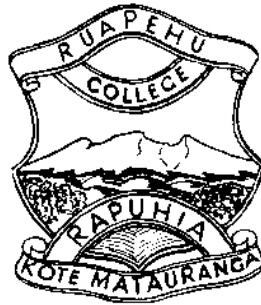


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Newsletter

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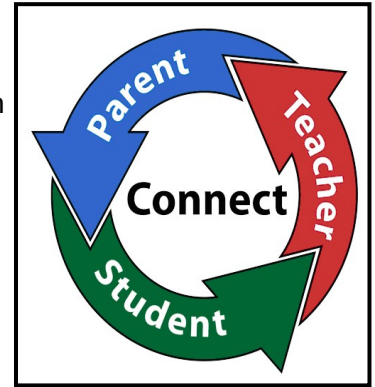
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Mon 1 April	Toastmasters senior students Music Lessons Football Training
Wed 3 April	Golf Programme
Thurs 4 April	Outdoor Academy 12/13 Rock Climbing Parent Teacher Evening
Fri 5 April	11 practical science field trip The Gideons Assembly, Juniors Mufti Day \$2 Donation
Sat 6-Sun 7 April	North Island Secondary School Athletics Championships
Mon 8 April	Workplace H&S Training Toastmasters senior students Music Lessons Football Training
Tues 9 April	Outdoor Academy 12/13 Rock Climbing
Wed 10 April	11 Outdoor: Tramping trip Golf Programme
Thurs 11 April	Waikato University Liaison Officer Visit
Fri 12 April	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 29 April	Term 2 Begins
Mon 6 May– Fri 10 May	Year 10 Camp - Barrier Island
Tues 7 May	Food Safety & Team BBQ Massey University Visit

Parent/Teacher Interviews

On Thursday the 4th of April. Staff will be available for interviews between 3.30-5.30pm and 6pm-8pm.

Parents can book interviews with teachers by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the event code ehu6w. Alternatively, call the school office and appointments can be made for you.



Dylan Te Kura Bishop

Dylan Te Kura Bishop (yr 13) has been awarded the Jack Swindells young person scholarship worth \$1000.00 Jack Swindells created an enduring legacy to assist students studying at New Zealand High Schools with their educational expenses so they could achieve their ambitions.

There was a number of criteria including the scholarship had to be applied for by the Principal. "I recognised Dylan as an extremely talented student especially in the field of drama," said Principal Kim Basse, "so I sent off an application on her behalf and was delighted to see that she won the award".

Dylan, who is currently deputy head prefect at the College, intends to go to university. "I initially want to go to Waikato to study drama" she said, "but I am now considering applying for a Bachelor of Arts at Victoria University". It is hoped that this money will assist on her path. She will need to work hard. We wish her luck.



Wellbeing Workshop

Students attended Au E a 'wellbeing event' in Otaki last week. Seventeen students along with staff and family travelled to Otaki. There were a variety of workshops and keynote speakers for taiohi throughout the day. Workshops looked at cyber safety, self love talk, positive relationships and suicide awareness.

This event was facilitated through different mediums and different agencies; Victoria University, ANZ, Awhi-Ora rongoa, Sons of Zion to name a few – there were make-up tables, free haircuts, drones, photo booths, music, crafts, rongoa and lots of other workshops and activities all to promote positive wellbeing.



The kaupapa of the day was to connect taiohi ma with mentors and facilitators increasing their awareness of dealing with the challenges that youth may face today. "It was a positive day for all involved with positive and inspirational messages and activities" said Mrs Maxine Hakaraia who also attended.

Ruapehu College students were extremely privileged to be invited through Ngati Rangī Trust to Au E! This event was sponsored by Te Puni Kokiri and run by Te Rau Ora held at Nga Purapura in Otaki.

Ugli Shakespeare

Ruapehu College enjoyed an opportunity to watch 'The Taming of the Shrew' by the Ugli Shakespeare company last week.

This is the second time the Ugliers have performed at Ruapehu College and the performances didn't disappoint.

After the show, twenty one performing arts drama students were lucky to have an hour long workshop with 'the ugliers.'



Performing arts is thriving at the College and Mr Sims is currently directing a show to be performed next term.

Waka Ama

Over 2000 students competed in the National Secondary Schools Waka Ama competition held at Lake Tikitapu (The Blue Lakes) in Rotorua last week. Our teams came 3rd in the Bowl placings for both the Girls and Boys J16s. They were some of only 50 students who stood on the podium and we are very proud of their achievements.



Thanks to Brendon Morgan and the coaches and staff who made the event possible.

Representatives and top place getters will eventually go to the worlds competitions held in Australia this year and Hawaii in 2020.

Check out the website www.ruapehuwaka.com

Online Material

Last week we forwarded an email from Whanganui's Director of Education, Jann Marshall, to all students and parents regarding the tragic events in Christchurch. The email discusses the nature of inappropriate online material and how any footage of the attacks has been deemed objectionable under New Zealand law which means that possessing or distributing the footage is an offence.

Ruapehu College has systems to check for any such material, but we cannot control the content of students who use their own data or internet access from home to download such things.

Any student (or adult) who feels they need support around any aspect of the Christchurch events can contact the school, teachers, deans or agencies which can provide free support including Youthline, Need to Talk (Free phone or text 1737) and Kidsline (0800 54 37 54).

Kiwi for ever

Seven Ruapehu College students were fortunate enough to experience the 'kiwi for ever' programme hosted by Keith and Marica Woods which was well attended by other student leaders from other schools, Ngati Rangī, DoC and Genesis personnel.

Principal Kim Basse joined the team as they ran science experiments on the 'other side' of one of the aqueducts to measure water quality, plant life and ph in the river flow beyond. The streams and rivers often disappear down aqueducts for the purposes of electricity. It was pleasing to see a stream recovering after being a dry bed for many years.

This year, they built traps and laid lines, then experienced releasing who blue duck, on the banks of the Mangawhero and into the river.



Above: Shaquana Taylor (yr12) proves handy with the hammer as she assists the group in building traps. The students built 30 traps and then laid them out in the bush. (Kiwi forever)



Levana Paul, Shaquana Taylor, Katerina Treanor-Metekingi, Te Tamata Nelio (behind), Takarangi Metekingi, Pau Stephens and Samuel Lyon

The Great Kiwi Competitions

Whaia te ti kahurangi

Canterbury University and the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring, offer the Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics competitions to New Zealand students every year.

This year Ruapehu College has decided to encourage Year 9 and 10 students to enter these competitions. Each subject has its own on-line, short answer test which will be administered at school during the last three weeks of term 2. The cost to enter is \$9 per student per subject and all participants receive graded scores for each test and a participation certificate. Individual prizes are awarded to the top students in each year group nationally.

A letter with the application form is available through Science, English and Maths teachers and from the front office at College. Application close on Friday 17 May.

Yr 13 P/E Triathlon

The Physical Education class took the curriculum out into the environment so the yr 13 students could complete a triathlon. The event was running, cycling and swimming and the students had some preparation for the event. The students who did well were the ones who had been training and were aware of what they needed to do.

