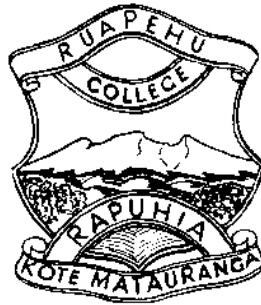


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## Newsletter

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## Covid-19 and Schools

School will essentially be closed from tomorrow 24 March for 4 weeks. There will be no school buses operating. Children who have parents working in essential services such as doctors, nurses, police, supermarket workers, drivers of medical supplies/suppliers and food products can attend school tomorrow and Wednesday. But by Wednesday midnight, all schools will be closed. More updates to come especially around students learning from home.

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## New Temporary Boiler

The new temporary boiler was installed last week and is now fully operational. This boiler is in place as the old one has broken down and we wait for a new modern boiler. The boiler lives in a container and runs on diesel. It was working on Friday and was very efficient. It should be good with the colder mornings.

## Harley Davidson Visit

Staff and students are given a presentation on the new Harley Davidson e bike

Bo Soverel sits on the new Harley Davison e-bike watched by Takarangi Metekingi, Levana Paul and the Harley Davison presenter ( partially obscured)



## Waka Ama

Some of our Waka Ama team training at lunch time on dry land. They were honing up their team work and paddling skills.



## Health and safety in the work space

Design in Food students along with some invited extras took part in a two day Team BBQ and Food Safety course. The course is run onsite with outside providers from Industry training Solutions. The course involves US167 Food Safety which would be a base course for any person wishing or operating in the Food Industry. This is deemed more important than ever given our current environment.

Course facilitators Nathan and Debbie were pleasantly surprised at how well our students conduct themselves, working together, cleaning and cooking efficiently often finishing tasks before time to a high standard.

Students thoroughly enjoy the course which involves both written and practical components. Sharing lunch together toward the end of the second day is always a highlight bringing together the working as a team objective and preparing and serving the food to standard.



## School Painting Completed

Ruapehu College has had an exterior paint. Edmonds painters came at the end of 2019 and have worked steadily on the building completing repairs and painting the school.

Last week was the final inspection and it has all but been signed off. The school looks very tidy with its new coat of paint.



## Kiwi 4 Eva

The science curriculum went to the great outdoors last week with the Kiwi forever programme. Seven students from the College were selected for the opportunity to utilize our community and local area. They were Ella Hawira, Te Taumata Nelio, Jenna Jones, Paige Pearce, Alivia Wallace, Davron Takitimu and Sayge Wikohika.

Students worked with DOC, Genesis Energy and University of Waikato, as well as teachers and staff from the various organisations. The week was hosted by Ngāti Rangī's Keith and Marcia Wood at Tirorangi Marae in Karioi. Keith Wood was pivotal in directing the students to think about Māori perspectives on using electricity.

The students were able to release a kiwi into the wild and spent time researching the waterways on the mountain and how this resource is so much in demand. Students were asked to think about the need for electricity for humans and the obligations for water and our wild life.

The week ended in a student presentations and was a great opportunity for our learners and future leaders to think about some of the issues for our future.

Caption standing-Davron Takitimu, Sayge Wikohiak, Alivia Wallace, Te Taumata Nelio, and Jenna Jones, (front row) Paige Pearce and Ella Hawira hold their graduating certificates for the 'kiwi for eva' programme.



## Whanau Leaders

Congratulations to our whānau leaders who were presented with badges at assembly. Our whānau leaders encourage participation in all our interwhānau events. They have been elected for their ability to motivate others.

The leaders are:

Kiwi Seniors-Levana Paul, Mackenzie Charlton, Kiwi Juniors: Daisy Soverel, Shane Muru-Albert.

Weka Seniors-Takarangi Metekingi, Katerina Treanor Metekingi, Weka Juniors-Ui Pehi, Veronica Hays.

Tui Seniors-Aciana Akapita, Montoia Osborne, Tui Juniors-Wairakau Matete, Joshua Simons,

Huia Seniors-Paige Pearce, Te Taumata Nelio, Huia Juniors- not yet named.

We congratulate all our whānau leaders.

## Harley Davidsons at School

We were honoured to welcome members of the Harley Davidson road crew who came to school to discuss some of the new technology being embraced by Harley Davison and their bikes.

Of interest was the e-Harley which is an expensive electronic bike that does not make a sound when it goes. The bike was brought over from Australia and has yet to be released onto the local market.



All the bikes that came to school had computerised systems, blue tooth technology, GPS mapping and the most up to date mod cons. The e-bike even looked like there was a petrol tank, but when the tank was opened up, there was a socket for the charge.

Mr Darmody's design and innovation class took notes on the new design which tried not to compromise the iconic look of the Harley. Many students (and teachers) were keen to ask questions about some of the Harley's on display. Students were able to sit on the bikes.

## Year 12 Tramp

Seventeen students from the year 12 Physical Education class headed up Mt Ruapehu to walk part of round the mountain track-especially the silica rapids to the Mangaturuturu hut where they stayed the night. The next day, they planned to walk to Lake Surprise, then back to walk out via Horopito.

Students took packs, their gear and their food and fortunately the weather was cool and clear.

They enjoyed crossing the rivers and climbing up the ridge that use to be one of the main tracks accessing the mountain. Fortunately, the track leading out to Horopito wasn't too swampy.

The excursion was part of NCEA assessments and will be worth credits one the students evaluate their progress. Thanks to staff members Miss Bam and Mr Helliwell who facilitated the trip.

