

# Rutherford Houses News 23.02.09



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Term 1 is an exceptionally busy term and you should all be very proud of your sons as they practice their swimming, athletics, singing, pyramids, haka and then of course there is school and all the happenings in their school day.

We have fitted so much into the first 3 weeks and I am sure you will be hearing stories from the boys. Our annual trip to Kaiteriteri with Fell and Barnicoat houses was a fantastic day out and thanks goes to Jamie Brown who took along his boat and gave many boys a thrill ride on the biscuits! The weekend before Rutherford House organized a mini-tournament where all the boys participated in soccer, touch and volleyball, ending in the pool and a juicy to quench the thirst!

Some of our boys are excelling already in their chosen fields. Matt Hart has taken to his bike and completed a 75km road race on Sunday and finished second in his U20 boys category and 82<sup>nd</sup> overall. Nicolas McLoughlin recently competed in the Marlborough Tennis Champs and made it to the semi-finals in his singles, and final in his doubles. Outstanding effort boys! Tamu Mausii returned to the Kapa Haka national finals in Tauranga and Matt Pennycuik made the Nelson College Senior A Touch team who qualified for the South Island Tournament yesterday. Jayden and Sam continue to get up early most mornings (we don't know how they do it) for their commitment to rowing and there are many boys participating in many activities during the Summer.

On a sadder note we send our condolences to Dan and the Boyd family. Dan's uncle passed away earlier this week. Our thoughts are with you.

A huge thank you to the Rutherford staff, Jamie, Clare, Lee, Victoria, Yusri, Wiki, Kelly and Julia for their ongoing support and hard work. They make John's and my job a lot easier that is for sure!

We hope that you all can attend Sports Weekend as it is a requirement that the boys stay in for the special weekend, and we look forward to seeing you in two weeks.

Notes

- If you haven't already done so, please reply to your invitation to Sports Weekend.
- House shop allowance – please advise your son's allowance if you haven't already done so.
- Car Permission Form – attached to this email is a Car Permission Form. If your son will require assistance with travel to and from venues, please fill in this form and return it to me at Sports Weekend.
- Weekend Leave – please note that I need to hear from you by no later than Wednesday night 8pm, if your son requires leave for that weekend. An email or phone call is great.
- Contact – often I am not in my own house and therefore cannot hear the phone ringing on 51482. Should you require to speak with me, please contact me on 0274-769088. I always have my cellphone with me. Or email me on [sg@nelcollege.school.nz](mailto:sg@nelcollege.school.nz)

See you all in two weeks and enjoy a sample of the photos the boys have taken so far. A special thank you must go to Freddy Gane for taking responsibility for the camera and ensuring we get the many special photos.

**From the Rutherford Crew**

