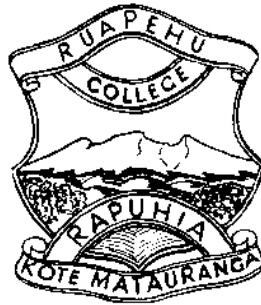


# RUAPEHU COLLEGE



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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 4—25 March 2021

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Tues 30 March	L1 Geography Field Trip Year 9 Vision and hearing Testing
Thurs 1 April	L2 & L3 Geography Field Trip
Fri 2 April – Tues 6 April	Easter Break Back to school Wednesday
Thurs 8 April	Outdoor Rock Climbing Module
Mon 12 April	Geography & Tourism Rotorua Field Trip
Tues 13 April	Ugly Shakespeare: 'Romeo & Jules' Ugly Shakespeare WORKSHOP Puhoro - Massey Visit
Wed 14 April	Outdoor Rock Climbing Module
Thurs 15 April	Parent Teacher Interviews School closes at 1.30pm
Fri 16 April	End of Term One
Mon 3 May	Term Two Begins

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

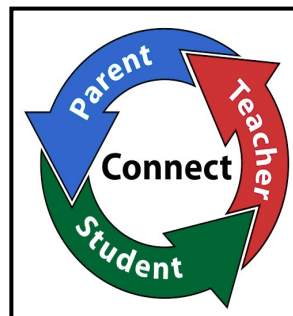
On Thursday the 15th of April, staff will be available for interviews between 2pm - 5.00pm and 5.30pm-7pm.

Parents can book interviews with teachers by going to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use the event code

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Alternatively, call the school office and appointments can be made for you.

School will finish at 1.30pm. National Park, Waiouru. Lakes Road and Raetihi Direct buses will depart at 1.30pm. The Rangataua will depart at 3pm. Students that need to wait for the bus can work in the Library.



### Kiwi Forever and Waka Ama Trips

This week we have a few students that have taken up the amazing opportunity to participate in the week-long Kiwi Forever programme. This is a conservation and cultural programme sponsored by Ngati Rangī Trust, Untouched World, Genesis Energy and DOC. A survey of past Kiwi Forever students confirm that the benefits of this programme are long lasting, and that the conservation and cultural values have been embedded within the students.

Good luck to the students in our Waka Ama team who after many weeks of training, are finally travelled to Rotorua. They are competing at Tikitapu, the Blue Lake, in the National Secondary School Waka Ama Championship. We look forward to hearing their results.



### Ruapehu College School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are open for the election of 1 parent representative to the Board of Trustees.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidate names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Nominations close at noon on 9th April 2021.  
Voting closes at 4pm on 12th May 2021

Returning Officer  
Kay Sutton  
Ruapehu College

## Deputy Principal Powhiri

A powhiri was held on Wednesday the 17th to welcome Mr Mick Darmody as Ruapehu College's newly appointed Deputy Principal. All of the practice that the students and staff have put into this has certainly paid off as it could be clearly heard by classes outside at the primary school.



## 12 PE Tramp

Year 12 PED students headed to the mountain on an overnight tramp with Mr Campbell Hart on Thursday. They were dropped off at Waihohonu Intake and tramped into Waihohonu Hut to stay overnight. On Friday they hiked around to Whakapapa Village, with some taking a side trip to Tama Lakes. The purpose of the tramp was to not only embrace the nature of the mountain but to practice their planning skills in regards to hazard and risk management as part of assessments this term. Overall the tramp was a success, the students enjoyed the walk although some would and some wouldn't do it again. Student outdoor enthusiast Cameron Smith told us his highlight was "learning how to play knucklebones with Mr Hart."



## Toastmasters

This 6 week long formal speech program was a journey a handful of students took this year. The aim was to improve our speech writing and presentation skills. Each week we were given a topic of which we needed to write a short speech on, usually given one skill to focus on improving each week e.g hand gestures, looking at the audience etc.

We often practiced impromptu speaking as well. We also learnt how to run meetings, as we were assigned roles for each meeting on what we needed to run. This greatly improved our confidence in writing a compelling speech and presenting it calmly and clearly.

This course helped us acquire essential skills that we will use for the rest of our lives. Our meetings were held afterschool on Mondays in National Park.



During our final meeting, which we hosted here at school, we had invited parents to attend. It was clear that they were proud of our skill progressions as was Mr Hart who organised the course.

Korbyn Garland

## Wanganui Athletics

The team selected for Wanganui Secondary Schools Athletics travelled to Wanganui on the 17<sup>th</sup> March to compete. Congratulations to the following students for their results.

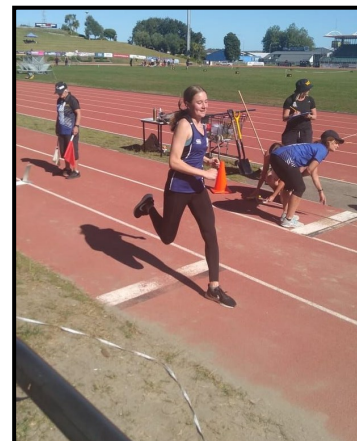
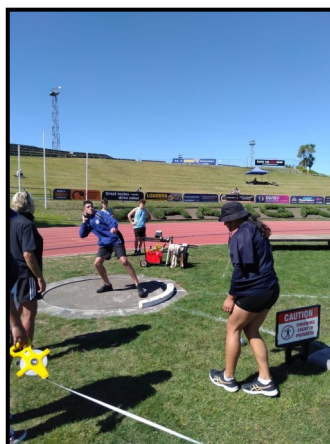
Santaesjah Wood  
2nd Senior Girls Shot Put

Matthew Smith  
1st Junior Boys 3000m

Ambrose Demchy  
2nd Intermediate Boys 3000m

Tannar Goff  
2nd Junior Boys Javelin

Jaydis Hammond  
2nd Intermediate Boys Discus



## Whanganui Junior Kura and Kahui Ako Vocational Experience

An exciting opportunity has arisen for our Year 10 students to attend a free careers experience day at Whanganui Racecourse on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The intention is to showcase the skilled vocations that exist locally and raise the student's awareness of the many vocational pathways from school to future work. The exhibitors will be focused on connecting with our youth and helping them link their passions, strengths and life experiences with the wide and varied possibilities that exist in the world of work.

Students will be able to talk to exhibitors and find out more about what to consider when making big decisions about their future career and what qualities and skills they need to work on to make them successful in employment, further education

or business. When students have a career goal that they are working towards school becomes much more relevant to them and engagement increases. At the end of this year students will be opting for their Level One NCEA courses and this will help them when making those important choices.

We will be travelling to Whanganui on one large bus leaving school at 9.00am. We will leave Whanganui at 1.30pm so that we are back at school by 3.00pm. Students are required to wear full school uniform as they are representing Ruapehu College. Future employers will also have a favourable impression of our students. Past students have gained offers of future employment by the way they have presented themselves, both visually and verbally at these events.

Please contact Mr Darmody at Ruapehu College if you have any queries.  
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- ★ Monday 5th April - 2.00pm

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