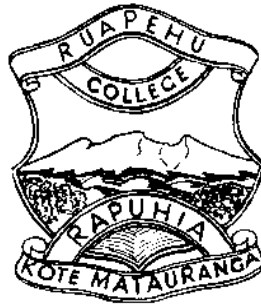


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Newsletter

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Tues 1-2 June	First Aid Course for Year 13 Students
Fri 4 June	Geography & Tourism Rotorua Field Trip
Mon 7 June	Queens Birthday No School
Thurs 10-11 June	Coffee Essentials Level 2
Thurs 17 June	Girls in High Vis Careers Day Event
Fri 18 June	Year 9 Vision and Hearing

School Production

Students have been practising for the upcoming school production "Wheelers Luck" which is a comedy show.

The dates will be advertised closer to the time.



Interwhanau Competition

The interwhanau volleyball competition has been played this week during the 1st and 2nd breaks each day. Students have been encouraged to play for their whanau. Leader Sayge Wikohika said "It has been heaps of fun and students have enjoyed it".



Yr 11 Field Trip

Year 11 enjoyed a day at the National Army Museum Te Mata Toa, in Waiouru last Friday. This is part of the cohort's study of war poetry and their inquiry into the concept of security in general as it relates to New Zealand.

What a treasure we have at our doorstep with this excellent museum. The displays are marvellous. While the museum, naturally, holds many artefacts of the Great War, it dedicates itself to so much more of our history than that one momentous war. Our students were absorbed by stories of battle tactics at Pyes Pa, by New Zealand's involvement in several South East Asian conflicts and they followed the story right through to our recent engagements in Afghanistan and the Middle East. And then there was the mystery parcel, the sad story of a never opened gift.

The library upstairs is really one of the country's best

Leaders

Our leaders this year have been busy organising school sporting and academic interwhanau events, fundraising for the school ball. They are also organising the upcoming 40 hour famine.

Front row: Jenna Jones Prefect, Korbyn Garland Prefect, Head Girl Paige Pearce

Back

Row:
Sayge Wikohika Prefect, Head Boy Connor Halliday.



GrowthNZ Innovation Challenge

A group of Y10 Social Studies students attended the GrowthNZ Innovation Challenge at the Whanganui War Memorial Centre. They were put into groups with students from other schools and assigned an issued facing the primary sector. They then had to come up with solutions eg cleaning up the water ways, bring value back to wool. The group who won consisted of two of our students Kodo Drayton and William Barlow for their idea to keep cattle cool on hot days. The judges were industry leaders.



reading rooms. As a military history resource, it is quite extraordinary.

Our intention was that our students have their interest kindled for the war poetry we are studying this term. We also wanted to ignite some thought about what security means to New Zealanders. I don't think you could visit the National Army Museum Te Mata Toa without considering these things. Mission accomplished.

Our thanks go to Debbie Clunie and her team at the Museum; Linda and Lucy in the library and Tyler and Pipi at reception.

We want to acknowledge the generosity of the Laurenson Trust, without whose assistance this trip would not have been possible.

Miss Keeley and Mr Greene also would like to thank Bubba and her team in the school kitchen for having lunch ready early for us. Mr Saunders for organising the trip and Miss Jaquery for simply coming along.

Pink Shirt Day



As with many places of work around the country, Ruapehu College also acknowledged Bullying Free Week last week, ending the week by taking part in the bullying prevention awareness movement of Pink Shirt Day on Friday. "Sadly, this is an ongoing concern, not just for schools but also other places of work and communities. Last week our assembly and mentoring sessions were spent discussing the reasons behind bullying to identify it and the tools used to help prevent it. As for Pink Shirt Day, not everyone had something pink to wear but the majority of the school made the effort for the cause"

Girls Rugby



The girls played two games in Taupo playing under lights at Owen Delaney Park, the first game against Otorohanga we lost 32 - 24 The second game against Taumarunui we won 46-10. After the games the girls listened to a guest speaker who was an ex Black Fern, she was very inspiring. They then shared a beautiful meal with the other teams.



Netball

The senior girls netball team dominated the court again with another win 36-24 against WCC Tui in Whanganui on the weekend. The junior girls played their first game against Taihape here at the college in the newly formed Central Plateau competition this week winning 42-15. This competition comprises of Ruapehu College, Taumaranui, Turangi and Taihape schools.

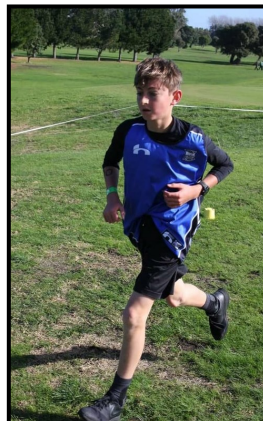
We had a number of our netball girls' trial for the Whanganui U14 and U16 Representative teams.

Congratulations to Megan Botha for making the U16 team; and to Te Moana Hagley and Jahnaia Brown for making the U14 teams.



Whanganui Secondary Schools Cross Country

Well done to both Matthew Smith who was placed 16th and Ambrose Demchy who was placed 17th in the Whanganui Secondary Schools Cross Country last week.



Waimarino Community Band

We wish the Waimarino Community Band all the best at Lindisfarne College in Hastings on the 30th May competing against 20 other bands. Arnav Deepak Ram and William Barlow, both students from Ruapehu College, are members of this band. Arnav plays the drums and percussion and William plays the trombone.

