



ROSEHILL COLLEGE

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



MAY HIGHLIGHTS

- 19 DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARDS
- \$606 RAISED FOR PINK SHIRT DAY
- GIRLS FIRST XI UNDEFEATED
- SUCCESSFUL YOUTH WEEK COLOUR RUN
- TOP 10 POLYFEST OVERALL PLACING
- STRONG START TO WINTER SPORTS SEASON

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

This month has been an incredibly productive and successful one for the Rosehill College community, with students continuing to excel across academics, sports, culture, leadership, and community involvement. From outdoor education trips and academic opportunities to strong performances in winter sports, Polyfest, Rockquest, and the Auckland Writers Festival, our students have represented the school with pride and enthusiasm.

Youth Week was a particular highlight, bringing students together through events such as the Colour Run and other community activities that celebrated connection, wellbeing, and student voice. We are also proud to recognise the students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, demonstrating dedication, resilience, and service to the community.

Thank you to all students, staff, whānau, and community members who continue to contribute to the positive and supportive environment at Rosehill College. We look forward to another exciting month ahead filled with opportunities, achievements, and school spirit.

— **Catherine Vea, Student Representative**



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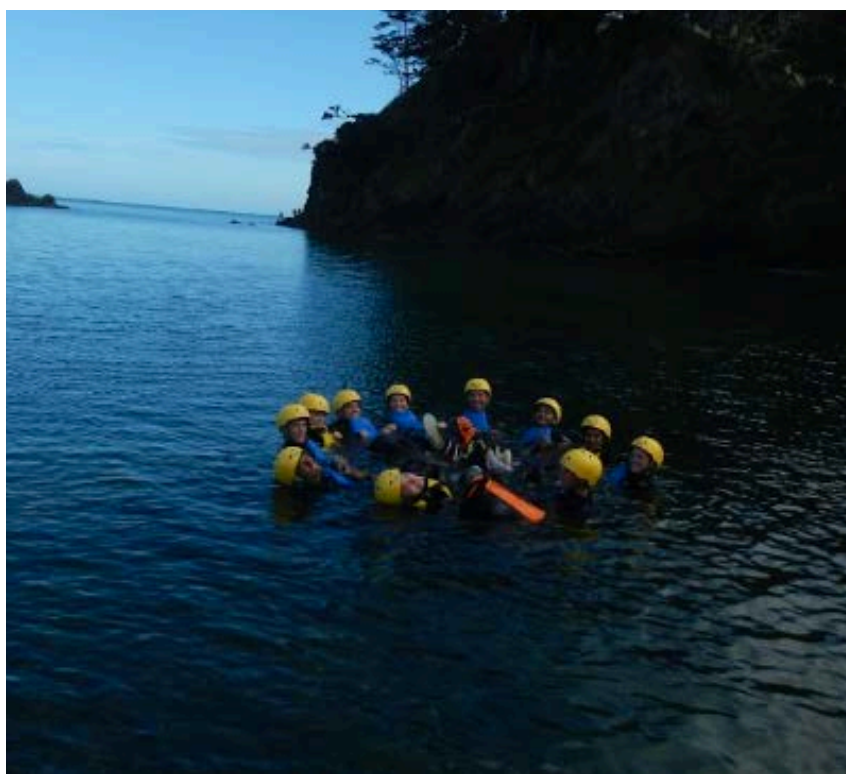


SCHOOL EVENTS & TRIPS

13PEO HILLARY OUTDOORS COROMANDEL EXPERIENCE

During Week 3 of Term 2, our 13 Outdoor Education (13PEO) class took the adventure of a lifetime! Departing on Sunday the 3rd of May, all 20 students, Mr Fraser, and Mr Rennell made our way to the Hillary Outdoors Education Centre in Port Charles, Coromandel. We arrived at an absolute luxury lodge with some of the best campsite amenities we had ever seen. Over the week, our amazing instructors, Alex and Caitlin, took us through adventure-based learning (ABL) team-building challenges before we caught some huge waves kayak surfing at the beach.

The following days saw us take an epic 2-day expedition around the Coromandel on 2-seater Sea Kayaks. We paddled past giant flocks of diving seabirds to reach our campsite, rested up, and went island hopping and snorkelling the next day - covering well over 30kms in just 2 days.



After that, we headed off for coasteering, climbing huge coastal rocks and flipping off them into the ocean, followed by a huge adventure race. We finally returned home on Friday, exhausted but incredibly grateful. The trip was one of the best we have been on, filled with the best adventures, people, food, instructors, and vibes! If you are a Year 12 taking PEO, or a Year 9, 10, or 11, I HIGHLY recommend thinking about 13PEO as a subject! Getting in the class is hard work, but the experiences and memories you make are once in a lifetime!!

— Arpit Behal, 13PEO Student



SCHOOL EVENTS & TRIPS



RYDA ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP

On Friday 1st May, 80 Year 11 students attended the RYDA Road Safety Workshop at Pulman Park. The workshop focused on helping young people develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to make safer decisions on the road. Through a range of interactive activities, engaging discussions, and powerful real-life stories, students explored important topics such as driver distractions, peer pressure, speed, risk awareness, and the impact of decision-making on road safety.

Students represented Rosehill College exceptionally well throughout the day, demonstrating excellent participation, maturity, and respect during all workshop sessions. Their engagement and willingness to contribute to discussions reflected positively on our school community.

We would like to thank the RYDA team for delivering such an informative and meaningful programme and for providing this valuable learning opportunity for our students.

MUNA – MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

Rosehill College students Nikau Macpherson, Ioritana Lemuelu-Viliamu, Hansika Sharma, Afshah Ali, Charlie Ackerstaff and Jensyn Mayben-Hammond recently attended the 2026 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) at Rosmini College, sponsored by the Rotary Club. Representing Cambodia and Liberia, the teams debated major global issues including human rights sanctions, refugee quotas, deep-sea mining and freedom of navigation. Students delivered speeches, responded to Points of Information, formed alliances with other nations and even participated in a simulated United Nations Security Council meeting discussing sanctions on Iran. Both teams successfully argued their positions on several remits, making the two-day event a memorable and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

— **Nikau Macpherson, Year 13**





SCHOOL EVENTS & TRIPS

12GEO RANGITOTO TRIP

On the 8th of May 2026, Year 12 Geography students travelled to Rangitoto Island to conduct environmental experiments as part of their studies. After taking a ferry from Auckland, students hiked up the volcanic landscape and completed a range of experiments at different sites, including testing water infiltration, soil texture, humus depth, slope angle, temperature, and wind speed. Students also observed the changing vegetation and natural environment across the island. After a successful day of fieldwork and enjoying the scenery, the group returned to school later that afternoon.

— **Nikolai Hawkins, 12GEO Student**



13GEO MURIWAI BEACH TRIP

On the 24th of April, the Year 13 Geography class went on a trip to Muriwai Beach to conduct experiments for our assessment. Accompanied by Mr Avalos, Mr Williamson, and Mrs Peneamena, we first stopped at Māori Bay where we split into groups and collected data from our experiments. Although we were running a little late and didn't manage to gather all of our data, it was still a valuable experience. Afterwards, we headed to Muriwai Beach where we completed more fieldwork, including measuring longshore drift, aeolian transportation, beach gradient, wind speed and direction, wave frequency, and the height of the sand dunes. Despite the heavy rain, the scenery and landscape were definitely the highlight of the day.

On the way back to school, we stopped at McDonald's for a quick treat before heading home. Overall, it turned out to be a really enjoyable and memorable trip.

— **Darius Cameron-Fox, 13GEO Student**



SPORTS UPDATES

FOOTBALL SEASON SUCCESS

The Rosehill College Boys First XI football team has started their 2026 season. The boys kicked off their pre-season games with a strong **4-1 win** over Papakura High School and also secured another impressive **4-1 victory** against Alfriston College.

Our first official game of the season was a much tougher challenge against a strong Pukekohe High School side. We were missing some key players but everyone stood up to the challenge and secured a narrow **2-1 victory**. A breakaway counter attack from Exauce and a beautiful free kick from Noah helped secure the win. Our tough defence and strong mentality was a large factor in the victory.



WINTER SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Winter sport has had a strong start this term, with students representing Rosehill College proudly across a wide range of competitions. Basketball, badminton, hockey, netball, and rugby have all seen excellent participation and strong performances throughout the season so far, with the Boys' 1st XI hockey team continuing to develop in full 11-a-side competition.

Badminton player Chris Yu remains unbeaten in the A Grade individual competition, while rugby and basketball teams have already recorded several impressive wins. The Girls Rugby team also recently celebrated their jersey presentation in the staffroom ahead of the season. Overall, it has been a fantastic start to the winter sporting season, highlighting the talent, dedication, and enthusiasm of our students.

— Hamish Fraser, Sports coordinator



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The boys followed that up with a dominating **8-0** victory over Papakura High School to secure our second win of the season.

Our first home game is on the 3rd of June at 4pm on the field. Come watch the game, support the boys and enjoy some high quality football. See you all there!

— Mr. V, Football Coach



The Rosehill College Girls 1st XI football team has opened its 2026 season in dominant fashion, recording three straight victories while maintaining a perfect defensive record. The team began the season with an impressive 6-0 win over Sancta Maria College before backing it up with a strong 2-0 victory against Aorere College at McLennan Park. Just two days later, the girls continued their winning streak with another outstanding performance, defeating Elim Christian College 5-0 away from home.

Across their opening three matches, Rosehill has scored 13 goals while conceding none — a remarkable achievement that reflects both the team's attacking quality and strong defensive organisation. With momentum continuing to build early in the season, the Girls 1st XI are shaping up as one of the standout teams in the competition, and students and supporters will be eager to see if they can continue their unbeaten run in the weeks ahead.





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POLYFEST TE PAPAREWA MĀORI

We are incredibly proud of our Kapa Haka rōpū for their outstanding performance at this year's Polyfest, placing an impressive 10th overall out of 28 competing rōpū. We also celebrate their exceptional results of 2nd place in Mōteatea and 3rd place in Kākahū Wāhine.

These achievements are a reflection of the immense hard work, dedication, and commitment shown by every member of the rōpū throughout the year.

Success at this level takes countless hours of practice, perseverance, and a willingness to support one another through every challenge. Our students came together as one whānau, each contributing their strengths and working towards a shared goal, making this result even more special.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated tutors, whānau, and supporters who have given their time, guidance, and encouragement throughout this journey. Your support has been invaluable and has played a significant role in this success.

Everyone involved should feel incredibly proud of what has been achieved together.

Nei ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa!

ROCKQUEST MANUKAU HEATS

At the start of rockquest it was so fun and exciting to see all the bands perform their own songs. We were all so hyped to listen to everyone's different styles of music and express themselves freely. Of course everyone in Lamexca was a little nervous, but Mr. Tornquist gave us a little pep talk about just having fun and giving as much energy as possible on stage. Once we got on stage, it was like we forgot about our nerves and began to perform our song. It felt exhilarating, performing in front of such an enthusiastic crowd, along with the little mosh pit at the front, making the whole experience even more enjoyable. After our song, we felt like we wanted to do it all over again.

— **Joe Fu, Lamexca Band Member**





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THE SLIM JIMS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

The future is looking bright for the Slim Jims, who recently represented Rosehill College at the Manukau Rockquest Heats. The talented band, made up of Abby Jellie, Ben Frost, Aiden Sandler-Iles, Robert Purdy, and James La Trobe, delivered an impressive performance at Hawkins Theatre, showcasing their musical ability and passion for performing.

Sharing the stage with fellow Rosehill bands Veil and Lamexca, the evening was a celebration of student talent and creativity. Each band performed a variety of original songs, fan-favourite covers, and new material, creating an exciting atmosphere that kept the audience entertained throughout the night. The venue was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and great music as the performers confidently shared their hard work with the crowd.



The Slim Jims have continued to develop their skills as musicians and performers, and their appearance at Rockquest reflects the dedication they have put into rehearsing and refining their sound. Opportunities such as Rockquest provide young musicians with valuable experience performing on a professional stage and connecting with other talented artists from across the region.

We are incredibly proud of the Slim Jims and all of our Rosehill College bands for representing the school so well. Their commitment to music and performance is inspiring, and we look forward to watching them continue to grow and achieve success. With plenty of talent and determination, there is no doubt that many more exciting performances lie ahead.





CULTURE & ARTS

STUDENTS INSPIRED AT AUCKLAND WRITERS FESTIVAL

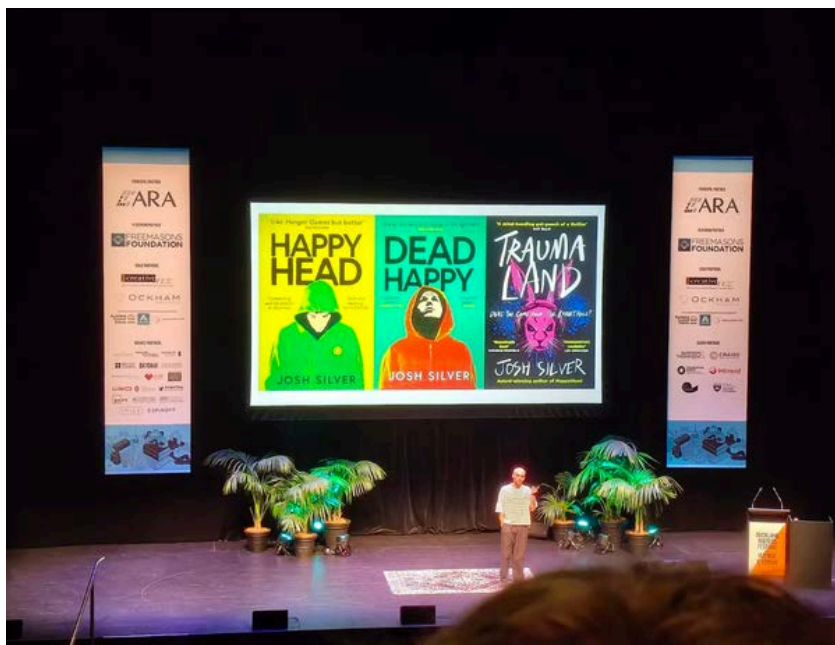
Thirty students from Rosehill College, selected by the English and Library departments, attended the annual Auckland Writers Festival (AWF) at Aotea Centre on Thursday, May 15th.

The student lineup featured inspiring authors Nikita Gill and Josh Silver, as well as spoken word director and poet Manaia Tuwhare-Hoani. For staff, the highlight was the session with All Black blueprint author, Gilbert Enoka.

He discussions were incredibly inspiring, with many students creating new work which they've shared at our Writers Club meetings. We were proud to see some of our students confidently engage and speak with the guest authors—a truly memorable experience! Whaea Jenna, the supervisor, noted that the students were a delight, displaying excellent Rosehill College values. It was wonderful to hear laughter, conversations, and even singing on the bus trip home!

A massive thank you to our generous sponsors, Mike and the crew at SuperPlumbers! Their wonderful sponsorship covered all costs, allowing all 30 students to attend the Auckland Writers' Festival for free. Our students are extremely grateful for this invaluable opportunity.

— **The Library Department**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fiji group @ Puekohe High for Fiafia Night, 4th June
- Desi group Bollywood Showdown, 4th July
- Desi Group Fusion dance Comp, 1st August



STUDENT LIFE & COMMUNITY

PYC YOUTH WEEK SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On 21st May, Rosehill College hosted the Papakura Youth Council's free sausage sizzle as part of Youth Week celebrations. To receive a free sausage, students simply completed a short survey sharing their thoughts, ideas and the issues that matter most to young people. While it was certainly busy and a little hectic at times, it was fantastic to see so many students taking the opportunity to have their voices heard. The feedback collected will help PYC better understand the needs and interests of local young people and assist in planning future events and initiatives.

As one of the helpers, it was great to see such a positive turnout and the enthusiasm shown by everyone who participated. A big thank you to Papakura Youth Council for organising this event

— **Tara Vainga, PYC Member**



PINK SHIRT DAY 2026

For Pink Shirt Day this year, our school came together to stand up against bullying and promote kindness, inclusion, and respect within our community. It was great to see so many students and staff wearing pink to show their support for the message behind the day. Although there were not many major activities taking place, the overall involvement

from the school helped create a positive environment and spread awareness about the importance of speaking up against bullying.

This year we raised \$606, an increase from the \$480 raised last year. The funds support anti-bullying initiatives, mental wellbeing programmes, and resources that help create safer and more inclusive communities. We are proud of the support shown by our school and hope to continue raising even more in the future.

— **Arnav Chandra**



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COMMUNITY COLOUR RUN

The School Fun Run, held as part of Youth Week, was a fantastic success, bringing together students, staff, and whānau for a fun-filled day of celebration and community spirit. It was wonderful to see so many people participating, supporting one another, and enjoying the positive atmosphere throughout the event.

A highlight of the day was the strong involvement from families, whose support helped make the event both memorable and enjoyable for everyone involved. In addition to celebrating Youth Week, the Fun Run also raised valuable funds for Canteen, supporting young people affected by cancer.

Overall, the event was a great success, providing an opportunity for our school community to come together, stay active, and celebrate Youth Week in a positive and meaningful way.

STUDENT VOICE SURVEY RESULTS

TOP 3 RESULTS

What makes it difficult for you to learn at school?

- 1 - Distractions / loud classmates / people talking
- 2 - Struggling with learning / unclear explanations
- 3 - Difficulty focusing / getting distracted easily

What would help you be more motivated with your learning?

- 1 - Fun, engaging teaching and activities
- 2 - Clearer teaching / more support
- 3 - Positive classroom environment

What would make your school experience more enjoyable?

- 1 - More fun activities, events, and games
- 2 - Friends and social connections
- 3 - Sports and physical activities

What does a "good day" at Rosehill College look like for you?

- 1 - Friends and socialising
- 2 - Fun, relaxed, or low-stress school days
- 3 - Enjoyable classes or favourite subjects



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This month, we are proud to celebrate a group of students who have shown outstanding dedication, perseverance, and community spirit through their participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award Bronze Award programme.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award is an internationally recognised youth development programme that encourages young people to challenge themselves, build confidence, and develop valuable life skills outside the classroom. The Bronze Award requires students to commit to physical recreation, community service, skill development, and an adventurous journey. Throughout the programme, students work towards personal goals, whether improving in a sport, learning a new skill, volunteering in their community, or developing teamwork and leadership abilities. One of the most rewarding parts of the award is the adventurous journey, where students plan and complete an outdoor expedition that tests their resilience, communication, and problem-solving skills.

These students deserve this month's Student Spotlight for their commitment and effort throughout the programme. They have given back to the community, developed new skills, strengthened their physical wellbeing, and built resilience through challenging experiences.

Completing the Bronze Award is a significant achievement that reflects determination, perseverance, and a willingness to step outside of comfort zones. Congratulations to all students involved. Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and our school community is incredibly proud of your achievements.

— Mr Fraser



★ REMINDER! ★

JUNIOR MOVIE NIGHT

IS THIS FRIDAY!

TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT!

BYO PILLOW OR BEAN BAG welcomed!

- DOORS OPEN AT **5:30 PM** ★
- MOVIE STARTS AT **6:00 PM** ★
- STUDENTS SHOULD BE COLLECTED FROM **GATE 3 AT 8:00 PM**

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND GET READY FOR A FUN NIGHT! ★

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES! ★

ROSEHILL COLLEGE IS SUPPORTING THE

40 HOUR CHALLENGE

GO OFFLINE FOR 40 HOURS

JUNE 19TH - 21ST 2026

Rosehill College is proudly supporting the 40 Hour Challenge again this year, raising money to support families and children in need in countries such as the Solomon Islands.

LAST YEAR WE RAISED A RECORD **\$6000!** THIS YEAR, WE'RE AIMING FOR MORE!

BE A PART OF BREAKING OUR RECORD AND SUPPORTING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.

JOIN OUR ROSEHILL TEAM.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

WHAT COULD YOU DO FOR 40 HOURS?

- GO WITHOUT TECH
- GIVE UP GAMING
- DO SOMETHING PHYSICAL
- GIVE UP YOUR TIME

A SMALL SACRIFICE FOR BIG IMPACT.

TO SIGN UP OR DONATE VISIT: [FUNDRAISE.WORLDDIVISION.ORG.NZ/JOIN/ROSEHILLCOLLEGE](https://fundraise.worldvision.org.nz/join/rosehillcollege)

UPCOMING NOTICES

- 31 May - 6 June 2026 - Samoan Language Week
- 4th June - Fiji group performing at Pukekohe high Fiafia night
- 5th June - Samoan Cultural Dress Day
- 5th June - Junior Movie Night (PAC) 6pm
- 19 - 21st June - 40 Hour Challenge
- Saturday 20th June - Rockquest (Smokefree Tangata Beats Auckland Final) 7pm
- 23rd June - Group Photos
- 24th-25th June - Miramira Dance showcase
- 29th June - 3rd July - Chinese Language Week
- 4th July - School Ball at Ellerslie Events Centre.