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Newsletter

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Mon 24-Fri 28 Aug	Interwhanau Basketball Competitions at School
Wed 2 Sept	High Tea at the Rustic with School Musicians
Fri 4 Sept	BoT Student Representative Nominations Close
Fri 14 Sept	Senior exams
Wed 23 Sept	Year 8 Enrolment Evening and Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 25 Sept	End of Term 3

School Photographs

The school photographs went ahead last week with ropu classes, sports teams and other groups having their photos. We will send out forms so the photos can be ordered.



Community Band

Mrs Kathy Clark from The Music Room has been teaching instruments to form a brass band. She has also been teaching music to interested students (and adults) in our schools.



The College students meet Monday and Friday lunchtimes for practice and although the tunes are still simple, they are beginning to come together.

The band will play together at a small function on the 2nd of September at the Rustic in Waiouru.

Left to right
 Arnav Ram - drums
 Lukas Poutama - trumpet
 Noah Swift - tenor horn
 William Barlow - trombone.



Board of Trustees Student Representative

Nominations close for Board of Trustees student representative on the 4th of September.

Forms are available from the school office or from Mrs Sutton. If there is more than one nominee, we will have a presentation at assembly for prospective candidates to present what they hope to achieve as a student representative.

The school will vote after the 4th September.



Cell Phones

Cell phones need to be off and away and in bags during class. Parents- please do not ring your child during class time. Our teachers would appreciate this. If it is urgent, please ring through the front office.



Te Reo o te Rangatahi Workshop

Twenty students headed up to Te Pa Tata last Wednesday for a workshop about te reo.

The object of the day was for the workshop coordinators to hear student voice on what are the best ways to learn Māori.

We look forward to the findings.



Year 12 Students

Some of the Year 12 students consider the leadership opportunities on offer at the school in 2021; (from left to right) Sapphire Mapp, Korban Garland, Dalton Jordan, Brianna McKenna, Jenna Jones and Emma Burnard.

Sports

Rugby

The boys had another close game on Wednesday 12 August against Whanganui High school. After going down two tries early and losing our only sub, the remaining 15 boys fought hard to get back into the game to make the score even at half time. The team streaked ahead in the second half with 3 quick tries.

Unfortunately, an unlucky intercept and some tired players allowed WHS back into the game. On the last play the forwards secured the ball at the lineout, however they failed to secure the ruck ball and the attempted kick into touch to win the game was under pressure. Whanganui High School scooped up the loose ball and scored in the corner to push themselves 2pts ahead winning 36-34.

A valiant effort with only 15 players. The players have the opportunity in the second round to avenge the three close losses of the first round.

Girls Rugby

The girls Rugby games got under way Thursday of last week. They had a good game against Cullinane losing 32-10. The girls will continue training and building their fitness. We play away again this week.

Boys U16 Rugby- no game last week.

Netball and Football

Netball and football training got underway last week. The coach for Netball is Lydene Hayes who is a very experienced coach, player and referee. Some scheduled games from other schools for football and netball have been cancelled at this stage but may be rescheduled towards the end of the year. This is due to level 2 lock down restrictions. We are happy to be at school and that sport training is going ahead.

Open Day

There was a steady stream of visitors to the school last Thursday for the annual open day. It was an opportunity for members of the public to visit the school and to see the school in operation. The visitors got a good look at the excellent academic programmes in operation. Prospective students received a presentation from Principal Kim Basse, who was able to answer questions before a tour of the school

Students had the opportunity to enrol at Ruapehu College too. "We would encourage students who didn't make the visit to drop off their enrolment forms at school" she said. There will be a transition visit in term 4 where all students will get an opportunity to attend classes. "The enrolments for next year are looking really good."

Practice Examinations

Our senior practice exams start on the 14th September and the exam time table has been emailed home and will be posted on Facebook this week.

Students are currently preparing study guidelines during mentoring time at school. We want the students to work hard at these exams as they may be part of a derived grade if we have to go into level 3 lockdown at the end of the year and students can't come to school (here's hoping this doesn't happen).

High Tea at the Rustic Eating House

Kathy Clark, itinerant music teacher in the Ruapehu Area, will be partnering with Rustic Eating House to put on a Pink Ribbon High (morning) Tea to raise funds for breast cancer research. Students from schools with MusicRoom programs such as Ruapehu College and Taihape Area School will be performing, along with special guest artists Edwina Thorne, brass musician and vocalist, and Rohan Gower, vocalist.

Mrs Clark has a family member currently battling breast cancer and says "funds raised at events such as this make research and treatment far more effective". She encourages people get a table together to support a worthy cause and the young musicians some of whom will be performing in public for the very first time.

Bookings direct to Rustic Eating House 06-387 6118 (closed Mondays) or email rusticeatinghouse@gmail.com or contact Kathy herself at 021 689 005 or email info@musicroom.org.nz

