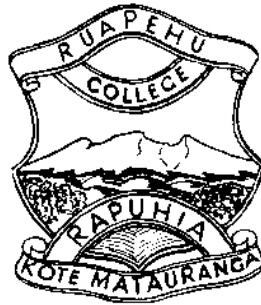


# RUAPEHU COLLEGE



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## Newsletter

Ruapehu College, at the heart of our community and the college of choice, making a mountain of difference in learning and for life.

Newsletter 3—18 May 2022

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Thurs 19 May	School Cross Country.
Fri 20 May	Teacher Only Day
Mon 6 June	Queens Birthday Holiday
Thurs 9 June	Junior 3 Way- Conferencing
Wed 6 July	Senior Parent Teacher Evening to replace the one missed in Term 1
Tues 24 June	Matariki Holiday

### Book Club

The student led Book Club have received their much anticipated copy of *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay, and are looking forward to the discussions to come.

If you would like to support our students with the procurement of books, donations can be made directly to the Ruapehu College account 02-0712-0067393-00 using reference BOOKCLUB, and please keep an eye out for fundraising events coming up.

### Inter-school Motorcross

Congratulations to Karaitiana Horne who came away with a win in the y9-y13 women's class at the King of the Schools, Inter-school Motorcross event.



She battled against older girls on more powerful bikes to gain the title. She also raced against the boys in the 12-16 85cc class and qualified in an impressive 4th place, but after some unfortunate crashes still came away with a respectable 8th place in that class.

### School Uniform

Purchasing uniform items can now be done online through the link on Ruapehu College website or by using this link <https://ruapehucollege.nzuniforms.com/> Please also check the school office as some items are still available from our uniform store onsite.

# RUAPEHU COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

The Afternoon of  
May the 19th



Cross country for the whole school,  
Competitive races and  
Non Competitive

WSS Inter School  
Cross Country is held  
in Whanganui on the  
24th of May



### New Staff

We are very lucky to welcome Mrs Rachael Houlihan to our school for Term Two.

Mrs Houlihan lives in our area and is a keen skier. She is teaching English.



### Year 13 Geography Field Trip

The purpose of the trip was to investigate the sustainable practices of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts within the context of Tongariro National Park. The field trip involved collecting the perspectives of different stakeholders - RAL, DOC, Iwi, locals and recreational users - in terms of how sustainability looks on Mount Ruapehu. Taking a trip to the ski field before the season helped the students to visualise first-hand the impacts and efforts of RAL to preserve and protect the unique environmental characteristics of Mount Ruapehu.

As noted by one of the respondents to the survey, "The ski areas in TNP provide amazing access to the National Park for all walks of life. RAL works together with DOC, Iwi and others to act as kaitiaki for the park. Any infrastructure is approved as part of the ski area section of the TNP management plan and whilst you could argue that the park would be 'cleaner' without any infrastructure at all, it would then no longer be as accessible to all. It is a unique situation for sure."







## School Lunches

Introducing our wonderful school lunch team for 2022, Bubba Wall, Christiane Te Riaki and Te Matauranga Muru who are making our wonderful student lunches.

The new menus for term two are on our Facebook page and website.

## BLAKE Inspire 2022

This year Una Drayton was invited to attend the BLAKE Inspire programme with other young environmental leaders. BLAKE Inspire is a week-long residential leadership development programme in partnership with the Ministry for the Environment held in Waikato during the school holidays.



## Sports update

**Jnr Boys Bball:** Coached by Justice Hiri, trainings: Mondays at 5pm

**Whanganui Netball team:** Coached by Benji Maraku, trainings: Wednesdays at 5pm

**Central Plateau Netball team:** Coached by Miss Bam, trainings will be on Mondays after school, beginning week one term two

**Girls Rugby:** Coached by Wayne Te Huia, trainings are Mondays and Tuesdays after school

**Boys U16 Rugby:** Coached by Whare Te Riaki & Fraser Hammond, trainings are Mondays and Tuesdays after school

**Football mixed, all ages:** Coached by Mr Darmody, trainings will be on Wednesdays after school, beginning week one term two with a muster/signup day.

## Girls with Hi Vis

Girls with Hi Vis event, in partnership with Connexis! Genesis host this event to spark curiosity and foster connection into the roles, career pathways and opportunities in the energy sector.

This day will hold value for young women whether they plan to go into the trades, law, finance, human resources, communications, environmental management and so many things in between - we'll share the interconnectedness of all the roles that make up our business.

There are 8 places available - first in first served. Priority will be given to students who have not attended previously. Please respond to this email to express your interest or see Mrs Phillips in the Gateway office.



**Otiwhiti Station Land Based Training Agricultural School**





### OPEN DAY INVITATION

**Date:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2022  
**Time:** 9am - 12 noon  
 Cadet tours will start from 9am and at 10.30am  
 Break for morning tea and a chat  
 Tours will continue till 11.30 then finish at 12pm

Please call or email Noeline to register your interest  
 Toll free 0508 872 466  
[noeline@landbasedtraining.co.nz](mailto:noeline@landbasedtraining.co.nz)

*Directions:*  
 1. 4744 Turakina Valley Road, Rd 2 Hunterville  
 2. Turn into the main street of Hunterville - Bruce Street  
 3. Follow this road out of town, take no left turns  
 4. Go over 3 one-way bridges, then take the first driveway on the right  
 5. Otiwhiti and Otari School share a driveway. It is signposted 'Otiwhiti Station'  
 6. If using a GPS - get to Hunterville then put the address into the GPS; otherwise, you will spend an extra hour getting to the station.

*Call (06) 322 8486 if you need further directions on the day  
 Applications for the 2023 intake close: 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022*



## YEAR 11, 12 & 13 GIRLS

Wednesday 15 June Tokaanu  
 Power Station 9am-3pm  
 transport provided



# GIRLS WITH HI-VIS®

See Mrs Phillips in the Gateway office to sign up or email [gateway@ruapehu.school.nz](mailto:gateway@ruapehu.school.nz)



## Level 2 Coffee Course

15 NCEA Level Two students had the opportunity to take part in a 2-day course discovering the wonderful world of coffee in the rewarding industry of Hospitality.

The course is a taster at training to make coffee and the basic skills required. All students got plenty of hands-on experience on the espresso machines, making coffee while learning about the history and bean production.

It was a fun filled, action packed 2 days with Tutors from Palmerston North and Matamata (Industry Training Solutions) showing and developing student's awareness and desire to make a great flat white, latte or mocha. The smell of coffee wafted throughout the school and teased the taste buds of staff and students.

Thank you to STAR who funded this course for our students.



## Year 12 Geography

On Monday, the 11th of May, a group of intrepid Year 12 Geography students ventured out onto the misty slope of Mount Ruapehu to investigate changes in vegetation, soil, and erosion with increasing altitude. Many measurements were taken. Many good observations were made.

The students of Ruapehu College are truly blessed when it comes to the spectacular Geography that lies just beyond the schoolyard. As a teacher, it was very rewarding to see the students take ownership of the project. The data collected will support them in the completion of a research-based assessment about altitudinal zonation. Beyond, an appreciation of the natural forces that continually shape the National Park.



## The Lila Pakinga Scholarship

The Lila Pakinga scholarship has been established to acknowledge the efforts of the late Lila Pakinga in advocating for the natural environment in the Ngāti Rangi rohe and her passion for the education of young people. Lila is affiliated to Ngāti Rangi iwi and has been a key part of the relationship with Genesis Energy.

The objective of the scholarship is to support our whānau to ensure they have every opportunity to be successful in their education while at Ruapehu College and is valued at \$1,000.

Pictured is Matariki Ranginui with his new camera purchased through the scholarship.





## Science Waterways

Year 11 students had the opportunity to investigate the health of the Mangawhero Awa last week. They were joined by representatives from Horizons Regional Council, Ngati Rangi and Ruapehu Alpine Lifts.

Students were involved in activities to help them understand the science approaches used by people when monitoring river health. Students will use this information to write a response for an NCEA assessment this week.



## ENVIRO CLUB

**MEETING EVERY 2 WEEKS.**

**SIGN UP IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND WANT TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL/COMMUNITY.**

**SIGN UP SHEET IN THE LIBRARY.**

## Whanganui Netball Team

Our netball girls are off to a great start to the season with a 33-22 win over the WHS A2 team today. They also won all three games they played last weekend at open day



## Junior Boys Basketball

Our Junior Boys Basketball team had a good win tonight. After a close game with Collegiate the score was 25-24 keep up the good Mahi boys!







The Seniors of 2022 Present  
**A Starry Night**

2022 Senior Ball

Saturday

**30th of July**

7pm - 11pm

Ruapehu College Hall  
30 Tainui Street, Ohakune

Tickets \$50





**YEARS 11, 12 & 13**

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTOR SKI & SNOWBOARD**

**TRAINING & EXAM**

See Mrs Phillips in the Gateway office to register your interest or email [gateway@ruapehu.school.nz](mailto:gateway@ruapehu.school.nz)

Turoa, 5 days training, starting Monday 11 July 2022.

Exam begins, second week of school holidays starting Monday 19 July 2022.

NB. This is the school holidays.

**Manawatu STEM & Health Experience**

Wednesday 1st June

Registrations are now open for the STEM and Health Experience Day 2022 at Massey University on Wednesday 1st June.

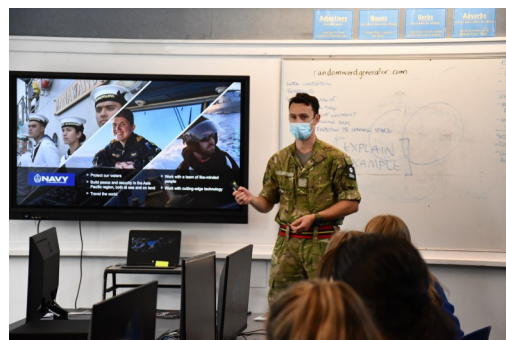
Open to Year 12 and 13 students, this will be a showcase of Massey University's unique offerings in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Health subjects.

From 10.35am (registration from 10.15am) to 2pm students can participate in interactive workshops by our stellar academics.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/manawatu-stem-health-experience-day-2022-registration-320442210277>

**Career Talks**

Career events are starting to take place, and the Defence Force have already visited to discuss possible careers with students. Please check out the College Facebook page for upcoming events.



**Mufti Day**

The College would like to thank the community for their contribution in support for the people of Ukraine. Alongside the students efforts on the last day of Term 1, the college will be making a donation of \$700 on behalf of the community to the Ukraine



**Level 1 Instructor Certification**

This is a Gateway programme, with limited spaces, for students who are very competent skiers or snowboarders, to apply for. Last year four students completed the programme and gained their Level 1 Instructor certification.

The qualification is recognised internationally and can be used to work at ski resorts all over the world. Some of the students who completed the course and exam are set to work as ski instructors for RAL during the upcoming ski season. Please see attached poster for more information.



If you are interested please come and chat to Mrs Phillips or send me an email outlining why you think you would be a suitable candidate. The programme is worth 20+credits.