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Newsletter

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Mon 16 Sept	Subject Selection via Kamar Portal North Island Secondary Schools Skiing Prefect nominations for 2020
Tues 17 Sept	12 PE Coaching p5 North Island Secondary Schools Skiing Snow Academy Training - Snowboard ONLY
Wed 18 Sept	Yr 11 PE mountain biking North Island Secondary Schools Skiing
Thurs 19 Sept	Yr 9 option selection for T4 MCAT Exam in Rm9 P1
Fri 20 Sept	Subject Selection Mentoring for Yr11 P4 -P5 Mountain Bike Club Trip Yr 9 option selection for T4 Prefect nominations for 2020 close 3pm
Mon 23 Sept	North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding Competition
Tues 24 Sept	North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding Competition Snow Academy Training
Wed 25 Sept	North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding Competition World Of Wearable Arts Trip to Wellington Sport Breakfast
Thurs 26 Sept	World Of Wearable Arts Trip to Wellington
Fri 27 Sept	Last day of term 3 Mufti day fundraiser Mountain Bike Club Trip
Mon 14 Oct	Term 4 Begins

SUBJECT SELECTION FOR 2020

During these last two weeks of this term, students will be selecting their subjects for 2020.

Following a curriculum pathway is very important to increase the likelihood for success in any subject. Therefore, to help students make wise choices, the following steps are in motion:

- discussion on curriculum pathways in roopu time
- personalised letters via email to all students from Year 10 to Year 12 explaining how to access subject selection via the kamar portal page.
- a curriculum information booklet provided to parents and students via email, the school website or upon request at the front office
- academic mentoring scheduled to discuss subject selection with students. Parents are welcome to attend. Arrangements can be made by contacting the front office.
- Year 12 as required.
Year 11 – 20th September P4 and P5.
Year 10 – 26 & 27th September.

Any further enquiries regarding subject selection for 2020, please do not hesitate to contact Marama Allen at the college.

Board of Trustees Student Representative

Congratulations to year 12 student Ryan Burton who has been elected as student representative on to the Board of Trustees. He will replace Justice-Rose Dennison, who has been student representative for the past year.



Learners Drivers Licence Course

The College is delighted that another seven students gained their Learner Driver Licence. This is the third Course the College has run this year and we've maintained a 100% success rate through the instruction of Rauna Te Huia.

The College is subsidising this course in order to promote to students pathway to achieving their driving licence. In this region this is a valuable asset not just for getting work but for everyday living.



Skiers Compete in South Island

Lola Crump (yr 10) competed in the New Zealand Junior Freeride Tour at the Remarkables in Queenstown on Saturday 7th September and was placed 1st in the girls ski freeride 14-18 competition. She also competed and won the second event held at Mt Olympus for the NZ Ski Freeride Tour last Saturday.

The GoPro NZJFT comprises of three events for both male and female skiers and snowboarders up to the age of 18. Each event is a one-day competition. This competition has skiers jumping over cliffs on the way down a more challenging descent. Lola, who won the girls U14 in 2018 will compete in the final race at Turoa later this week. At the moment she is competing for Ruapehu College at the North Island Secondary Ski Competitions in both racing and slopestyle.

Megan Rollerson (yr 11) competed in the South Island ski champs at Mt Hutt as part of the Ruapehu snow sports team. In the girls U19's she was 1st in the Super G in both race one and two. In the Giant Slalom (GS) she was 3rd in race one and 2nd in race two, and in the Slalom (SL) she placed 3rd in both races.

Sophie Coller (yr 9) also competed at the South Island ski champs in the U14 Super Giant (Super G) and was placed 8th in race one. In race two she was placed 9th. In the Giant Slalom (GS) she was placed 8th in both race one and race two. And in Slalom (SL) she was placed 7th in race one and 10th in race two. Sophie was placed in the top 10 for her races against some of the best skiers in the country.

Our skiers are aiming to compete in the North Island Secondary School ski competitions held at Whakapapa and Turoa this week. We wish them luck.



School of Rock Musical Trip

On Wednesday September 11th, 20 students travelled to Auckland to see School Of Rock: The Musical at the Civic Theatre in Auckland. Head of Performing Arts Mr Dave Sims said "it was a long but exciting day for the group. "We took a mixture of students, including Ben Burton from Ohakune Primary School - all united by an interest in Performing Arts. The show is incredible and it was an opportunity I couldn't let slip by". Mr Sims had seen the musical, closely based on the popular film starring Jack Black, on London's West End earlier this year and had a sense it would be perfect for his students if it came to New Zealand. "The youth cast actually play their instruments live on stage, some as young as 11 years old. The whole spectacle of it really blew the students away. I'm quietly hoping it inspires one or two at least" he said.



The Laurenson Trust supported the trip by granting funds to assist covering the transport costs for which Mr Sims was very grateful. "We simply can't give these experiences to our kids without the help of the Trust. I am so pleased that they saw the excursion as a valid and purposeful activity to support. I know the families really appreciated the significant dent in costs too" he said.

"Experiencing the arts at an international standard is very important if we wish to promote such things as possible career pathways."

Mr Sims wished to thank his adult support crew that travelled with the group, Junior Dean KJ Allen, Sports Coordinator Leah Rogers and Mr and Mrs Buck who organised the tickets through Helloworld Ohakune.

Outdoor First Aid

Students and teachers worked together in the annual first aid course offered by the school. Peak Outdoor Safety and Emergency Management facilitated the course. Their speciality is safety and management in the outdoors which is very relevant to us at Ruapehu College.

The course came with some NCEA credits and the group started by learning skills before heading to the outdoors, in this case by one of our local rivers to put what they had learnt into practice. Thanks to Peak for their efforts.



Exams and Measles

This week is a week of practice exams for students sitting NCEA exams. With the measles outbreak in Auckland and Queenstown, we are mindful that these practice exams are very important should students get sick when the real exams start in November.

The practice exams and other assessments will be used to make an aggregate pass should a student not be able to attend the final exams. Our records show that most of the students have been vaccinated against measles and we are in the process of updating this information.

Teacher Practicum

Charlotte Harris has joined the English Department under Mr Greene, for a six week Practicum, finishing at the end of term three.

She is currently completing a Post Graduate Teaching Diploma through Massey University.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my practicum at Ruapehu College, particularly as I am local, it's great teaching at the college and getting to know the kids".

Charlotte will return to Massey at the beginning of next term.

