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## Newsletter

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## Prefects for 2020

The prefects for next year have been announced.

They are; Head Boy- Samuel Lyon, Head Girl- Kate Rowe, Deputy Head Boy-Te Taumata Nelio and Deputy Head Girl-Rose Collett.



## North Island Secondary School Snowboarding Competition

Students at Ruapehu College performed well at the K2 Secondary Schools Snowboarding Competition last week. Congratulations to the girls team of Chaya Connelly, Jenna Jones and Kaiawa Connelly who came second overall.



Also congratulations Tui Wikohika who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the boys' senior slopestyle competition.



Wed 23 Oct	Year 10 Massey Science Visit
Thurs 24 Oct	Year 9 Kayaking/Rafting
Fri 25 Oct	NCEA Concert Showcase
Mon 28 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
Wed 30 Oct	Year 9 Kayaking/Rafting
Fri 1 Nov	Senior Prizegiving 1pm
Fri 8 Nov	NCEA Examinations Begin
Mon 11 Nov	Junior Examinations Begin

## Student Senior Executive

Next year we will also have a student senior executive. The students in this group are; Mackenzie Charlton, Isaiah Theodore, Nazomi Groot, Shizuku Okumura and Ryan Burton (student representative on the BoT). Congratulations to all our leaders for 2020.



## North Island Secondary School Ski Competition

Congratulations to Lola Crump (yr 10) who came first in the Junior Women's Slopestyle and Libby Graham (yr 11) who came second. The slopestyle is an event where students' complete jumps and tricks. Ruapehu College Team A came 7<sup>th</sup> overall in this event. The College students also competed in the Secondary Schools Ski Races.

Lola Crump also won her third competition of the New Zealand Junior Freeride Tour 14-18 age group. She won her race at the Remarkables and at Mt Olympus in the South Island. This weekend she won the freeride event at Turoa.





## Measles

Thank you to all parents who have assisted the office staff in updating our records regarding measles vaccinations. And thank you to all those parents who have vaccinated their children who weren't vaccinated. Perhaps now would be an opportunity to update your vaccinations.

## Trip to WoW (World of Wearable Arts)

A group of students interested in wearable arts attended the World of Wearable Arts show in Wellington. "It was amazing and made me really proud to be a New Zealander" said Miss Nicole Jaquiere our Textiles Teacher.

"The show made you think about not just the garment but the whole production, the use of lighting and music" said Mr Darmody, teacher in charge of Technology. We were particularly impressed by the red/pink tentacled garment that inflated and deflated "I wondered how they did that!"

The students really enjoyed the experience and the weather held out for the trip too.



## School Counsellor

Ruapehu College has employed a counsellor, Charity Garcia, who will be working part time at the College. She is already working for Taumarunui Counselling services two days a week and is now looking to develop her practice closer to home. Charity Garcia lives in Raetihi.

This is a timely appointment considering the events around the closure of SH4 we will be able to bring essential services closer to home for our students. "We are pleased she has made herself available to work at the College." said Principal, Ms Basse.



## College Nuptials

Congratulations to two staff members at the College who were married during the school holidays. Performing arts teacher Mr David Sims and the Librarian/sports coordinator, Miss Leah Rogers and we wish them all the best in their future together. Photo Courtesy of Barbara Van der Woerd



## Inspirational School Speaker-John Coutis

John Coutis arrived from Australia on his first trip to New Zealand to talk to students at Ruapehu College about being positive in the face of adversity. He was born with legs that never grew properly and ended up about one sixth their normal size. Eventually, he had both legs amputated.



He has not let this stop him. He has a wheel chair but rarely uses it preferring his custom skateboard to get around. His use of humour was not lost on the students at Ruapehu College when he asked the students if they had ever complained about their shoes! He uses his hands to push himself along and wears gloves as his 'shoes'.

He got into inspirational speaking through addressing groups at his local church. People thought he was good with humour and able to communicate some of life's most important lessons to his audience. Mr Coutis asked yr 12 student, Mackenzie Charlton, to come to the stage, gave him \$20 note asked him to stamp on it, crumple it and then to ask if it was still valuable? He said that no matter if a \$20 note has been stood on or crumpled up it is still a thing of value. This got his audience thinking.

John Coutis told the students how as a young disabled man he was bullied at school and how he had to develop resilience and courage to have a normal life. He now has a wife, a child, a job he enjoys and he drives a car.

John has delivered his inspirational messages to many people around the world, speaking at events to complement many famous people including the former South African President, Nelson Mandela. He liked Nelson Mandela because he sat on the stage next to him.

## Sports Results

### Skiing

Two students have been competing in club events. Megan Rollerson came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Waimarino trophy and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U19 Giant Slalom at the Whakapapa Nationals.

Sophie Coller came 6<sup>th</sup> in the Waimarino trophy and 5<sup>th</sup> in the U14 Giant Slalom at the Whakapapa Nationals.

### Squash

Congratulations to Jayden Bailey, Emma Burnard and Grace Burnard who participated in E grade Superchamps held in Tawa in the last week of September.

The ladies team were runners up in the competition, which was a good result and all three students played really well.



Ohakune Tournament  
Jayden Bailey, Grace Burnard and Brooke Graham won their divisions. Great to see College students featuring in tournaments.

Palmerston North Summer Open  
Grace was seeded 8th in her division, one of the few D graders amongst a majority of C graders. She lost her first match, against the no. 1 seed, but then went on to win her next two matches against C graders! She is now in C grade! A remarkable achievement - she was in E grade at the beginning of the season!

## Sports Breakfast

The sports breakfast was an opportunity to honour the coaches and staff who volunteer so much time towards sport at the College. Organised by sports coordinator Miss Leah Rogers and hosted by Mr Campbell Hart, the breakfast took the opportunity to thank the adults, have a hearty breakfast, read out the team names and then to award character and commitment awards to students as nominated by the coaches.

The presentations were followed by two guest speakers, Shelly Brock (Gotlieb) who was raised in Ohakune and competed in the NZ Olympic team for snowboarding slopestyle in 2011. She won bronze. She spoke about keeping yourself at a high performance level and what you need to do to achieve that. Tui Wikohika (yr 10 student at Ruapehu College) who has recently returned from snowboarding competition and training in the South Island, spoke about the sacrifices one needs to make to achieve your goals. His was a very moving speech.

### Awards:

Most Valuable player in their sport; Basketball-Samuel Lyon, Character and commitment awards: Basketball-Te Taumata Nelio, Usher Taiaroa, Rugby U16's -Bo Soveral, Cameron Artz, Javier Lemberg, Netball-Sayge Wikohika, Girls Rugby-Levana Paul, Legacy Hiroti, Fuschi Aiomanu, Squash- Jayden Bailey, Grace Burnard, Emma Burnard, Athletics-Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Taniora Taitumu, Hayley Artz, Snow Academy-Sophie Coller, Jayden Bailey, Mackenzie Charlton, Volleyball-Taniora Taitumu, Waka Ama-Ella Hawira, Zebariah Smith, Get2Go-Sophie Coller, Sky Perret, Mountain Biking-Cameron Artz, Taekwondo Ellen and Abilene Thomas.

Representative Team acknowledgements: U18 Rugby Girls- Paige Pearce and U16 Rugby Boys Takarangi Metekingi.  
Coach and staff acknowledgements: Basketball and Volleyball- Brain Connelly, Netball- Gaylene Taylor, Angi Bam, Lee Artz, Get2go-Angi Bam, Girls Rugby-Mike Clamp, U16 Rugby- Campbell Hart, Glenda Higginson, Rachel Lyon, Waka Ama-Marama Allen, Brendon Morgan, Jude Sinai, Chaana Morgan, Shayne Te Riaki, Squash-Fiona Fraser, Snow Academy- Meredith Wilson, Athletics- Campbell Hart

Thank you to the sponsors who provided the breakfast and to the cooks in the kitchen. Our big performance awards will be given out at senior prize giving on the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## Study Week

Students sitting NCEA exams will have a study week from 4-7th November. NCEA exams start on the 8th November.

Students may wish to stay at home to study, but there will be opportunities to come to school if required. Please discuss with your child how they will utilize the time effectively. Students who are doing mainly internal courses or port folios will have opportunities to come to school to finish their credits. All will need to be in full school uniform and abide by school rules.