

December 2017

## SAFARI CAMP

The annual Safari camp now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year has provided Rodney College Year 9 & 10 male students some valuable Lifeskills. The camp venue, based at picturesque Whananaki in Northland, enables the students to work along side Police, Defence Force, teachers, Blue Light staff and community volunteers.

The activities include high ropes course, surf kayaking, snorkeling, tobogganing, Blokarts, archery, air rifles, and team building. Late night movies are generally not viewed for more than 10 minutes as the students are tired from their early morning run and the outdoor activities.

This Year Jarvis Denton won the Camp leader award, displaying the values we teach of Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness and Resilience.

The winner of this award each year has his camp fees refunded.



Surf kayaking, Whananaki

## EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS

From a box of eggs to a community grant our organisation appreciates the support given by so many in our community. From Individuals to businesses, and other charitable organisations, every bit helps. The maintenance of our vast range of outdoor and sporting equipment by the community contributes to keeping our costs minimal.

## HILARY AWARD

Seven female year 11-13 students from Rodney College were shadowed by Blue Light Staff and volunteers on their silver award expedition tramp around Lake Waikaremoana. This was a great activity to end the year off with such motivated and positive youth said, Shane Gould Community Youth Coordinator.

The first day was rain all day up to Panekiri hut 1179 metres. The next three days were postcard perfect conditions with the students enjoying swims in the lake and a waterfall. Day tramps ranged from 2 hours to 8 hours. A water taxi transported from the last hut to the base for a 9 hour return trip to Wellsford and Mangawhai.

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*It's all about young people being  
the best that they can be. ""*

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Staff were delighted to receive positive comments from the students. One departing student saying the staff were "legends". Ex Rodney College student Daniel Gould, who also was a Hilary Gold awardee, accompanied the students. The students enjoyed his company, humour and stories of his career in the NZ Police and the career change to studying a Law degree fulltime. Daniel had just completed his Law degree in Perth with honours. Kristal Gould also shared her experiences with receiving the Gold award and her career in the Army territorials and Camp Director.

The mission of The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award programme in New Zealand is to have young people, regardless of cultural, ethnic and socio-economic background, participating in an exciting, flexible and individually-tailored programme, to build skills, identity and self-esteem.

The Award programme provides a framework for personal discovery and growth through Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journeys; developing perseverance, responsibility to self and to the community. Individuals or organisations can use this framework, with its three levels, to provide individual challenge and achievement for young people between the ages of 14 and 25.



Tobogganing behind the IRB



Blokarts. Always fun.



The Rodney College Hilary Award Participants

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## VOLUNTEERS

To operate our activities and events at an affordable cost to youth would not be possible without dedicated volunteers. The past month has seen many parents and long term volunteers assist with the activities. Mark Carrell, Safari Camp chef and Blokart demonstrating, Bruce Nelder Safari Camp IRB, kayaking and camp supervision. Kristal Gould Air Rifles instruction and 48km tramp. Defence Force staff member Te Uri McDonald Safari Camp activities, Chris Byars and Alan Batten committee and Safari Camp activities. Daniel Gould Hilary Tramp. Darryl Reardon, Committee and local sponsorship.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Bruce Nelder.

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## COMING UP

A well earned break.

## WE APPRECIATE OUR SPONSORS THIS MONTH