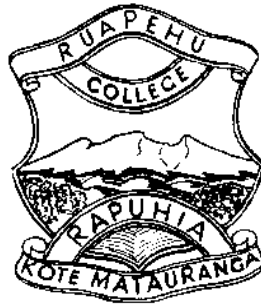


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Newsletter

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Newsletter 11—17 Sept 2021

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Mon 27 -Thurs 30 Sept	Senior Examinations
Thurs 30 Sept	MCAT Examination Year 9 Vision Testing Board of Trustees Meeting
Fri 1 Oct	Last Day of Term 3
Mon 18 Oct	Term 4 Begins

College at Level Two

At Alert Level 2 there is a very low risk of community transmission, however, there are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow, therefore refer to the table below. You can also view any updated information by clicking on the Covid link on our website.

Ruapehu College Alert Level 2 Guidelines for Parents and Caregivers

Topic	Notes	Other Information
School is open	It is safe for all children and students to attend school.	Anyone who has been advised by health authorities to remain at home while they wait for their COVID-19 test results must stay home.
Daily schedule	The school will start and finish at the same time with the same bell times.	Your child will follow their normal timetable.
Feeling unwell	Follow normal procedures by contacting the school office to inform absence due to being unwell.	A medical certificate is required for illness longer than five days.
Hygiene	Hand sanitiser at the entry to classrooms and in shared spaces where available. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands available in all bathrooms.	Washing and drying hands with soap, coughing and sneezing into one's elbow are still the most effective hygiene measure.
Physical distancing	Physical distancing is not a requirement in schools.	We will do our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces ventilated.
Face masks	Face coverings are not required to be worn in school.	The decision to wear a face-covering is up to you and your whānau, whatever your decision it will be supported.

School cleaning	Hand sanitiser, disinfectant and wipes are available in all classrooms. Hand soap and paper towels in bathrooms.	A clean and disinfect of high-touch surfaces will be part of the daily clean at the end of each day.
Buses	Buses will run as normal. Masks are not required on school transport.	The school will be responsible for maintaining a school bus register.
School gatherings and events	Whole school assemblies or gatherings will not take place during Level 2.	Gatherings will either be split into year groups or junior and senior groups. Non-essential events have been cancelled or postponed.
Lunchtime dining	Dining tables will be spread out in the hall as much as practical. Dining will be staggered into junior and senior groups. This will be reviewed regularly.	Food prepared on-site and any suppliers will meet all health and safety requirements.
Essential visitors only	All essential visitors must scan or sign in. Unless necessary, parents are asked to phone or email the school instead of physically coming on site.	The following people are considered essential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivery people - Trades and contractors - Health and Social Services

Senior Examination Timetable for week 10 starting Monday 27 September - Thursday 30 September.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning (09.00 - 11.00)	Mathematics L1 Chemistry L2 Music L3 Drama L3	Health L1 Mathematics L2 Geography L3	Science L1 Geography L2 Statistics L3	MCAT Catch Ups
Afternoon (12.00 - 15.00)	English L3 Geography L1 Biology L2 PFA L1	English L1 Calculus L3 Health L2 Physics L2	Physics L3 Biology L3 English L2	Catch Ups

Information on NCEA

You may have already heard on the News or on social media that NZQA have made some changes to NCEA for this year because of the Covid lockdown.

1. The NCEA external examinations have been put back two weeks and will now start on Monday 22 November and finish by 10 December for you. A new timetable is attached to this email.

2. Learning Recognition. The Government has decided that students disrupted by 16 days of COVID-19 lockdown this year will be eligible to receive Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs) at a rate of 1 LRC per 5 credits achieved through assessment, up to a cap of 8 LRCs at NCEA Level 1, and 6 LRCs and Levels 2 and 3.

3. The MCAT Examination for year 11 students will now be the morning of Thursday 30 September.

4. There are some changes with Visual Art Portfolios and Mrs Stuckey will inform students as applicable.

5. There are some changes for DVC students and Mr Darmody will inform students as applicable.

More information: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/>



Ruapehu College Library

Ruapehu College students now have access to an eBook and audiobook library thanks to our amazing friends at Wheelers who have gifted us free access until 26th November 2021.

Ball Photos

Thanks you to Barbara van der Woerd from B Photography NZ for the photos of the ball. You can still download them by going to Barbara's website.

Here is the link: <https://bphotographyconz.queensberryworkspace.com/rockball2021>

Password is rock

People can download the images in 4 different sizes if they wish, for free, or purchase prints/ framed prints/ canvases from the site, or they can feel free to contact her.

Congratulations to the following girls nominated for the Whanganui U15 & U18 Girls trials.

Under 18

Maina Gray
Paige Pearce
Ella Hawira
Reihana Mc Fadyen
Santaesjah Wood

Under 15 Girls

Hye-le Wihare Hansen
Malena Hawira
Te Moana Hagley
Ruby Pearce



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Squash

At the end of July a number of our students participated in Central District Graded Superchamps across the central region which coincided with the school ball weekend. The best results were the F grade mens team including Cameron Smith, Harry Rowe and Mathew Smith whom won the F Grade mens title which enables them to compete in the National Superchamps competition at the end of September. This is a great achievement for this team who will be very competitive in the national competition. Grace Burnard was apart of the winning C grade ladies team representing Tararua club (as Ohakune club were unable to field a team this year).

Ruapehu College had both a Boys and Girls team travel away to Tauranga from the 5-8th August to compete in the New Zealand Secondary School Nationals, held at the Devoy Squash Courts. This Nationals event there were 52 teams of Squash players there to represent their respective Colleges from across the country. Most Colleges present were much larger schools from big centres with high rolls, so it is impressive that our small College could field both a boys and a girls team. Special thanks to both Ruapehu College and Ohakune Squash Club for their efforts working together to make this possible, and especially John Laurenson for his years of service ensuring this is an opportunity for our young players. This nationals event showcases top level talented Junior Squash players from A grade down through to J Grade. Each team can be made up of 5-7 players, with 5 playing in each round.

Ruapehu Girls Squash team consisted of 7 girls; Grace Burnard, Sayge Wikohika, Emma Burnard, Maraea Buckingham, Libby Graham, Brooke Graham, non travelling reserve Bella Hohipa and coached by Lauren Wikohika. The team were 11th seed and held onto this which was huge, not only the physical side but the mental game of team squash is tough you're not only playing for yourself you're in a team of 5.

The Ruapehu College Boys Squash consisted of 7 boys; Jayden Bailey, Liam Burnard, Harry Rowe, Cameron Smith, Matthew Smith, Raynardt Botha, and non travelling reserve Archie Mills coached by Emma Rowe. Going into the National Tournament the boys were seeded at 24th out of 32 boys teams. Overall for the event, the team had a first round loss,

backed up by 4 team wins is a fantastic result and secured the team the Ross Norman Plate. Two of their games televised on Sky Sport Next with their supporters able to cheer from their living rooms. These boys are to be commended on their improving skill level, but also their very level heads to contend at this level in tense matches. These boys are a young team, and we look forward to seeing them continue to develop next year and work on the goals that they have all set.

A special thank you to our coaches Emma Rowe and Lauren Wikohika plus supporting parents Andrew Burnard and Craig and Tia Buckingham.

Photos of F grade men who played in Pahiatua at the Tararua Club and the whole travelling secondary school team plus the plate winners.

