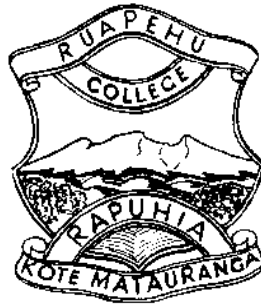


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## Newsletter

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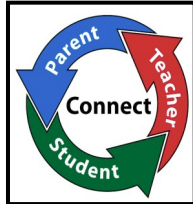
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Mon 7-Mon 14 Sept	Interwhanau Squash Competitions
Mon 14 Sept	Senior Examinations Begin
Wed 23 Sept	Year 8 Enrolment Evening and Parent Teacher Interviews. School Closes at 2pm.
Fri 25 Sept	End of Term 3
Mon 12 Oct	Term 4 Begins

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday the 23 September.

Staff will be available for interviews between 2pm -5 pm and 5.30pm-7.00pm.



Parents can book interviews with teachers by going to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use the event code fkn8h. Alternatively, call the school office and appointments can be made for you.

### Smokefree Rockquest Band Success

Massive Congratulations to 'Flower Of Hades' - Ryan Burton, Ben Burton, Davron Takitimu, Mackenzie Charlton and Megan Rollerson - for making the TOP 25 bands in the 2020 Smokefree Rockquest!

Although they have sadly not qualified for the final round of selection (Top 20), it is a major achievement against hundreds of groups from around New Zealand and the result of a process that began nearly two years ago for the composer, Year 13 Ryan Burton.



### Out and About for Geography and Tourism Students.

Senior Geography and Tourism students had their minds expanded to the central role that tourism plays in the geothermal and Maori cultural wonderland of Rotorua. An epic day was enjoyed by both classes as they learned about the history and development of tourism from the Pink and White Terraces to present-day attractions like the Zorb.

Starting at Te Puia, the students came to appreciate how tourism has shaped the cultural and natural landscape of Rotorua. Everyone was astounded by the artworks produced by tertiary students at the New Zealand Maori Arts & Crafts Institute.



A visit to the Kiwi House and the geysers were powerful experiences, unique to Rotorua. Heading over to the Rotorua Museum, currently being earthquake-proofed, provided valuable insights into bathhouse tourism and the changing nature of tourism in response to the market, now stressed as a result of COVID-19.

The afternoon was spent engaging in adventure tourism as students savoured riding the luge at Skyline Skyrides and experienced the Zorb. The final stop was almost magical, reminiscent of the forests of Pandora in the movie Avatar, as the group wandered the suspension bridges through the Redwoods Treewalk, some 20 m off the ground amongst Californian forest giants.

This trip was made possible thanks to the generous support of Laurenson Trust and Rupaehu College. A special thank you to Mr Saunders and Mr KJ Allen who were the teachers in charge of the trip. Students will be working towards NCEA credits on their return to class.



## Surviving Year 13

Year 13 students headed down to Ruatiti Domain for the annual overnight survival course. It was a cold night with snow flurries on the mountain, but this did not deter outdoor teacher Mr Helliwell and the team. The trip had already been postponed, so they were glad to finally get going.

The seven students managed to build a shelter in the rain and cold. They lit a fire, kept it going and cooked marshmallows and dinner. Dinner was mainly packets of food that just needed hot water. Connor Gibson bought bacon and eggs, so he ate well!

They slept poorly except for Nazomi Groot who said it was the best sleep she had had all week. "It was very cold." said a number of the students but it didn't deter their high spirits!

The trip was worth unit standard credits and all the students achieved the assessments. They returned home with smiles and were looking forward to some home comforts.



Overnight Survival course with Te Taumata Nelio's bivouac (and Samuel Lyon who is obscured in the trees). They planned the bivouac but ended up under the warmth of the tarp.

## Practice Examinations

Our senior practice examinations start on the 14th September and the examination time table has been emailed home and posted on Facebook and also on the following page.

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).



## Careers

This term we have been lucky enough to have a selection of people volunteer their time to give students an insight into a particular career path.

The Careers talks this term have included: Pharmacy Technician, Wool Buyer, NZ Defence Force (Army, Navy and Air Force), Music - members from Common Unity, and a Veterinarian. Some of the live props in the form of puppies have been a big hit.

The Careers talks are an opportunity for students to meet and talk to an individual in a career they may be thinking about for the future. This in turn enables them to learn about what they need to get there as well as discover the realities of what it is like everyday on the job.





# Ruapehu College: Practice examination timetable 2020

DATE	Level	AM SESSION (09:00-12:00)	PM SESSION (13:00- 15:00)
14 Sep	Level 1	English (3hrs)	Te reo Māori (2hrs)
	Level 2		Mathematics (2 hrs)/ Te reo Māori (2hrs)
	Level 3	Biology (3hrs)	English (2 hrs)
15 Sep	Level 1	Food/ Agriculture (2hrs)	Mathematics (2hrs)
	Level 2	English (3hrs)	Chemistry (2hrs)
	Level 3	Calculus (3hrs)	Geography (2hrs)
16 Sep	Level 1	Health (2hrs) Geography (3hrs)	Science (2hrs)
	Level 2	Physics (2hrs)	Biology (2hrs)
	Level 3	Mathematics (1.5hrs)	
17Sep	Level 1	Performing arts (2 hours)	
	Level 2	Performing arts (2 hours)	
	Level 3	Performing arts (2 hours)	

Note: The NCEA Level 1 MCAT examination will take place on the morning of Thursday 17th september

## Sport

### Week 6

#### Rugby

The Boys U16 Rugby team suffered a loss against City College 32-10.

#### Girls Rugby

The girls team lost against Whanganui High School. The defeat was a big score so we haven't printed it!

#### Interwhanau Basketball

There were some great interwhanau games played last week.

### Week 7

#### Boys Rugby

The U16 won against Whanganui High School 32-17 last week, in what was arguably the best game of the season. Whanganui will play in the final this week. Ruapehu College came 3rd on the points table.

#### Girls Rugby

Our girls lost to Cullinane 40-25. It was another good game from the girls.

#### Squash

Congratulations to Jayden Bailey who won the Central regional D grade men's competition held in Whanganui over the weekend, He was seeded 13 out of 13 players so he did well to win it. He will now go through to the National Tournament in October held in Ohakune.

