

# Newsletter

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## Student Council

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to represent their year group on the student council:

Year 13 is Raynardt Botha Year 12 is Veronica Hays Year 11 is Tarn Hoyle Year 10 is Liam Burnard Year 9 is Mica Hoyle

## New Boiler System

The two Austrian made wood pellet boilers are being fitted and commissioned currently, by New Zealand company Aquaheat and overseas engineers.

They are housed in two 40 foot shipping containers and have a capacity for over 50 tonnes of pellet fuel.

They weigh just over 8 tonnes and were delivered to site by Owens Transport and placed into position using a crane from Ohakune Engineering.

They should be operational when we return to school at the end of April.

Wed 13 April	ANZAC Ceremony Information Evening 6pm	
Thurs 14 April	Last Day of Term One Term Two Begins	
Mon 2 May		

#### Mount Ruapehu Season Passes

Students that are wanting to purchase a discounted season pass need to either go to Whakapapa or Taupo offices. Or contact RAL by phone or through their website 'contact us' form. The offer is open until the 30th April. Please say you are a student from Ruapehu College.

# Raetihi-Ohakune Rotary Club Donation

Te Moana Hagley and Haeley Perkins-Tamatea, who were both selected for representative netball teams, each received \$250 worth of petrol vouchers from Phyl Cameron on behalf of the Raetihi-Ohakune Rotary Club. They were very grateful for

grateful for the donation and we wish them the best.



# Athletics Day

Due to the unprecedented number of extended absences over the last few weeks, we have made the difficult decision to not hold the Athletics day next week.



This decision was made to reduce further impact to students learning and senior assessments being completed at this crucial part of the term.



## Mathematical Acceleration and eXtension - MAX

Congratulations to Una Drayton who has been selected to take part in Mathematical Acceleration and eXtension - MAX. We would like to thank the Raetihi-Ohakune Rotary Club and the Laurenson Trust for sponsoring her.

About the MAX programme

As a MAX student she will study algebra, analysis, applied mathematics and combinatorics. Una will learn how to write abstract mathematical proofs, create models to study real-life situations, and use MATLAB to generate gorgeous visualizations.

MAX students take MATHS 199 Advancing in Mathematics, which is jointly taught by the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Engineering Science from the University of Auckland.



#### Whanganui Secondary School Athletics Competition Results

1st 1st 1st 1st 1st 1st 1st	Karaitiana Horne Sam Rowe Zai Tuipea Hawira Katene Jaydis Hammond Taniora Taitumu Taniora Taitumu	JG JB JB IB IB IB	3000m 3000m Shotput High Jump Discus Javelin High Jump
2nd 2nd 2nd	James Tweeddale Bree Tweeddale Jaydis Hammond	JB IG IB	3000m Discus Shotput
3rd 3rd 3rd 3rd 3rd 3rd	Karaitiana Horne Izybel Graham Connor Anderson Sam Rowe Jaydis Hammond	JG JG JB JB IB	1500m 800m 1500m High Jump High Jump

#### **Drivers Licence**

As some of you know the college offers the opportunity to sit your Learners licence through a STAR programme that we run.



How it works?

You must be 16 or coming up to your 16th birthday in the month before a potential test date.

1 You pay \$50 to the office towards 3-4 lessons and the actual test cost. The rest is subsidised by the college.

2. Once you have paid your \$50 you must provide a receipt to Mrs Phillips in the Gateway, Careers and STAR office (now near the counsellor's office) - or, ask the office to confirm the payment via email to gateway@ruapehu.school.nz

3. Let Nan Rauna know that you have paid your \$50. She will tell you when the next lot of lessons are (usually one hour, one afternoon after school in the Ag room). You will need to organise your own transport home.

4. Once you have completed the 3-4 lessons, Nan Rauna will take you to either Taihape or Taumarunui to sit the test. She will give you these details when you attend the lessons.

If you have not paid your \$50 you cannot do the lessons or test. There are usually 1-2 courses of lessons per term depending on numbers.

If you have any questions you can see Mrs Phillips or Nan Rauna.



#### **First Aid Courses**

As part of the St John Waimarino Area Committee's Community Health and Well Being portfolio,

Year 13 students were again offered the opportunity to complete a Basic First Aid Course for free this year.

The initiative is to help boost the skills of young people in the area and is a beneficial addition to their CV's for further study or potential employment. The course was enjoyed by all. A special thank you to the Waimarino Area Committee for the opportunity and to the St John tutor Tina Marshall for the practical and essential life saving skills learned.

## **Outdoor First Aid**

It has been a couple of weeks of first aiding skills. Year 13 students were also part of a Outdoor First Aid course as part of a STAR programme. In conjunction with the basic





first aid course students are now equipped to also do First Aid in an Outdoor environment.

Given the area we live in and the many outdoor activities undertaken here the skills will put the students in good stead to help someone should the need arise. The course taught students to be aware of their environment and how preparation, communication and team work are helpful in a first aid situation. The course certification enables students to use it in the pursuit of many related career pathways, either in terms of further study or future employment. Thank you to Peak Safety for their work in bringing the course to us and to the tutors for their engaging and fun lessons.

#### **School Sports**

#### Rugby

Boys and Girls rugby both train Mondays after school.

Well done to the girls rugby team who played Taumarunui last week and won 30-10 and 25-5.

#### Basketball

After a great turnout at the muster we are able to put forward a junior boys basketball team Justice Hiri has kindly given his time to coach and the boys will need to show commitment at trainings over the next few weeks to be selected for the team.

Basketball train Tuesday after school

#### Netball

We are looking for girls interested in joining the developing year 9 and 10 team. This is for students who are new to netball or have played before and are keen to develop their skills further, this competition is between Ruapehu, Taumaranui, Tongaririo and Taihape and runs for 7 weeks during term 2 with games played Tuesdays after school starting 17 May.

Netball training will be Thursday after school.

#### **Rippa Rugby**

Well done to the girls who travelled to Whanganui last week to play rippa rugby.

