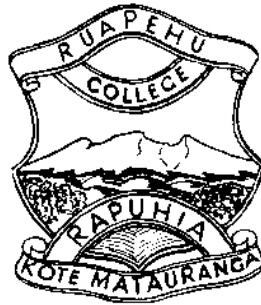


# RUAPEHU COLLEGE



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## Newsletter

Ruapehu College, at the heart of our community and the college of choice, making a mountain of difference in learning and for life.

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Mon 6 July	School Holidays
Mon 20 July	Term 3 Begins
Sat 25 July	School Ball
Fri 31 July	School Photos

### A SPECIAL LADY

Glenda 'Nanny G' Higginson was thanked for the enormous contribution she had made to the college at a staff morning tea recently. Nanny G started in February 2016 as the primary teacher aide for the Thomas twins. Being multi-talented she became our 'go to' bus and van driver. Her driving made many school camps, rugby games, and numerous other out-of-region events possible for our students. Nanny G embraced every role at the college with passion, humour and big heart full of aroha for all the students. She was also instrumental with the care, love and support for one of our high risk students – she was his life saver. Needless to say, all students held a huge respect for Nanny G, because her care also included a stern-word when required. We miss hearing her infectious laughter throughout the college and wish her the very best for her next adventure in life.

PHOTO – Ellen Thomas, Glenda Higginson, Abilene Thomas



### LIFE SKILLS IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 10 students have been utilising the donations of pumpkins, and learning how this staple grocery item with a few basic ingredients can go a long way. An important skill for any young man learning to cook on a budget and using what is in season. These four boys have made a delicious pumpkin and pasta dish.

Photo: George Buan, Harry Parker, Jayden Bailey and Nolan Tahu.



### SCHOOL BALL

Students are all smiles with confirmation that the school ball has been officially reinstated! Moving to Level 1 has been welcome news for the entire student body, but particularly our Year 13 students. Some schools around the country have cancelled their school balls much to the disappointment of students in their final year.

Our ball is scheduled for the 25 July as planned prior to lockdown. Whānau can expect further information via students as planning preparations resume.

### GATEWAY CO-ORDINATOR

Ruapehu College is pleased to announce that they have appointed Leba Phillips to lead the college's Gateway, STAR, and Careers programs. Leba started her new role on Monday 22 June.



### STAFF MOVING ON

Miss Kiani Rowe [10KR roopu, te reo Māori, and social studies teacher], celebrated her last day with us, since joining us in 2017.

Kiani has secured a teaching position at Wellington Girls' College, joining their Māori Studies team. As a teacher, Kiani has flourished at the college,

having completed her formal training with us. Her dignified manner, humility, and poised nature has been a beautiful exemplar for students to model. Kiani's willingness to meet students needs, going above and beyond to accommodate evidenced her dedication and care of them. She will be dearly missed by us all at the college.





## YOUNG GEOGRAPHERS IN THE FIELD

Ruapehu College students are blessed with ready access to a first-rate natural environment, ideal for geographic research. Over the last fortnight, Y13 and Y11 Geography Students took advantage of the natural wonders that surround us in Ohakune.

The Y13 students first headed in to the Tongariro National Park to conduct primary research on changes in vegetation, soil and erosion at different altitudes.

A week later, it was the turn of the Y11 Geography Students, who learned about changes in river characteristics from the upper to lower reaches of the Managwhero River.



## NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS NORTH ISLAND BRASS BAND

Arnav Ram, a Year 10 student, has been accepted into the National Secondary Schools North Island Brass Band. Forty of the North Island's most promising young brass and percussion players will come together for a residential camp in Taupo from 7 to 11 October.

The tutors include former members of national bands and some of New Zealand's finest musicians under the leadership of Andrew Snell.



## COFFEE COURSE

Thursday and Friday saw 18 Year 12 students participate in the Coffee Essentials course run by Industry Training Solutions, and delivered by tutors Dave and Lianne. Coffee Essentials has become an annual addition to the college's Food Innovation Technology's curriculum.

Being a practical based outside of the normal classroom, the course covers basic barista techniques from understanding machinery and equipment, espresso beverages, to brewing, and serving. Steaming milk is always a highlight. The students enjoyed a packed two days of coffee making, tasting, and sneaking in the odd hot chocolate too. Students share that this course is a fun way to learn and a great experience, recognising that it is helpful to get jobs in the industry.

Students expressed that the skills learnt were transferable to the real world. The tutor Dave introduced a new maxim that Mrs Hakaraia will adopt, "If there's time for learning, there's time for cleaning", which was another key element of the course.



## A VISIT FROM THE ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE

Year 9 students at Ruapehu College are exploring their future by way of a Career Quest Inquiry. Part of the inquiry involves speaking with professionals from varied industries to get an idea of "the real game" and what their roles are actually like. First guest speakers were the wonderful team of Leah and Aaron. Leah is an EMA (Emergency Medical Assistant) and Aaron is a Paramedic both with St. John's Ambulance Service.



The session included a demonstration of most of the equipment in an ambulance starting with a stretcher, to little life savers like a tongue holder that prevents blocked airways, to various syringes. The students also got an insight into the types of basic drugs first responders use to help stabilise patients. The level of skill and expertise that Leah and Aaron have is amazing.

## NETBALL COACHING

We are pleased to be able to offer the coaches in our region Netball NZ CCA coaching modules. These will be free of charge and will be facilitated by Hannah Kelly. The details of the two modules being offered are below.

Saturday 4th July 9am-11am at Laird Park

Though Court (Attack/Defence) (2.5 hours)

Aim of the Module: To provide coaches with the basic tactical principles for through court play on attack and defence. The focus will be on a quick release and second phase ball on attack and defence.

Success criteria: At the completion of this workshop, coaches will be able to:

Understand the game principles that support the tactics for through court attack and defence

Implement tactical through court strategies for attack and defence

Identify through court issues and counters

To register for either of these modules please click on the link below.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/133301>.

## CAREER QUEST

The Year 9 Blended Learning classes were online last week, meeting Dean Watson of Learn Coach, and Professor Craig Cary of Waikato University. Dean, a comedy writer, and producer, runs the NCEA Comedy Writing Competition; and Craig, Professor of Environmental Genetics who studies bacteria that live in extreme environments like deep-sea volcanoes and Antarctica.

Since 2015 Dean has been one of the core team members of New Zealand's biggest education company, LearnCoach, that has dedicated videos and resources for NCEA Levels 1 to 3. Dean's message to the students was to find their strengths and to work on them. Students were also keen to know about his educational qualifications, the significance of setting goals, and his interest in golf. Dean also shared a selection of NCEA Tic Tok vignettes he had posted online.

Craig brought in a whole new world into the classroom with mind blowing pictures of his work in Antarctica. He informed students about the ecological impact that our fridges have and the damages to the Ozone caused by CFC gases. He also shared insights to working and living in Antarctica's demanding -40C conditions. Students were inspired to find out the career pathways to working on the frozen continent.

Students walked out of both sessions quite thrilled. Now to see what interest this generates in the sciences, what skills they discover they have, and where they go from here.

## LEARNERS LICENCE

Three very excited and happy students successfully passed their learner's licence under the careful guidance of REAP driving tutor Rauna Te Huia, and classroom teacher Reidunn Keeley.

Ruapehu College students are fortunate to have STAR Funding financial assistance covering half of the \$93.90 cost. Not only do students achieve one of those significant young people 'milestones' with their learner's license, but they also gain Unit Standard credits.

To date, a total of 34 students have successfully gained their licence through the college over the past three years. The college would like to publicly acknowledge Rauna Te Huia for the fantastic work she does assisting our newly licenced drivers which helps to keep them safe on the road.



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