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**Teacher Only Day**

The next Accord Teacher Only Day for the college will take place on Monday 2nd August 2021.

The focus of this day will be on the Review of Achievement Standards for Level 1 of the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga O Aotearoa.

Therefore please note, the school will be closed for student instruction on this day. Students are encouraged to do some catch-up work or revision for any of their subjects.

**Rural Health Careers Promotion Programme**

As part of a Rural Health Careers Promotion Programme, students undertaking a health science qualification at a range of tertiary training providers across NZ visited the College. Year 9 and 10 students attended the talks which included a presentation and workshops.

The programme is designed to inspire students in rural schools to be the future health professionals we need in our and other rural communities around the country. There is significant evidence which suggests rural people are more likely to return to their rural roots when they graduate. The aim of the programme is to ensure that they are given the confidence, information and encouragement to do so.

Our pupils heard from students studying to be dentists, doctors, pharmacists and nurses. They learnt about subjects that are helpful at school, the different opportunities available to rural students, how long courses were, where the courses are available, different pathways and scholarships to get there.

The visitors commented on how engaged and attentive the College students were and are looking forward to coming back again next year.

**Interwhanau Quiz Results**

OVERALL RESULTS
1. Huia
2. Kiwi
3. Weka
4. Tui

**Re: COVID-19 vaccinations at Ruapehu College.**

As part of the COVID-19 national rollout for group 4 (general population) the Whanganui DHB is offering COVID-19 vaccinations at Te Pae Tata Community Learning Hub for Tauira/Students 16 years and above, Kāiako/Teachers and Kaimahi/Support staff.

This is a great way to help protect our community against COVID-19 and we appreciate your support with this programme.

The COVID-19 vaccination programme consists of 2 vaccinations given at least 3 weeks apart.

The vaccinations will be offered at: Venue: Te Pae Tata Community Learning Hub

DOSE ONE: Date: Tuesday 10th August 2021
Time: To be confirmed

DOSE TWO: Date: Tuesday 7th September 2021
Time: To be confirmed

Informed consent is very important as Tauira/students above 16 years can self-consent along with Kāiako/Teachers and Kaimahi/Support staff.

If whānau would like to support their rangatahi on the day they can also receive the COVID-19 vaccination at the same time. Please let the school office know so extra vaccinations can be allocated.

If whānau DO NOT want their rangatahi/children to receive the COVID-19 vaccination please contact the school office on: Phone: 06 385 8398  Email: office@ruapehu.school.nz and this will be passed on to the School Based Vaccination Coordinator.
**SNOW ACADEMY 2021**

Expressions of interest are now out and we are in the planning stages for our school Snow Academy for 2021.

To be part of this you have to have a season pass, your own gear and you also need to be able to ski or ride from the top to the bottom of the mountain. We can only take 20 students max.

Please record your interest on the forms outside the library, in the gym, or to Miss Wilson.

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**Massey University Visit**

Tania Jahnke visited the College to give an overview of Massey University to year 12 and 13 students. She was also available to answer any questions. This talk was organised as many students are considering or have applied to Massey as a place of study next year or in the future. It has been scheduled before the Open Days next month so they could ask any questions before going on site.

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**Girls with High Vis**

A group of 10 senior girls enjoyed a day out at the Girls with High-Vis event at Tokaanu Power Station last month. The event is all about promoting the roles, career pathways and opportunities in the infrastructure industry for young women. Women only account for 6% of employees in this area. The students heard from the few women employed nationally by Genesis, their current roles, and how they got to where they are today.

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**Wheelers Luck Performance**

Well done to Mr Sims and the cast of Wheeler’s Luck. It was a superb performance with lots of laughter coming from the audience. It is definitely a must see performance. Congratulations to everybody involved.

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**Smokefree Rockquest**

Hiraeth, Violent Attraction and Out of Order, were three bands along with duo act Below Zero, that ventured to Wanganui Opera House to perform in the Whanganui Regionals for Rockquest 2021. From backstage to onstage, the students found the experience incredible. Congratulations to Hiraeth for winning the ZM People’s Choice Award.

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**Waimarino Community Band**

A few weeks ago, Ruapehu College students, Arnav Ram and Will Barlow, played key roles in the successful debut of the Ruapehu Waimarino Band at the Hawkes Bay Band Festival held at Lindisfarne College. There were five criteria assessed and they received silver level for two and bronze level for three and awarded the Bronze level overall. Considering this was the bands first outing they are very pleased with their achievements.

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Sports

Football
The College soccer team played their first game in two years last week. They played against Taumaranui in Taumaranui and won 5-2.

Boys Rugby
The boys rugby team lost 40-33 to Wanganui City College. Congratulations to the following boys' who were selected for the Whanganui Boys Under 14 Development Camp: Dayton Muru-Albert Jim Rowe Steeline Hammond Te Orangi Te Riaki

Girls Rugby
Congratulations to the following Girls' who were selected for the Whanganui Girls Under 18 upcoming tournament in Taranaki: Ella Hawira Hye-le Wihare-Hansen Reihana McFadyen Malena Hawira Ruby Pearce

Netball
The junior girls Central Plateau Netball Competition. The final score for the Ruapehu College game was 30 -24. So that makes Ruapehu College the overall winners of the Central Plateau Netball Competition.

The senior girls netball team won against Wanganui Intermediate 32 to 17.

Squash
A number of College students have been playing in a variety of Squash Competitions recently. The Junior Princes Series tournament, hosted by Ohakune Squash, saw division wins form Maraea Buckingham, Archie Mills and Cameron Smith.

An Interclub tournament sees the College team of Jayden Bailey, Grace Burnard, Liam Burnard and Harry Rowe at the top of the leader board after four of the ten rounds played.

Jayden Bailey, Grace Burnard and Liam Burnard recently played in the Central Juniors competition. Congratulations to Jayden winning U17 Boys title and runner up of U19 Boys, and Grace winning U17 Girls title and placing third in U19 Girls. They will both head to New Plymouth in the school holidays to play in the North Island Junior Age Group competition.

Tournament competitions
Many of our students have been entering into squash tournaments locally and around the North Island, over the past few months with some excellent results. This past weekend saw nine of our college squash players enter into the Ohakune B and below tournament with some excellent squash being played. Congratulations to Will Barlow runner up Boys J Grade Div 2, Matty Smith winner J grade Div 1, Raynardt Botha runner up J grade Div 1, Maraea Buckingham runner up Div 4 and now in E Grade, Grace Burnard winner Ladies Div 2 and Jayden Bailey winner Mens Div 2.

Secondary School Squash Nationals
Ruapehu college are sending a boys and a girls team to this event in Tauranga in August and the teams are training hard for this.