Student Survey Results
Every couple of years we conduct a survey of the students to find out what they think about school, about learning, about life in the playground and classroom, and about what they think is important. The more interesting outcomes of the survey are listed below…
1. More students are enjoying school. (good news)
2. Fewer students find our playground fun. (something to think about)
3. A handful of students feel bullied all the time, while most feel bullied less often. (mixed news)
4. The most common form of bullying is name calling and teasing.
5. Most students know what to do if they have a problem in the playground. (good news)
6. Students report that when they need help in class, the teacher provides that help. (good news)
7. Students report that their classroom is a good place to learn. (good news)
8. Students report that the teacher checks their work and gives useful feedback. (good news)
9. Students report that the teacher shows he/she cares about them. (good news)
10. Students report that they are always encouraged to their best. (good news)
11. More students report that the school is helping them become good citizens. (good news)
12. The top four most important subjects, in the students’ minds, used to be Maths, PE, Reading & spelling, in that order. It is now Maths, PE, Reading, and then Art.
13. To improve the school the students have suggested that ‘being more friendly,’ and ‘inviting others to play,’ would make a difference.

Paid Union Meeting – Monday 12th September, 1:30pm
On the afternoon of Monday 12th September, classes will not be operating. Teachers and support staff are attending union meetings at that time. Only a handful of non-union staff will be on site, so it is best that, where ever possible, children go home at lunchtime (12:40pm). If you need your child to stay at school, perhaps because you’re working, please contact the office and ask that your child be kept at school. Buses will run, as normal, at 3:00pm for any bus students who are still here.

Kelly Club, the after school care providers, are offering to provide a one-off programme for children from 1:30pm that day, for a small fee. If you would like more information about this, or wish to register, phone 021 176 9290.

Parent Interviews
Our School Interviews website is now ready to receive bookings for parent interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday 20th and 21st of Sept. Please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code 8uej6 and follow the on screen instructions to book your interviews. Thank you.

Regards

Dave Bradley
Principal

RETRACTION!
In the newsletter dated 11 August, I stated that, “Our bus company recommended that we send all bus students home ASAP….” This is inaccurate. Our bus company explained to the College that bus runs at 3:00pm were unlikely due to flooding and that the schools needed to decide ASAP whether or not to do the bus runs early. It was the schools’ decision to close, which the Ministry of Education later described as justified.
**Kids Only School Holiday Surf Programme**

**Learn to Surf**

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3. Mon 26 – Fri 30 September 2016
4. Mon 3 – Fri 7 October 2016
5. Cost $35 per session or $150 for 5 days

Limited spaces available per session, bookings essential!

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**Calling all old Mobile Phones to help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ’s coastlines and waterways**

Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at School.

Thanks to everyone who attended the disco last Friday. Despite the power cut it was a great success with everybody having a great time. A very big thank you to our Lifesavers – Ngadja Jones, Rachel Brierly and Ben Wade who came to our rescue with a generator and gas just in the nick of time so we could keep dancing on. Thanks also to our Student Council for helping out at both discos to sell food and help with set up and supervision at the Year 1–4 disco.

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**The Northland Rugby Union will be running their Taniwha School Holiday Programme during the next school holidays in Mangawhai:**

**Venue:** Mangawhai Domain

**Date:** Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th September

**Time:** 10.00am - 2.00pm

**Age:** 7-12 year olds (Girls & Boys)

**Cost:** $90.00 Both Days/$55 Single Day

This programme is designed to develop rugby fundamental skills in a fun and inclusive environment and hosted by Northland Rugby Staff.

Every child who attends will receive a Rugby Ball and a GA ticket to a Taniwha’s home game at Toll Stadium.


Paul Hope - Primary Schools Rugby Development Officer

Phone: 09 438 4743 / 021 951 925.

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**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

The Uniform Shop is open at the school office at 8.30am each Wednesday morning.

(Now the warmer weather is here please ensure all jackets are named as students often leave them on the fields and playgrounds at break times. Thank you.)
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Hi, my name is Maretta Hodgson, I am a Public Health Nurse based at the school 2-3 days a week. If you think this free service would be of help to you and your family at any time please let the school or I know. I can be contacted on 021 227 8680. Feel free to txt me if you prefer.

APPOINTMENTS FOR ENROLLING YEAR 9 2017 RODNEY COLLEGE STUDENTS
Wellsford School
Friday 16 September
9.00am - 2.40pm
Phone the office 423 8042 to book a time

PARENTING COURSE
All parents/caregivers interested in attending a Parenting Course in Wellsford are welcome to leave their names at the school office or email Sharon on sharonke@wellsford.school.nz. Further details will follow.

Kaipara Coast Dairy Goats - Hi there!
We are located 10min south of Wellsford on SH16 (Tauhoa) and have baby goats available for Ag Day if any of your children are on the lookout. We are happy to take goats back after Ag Day/weaning as well if families only wish to have them short term. The babies are dehorned, desexed (if male) and feeding on the bottle well.
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www.kcdairygoats.co.nz or email kcdairygoats@gmail.com

AG & GALA DAY
Saturday 15 October 2016
Calves, lambs and goats must be born on or after 1 July 2016
Registration forms are available at the office and must be returned to school by Friday 23rd September
One form per child & animal
You can only enter one section
(Calf or Lamb or Goat or Caged)
Junior students: 8 and under as of 15 October 2016
Senior students: 9 and over as of 15 October 2016
Students who have trophies from last year are asked to return these to the office by 23rd September for engraving

WELLSFORD COMMUNITY POOL
AGM
Wednesday 7 September
7.00pm
Rodney College Library
All welcome
Enquiries phone Sarah
021 113 9598

WELLSFORD ATHLETICS CLUB
AGM
Wednesday 14 September
7.00pm
La Padella
All welcome
Enquiries phone Sandra
423 8604

What’s ahead?
Thursday 1 September: Rodney College Open Evening
Friday 2 September: New Zealand Playhouse Show
Sunday 11 September: Blue Light Y7/8 Rainbows End Trip
Friday 16 September: Rodney College 2017 Y9 enrolments at Wellsford School
Friday 23 September: Term 3 ends
Monday 10 October: Term 4 begins
Saturday 15 October: Ag & Gala Day
Friday 16 December: Term 4 ends

LUCKY BOOK CLUB
Orders are due by Monday 5th September and will be collated the next day.

Advance notice of Book Fair:
Dates: Friday 14th October to Wednesday 19th October.
Times: 8.30 to 9.00 am; 12.40 to 1.30 pm; 3.00 to 3.45 pm.
Ag & Gala Day: 8.30 am onwards.
Theme: Kiwi Country
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