December**  
Year 9 Survivor Rongotai

**Friday 4 December**  
Year 9 Social Action Day

**Monday 7 December**  
**ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND SCHOOL.**  
School begins at the normal time of 8.55am.  
Seniors will be released at approximately 11am.

**Tuesday 8 December**  
**ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND SCHOOL**  
The day begins at 8.55am with Form Period at school, 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.

**Wednesday 9 December**  
Teacher only day.

**Friday 18 December**  
College office and shop close.

**Wednesday 20 January**  
College office and shop open.

Office will be open normal hours (8.15am to 4.30pm)

**Monday 25 January**  
Office closed – Wellington Anniversary

**Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 January**  
Year 11, 12 and 13 course confirmation interviews (please make appointment by logging on to School Interviews - [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and entering the event code **8upkz**)

**Monday 1 February**  
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 2021 school year the opening hours will be 8.30am to 4.30pm from Tuesday 26 January.

Credit card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

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