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Newsletter

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Newsletter 15 April 2021

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Thurs 15 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 16 April	End of Term One
Mon 3 May	Term Two Begins
Thurs 6 May	School Cross Country
Tues 11 May	Year 10 Stream Planting
Wed 12 May	Year 10 Stream Planting

Chalk Drawing

Students enjoyed an inter whānau chalk drawing competition in their break time today. The theme was kiwiana.

Results

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



Ruapehu College Board of Trustees By- Election

Declaration of Parent By-Election Results

At the close of nominations, the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled,

I hereby declare the following duly elected:
Michiko Gembitsky

Kay Sutton Returning Officer

ANZAC Assembly

Students and staff showed their respect at our ANZAC commemoration assembly Thursday 15 April.

We celebrated and honoured those that fought for our freedom. Students spoke of Gallipoli, shared a poem and read out names of those in our area that lost their lives. This was accompanied by a slideshow presentation of photos of our families who served for our country.

A special ANZAC flag was raised while students sung a waiata and the bugle played to close our ceremony.



Pub Charity Donation

Thank you to the Pub Charity for their donation of \$14,521.74 to purchase our very own waka.

This will enable our team to train more often. Up until now, the college has relied on the goodwill of others to share us their waka when available.

We aspire to increase the numbers of students who we can offer waka ama as a sport.

Waka ama is an amazing sport for our students: it encapsulates our students' fascination with our seafaring histories and stories from our Polynesian roots. It provides all the life-skills that competitive sports can teach; but the key distinction is that it connects our students to their tupuna awa and our narratives of tīkanga, many for the very first time. Waka ama also engages whānau who might otherwise not have been engaged in school life. The flow on effects for students' learning is immeasurable.



Careers and Vocational Pathways

Ruapehu College Year 10 students attended the Whanganui Junior Kura and Kahui Ako Vocational Experience Day in Whanganui on Friday 26 March 2021. The event held at the race course had a variety of exhibitors which included employers and educational institutions. The focus of the day was to raise student awareness about the vocational pathways available to them.

In addition to the many conversations with the exhibitors about potential careers, and apart from the free lollies, the students enjoyed participating in some of the activities also on offer. The Defence Force challenge was, whilst wearing a heavy vest, to lift a 20 litre water canister a minimum of 10 times onto the back deck of an army vehicle. This was a bit harder than students initially thought, water can get very heavy after a while! They also challenged themselves to the Firefighters task which was carrying a hose up and down the equivalent of bleachers as many times as they could. The record before our students tried the challenge was 11. Ruapehu College student Harry Rowe achieved 22 return trips up and down the steps.

Many of the exhibitors commented on how the Ruapehu College students were awesome, well-mannered, engaging, inquisitive and supportive of each other. They did themselves and the school proud.



Snow Passes

We are now able to inform parents & guardians that they have until the end of 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.

Kiwi Forever

At the end of March, four students from Ruapehu College joined others students from the area in the Kiwi Forever Programme hosted by Tiorangi Marae.

These students stayed on the marae for 5 nights and were accompanied by

several teachers from the college throughout the week. The teachers came back feeling inspired after reconnecting with nature and the students came back with so much more.

The students learn about tikanga; seeking out special places within the Ngahere (forest) and locations along the Awa (rivers); building traps; checking trap lines; tree planting; visiting intakes to the Tongariro Power Schemes; supporting Kiwi and Whio releases and reconnecting with nature.

We strongly encourage those students eligible to do this program to apply when the opportunity comes available.



Assembly celebrating academic and sporting successes in our school community.

Sports Awards:

Swimming Sports

Swimming Senior Girl – Ella Hawira

Swimming Senior Boy – Bo Soverel

Swimming Intermediate Girl – Noah Harto

Swimming Intermediate Boy – Tam Hoyle

Swimming Junior Girl – Te Moana Hagley

Swimming Junior Boy – Steelie Hammond

Athletics Awards

Aggregate 3000m, 1500m, 800m

Male - Ambrose Demchy & Matthew Smith

Female - Izybell Graham

Athletics Senior Girl – Una Drayton

Athletics Senior Boy – Mason Richards

Athletics Intermediate Girl – Daisy Soverel

Athletics Intermediate Boy – Ambrose Demchy

Athletics Junior Girl – Izybell Graham/Cheyenne

Muru-Albert

Athletics Junior Boy – Tannar Goff

Waka Ama

3rd Place Plate Final - J19 Crew

Zeb Smith

Tahatika Te Riaki

Kingston Wiari - Te huia

Tiori Arahanga

Tukatahi Goodwin

Tui Wikohika

Shane Muru-Albert

Subject endorsements Level 1:

Aaliyah Dennison: Merit endorsement: Physical Education

Dylan Anderson : Merit Endorsement in Mathematics

Silas McNaught Excellence endorsement in Art

Noah Harto: Merit Endorsement

Physical Education

Santaesjah Wood: Excellence

Endorsement

Physical Education

Maina Gray: Merit

Endorsement

Physical Education

Zeb Smith: Merit

Endorsement

Physical Education

Overall endorsements

Level 1:

Cameron Smith:

Overall

Excellence Endorsement: Subject

endorsements in: PE, SCI, GEO, MATH

Kayla Jordan: Overall Excellence Endorsement:

Subject endorsements in: PFA, SCI, MATH

Brooke Graham: Overall Merit Endorsement:

Subject endorsements in: SCI, MATH

Ella Rowe: Overall Merit Endorsement: Subject

endorsements in: PE

Bella Hohipa: Overall Merit Endorsement:

Subject endorsements in: PE, MATH

Raynadt Botha: overall Excellence: Subjects

endorsements in: MATS, ACC, SCI

Subject endorsements Level 2:

Paige Pearce: Merit endorsement in PE

Sayge Wikohika: Merit endorsement in PE

Ella Hawira: Merit endorsement in Art

Overall endorsements Level 2:



Brianna McKenna: Overall Merit Endorsement:

Subject endorsements in: ART

Korbyn Garland: Overall Excellence

Endorsement: Subject endorsements in: BIO, CHEM

Megan Rollerson: Overall Merit Endorsement:

Subject endorsements in: CHEM, MATH

Jenna Jones: Overall Merit Endorsement:

Subject endorsements in: BIO, MATH

Bo Soverel: Overall Merit Endorsement: Subject

endorsements in: CHEM, PHY

Una Drayton: Overall Excellence Endorsement:

Subject endorsements in: JAP, PHY, MATH

Marama Groot: Overall Excellence

Endorsement: Subject endorsements in: MATH, GEO, PHY, ART

The Ugly Shakespeare Company

Students and staff enjoyed watching the performance of Romeo and Juliet Tuesday morning.

The Ugly Shakespeare Company has a proven record in New Zealand schools, providing consistently high-quality live theatre performances since 1996. For 25 years they have provided accessible, relatable and entertaining shows that take the fear out of Shakespeare. Crediting the students with intelligence, they like to challenge their thinking, present issues that are contextual to their lives, and entertain them at the same time.



Waka Ama

Rotorua turned it on for 26 Ruapehu College students and their team of coaches, mentors, supporters and followers week 8. They took to the waters of Lake Tikitapu to compete in the National Secondary School Waka Ama Championship.

It was a great experience for them all in so many ways on and off the water. The students displayed the College ROCK values and conducted themselves with great sportsmanship. In regards to the competition, the teams performed well and all made it to the finals. There were a few unfortunate mistakes but the end result put simply – was an awesome learning experience. Overall, the teams just got stronger over the course of the week. Congratulations to our U19 boys' team that placed 3rd in the Plate Final.

“On behalf of Ruapehu College, we want to celebrate and thank the dedicated and hardworking team of students, coaches, helpers, parents, and supporters that put in many hours of training, transporting and organizing to get the team of 26 students to the Nationals held at Lake Tikitapu last week. What a beautiful event it was to be part of, everyone loved it! Bring on 2022!” Mrs Sarah Demchy sports coordinator



Place Based Learning for Geography students

Place Based Learning is the process of using the local community and environment as a starting point to teach concepts in subjects across the curriculum.

On Tuesday the 30th of March, year 11 Geography students partook in a field trip to learn about river characteristics. This trip took them to 3 locations along the Mangawhero River to sample river velocity, river profiles and sediment characteristics. Students demonstrated resilience and leadership qualities by being willing to wade into the river and lead aspects of sampling. The teacher made a fine example of how not to walk on slippery rocks. “I enjoyed learning outside the classroom”, Sophie. “Field work was more challenging than I expected”, Joshua. Thanks to Rex Martin for supporting the school in allowing the students to access the river through his property.

On Thursday the 1st of April, Level 2 and 3 Geography students participated in a field trip to Tongariro National park, on the south western slopes of Mt Ruapehu, Ohakune Mountain Road. The purpose of the field trip was for students to experience the research process. Specifically, they collected data on altitudinal zonation, changes in the soil and changes in the level of erosion with increasing altitude. The students showed great initiative and possessed good observational powers. After first learning how to plan research and collect the data the students then took control of their time to fulfil the needs of the trip. The students also demonstrated great resilience in the face of poor weather and simply collaborated well as a team. Putting the purpose of the trip aside, the class, teacher included, bonded well over humour. “We enjoyed our trip to the backyard, but enjoyed the warm comforts of the van better. It was great to make it back, van intact” Cameron, Ray, Emma, Nat and Tayla



SPORTS NOTICES

Here are some important dates to take note of for Term 2

School Cross Country

Thursday 6th May. This is a full school event with competitive races and a fun run.

Whanganui Cross Country

Wednesday 19th May

RAL Ski Passes

These need to be purchased by the end of April to be eligible for the discounted school rate of \$149 if you plan on taking part in school snowsports. Contact RAL on 0800 468 235 or pop in to the Taupo store or at Whakapapa ski area.

Girls Rugby

Trainings Mon/Tues after school with Wayne (may change next term)

Games: Thursdays beginning 10th June (TBC by Whanganui Rugby)

Boys U15/U16 Rugby

First training will be Tuesday 4th May after school with Mr Hart

Games: Wednesdays beginning 9th June (TBC by Whanganui Rugby)

Netball

Is happening next term, more info will follow...

Squash

Training for new and current members will begin next term, watch this space.....



THE BIG BIKE
FILM NIGHT

**We're on a mission -
sharing the best cycling short films from around the world with **you**.**

The Big Bike Film Night 2021

**Powderhorn Chateau
Tuesday 20 April – 7pm**

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