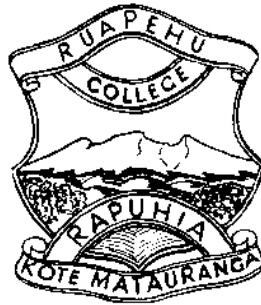


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Newsletter

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Tues 6 Aug	Ski Academy Girls Rugby Training
Thurs 8 Aug	Netball Training
Fri 9 Aug	St Bernard's College Football Exchange Mountain Bike Club Trip
Sat 10 Aug	Netball Whanganui
Mon 12 Aug	Netball Training
Tues 13 Aug	Ski Academy Girls Rugby Training
Thurs 15 Aug	Netball Training Ruapehu College Open Day
Fri 16 Aug	Mountain Bike Club Trip
Sat 17 Aug	Netball Whanganui

Workplace Health & Safety

On Wednesday 26 June the School once again welcomed Mark Taylor from Safety Matters who ran an advanced course on Workplace Health & Safety. Focusing on the prevention and management of discomfort, pain and injury in the workplace it is an intensive course. Mark and his team at Safety Matters are specialist trainers in all aspects of safety management in the workplace and 2019 will be his fifth year training our students.

At the end of the course Mark commented that he “had a great day once again with the Ruapehu students, it’s always a pleasure visiting the school”.



Interwhanau Kapahaka

Last term finished on a celebratory note as the four whanau competed to perform aspects of the Maori Culture. The teams were small due to a large number of student sickness on the day, but the quality of the performances were very good and judges had a hard time deliberating over the winners.

Some of the songs contained harmony and other qualities of performance excellence. Deputy Principal Mrs Marama Allen was the MC and Mr Chris McLeod, Mr Whetu Morgan, Mrs Merrilyn George and Auntie Vera were the judges. Congratulations to team Tui who won the event followed by Huia who came second.



Get2Go

A team of eight hardy junior students headed out into the cold to participate in the Junior Get2Go competition held in Rotorua last Thursday. The team event saw each student taking part in a series of activities including mountain biking at the Redwoods, indoor rock climbing, kayaking, stand up paddling at Lake Okareka as well as orienteering. “It was good fun” said competitor Cameron Smith (yr 10).

The team, coached by Miss Bam conducted training sessions after school. “We did quite well” she said. The team came 14th out of 24 schools.

Caption

The Junior Get2Go team braved the cold to compete in the Rotorua event, (Back) Taniora Taitumu, Cameron Smith, Jordan Setiu, Bella Hohipa, (front) Daisy Soverel, Skye Perret, Sophie Coller, and Hunter Jackman.



Drivers licences

Another six students gained their Learner Driver Licence last term

Having completed an after-school course with Rauna Te Huia the students were taken to the NZTA Licensing Agency in Taihape where they sat their test and all passed with flying colours.



This now takes the school total to 15 students having passed their Learner Licence this year. A further course is planned for Term 3, any interested students should contact Liz Hall to book their place.

Snow Academy

At last we are able to be up on the mountain weather permitting with our snow academy. This year we are training for snowboarding and skiing at the Turoa terrain park and ski racing at Whakapapa. If you are on Facebook, check out our awesome video of the students in action.

We also have a planned focus on students who wish to think about training to be ski/board instructors. This could possibly be a NZQA qualification in the near future. We have the snow (now) and just need those bluebird days.

The North Island secondary schools snowboarding and ski competitions are happening in September at the end of term 3.

International Lunch

Last term the college hosted an International lunchtime food festival and there were 12 stalls hosting different cultures represented by the students and staff at the College.

It was an opportunity to

taste marinated herring from Denmark, gumbo from America, Japanese curry, pork skewers from the Philippines, delicious milk tart from South Africa,

Chop Suey from China and fresh fish marinated in coconut sauce from the Islands just to name a few. The students from the netball team made home-made biscuits and cakes for fundraising for the netball trip later in the term.

Students wore mufti on the day and the money raised will go to St John's Ambulance Service.



Parent Teacher Interviews

It was good to see so many parent's and guardian's at the parent teachers interviews last Wednesday.

With senior external practice exams coming up on the 9th September, it was good to discuss the progress of each child.

Also, students will need to be thinking about their subject choices for next year and this was also an opportunity to meet with mentors.

Senior Exams and NCEA Assessments

Ruapehu College staff are working with students sitting external exams and those who need more time to complete internal assessments.

Parents can support their children's learning and academic success by encouraging their child to do revision homework. This could include rereading their class notes. All students taking English will need to be reading their texts.

The junior school will have exams at the end of the year and parents can continue to encourage reading at home.

A Night of Enchantment—School Ball

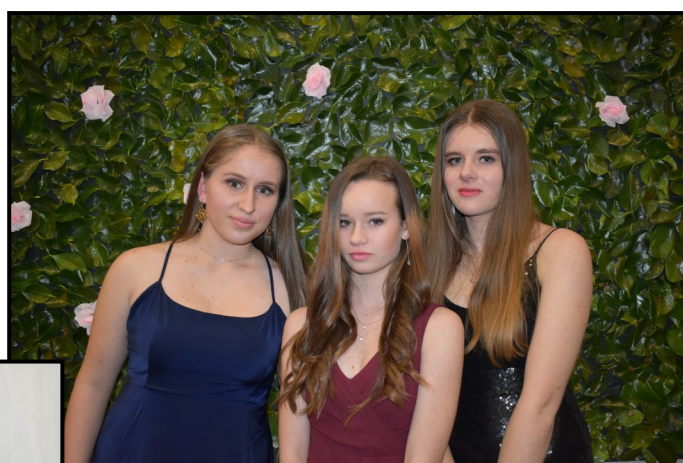
It was a beautiful evening for the school ball which was held at the college on Saturday night. The theme of the night was 'The Enchanted Forest' and the hall was superbly decorated in gold, black and white with painted trees dotted around the perimeter. The entrance was magical with the fairy lights and red carpet and many parents proudly took photos as the students came in.

The year 13s had a focus on the photographs and the scenes were well set amidst flowers and balloons. Local staff member Miss Florence McDonald was in charge and produced over 800 amazing photos much to the delight of the year 13s students. The girls looked outstanding in their dresses and the boys looked very grown up in their suits.

The students could also go to a special photo booth with all sorts of hats, glasses, ties and other props. This was good fun. Once the dinner of delicious platters had been consumed, it was time for dancing. Past pupil, Dylan Story and his friends were the DJs playing music carefully selected by the students themselves.

There were prizes at the end of the night and congratulations to year 11 students Brodie Kahukura and Paige Pearce who were Duke and Duchess, year 12 students Samuel Lyon and Kate Rowe who were Prince and Princess and year 13 students Dean Whale and Alice Walls who were voted as King and Queen of the Ball.

All thanks to Mrs Stuckey, staff and the ball committee who organised the ball. It was enchanting and a great success.



Sports Results

Rugby

The U16 boys Rugby competition has come to an end with our boys losing the semi final to Cullinane 24-12. It was an exciting game and our boys played well.

Netball

Our team drew against the top team in the competition after losing 32-7 last time they played.

The following week they narrowly lost 19-18 against Collegiate Junior A. Congratulations to the girls who have about 4 more games left.

Inter whanau touch rugby will start next week.

Open day 15th August

There will be an open day at the College next week for prospective students and members of the public to come and visit the school.

Come at 10am for a guided tour around the school, or 3.30 pm or 6pm for a presentation in the hall followed by a tour.

There will be enrolment opportunities as well. You may wish to come on your own or bring your child.