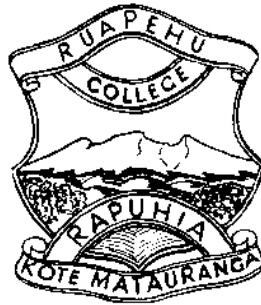


# RUAPEHU COLLEGE



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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.

Newsletter 7—29 July 2020

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| Wed 29 July              | Academic Mentoring<br>Under 15 Rugby Game against Cullinane                     |
| Fri 31 July              | School Photos<br>Yr13 Bush Survival Half Day                                    |
| Mon 3 Aug                | Careers Talk<br>Raenard Te Huia Elco Direct                                     |
| Wed 5 Aug                | Academic Mentoring<br>Under 15 Rugby Home Game vs WCC<br>Yr 9 3-Way Conferences |
| Thurs 6 Aug              | Y13 Bush Survival<br>Yr 10 3-Way Conferences<br>Squash North Islands            |
| Fri 7 Aug                | Y13 Bush Survival<br>Squash North Islands<br>Taki Rua Performance               |
| Mon 10 July              | Careers Talk<br>Pharmacy Mrs Kendall Richards                                   |
| Wed 12 Aug               | Academic Mentoring<br>Under 15 Rugby Home Game vs<br>Whanganui High School      |
| Mon 14 -Thurs 17<br>Sept | Practice Examinations   |

### Smoke Free Rockquest

Congratulations to Maui Wowee's Sapphire Mapp and Davron Takitmu on coming 2nd in the Smokefree Rockquest Solo/Duo category for Whanganui regional online competition.

They will now be working on the next round of submitting more songs for National finals consideration. Watch them perform their song "Blue Dream" at the link [https://youtu.be/zb\\_sHkLpR9E](https://youtu.be/zb_sHkLpR9E)



### NZ Defence Careers

The NZ Defence visited the school to talk about careers in the Army, Navy or Air Force and the opportunities that are available with these career choices.



There will be career talks weekly so check the careers notice board and Facebook page for who will be presenting when.

### Principal returns from Sabbatical

Mrs Kim Basse returned from sabbatical last week and although she said she felt refreshed after her break, it was good to get back to school. Because of the Covid-19 lockdowns, not just in NZ but worldwide, it meant that the travel plans abroad did not eventuate. "We went down to the South Island and supported that economy" she said.

The theme of her sabbatical was around culture connectedness and wellbeing. It was quite a different outcome as she had not planned for a sabbatical during a pandemic. "But it is always good to get home to Ohakune and it was great to see the students becoming involved in sports and learning in the outdoors after the online learning experiences. "The ball was great. I really enjoyed it this year. I am so pleased the students got to have a ball" she said.

She also wanted to express thanks to Mrs Marama Allen who was Acting Principal during her absence and the senior leadership team and staff who continued to run the school. "They did a great job". She said.

### Biology by the Stream

It was great that students could get off their devices and head down to the stream last week. Miss Wilsons year 13 biology students headed into the outdoors to make science real. They have been monitoring the Makaranui Stream with Sarah Williams, education officer from Horizons and Ben Fraser who is the fresh water adviser, also from Horizons.

This is a long term project for the benefit of the environment. The students went to Rangataua Bush, then two sites on Mr G Frasers farm, and ended up at the Lakes Reserve. It was a cold rainy day, but this did not deter the students from the important work. Their findings will be part of their learning and assessments.





## Roaring into the 2020s.

The Ruapehu College ball theme for 2020 was the 'Roaring 20s' and what a great night it turned out to be. In the shadow of many other schools who have had to cancel their school balls, students were appreciative that this one went ahead.

Mrs Stuckey did a fine job of encouraging the students and the hall looked amazing with feathers and lights in a true 20s style. Barbara van der Woerd took photos of the students when they arrived and they all looked stunning as they were welcomed into the venue.

The sit down meal was superbly cooked by the chef from The Ohakune Tavern and then the dancing really started. SIMZY was the DJ for the night and the music included something for everyone.

Congratulations to;

Duke and Duchess- Cameron Smith and Kayla Jordan (yr 11)

Prince and Princess- Bo Soverel and Libby Graham (yr 12)

King and Queen-Samuel Lyon and Kate Rowe (yr 13).

The night finished with most students on the dance floor. A good time was had by all and thank you to all the staff, parents, members of the community and the students themselves for a thoroughly enjoyable night.



## Are you up to date?

for Measles: MMR - Measles, Mumps and Rubella (age 13-29)

and HPV - Human Papillomavirus (age 9-26)



### FREE IMMUNISATION CATCH-UP PROGRAMME

#### Where can I get immunised?

- Secondary Schools - consent forms will be sent home soon
- GP/family doctor - by appointment
- Whanganui Regional Health Network (WRHN) clinics:  
Tuesdays 9am - 5pm, 100 Heads Road - Call: 0800 775 001

#### Need more information?

- Contact your Student Centre
- Call the Public Health Centre on 06 348 1775 or WRHN on 0800 775 001
- Visit [health.govt.nz/hpv](https://health.govt.nz/hpv) | [health.govt.nz/measles](https://health.govt.nz/measles)
- get in touch with your GP/family doctor.

Measles is a very infectious virus. Before immunisation was introduced, nearly all children caught measles. Measles causes a rash, high fever, runny nose, cough and sore watery eyes. Severe cases can result in pneumonia, encephalitis (swelling in the brain), diarrhoea and rarely, death.

HPV is a common virus that spreads through intimate skin to skin contact. Without immunisation, most people will have an HPV infection at some point in their lives. Most HPV infections get better on their own and don't cause any obvious symptoms. But some HPV infections don't get better and can lead to cancer many years later if they aren't detected and treated first.



## Sport

It is good to see sport underway at the College for term 3.

### Rugby

Mr Campbell Hart is coaching the boys' rugby team to play in a 'late' Wanganui rugby competition. The opposition team pulled out of the first game unfortunately. The boys will head down to play Cullinane this week.



### Girls Rugby

Mr Wayne Te Huia has just started coaching the girls rugby. We will keep you informed of up and coming games.

### Snow Academy

Miss Meredith Wilson says the skiers and snowboarders will be heading up to Turoa one day a week this term. There is no Secondary School Competition this year, but the students have an opportunity to train for other competitions (in the South Island) and to complete their ski/board instructors courses.

### Basketball

The community basketball league will resume Tuesday 28th July under the guidance of Jessie Wallis. This will be played in the school gymnasium.

### Soccer

Mr Darmody is coaching a soccer team on Thursdays each week.

### Mountain Biking

Students are being encouraged to enter for a mountain bike riding excursions. See Mrs Demchy in her office.

### Whanganui Schools Mountain Bike Champs

Thursday 10th September at Araheke Mountain Bike Park - Pauri Tracks.

Mrs Demchy is looking at taking a group of keen riders to this event, anyone interested in participating, please put your name down on gym notice board and let her know.

Make sure you are getting some biking done in your own time so you are fit and prepared.

