



# RONGOTAI COLLEGE

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

**Week 3 (August) | Term Three, 2026**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

|              |                                                              |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 August    | Hockey Traditional v Feilding High School (A)                |
| 12 August    | Traditional v PNBHS (A)                                      |
| 14 August    | CSW Table Tennis Teams<br>Y9 and Senior Course Selection Due |
| 18 August    | Music Evening                                                |
| 20 August    | Cultural Food Fair                                           |
| 23 August    | 3OE Ski Trip [to 27th]                                       |
| 26 August    | Senior Whānau Interviews                                     |
| 28 August    | RCOBA Imperti Awards                                         |
| 31 August    | Winter Tournament Week [to 4 September]                      |
| 4 September  | Mid Term Break [School Closed]                               |
| 7 September  | Asosi Meeting @ 6.00pm                                       |
| 7 September  | CAA Week                                                     |
| 10 September | Senior Exams [to 17 Sept.]                                   |
| 17 September | Board Meeting @ 6.00pm                                       |
| 18 September | Leavers' Ball                                                |
| 25 September | Reports Issued                                               |
| 25 September | Term Three Ends                                              |

### TERM DATES 2026 | 2027

|                 |                                         |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Term Three 2026 | Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September   |
| Term Four 2026  | Monday 12 October to Friday 4 December  |
| Term One 2027   | Thursday, 28 January to Friday, 9 April |
| Term Two 2027   | Tuesday, 27 April to Friday, 2 July     |



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**We are now a quarter of the way through Term Three and entering one of the busiest periods of the school year.**

For our senior students in particular, the coming weeks bring NCEA internal assessments, senior school examinations, CAA Literacy and Numeracy assessments, and important decisions about subjects and pathways for 2027.

At the same time, College life continues at pace. Our students have been representing Rongotai across the arts, sport and community, and it has been particularly pleasing to see the enthusiasm, pride and commitment they continue to bring to these opportunities. You will read more about many of these activities elsewhere in this newsletter.

### ■ BOARD UPDATE

Following the retirement of Mr **Dinesh Bhindi**, a staff representative by-election was held. I congratulate Ms **Mckayla Woodroffe**, who was elected as the new Staff Representative on the Rongotai College Board.

We also welcome Mr Nick Conn, who has been co-opted to the Board. Nick is a current parent, with a son in Year 9, and we look forward to the contribution he will make to the governance of the College.

### ■ STAFF FAREWELLS

At the end of Term Two, we farewelled one of Rongotai College's longest-serving and most respected teachers, Mr **Dinesh Bhindi**, following an extraordinary 37 years of service to the College. A student-body tribute is included later in this newsletter.



Mr Bhindi's contribution to Rongotai College has been immense, and we thank him for his dedication, leadership, humour and commitment to our young men. We wish him every happiness in his well-earned retirement.

We also farewelled Ms **Alyss Sturgeon**, who has moved to Wellington Girls' College, and Mr **Stephen Isaac**, who has taken up a promotion at St Patrick's College, Wellington. We thank them both for their contribution to Rongotai College and wish them well in their new roles.

### ■ SENIOR EXAMINATIONS

Senior examinations will be held from Thursday, 10 September to Thursday, 17 September. A timetable will be issued to students shortly.

These examinations are an important indicator of your son's progress towards NCEA and provide students with valuable experience of sitting assessments under examination conditions.

Your son may tell you that he does not need to revise because these examinations "don't count". Please don't believe him! They are important, they are compulsory, and students should approach them with the same commitment they will bring to their external examinations later in the year.

The examinations allow teachers and students to identify strengths, areas requiring further work, and where additional support may be needed before the end of the year. I encourage parents and caregivers to talk with their sons about their study and revision programme and

### PARKING REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Parents and caregivers are asked not to enter or park in the main car park by

Reception, particularly at the end of the school day. This area is reserved for our school buses, official visitors, taxis for our Tamatoa students and delivery vehicles during this busy time.



There is parking available along Tirangi Road for both drop-offs and collections, and we kindly ask that you use these areas instead.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our students safe and traffic flowing smoothly.

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help them establish good routines over the coming weeks.

The school examinations can also provide important evidence should a student be unable to sit an external examination later in the year because of illness, a family circumstance or another situation that may qualify him for a derived grade. This makes a genuine effort in these examinations particularly important.

## ■ CAA LITERACY AND NUMERACY

The CAA Literacy and Numeracy tests will be held across Week 8, from 7–11 September.

These assessments will include students who did not achieve the required standard during the May assessment opportunity, along with selected Y9 students and most Y10 students will be doing Literacy Writing.

Students involved will have been advised, and parents and caregivers should also have received notification from their son's teachers.

## ■ VISUAL ARTS, DVC AND MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

Senior students completing NCEA assessments in Visual Arts, including Art Design and Photography, DVC and Materials Technology are entering an important period as assessment deadlines approach.

Students should be liaising closely with their teachers and making good use of opportunities to work on and complete their portfolios and projects. Managing their time effectively over the coming weeks will be particularly important.

Y9 and Y10 students will continue with classes according to their normal timetable during the senior examination period.

## ■ SUBJECT SELECTION FOR 2027

Students have recently been contemplating their subject selections for 2027. These choices are made online, and parents and caregivers will receive confirmation of their son's selections by email over the coming weeks.

I encourage you to discuss these choices with your son. Subject selection is an important part of planning his pathway through the College and beyond, and

choices should reflect interests, strengths, future study and career aspirations.

It is also important that selections are made carefully. The information students provide through this process determines the number and structure of classes we plan for next year. Once the timetable has been developed, accommodating significant changes or creating additional classes can be difficult.

Students who are uncertain about their choices should speak with their subject teachers, Form Teacher, Dean or our Careers team.

## ■ CAREERS AND PATHWAYS

This is also a particularly busy time for our Y13 students as they begin firming up their plans for life beyond Rongotai College.

University course planning, Halls of Residence applications and other tertiary and employment pathways are now very much on the radar. A number of universities have already visited the College, with further opportunities coming up for students to meet representatives and discuss their options for 2027.

Some university scholarship applications have now closed, while Halls of Residence applications remain open. Students applying for accommodation should already have advised the College so that the required school references can be prepared.

I encourage Year 13 students to make full use of the support and advice available through our Careers team as they make these important decisions.

## ■ A BUSY TERM AHEAD

Much has happened around the College over the past weeks. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will read about our students' outstanding participation in the Tu Tagata Festival, our recent Robotics Challenge and achievements across sport, the arts and our wider community. We also look forward to our upcoming Music Evening and the many other opportunities ahead this term.

With so much happening, it is important that our senior students in particular keep their academic priorities firmly in sight. Internal assessments are ongoing, senior examinations are approaching, and every

week between now and the end of the year matters.

Please continue to encourage your son to maintain a regular study programme, meet deadlines and seek assistance early if he is unsure or falling behind. His subject teachers, Form Teacher and Year Level Dean are available to provide support and advice, and I encourage students to make use of that support.

## ■ SABBATICAL LEAVE

As you read this newsletter, I will be preparing to take a period of Sabbatical Leave and will be away from the College until Term Four, returning on Monday, 2 November.

During my absence, Deputy Principal Mr **Venkat Reddy** will take on the role of Acting Principal. I know the College will be in very capable hands, supported by our Leadership Team and staff.

I look forward to returning and seeing our students through the final weeks of the 2026 school year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of your son and of Rongotai College.

Kind regards,

**Kevin Carter**  
PRINCIPAL

## ARTS & CULTURE: NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA SUCCESS

Congratulations to Edgar Watson on his selection for the 2026 NZ Symphony Orchestra National Youth Orchestra.



A talented violinist, Edgar performed with the Orchestra in both Wellington and Auckland during July, an outstanding achievement and a testament to his dedication and musical ability. We congratulate Edgar on this well-deserved honour and are proud to see him representing both Rongotai College and our wider community at the highest level of youth orchestral performance.

## A legacy of service: Farewell to Mr Dinesh Bhindi

To quote Martin Luther King Jr., Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'

Boys, today I stand here to talk about a man who has answered that question every day for nearly four decades through service, character and excellence. A man who has seen the triumphs and defeats of our school – and is probably five years overdue for retiring.

When I was asked to speak about a career as long as Mr Bhindi's, I knew it would be difficult. I knew it would be difficult to condense 37 years of teaching, yelling, enthusiasm and impact into a speech that can never truly reflect the influence a teacher of his calibre has had on our college community. It's with a heavy heart that I say 37 years of walking down that Rongotai driveway – and, on the odd occasion, driving the full 140 metres from his house into the school grounds – will unfortunately come to a bittersweet end.

Arriving in New Zealand from Labasa, Fiji, in 1989, Mr Bhindi began teaching at Rongotai College that very same year under then Headmaster, Mr Alan Powell. Nearly four decades later, he has taught generations of Rongotai boys, including notable Old Boys such as Ma'a Nonu, the Savea brothers, Samoan comedian Tofiga Fepulea'i and Trade Me founder, Sam Morgan. Yet, despite the very different paths these men have taken in life, they all have one thing in common: they were taught by a man whose passion for science and Chemistry never wavered.

That is what makes a man like Mr Bhindi unique. Across more than 30,000 hours in classrooms and more than 3,000 different boys he has taught, his humour, enthusiasm and relentless drive to get the best out of every student have never changed. His longevity reflects not only his commitment to



excellence, but perhaps also his refusal to commute more than a minute to work each morning. I guess living on the doorstep of the school is a pretty good reason for staying around for so long.



Over the last year and a half under Mr Bhindi, I've learnt a lot. As a fellow Fijian Indian, my relationship with him has grown beyond simply teacher and student.

His place within our cultural and school communities continually amazes me. The mention of his name brings stories from Old Boys, family friends and people from Fiji alike. Through Chemistry and through

conversation, he has helped me not only as a student, but also to develop as a leader throughout my final years at school.

If I'm honest, I never thought mine would be the year that would farewell Mr Bhindi – the year he would choose to close a massive chapter in Rongotai College history, leaving behind a legacy that will never be forgotten. But I would be lying if I said there weren't signs: the increasingly whitening beard, marking me absent from class even though I was sitting right in front of him, and needing to say "Sir" a couple more times before getting his attention. I suppose all good things take time, and all good things must come to an end.

So, if there's anything I've learnt from you, Sir, it's this: the heater must always be on in your classroom; everything outside of Chemistry is, in your words, Sir, *a waste of time*; you have counted the exact number of steps from your house to your lab; and you still love yelling at boys with that same passionate aggression you had in 1989.



I am truly grateful to have been taught by you, and Rongotai College will always be grateful for the service you have given to the generations of boys who have passed through these corridors.

*Lumen Accipe et Imperti – Receive the light and pass it on.*

For 37 years, Mr Bhindi has done exactly that, and for many years to come, he will be remembered for exactly that. Because life's most persistent and urgent question is: *What are you doing for others?*

On behalf of every student, every staff member and the wider Rongotai College community, thank you, Sir, for everything you have helped our brotherhood achieve.

**Desmond Reddy**  
Deputy Head Prefect





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## ■ BUILDING, CODING AND CREATING: ROBOTICS CHALLENGE

Innovation, creativity and teamwork were put to the test as students from Rongotai College, St Patrick's College Town, Seatoun School and Wellington Girls' College came together for an exciting Robotics Design, Build, Code and Test Challenge.



Working collaboratively, students designed, built, programmed and tested their robotic creations, putting their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) skills into action. Along the way, they tackled practical challenges, solved problems, refined their designs and experienced first-hand the value of teamwork, perseverance and creative thinking.



A huge thank you to Bunnings Lyall Bay and Kiwibots NZ for their generous support in making this hands-on learning experience possible.

It was a fantastic opportunity for students from across Wellington to learn alongside one another, share ideas and develop skills that could help shape them into the engineers, programmers, designers and innovators of the future.



## ¡Hola! A busy and vibrant term in Spanish

It has been another exciting and rewarding term for our Spanish students, with plenty of opportunities to learn, connect, and bring their language skills to life beyond the classroom.

Our Year 10 students recently enjoyed a memorable evening at Viva México, where they put their learning into practice as part of their unit on food and dining. Ordering meals, chatting with the wait-staff in Spanish, and experiencing an authentic restaurant environment gave students the confidence to use the language in a real-world setting. It was wonderful to see them applying what they had learnt in class with such enthusiasm. ¡Qué alegría!



To celebrate Language Week, students experienced a taste of Latin American culture through lively music and an interactive dance session. It was a fun way to explore the richness and diversity of the Spanish-speaking world while reinforcing that learning a language is about much more than vocabulary – it's about embracing culture, community and connection.

There is still plenty to look forward to this term. In Week 4, our Y11 Spanish students will travel to Scots College to participate in a Spanish Immersion Day. The day will provide an excellent opportunity to meet fellow Spanish learners, build confidence through conversation, and enjoy a range of interactive language activities. ¡Qué emoción!

As the term progresses, students are also preparing for their upcoming examinations. We wish all of our Spanish students every success. Their hard work and commitment throughout the year have been outstanding, and we are confident they will be well rewarded.

¡Muchísima suerte a todos! (Very best of luck to everyone!)

## Spelling Bee House Competition

House competitions continue to challenge and entertain our tamariki. On Friday, 31 July 2026 we had the Spelling Bee House Competition in the Mackay Library. Junior and senior students mixed together in their Houses and spelled 20 demanding words. Despite all the fun, the teams requested definitions and context sentences as professional spellers do. **Lock House** was the winner for this particular competition. A stupendous effort from all contestants!



## Welcoming new faces from around the world!

At the end of Term Two, we farewelled five valued international students who had become an important part of the Rongotai College community – Frederik Hardt, Philipp Ruehle, Tim Proft and Henri Joeckel from Germany, along with Kaiki Ando from Japan.

During their time with us, they embraced all aspects of school life, formed lasting friendships, and made a positive contribution to our College. We thank them for sharing their cultures and experiences with us and wish them every success in their future studies and careers.

As we said goodbye to one group, we were delighted to welcome a new intake



of international students from Italy, Germany, China and Japan.

To help them settle into life at Rongotai College and in New Zealand, our new students took part in a Māori cultural orientation programme. They experienced



a traditional pōwhiri, learnt about the significance of the haka, and enjoyed taking part in a range of traditional Māori games.

They also joined international students from schools across Wellington for a special cultural day at Te Papa, where they had the opportunity to make new friends while learning more about New Zealand's rich history, culture and heritage.

We extend a very warm welcome to our newest international students and hope they enjoy a rewarding, memorable and enriching experience as members of the Rongotai College whānau.

## A life-changing Brazilian adventure

Y13 student Rim Wiertsema has recently returned from an unforgettable six-month student exchange in Santa Catarina, Brazil.

During his time abroad, Rim attended a local high school, immersed himself in Brazilian culture, and formed lifelong friendships with people from around the world. Reflecting on his experience, he described it as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that challenged him, built his confidence, and broadened his perspective of the world.

We congratulate Rim on making the most of this incredible opportunity and look forward to seeing how the skills and experiences he gained continue to benefit him in the future.



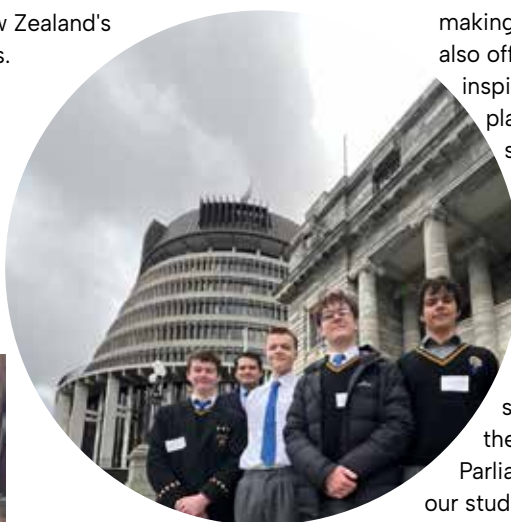
## Year 12 students gain insight into Parliament

Our Y12 students enjoyed a memorable visit to New Zealand Parliament recently as part of their preparations for hosting next year's Model United Nations Conference.

A highlight of the day was meeting the Speaker of the House, Rt Hon Gerry Brownlee, who shared valuable insights into the workings of Parliament,

leadership, and New Zealand's democratic process.

The visit provided students with a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at how our country is governed while deepening their



making. The experience also offered plenty of inspiration as they begin planning to welcome students from schools across the region to next year's Model United Nations Conference.

We extend our sincere thanks to the New Zealand Parliament for hosting our students and helping to inspire the next generation of informed, engaged and capable leaders.

understanding of diplomacy, debate and decision-





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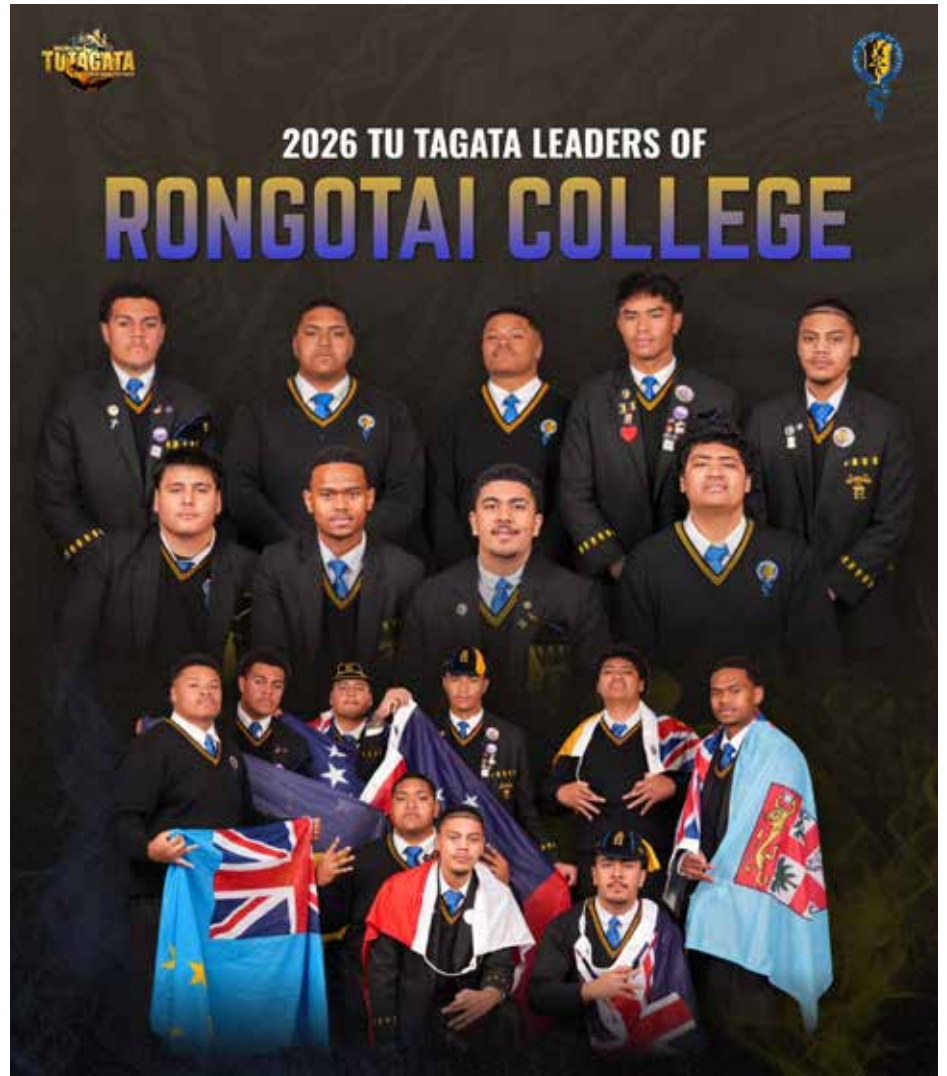
## ■ CELEBRATING PASIFIKA PRIDE – TU TAGATA PERFORMANCE

On Friday, 25 July, our young men took to the stage with an outstanding Tu Tagata performance, proudly celebrating the richness of our Pasifika identities, cultures, languages and heritage.

Through song, dance and storytelling, the group honoured the traditions of our Pacific nations and demonstrated the values of alofa, respect, service, humility and unity that are at the heart of our Pasifika communities. Their performance reflected the pride our students have in who they are and where they come from, while celebrating the cultural diversity that enriches Rongotai College.

A very special acknowledgement goes to Mrs **Lotofua Fiu**, who managed and led the group throughout their preparations. Her dedication, encouragement and countless hours of work were instrumental in bringing the performance together. We are extremely grateful for her commitment to our young men and to our wider Pasifika community.

Our sincere thanks also go to the many parents, families and whānau who contributed their time, talents and support behind the scenes. Their generosity and encouragement demonstrate the strength of our Pasifika village and the important role our community plays in supporting our young people.



We are immensely proud of our young men for representing Rongotai College with mana, humility, pride and excellence. This was much more than a performance; it was a celebration of identity, belonging and the enduring strength of our Pasifika heritage.

Fa'afetai lava, mālō 'aupito, vinaka vakalevu and fakaaue lahi to everyone who helped make the evening so special.

The Rongotai College performance can be viewed from 1:27:28 to approximately 1:40:36. <https://youtube/EbHpcNmDg3M?t=5245&si=pXEKxYhMZ4DEGInD>



## Winter Sport Heads into Finals and Traditional Fixtures

As we move into August, the winter sporting season reaches its most exciting stage, with finals series, traditional fixtures and Winter Tournament Week fast approaching. Congratulations to all of our teams who have earned places in their respective play-offs, and best wishes as they compete for championship honours over the coming weeks.

This weekend our Squash team travels to Christchurch to compete at the National Secondary Schools' Championships, while Winter Tournament Week will see our 1st XI Hockey and Senior A Basketball teams in Palmerston North, the Junior A Basketball team in Hāwera, and our 1st XI Football and U15 Rugby teams competing in Wellington.

Adding to an already busy calendar, Wednesday, 12 August will see our traditional winter sports exchange against Palmerston North Boys' High School. Our 1st XI Football, 1st XI Hockey, Senior A Basketball and Junior A Football teams will make the trip north for what promises to be another fiercely contested day of competition between two proud schools.

These fixtures provide an excellent opportunity for our students to test themselves against quality opposition while continuing the proud sporting traditions that have long been part of Rongotai College.

### ■ HOCKEY CONTINUES STRONG FORM

The 1st XI Hockey team has enjoyed a busy and successful return to competition this term.

At the annual Central North Island Tournament in Whanganui, the team recorded convincing victories over Francis Douglas Memorial College (3–0) and Whanganui Collegiate (5–2), earned a hard-fought 1–1 draw with Lindisfarne College, and competed strongly against Feilding High School. Outstanding performances came from goalkeeper **Loren Renton**, while **Mick Saunders**, **Hunter Taylor** and **Dylan Anderson** were influential throughout the tournament.

The boys have also made an impressive start to the Wellington Top 4 competition, defeating HIBS 3–1 despite it being

their fifth game in three days. **Monty Shirtcliffe** scored twice, including a spectacular diving reverse-stick finish, while **Hunter Taylor** sealed the victory with a determined late goal. Two remaining matches against Wellington College and Scots College will determine quarter-final seedings.

Our Junior Colts remain unbeaten after a 3–1 victory over Paraparaumu College and now head into their own finals series over the coming weeks.



Dylan Anderson (L) and Gabriel Rees with Coach, Mr Levi Loudon.

### ■ REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Several of our hockey players have also earned representative selection.

During the school holidays, **Dylan Anderson** and **Gabriel Rees** represented Wellington at the National U18 Men's Tournament in Tauranga, where Dylan captained the side and scored five goals during an outstanding campaign. His

performances earned him selection for the prestigious Falcons U18 Hockey Camp later this year. Congratulations also to coach Mr **Levi Loudon**, who guided the Wellington side throughout the tournament.

Congratulations to **Remy Boswell**, **Lucas Henwood** and **Mick Saunders**, who have been selected for the Wellington U16 Boys team to compete at the National Tournament in Auckland during the Term Three holidays.

### ■ CYCLING DELIVERS OUTSTANDING RESULTS

Rongotai College riders produced one of the school's strongest ever performances at the North Island Secondary Schools Road and Track Cycling Championships in Cambridge.

**Thomas Woodward** and **Sam McNaughtan** competed in the road events before



**Kingsley McGuigan** and **Thomas Woodward** on their way to winning the U16 Silver Medal.



The Rongotai College Track Team of Thomas Woodward, Kingsley McGuigan and Sam McNaughtan.



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joining **Kingsley McGuigan** for the track championships. Across the competition, Rongotai riders claimed three podium finishes:

Thomas Woodward – Gold Medal, Under 15 Boys B Criterium  
Kingsley McGuigan – Bronze Medal, Under 16 Boys Omnium  
Thomas Woodward & Kingsley McGuigan – Silver Medal, Under 16 Boys Team Sprint

Congratulations to all three riders on these outstanding achievements.

## ■ BASKETBALL REPRESENTATIVE SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Caeden Ioapo, Carlos Vakaloloma, Finn Collier, JJ Popham** and **Tama Nikora** on their selection for the Wellington Under 18 Representative Basketball Team. [Pictured top to bottom].

This achievement reflects their dedication, hard work and commitment throughout the season. Representing Wellington is a significant honour, and we are incredibly proud of each of them.



## ■ LOOKING AHEAD

While winter sport enters its most exciting phase, preparations for the summer season are already beginning. Our cricket programme commences winter training sessions in mid-August as players begin building towards the 2026–27 season.

Finally, thank you to all of our coaches, managers, officials, parents and whānau who have generously given their time and support throughout the winter season. Your commitment behind the scenes provides our young men with opportunities to learn, compete and represent Rongotai College with pride. We wish all of our teams every success as they head into finals, traditional fixtures and Winter Tournament Week.



Congratulations to Old Boy, **Ardie Savea** on captaining the All Blacks on their challenging tour of South Africa against the Springboks. The entire Rongotai College community is immensely proud of your leadership, determination and the way you continue to represent our school and New Zealand with distinction. Wishing you and the team every success.

## Double Commonwealth Games Bronze for Old Boy



Congratulations to Rongotai College Old Boy **George Jackson (2013–2016)** and his New Zealand teammates **Marshall Erwood, Daniel Morton** and **Tom Sexton** on winning the Bronze Medal in the Men's Team Pursuit at the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games. George is pictured second from the right.

George wasn't finished there. He went on to claim a second Bronze Medal with another outstanding ride, producing a superb performance in a thrilling finish to the Men's 40km Points Race to secure third place.

Winning two Commonwealth Games Bronze Medals in the same games is a fantastic achievement and reflects George's dedication, perseverance and talent on the international stage.

Congratulations, George, on an outstanding Games. The entire Rongotai College community is incredibly proud of everything you have achieved and wishes you every success in the future.





RONGOTAI COLLEGE 1<sup>ST</sup> XI HOCKEY AND THE  
RCOBA PRESENT

# GOOD SPORTS

CONVERSATIONS ON WELLBEING IN SPORT



**Taylor Noble** is a New Zealand trained registered sport and performance psychologist.



**James Blackwell** is a former NZ rugby union player.



**Vijay Vallabh** is an old boy and the High-performance Sport NZ Physio provider to Olympians and Paralympians.

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2026  
7-9PM  
VENUE: RONGOTAI COLLEGE,  
170 COUTTS STREET

STUDENTS FREE  
ADULTS \$20  
TICKET INFO  
THROUGH QR CODE



RONGOTAI COLLEGE  
OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

RONGOTAI COLLEGE



1928 - 2028  
A Century of Brotherhood



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# MUSIC EVENING

TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2026



CONCERT STARTS @ 6.30PM | RENNER HALL

**THE BEST OF OUR AMAZING AND  
TALENTED STUDENTS ON STAGE**

KAI FROM 5.45PM - SEE OPPOSITE PAGE FOR PRE-ORDERS.

ENTRY BY KOHA



# MUSIC NIGHT 2026

## MENU



**\$18**

### 1 THE SIGNATURE SAVOURY PLATTER

Indulge in a hand-crafted selection featuring a golden-crusted warm butter chicken pie bursting with aromatic spices. Accompanying this is a velvety, oven-roasted four-cheese and chive baked potato, providing a creamy contrast to a fresh, vibrant assortment of artisan corn chips. These are served alongside a trio of zesty house-made salsa, smooth lime-infused guacamole, and a medley of garden-crisp vegetable sticks for the perfect crunch.



**\$18**

### 2 THE ARTISAN VEGETARIAN SAVOURY PLATTER

A truly delicious plant-based feast, crisp golden-fried vegetable samosa filled with traditional spices and tender garden vegetables. The platter includes a savory baked potato enhanced with smoky paprika and fresh chives, plus crispy corn chips. To complete the experience, enjoy our refreshing signature salsa, rich and creamy guacamole, and a selection of hand-cut, seasonal vegetable sticks designed for dipping.



**\$18**

### 3 THE GRAND SWEET FINALE PLATE

Surrender to an indulgent dessert experience featuring a decadent, melt-in-the-mouth dark chocolate brownie. This is beautifully paired with a delicate, air-light kiwifruit and vanilla cream meringue, and a stack of fluffy pancakes drizzled in premium maple syrup. To provide a light and bright finish, the plate is rounded out with a chilled cup of seasonal fresh fruits, carefully selected for their peak ripeness and natural sweetness.

ALL PLATES  
**\$18**



Also available for purchase on the evening will be a selection of savoury and sweet individual items and fruit punches.



Complimentary Tea and Plunger coffee will also be offered.



All plates must be **pre-ordered through reception** by **Friday, 14 August**.





Rongotai College Old Boys' Association

# GALA DINNER

Friday, 28 August | 7.00pm – Late

Renner Hall, Rongotai College, 170 Coutts Street.



\$120 PER PERSON OR \$1200 PER TABLE

Tickets available via email: [info@rcob.org.nz](mailto:info@rcob.org.nz)



Featuring Three Special Guest Alumni Panelists:  
Bryan Johnson <sup>ONZM</sup> \* Bruce Edgar \* Tofiga Fepulea'i

## RCOBA GOLF DAY



Thursday, 27 August



Miramar Golf Club



9-Hole Ambrose Format



Tee Off: 1.30pm (Shot-Gun Start)



**\$45**  
PER PERSON

OR

**\$180**  
PER TEAM



On-site Drinks &  
BBQ Available

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