



# RONGOTAI COLLEGE

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 2 (May), 2022

### COMING EVENTS

**Monday 16 May**

Rongotai College Pasifika Parents' Asosi at 6.30pm in the staffroom

**Wednesday 18 May**

Teacher only day - NCEA

**Thursday 26 May**

Board of Trustees' meeting at 6pm in the Mackay Library  
Parents' Association Quiz Evening

**Monday 6 June**

Queen's Birthday holiday

**Friday 10 June**

Rongotai Experience  
– no school for most students

**Tuesday 14 June**

Open Evening

**Wednesday 15 June**

Parents' Association meeting, 7.20pm in the staffroom

**Monday 20 June**

Rongotai College Pasifika Parents' Asosi at 6.30pm in the staffroom

**Friday 24 June**

Matariki holiday

**Thursday 30 June**

Board of Trustees' meeting at 6pm in the staffroom

**Friday 8 July**

Last day Term 2

**Monday 25 July**

First day Term 3

### 2022 TERM DATES

**Term 2** Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July

**Term 3** Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September

**Term 4** Monday 17 October to Friday 9 December

### 2023 TERM DATES

**Term 1** Monday 30 January to Thursday 6 April

**Term 2** Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June

**Term 3** Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

**Term 4** Monday 9 October to Friday 8 December

Dear parents and whānau

We are now at the end of the second week of Term 2. It's been a good start to the term so far. Attendance has been satisfactory, we've seen the return of normal school assemblies and winter sport has started for hundreds of our boys.

COVID is obviously still around, with several staff and students testing positive over the past two weeks, but at a slower rate than last term. A much smaller number of boys are also isolating as household contacts.

While the COVID alert level has changed to ORANGE, we think boys should still wear masks when they are inside; however we are not insisting that they do so, other than at assembly. This position seems to be working well and most boys are wearing masks and keeping each other and our staff safe.

### PREFECTS

At our first assembly this term (which was our first indoor assembly for the year) we acknowledged a further four student leaders.

Congratulations to **Mu Gay**, **Jack Harris**, **Quinn Marshall-McCaskey**, and **Enesi Tuilaepa** on their appointment as Prefects.



Mu Gay



Jack Harris



Quinn Marshall-McCaskey



Enesi Tuilaepa

### TEACHER ONLY DAY

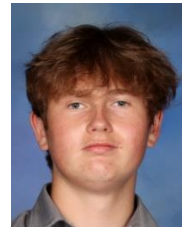
Wednesday 18 May is a **Teacher Only Day** for most secondary schools in our local area. Consequently, there is no school for all students on that day.

Please note the date of this event has changed from the previously advertised date of Thursday 19 May.

The focus of the day will be to review proposed changes to NCEA Level 1. As part of the day, Rongotai teachers will be collaborating with teachers from St Patrick's College.

### STEVENSON MEDAL

Congratulations to **Jonas Glaudel** who was recently awarded the Stevenson Medal. The Stevenson Medal is awarded annually to the top student in Level 1 Science. It is named after Rongotai College Old Boy, David Stevenson, an Astrophysicist at CalTech in the USA.



### SPORTS NEWS

Last week signalled the start of the winter season. Teams are currently competing in grading rounds or have started their CSW competitions.

Our 1st XI Football (who played Silverstream) and 1st XV Rugby (Wairarapa) both started the season with wins in their grading rounds, while the Senior A Basketball had an overtime loss to Wellington High. 1st

XI Hockey has not started their competition as yet, but did win a pre-season tournament during the holidays.



It is a timely reminder that sport is a PRIVILEGE and, as competitors, coaches and parents, we must live our school's B.E.S.T values at all times. In a sporting context, this means:

**BE RESPECTFUL** to your teammates and coaches and to the opposition, their coaches, managers, spectators and their facilities when playing away from home.

**ENCOURAGE BROTHERHOOD** - nobody needs to be pulled down in order for you to get above them; prop them up and we can all achieve - look out for your brothers and be a good team mate!!

**STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE** - Championships are not won in May. Look for the incremental improvement in your team as a collective and work together to achieve goals.

**TAKE PRIDE** - wear the correct Rongotai College sports uniform and remember the badge on the front of your shirt is who you play for.



Thank you to the parents and community volunteers who work tirelessly to provide opportunities for all boys at Rongotai to enjoy and experience sport. Please make sure, if your boy is in a sports team this year, you acknowledge the effort from these people who coach, manage and provide transportation

in order for your son to have such wonderful opportunities.

### BREAKFAST

Lastly, breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

We understand that for a range of reasons, boys may not come to school having had an appropriate breakfast. Consequently, we have partnered with Fonterra and Sanitarium (as part of their 'Kick Start Breakfast Programme') to provide breakfast, for boys who require it, in the Hospitality Room each morning. Boys are able to have breakfast from 7.45 each morning. Weet-Bix and milk are free, and boys can purchase toast if they choose to.

We hope this allows all our students to 'kick start' each day!

Ngā mihi nui

Kevin Carter  
PRINCIPAL

# HOMework HUB

# After school in the library  
# Tuesdays + Wednesdays



Come along to do your homework  
or revise - all are welcome

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