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# **Newsletter**

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Mon 27 May	Netball Training Rugby Training Soccer Training
Tues 28 May	12 Outdoor Mountain Biking Rugby Training
Wed 29 May	Under 16 Rugby Verses Cullinane Teachers Strike Action
Thurs 30 May	Netball Training
Sat 1 June	Netball Game
Mon 3 June	Queens Birthday Holiday
Tues 4 June	Teacher Only Day
Wed 5 June	11 Outdoor Mountain Biking Under 16 Rugby Verses Rangitikei
Thurs 6 June	12 Outdoor Mountain Biking Netball Training Drivers Licence Course
Sat 8 June	Smokefree Rockquest
Wed 12 June-Sun 16 June	School Production

# **NCEA Fees**

The Education Minister Chris Hipkins said the Coalition Government took another step to putting the free back into free education.

The \$76.70 NCEA fee is no longer required to be paid by NZ students doing NCEA assessment standards. The Minister said "As part of the Wellbeing budget we are abolishing these fees to make things a bit easier for families to make ends meet and ensure every student who achieves

NCEA can receive their qualification."

Any NCEA fees already paid to Ruapehu College, will either be refunded or transferred to the student's school account.



# **Cross Country**

Last week the whole school ran in the cross country which was made compulsory this year. There were two races that students could enter - a competitive race and a fun run/walk. It was a cool autumn day but the rain stayed away which was good.

The event was held at the Ohakune Rugby Club, Frew's farm and the Carrot Park. This year we had nearly 100% participation in the students entering both races, this was attributed to the compulsory nature of the event.

The other students who took part in the fun run, managed to cover about 3kms and really enjoyed the experience. "I actually didn't mean to run!" one student was overheard saying.

Thank you to Mr Hart who organised the event, staff who supported and the people driving past who also gave their encouragement.





## **Teacher Only Day**

The College will be closed on Tuesday 4th June 2019. Teaching staff will be attending a Whanganui Regional Teacher Professional Development and Moderation Day.

Professional development plays an important role in keeping our teachers up to date with the latest practice and innovations in education and ultimately leads to better outcomes for our young people and community at large.

We thank you for your support in this matter. Any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### **Drivers Licence Course**

Ruapehu College will be running a four week programme that helps prepare students to sit their Learners Drivers Licence Test. The first course will run on the following dates/times (it is compulsory that students on the course attend all four classes in order for them to sit the Test):

Thursday 6th June 3.15pm—4.15pmRoom 7
Tuesday 11th June 3.15pm—4.15pmRoom 7
Tuesday 18th June 3.15pm—4.15pmRoom 7
Thursday 27th June 3.15pm—4.15pmRoom 7
Travel to Taihape to sit Test

(on successful completion of theory classes)

There are only 10 places on the course so these will be confirmed to the first 10 students who are 16 years or older and pay & register for the programme with Mrs Hall.

Registration will require the following:

Payment of \$50

Passport, or Birth Certificate with Student ID Card

Written confirmation of home address

(these documents will be photocopied but the originals will be required for the test centre on the day of the test)

If you have any queries please see Mrs Hall Should more than 10 students wish to register Further courses will run during Term 3

# SUNDAY 2nd JUNE PROCEEDS TO PROCEEDS TO WOMEN'S REFUGE EQUITION DOORS OPEN 6.45 pm STARTS 7.30 pm MUSIC by Under Cover Accepted Boutique HOLLAND STARTS 7.30 pm STARTS 7.

### **Facebook**

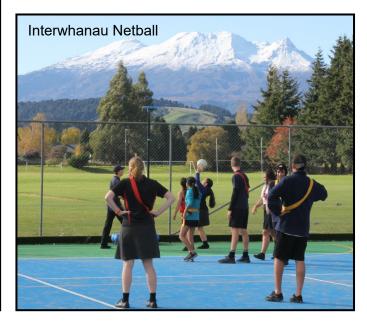
With the Prime Minister in France last week at a summit about social media, it is a timely reminder for students that everything written on social media can be accessed. Even if your child is part of a messenger group, this information is not private and can be shared.

Sometimes it appears that the junior school is under the misunderstanding that what they write is private. And it is not.

# **Performing Arts**

Korbyn Garland (yr 11) who sang with Mr Sims (SIMZY) at the Carrot Carnival on Saturday was part of her NCEA assessment.





# Sport Week 3

# **U16 Boys Rugby**

Last week our boys U16s had their first game of the season playing City College. "We had a 40-17 loss and made some minor tactical errors. It was a good positive first game and the boys learnt a lot" said Coach Mr Hart.

## Girls Rugby

Our girls Rugby 7s played three games in the tournament in Whanganui last Thursday. They lost every game, but enjoyed the experience. The team is coached by Mr Clamp who said "it was good fun. Next term, there will be 10 aside team and we hope to enter a girls team into this. We look forward to the next set of three games this week".

# **Rugby Boots**

Do you have any second hand rugby boots at home? Please drop them off at the College. They would be gratefully received.

### Netball

Our girls lost 28-18 to Whanganui High school JA1 in an exciting and tactical game although some small errors in the begging meant they couldn't bring it back to their advantage.

Hayley Artz and Laycie Bennett played well in defence. Team captains this year are Livie Wallace and Laycie Bennett.



### Netball

Congratulations to the College netball team who have made the top Secondary School grade SS1. They will be in for some competitive games this season. This week, the team played Whanganui Girls College B1 and lost 32-17. They will need to continue to build resilience at this grade.

The team is also fundraising to go to tournament in Rotorua in September.

Last week there were three days of highly competitive interwhanau netball games held at lunch time. The teams featured both males and females. Congratulations to Tui, the winners of the interwhanau netball. Students played the staff at netball lunch time on Friday. Staff won!

### Rugby

Last week our U16 drew 7-7 against Cullinane played at the College. This was a team that we lost by great margins last year, so a good outcome for our boys. No game this week because of the teacher's strike. The girls 7's won one game out of three at Taihape on Thursday against Rangitikei, City College and Whanganui High School.

# **Outdoor survival**

The year 13 students attended the overnight survival course at the Ruatiti domain. This was an opportunity to make bivouacs, practice stream crossings, cook on an open fire beside the river, then sleep









