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Newsletter

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Newsletter 8—11 August 2020

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Wed 12 Aug	Under 15 Rugby at Whanganui High School Willie Apiata presentation to groups. Academic Mentoring
Thurs 13 Aug	Year 13 Bush Survival School Open day for public
Fri 14 Aug	Year 13 Bush Survival
Wed 19 Aug	Under 15 Rugby Home Game vs Cullinane School Photographs Academic Mentoring
Wed 26 Aug	Under 15 Rugby Away Game vs WCC Academic Mentoring

Enrolments and Open Day

Students at local primary schools who are in yr 8 have received their enrolment packs for Ruapehu College last week.

Open day will be on the 13 August and parents and students are invited to see the school in operation 10am-1pm. There will be a meeting and presentation in the hall for families at 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Students are encouraged to enrol at this time.

All welcome.

Careers

Thank you to those who came along to today's career talk. Much more to wool than they thought! Thank you Raenard (Shum) Te Huia, ELCO Direct for your time.
This week - A Pharmacy Technician.



School Photographs

The annual school photographs were cancelled after the photographer pulled a hamstring while trying to shut a curtain. He managed to drive home and has rescheduled the photographs for Wednesday 19 August.



Kim Basse Resigns

Ruapehu College Board of Trustees Chairman Elijah Pue announced the resignation of Mrs Kim Basse, Principal of Ruapehu College. Kim's last day will be on Friday 9th October 2020.



Elijah Pue thanked Kim for her outstanding contribution to the college and its community, having been appointed in 2013 after a period of statutory management.

"Kim did a fantastic job in turning our school around. Student achievement levels soared through the roof shortly after Kim started and results have been consistent for some time now. The board is proud of the work she has completed in her 7 years of service to our school.

"I wish Kim well in her future endeavours and thank her and her whānau for her dedication and commitment to Ruapehu College. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe.

A recruitment process will follow in due course.

Ngā mihi, nā
Elijah Pue
BOT Chair | Ruapehu College



Ruapehu College Open Day

Thursday 13th August 10am – 1pm.
Come in and you will be guided through to see the school in operation.

Meet in the hall for presentations and guided tours at 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Enrolment packs will be available.

All welcome – including parents of younger children and members of the public.














Smokefree Rock Quest

Congratulations to “Flower of Hades” for placing 2nd place in the Smokefree Rockquest Band category for the Whanganui Region. Their genre is ‘metal’ and the band are Megan Rollerson, Ryan and Ben Burton, Davron Takitimu and Mackenzie Charlton.

They are now working on a submission for national contention.



Taki Rua Drama Performance

Taki Rua is a performing group who have just resumed traveling the country performing to schools after Covid-19. They performed to the College and Primary school students at the College Hall on Friday. The play was called Ngā Manu Rōreka, which is one of six plays written in English by Sir Apirana Ngata.

The play was translated and performed in Māori and told the story of two young people who were disengaged with their learning and find support they need from two ancestors. These ancestors return as students to guide and mentor their descendants. The play was well performed by the group who incorporated singing and dance into the performance.

Thank you to REAP who sponsored the production.



Secondary Schools Squash Nationals

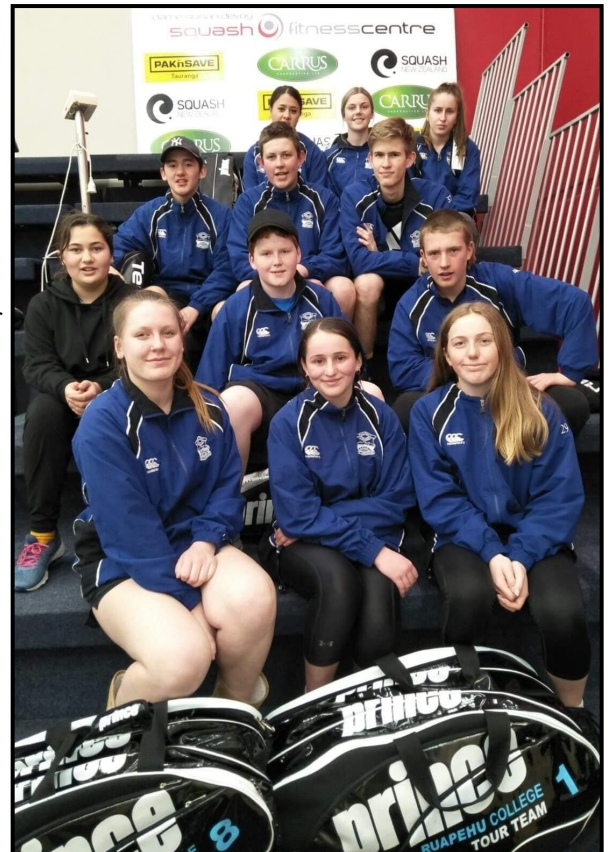
Our Girls’ team and our Boys’ team competed in the 36th New Zealand Secondary Schools Squash Championships in Tauranga, 7 – 9 August. This year, 50 teams competed from across New Zealand, involving A-grade players through to those relatively new to the sport.

The Boys’ team, made up mostly of J graders, played well against some tough competition. Their first round of matches was against Tauranga Boys’ College, who went on to take Runners’ Up in the competition. Ruapehu College Boys won their final round to finish 31st.

The Girls’ team started the competition seeded 11th and won two of their four rounds, finishing in 7th place.

The opportunity to take part in a national event such as this is a significant opportunity for our students, each of whom played with increasing skill and confidence as the competition proceeded. Our highest graded player in the Girls’ team, Grace Burnard, caught the attention of the Secondary Schools Trans-Tasman Team Selectors, and was close to being short listed for the New Zealand team.

The teams are grateful for the strong support from the group of parents accompanying them, as well as those who supported from a distance, and for the Laurenson Trust for paying for the teams’ travel expenses.



School Sport

Term 3 Week 2

Squash

We had two college teams in the recent Ohakune Squash Club Interbusiness competition, held over 7 weeks. Our Rockets were placed 3rd in Pool 2, and Rock Stars were placed 5th in Pool 3.

Most of these students are now playing in the Interhouse competition currently running, each Thursday night.

There have been quite a few tournaments since we moved into Level 1, after Lockdown. Our players' names are regularly featuring in the top positions in their divisions - Grace Burnard, Jayden Bailey, Cameron Smith, Raynardt Botha, Matthew Smith, Maraea Buckingham and Bella Hohipa.

Rugby

The U16 boys headed to Cullinane for their first game of the season last week. Our boys were down by 10-0 then pulled ahead to 12-10. In the last 8 minutes of the game, Cullinane scored and so the final results was a 15-12. The lads enjoyed the pizzas supplied by the opposition and Captain Bo Sovarel concluded with a good speech on our behalf. This week they will be playing at home.



Girls Rugby 7's

Our girls started a rugby 7's competition in Whanganui last Thursday after school. They narrowly lost both games against Cullinane and City College. The games are a prelude to the 10 aside competition starting in a couple of weeks. Coach Wayne Te Huia, says the girls played really well and just need to work on their fitness.

Snow Academy

The snow academy is heading up Turoa every Tuesday for lessons and instruction. Ten skiers and six snowboarders have enjoyed the mountain spending time honing their skills. This year, two students will train for their instructors' badges and several students are working towards South Island competitions later in the season.

School Sport

Term 3 Week 3

Rugby

The boys Rugby had a great game on Wednesday on the college fields narrowly losing to Whanganui City College 17-15. There was good support from the community who came out to watch.

Girls 7s Rugby

The girls team played three games last Thursday. They lost 26-7 to Whanganui High School, they drew against Whanganui City College 7 all, and lost to Cullinane 17-12. There was great sportsmanship shown by all players. The Girls 10 aside competition starts on Thursday the 13th with Ruapehu College playing at home. Trainings are Monday and Tuesdays after school.

Snow Academy

The snow was great on Tuesday especially at the very top. The team continued to practice their skills. Two students went to Whakapapa to train for their instructors course. Congratulations to Jenna Jones and Mackenzie Charlton who have both successfully gained their level 1 snowboarding instructors qualification.



10am to 1pm
Wednesday 2 September 2020
Rustic Eating House
SH 1, Waiouru



Pink Ribbon High (morning) Tea

Enjoy award winning treats from Chef Tyson Burrows,
listen to music from local young musicians and invited guests,
and help the fight against this disease.

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