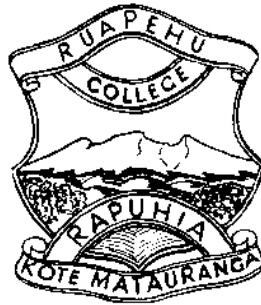


# RUAPEHU COLLEGE



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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 1—12 February 2021

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## New Staff and Students

We conducted our first powhiri in our new front of school surroundings to welcome our new students, staff and their families. Paul McClean, Abby Morgan and Pikimai Ouknider are new additions to our teaching team. Paul will be teaching Digital Technology, Abby will be teaching Science, Agriculture and Horticulture and Pikimai will be teaching Te Reo, Social Studies and Kapahaka.

Our new administration team additions are Jo Reynolds (Office Manager) and Maria Hawira (Office Administrator). And lastly our new lunch and canteen team - Bubba Wall, Christine Te Riaki and Linda Larsen.



## Front of School Blessing

Our term started with a blessing for the front of school improvements. The work for this officially started on Thursday the 10th of September, with a blessing conducted by Elijah and supported by some of our kuia Whaea Vera, Whaea Merrilyn and Whaea Kay.

It was our aim that this space spoke about;  
MANA presence - through identity, belonging, our environment, school values and school pride  
ORA wellbeing - through nurturing and vitality  
POUTAMA learning steps aspiring and re-calibration  
HĀPORI - building community & iwi relationships with local people and local businesses.

With more work yet to be done, our limited funds have accomplished the completion of this phase and we would like to acknowledge the following people and contractors. Mr Leo O'Sullivan for a \$5000 donation towards signage, Mr Alex Hakaraia for lighting, the Bell family from Lifestyle Landscaping Waiouru, Carina's Nursery in Raetihi, Hoopnaton and the team of staff helpers for the new basketball hoops, Ted Barham for the beautiful restoration of the carving and its mana, and lastly for our centrepiece TE TOKA. Birthed from the depths of Matua te Mana ara Koro Ruapehu, sourced from the lands of Atihau, nga mihi nui ki nga uri o Atihau ... under the expertise of Max Cody and his children, Danny and Lucy.



<b>Thurs 11 Feb</b>	<b>Waka Ama Student &amp; Whanau Hui 6pm in the college hall</b>
<b>Mon 15 Feb</b>	<b>13 Biology Freshwater Trip</b>
<b>Thurs 18– Fri 19 Feb</b>	<b>Food Safety Course</b>
<b>Tues 23 Feb</b>	<b>Swimming Sports</b>
<b>Fri 26 Feb</b>	<b>12 Biology Freshwater Trip</b>
<b>Wed 3 March</b>	<b>Athletics Day</b>
<b>Fri 5 March</b>	<b>Whanganui Secondary Schools Swimming Sports</b>
<b>Wed 10 March</b>	<b>Whanganui Secondary School Duathlon</b>
<b>Wed 17 March</b>	<b>Whanganui Secondary Schools Athletics Day</b>
<b>Tues 23-Thurs 25 March</b>	<b>Waka Ama Sprint Nationals</b>

### Tug-of-War

On Friday, our first week back ended with our annual interwhanau event - the Tug-of-War. It was an awesome way to end the week with smiles and students engaging in some great battles.



### Results

- 1st - Tui
- 2nd - Kiwi
- 3rd - Weka
- 4th - Huia

The staff beat the year 13 students.



### Snow Passes

We are now able to inform parents & guardians that they have until April to purchase a Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Season Pass at the discounted rate. They are able to do so by calling RAL on 0800 468 235 or pop in and see us in the Taupo store or at Whakapapa ski area.

Ruapehu Alpine Lifts are offering Anytime Season Passes to rohe school students only with the discounted rate of \$99 for Primary Students & \$149 for Secondary Students. Student season passes will be valid every day throughout winter at both Turoa & Whakapapa Ski Areas.

Please note that when purchasing a season pass, the parent/guardian will need to mention the School Name, First and Last Name of the student.

If students have already purchased a season pass, RAL can refund the difference to the original purchaser.

### School Lunches

Our free Healthy Lunches for Schools programme also started last week with great success. The students have informed us that the food is yummy.



## Swimming Sports

Swimming sports will be held on Tuesday 23rd February at the Waiouru Pools

All year 9 students will be coming to the event.

Year 10-13 students will enter into races and only those who enter will attend. Other students will stay and school and attend classes. Encourage your child to enter into events.

Whanau are welcome to attend and support.

## New Equipment and Furniture



Students will start to notice new televisions in all their classrooms. The television are replacing the old projectors. The Library also has new furniture which is nice and bright.

## Attendance

This year we have introduced new competition for inter whanau. Our first term focus is attendance. Attendance is one of our core values at Ruapehu College and important for success. It is proven that a student needs to be at school more than 80% of the time to have success in the classroom but should be aiming for 100% attendance.

This weeks attendance winners were Tui 1st, Huia 2nd, Kiwi 3rd and Weka 4th

Please remember to let the school know if your child is away for any reason by either ringing 06 3858398 and dial 1 for absences or txt 0220450441 for the school cell phone number available for txt absences and communication. You can also notify us via the Kamar App.

## Pastoral

Our Deans this term have some minor role changes. We welcome Mr Dave Sims to the deaning team. He will be looking after the needs of the year 9 students, while Matua KJ Allen will look after the pastoral needs of boys (Y10-13) and Whaea Maxine Hakaraia will look after the pastoral needs of the girls (Y10-13).



%	Per 2 weeks	Per Term	Year	Total lessons missed (hours)	Total lessons missed (per subject)
100%					
95%	½ day 	2½ days 	2 weeks 	50 hours 	10 hours (2 days) 
90%	1 day 	1 week 	1 month 	100 hours 	20 hours (4 days) 
80%	2 days 	2 weeks 	2 months 	200 hours 	40 hours (almost 2 weeks) 
70%	3 days 	3 weeks 	3 months 	300 hours 	60 hours 