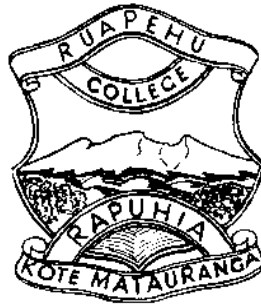


# RUAPEHU COLLEGE



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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.

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Fri 4 Nov	Senior Prizegiving
Sat 5 Nov	PFA Concert Presentation
Mon 7 Nov	NZQA Examinations Begin
Wed 9 Nov	Junior Conferencing (3 way)
Thurs 17 Nov	Cultural Festival
Mon 21 Nov	Teacher Accord Day
Tues 22 Nov	Junior Exam Week Begins
Thurs 24 Nov	Year 9 Science Field Trip
Fri 25 Nov	Year 9 Science Field Trip Rural Health Careers Talk
Sat 26 Nov-Fri Dec 2	Leadership Camp (Great Barrier)
Mon 28 Nov-Fri 2 Dec	Year 9 Business and Industry Week
Tues 29 Nov- Thurs 1 Dec	Year 10 Camp
Mon 5 Dec- Thurs 8 Dec	Year 10 Business and Industry week Year 9 Activities Week
Fri 9 Dec	Junior Prize giving

### Senior Prizegiving

We invite our community and whanau to come and celebrate the achievements of our Senior Students.

Ruapehu College Hall  
Friday 4 November.  
Please be seated by 12pm

Refreshments to follow.

### University Scholarships

Congratulations to Una Drayton who has been awarded five school-leavers scholarships.



The University of Canterbury:  
UC Hiranga Scholarship  
(\$5,000 for one year)

UC Auaha Scholarship  
(\$5,000 for one year)

Aruhiko - Power Engineering Excellence Trust Scholarship (\$3,000 for 1 year)

The Lines Company Inspiring Local Minds Scholarship is \$2,000 per year for up to 3 years.

The Edna Waddel Undergraduate Scholarship for Women in Technology and Engineering. It is \$5,000 for one year and there is up to 6 available each year.

### University Scholarships

Congratulations to Kayla Jordan who has received the Te Paewai o te Rangī: The University of Waikato Scholarship for Outstanding Academic



Achievement was established to contribute to the University's Vision of achieving excellence, distinctiveness and international connectedness.

### Board of Trustees Student Representative

Congratulations to Harry Rowe who was elected as the new Board of Trustees Student Representative. Thank you to Cameron Smith our outgoing Student Representative.



### Junior 3 Way Conferencing

Wednesday 9 November  
Starts at 9am

Parents will be sent an email to contact their child's mentor to make a time to meet in the school hall. We will also email out the Diploma of Learning report for parents to look at before the meeting.

During this meeting, parents can discuss their child's subject choices for next year.

### Teacher Only Day

Monday 21  
November

There will be no students at school on this day.

Teachers will be off-site for professional development working on the new NCEA standards.

## Year 9 Activities Week

Information on the year 9 activities week has been given out to students. Please read through this info and discuss your child's selections with them.

The activities week will be held in the last week of term from Monday 5th - Thursday 8th of December and is compulsory for all year 9 students to be involved in.

This year will involve a mixture of optional activities and whole year 9 activities including, rock climbing, mountain biking, caving, mini putt, trampoline park, tenpin bowling, hot pools, Taupo trip, Ruatiti Domain day trip, year 9 competitions and Christmas lunch.



The cost for each activity range in price with a number available for free.

This week is about strengthening relationships, developing interpersonal skills, confidence and self-efficacy. It will be a great way for students to celebrate their hard work throughout the year and to finish the year on a high. Please check the Facebook page or the permission form for all the details of this activities week.

## Leadership Camp

There will be 20 senior students attending a leadership camp on Great Barrier Island from 26 November until the 2 of December. The cost of the camp has increased over the years but, with the help of the Hillary Step Scholarship and the Laurenson Trust we have been able to keep costs low for our students.

Students will be participating in a variety of activities including coasteering, snorkelling, sea kayaking, surf kayaking, raft building and much more.

There will also be a hike and an overnight stay during the week.

Being a leadership camp, all activities are designed so that students acquire leadership skills and qualities so they can confidently step up and lead by example.



## Year 10 Camp Information

Year 10 camp will run from Tuesday 29 November until Thursday 1 December. This is the first camp since Covid and we are excited to be able to provide the opportunity for all year 10 students staying at Raketepauma Marae near Irirangi.

Part of the Year 10 Camp initiative by embracing Mātauranga Māori is to introduce students to the natural environment and to encourage them to reflect on their place in the wider world.

This will involve giving students a better understanding of themselves, other people and the wider natural environment.

Understanding this connectedness to the taiao/resource, we will be learning and setting foundations in preparation for NCEA Level One.



Over the 3 days students will take part in making haangi, hunting, weaving/mahi toi, haka, learning history, visiting Rotokura and Tokaanu hot pools, a hikoi/tramp around koro and star gazing. All of this will be delivered by local people and iwi.

## Business Week

Weeks 7 and 8 will see the inaugural Business Industry programme for Year 9 and 10 students respectively. In each of these weeks students will have the opportunity to learn more about potential Career pathways.

The week will include various practical activities, outdoor education, and interactive careers sessions with businesses and professionals. This is an opportunity for students to find out more about different types of jobs and careers they may be interested in.

The Careers sessions will allow for Q&A interaction so students can find out exactly what a job is like day to day as well as what subjects or experience may be required to help them get a foot in the door. The College is appreciative of the community support for this venture.

## Performing Arts Concert

Come and join the Performing Arts Department as our students perform a selection of original music, and farewell our Year 13's, at the Raetihi Theatre Royal this Saturday night.

Entry is by koha/donation.  
Please be seated by 7pm.

## Sports Breakfast Awards

To all of our coaches & volunteers. Sport would not happen in our school and community if we did not have individuals like yourselves that are willing to give up your time to invest in our young people.

Our coaches and volunteers often have to take time off work and miss out on time with their own families to be able to dedicate that time to our students.

Sometimes this can be incredibly rewarding, other times it may feel like a thankless task!

Many hours are spent preparing, showing up at training, travelling to games, organising in the background, driving vans, being a supporter, counsellor and mentor.

So much goes into taking a sports team and for this, we are incredibly grateful, as well as fortunate to have so many people in our community willing to do this.

So today, we want to honour and celebrate you and take the time to tell you how thankful we are.

To our students.

We want to recognise our student's hard-work on & off the sports field through our character and commitment awards.

We celebrate our students for their involvement in a variety of sporting codes this year and recognise students who have shown strong character and/or commitment during the course of their season. These may not be the top performers but, they are students who have had a great attitude, participated highly in all aspects and contributed strongly to their team.

We have chosen the words character and commitment for these awards as these are key attributes to helping a team be successful. When we have more students showing the character and commitment required, the more successful sport at Ruapehu College will be.

This year our Character & Commitment Awards:

### **Volleyball:**

During term one, we had 2 teams travelling on alternate weeks to Whanganui, a Junior and Senior team. Both of these teams were made up of some very talented players and they all represented the College exceptionally

well throughout this tournament. Our senior team finished first equal.

Volleyball Coach-Angi Helliwell Junior Character & Commitment-Azlian Wall who had a great attitude throughout, was highly committed to games and trainings and was a great role model to others.

Senior Character & Commitment-Cameron Smith who showed great leadership, attitude and attendance every week with trainings.

### **Central Plateau Netball:**

This was the 2nd year of a new initiative to encourage and grow netball locally. This competition is a great showcase of local talent in the wider Ruapehu area. This competition gives opportunity to develop some of our other junior netballers in the school .

Netball coach- Angi Helliwell.

Netball Central Plateau Certificates. Character & Commitment Maia Allen- Showed great commitment throughout the whole season and was always open to learning new skills.

Character & Commitment Macy Anderson – who always had a great attitude towards her team mates and a great commitment to her team.

### **Netball Whanganui Team:**

This was a big season for these girls. From the opening day grading tournament, they showed their excellent skill level and were the top of the secondary school grade. They went on to play in the Premier 2 Women's grade which was a huge feat in itself as they were the only school team in this grade. No Ruapehu College Netball team has achieved this before. What that meant was that every week was a hard fight. There were no easy games. Well done to those girls for pushing through a tough season showing your talent and skill level. Benji Maraku who was the main coach this year has put in a lot of effort and hard work with this team which is evident in the way this team performed. Cressida Pue also coached along side Benji and her effort and commitment is greatly appreciated.

Netball - Whanganui Team Coaches Benji Maraku and Cressida Pui Character & Commitment awarded to Sarah Herewini - Giving 100% on the court and would play anywhere without hesitation.

### **Netball Representatives:**

Well done to the girls that made it into their respective Whanganui Rep Teams:

U18 Reps  
Megan Botha

U16 Reps  
Te Moana Hagley  
Paige Perkins-Topine  
Haeley Perkins-Tamatea

U15 Reps  
Jahnaia Brown

### **Snowsports:**

This year was a struggle for our mountain. Sadly our snow academy only got up the Maunga twice and no secondary schools snow competitions managed to take place.

We want to mention an individual that showed all the traits we are here to celebrate. This young lady took it upon herself to enter herself into the Cadrona NZ Nationals when the competitions were not happening in our area. She organised her fundraising, sorted her own itinerary and presented it to us at school even booking her own flights. Her drive to pursue her goal of competing in her chosen sport was impressive.

Snowsports Award goes to Isla Thompson

### **Motocross:**

This isn't a traditional sport in our school, but this young lady definitely needs to be celebrated as her achievements in motocross are outstanding.

In her most recent efforts at the NZ Junior Champs in New Plymouth, she finished 1st in the Junior Girls & 8th in the mixed grade against the boys! She then went to Australia to compete in the Australian Junior Title. She was the fastest qualifier and was sitting in 3rd until she had bike malfunctions. These are only some of her recent achievements and are worth celebrating as they show her character and commitment in her chosen sport.

Motocross Character & Commitment Karaitiana Horne

**Football:**

This team of soccer players has been a very committed group of students over the last few years, having continuously trained with very little game time with all of the interruptions the last few years have brought. This year, it was a different story they got to travel away to Taupo, Taumarunui and Piopio as well as host games here. It was great to see this dedicated group of students getting the opportunity to play the sport they love.

Football Coach Mr Mick Darmody.

Character and Commitment award Elaina Beukes: She always attends training, is enthusiastic and works hard to improve.

Character & Commitment award for Jordi Demchy: She is always at training, shows a positive attitude, listens and tries to apply what she is being advised. As a result has improved greatly as a player.

**Basketball:**

It was really exciting we were able to re-instate a school basketball team this year.

Under the guidance of Justice Hiri as their coach they played in the Friday night basketball league in Whanganui. The boys commitment and attitudes to trainings was impressive. We are looking forward to seeing this team continue to progress next year. Well done boys for working hard at trainings and games this season.

Character & Commitment Zai Tuipea- Dedicated and committed to his team, always giving 100% and showing a great attitude throughout.

Character & Commitment. Tuharaki Wallace-Mcleod - a great attitude and always supportive of his team. Tuharaki showed leadership beyond his years.

**Squash:**

This year we had a lot of new students take up squash and many competing in the club competitions. We had a boys and a girls team compete at the Secondary schools Nationals in Auckland. Our boys team finished in 14th place and our girls in 9th spot in the plate division. Many larger schools don't have enough squash players to take two teams to this event, so for a small school, this is a great result.

A big thank you to Emma Rowe, Andrew Burnard, Tia Buckingham and Conrad Smith who travelled with the team for Nationals and the many parents that helped in the background.

Lastly a huge thank you to Matthew Laurenson who has taken on coaching our school team this year and was responsible for organising the nationals team that went away.

Character & Commitment Matthew Smith - showed huge commitment attending all trainings and always bringing a cheerful attitude. Matthew is always positive on and off the court in success and defeat.

Character & Commitment Bella Hohipa - Bella has shown excellent commitment to the girls squash team. She always rallied the team together for trainings and made sure everyone was having fun. Always with a positive and uplifting attitude.

Character & Commitment Cameron Smith - Cameron showed huge commitment this year, always attending trainings. Cameron was always the first to not only congratulate his team but the opposition as well. He was often awarded the fair play award at secondary schools.

**Squash rep students**

There have been some impressive results happening outside of our school that need mentioning.

- Jayden Bailey, Grace Burnard and Liam Burnard were shortlisted for the Secondary Schools New Zealand Team. Liam was then selected as a non travelling reserve for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Junior Boys Team.

- Jayden and Grace were again selected for the Central Juniors squad for 2022, which is made up of the top juniors in the region .

- Jayden and Grace also both competed in the individual under 17 National Age Group Championship. Grace finished 10th in the country for girls and Jayden 14th for boys.

- We would like to recognise other school students - Archie Mills, Matthew Smith, Reign Marumaru and Zai Tuipea who were part of the F grade team that came second in New Zealand.

**Badminton:**

This was a new competition sport for our school. Mr Dave Sims took on the role of coach for our students and took the team down to Whanganui each fortnight for competition games. Students performed very well in this competition and had many wins.

Badminton Coach-Mr Dave Sims.

Character & Commitment Bella Hohipa - Bella led the team affably and with enthusiasm at all times. She was organised and committed to all aspects of the team and was a model representative of Ruapehu College.

**Girls Rugby:**

Its always so great to see our rugby girls out on the field. This year they were under the guidance of Te Maire Hawira as their coach. A massive thank you to Te Maire for all of his time and effort he put into the girls, he did a great job with them. This year had its ups and downs, struggling with numbers but they showed great resilience and pushed through to the end of the season.

Character & Commitment Hine Hall and Rose Soverel Both showing a great attitude and respect for players on and off the field. They were focused and showed great character.

Character & Commitment Malena Hawira – her constant commitment to trainings and to her team throughout the season

**Girls Rugby Reps:**

Well done to those girls that made it into their respective representative teams.

U15s:  
Rose Soverel  
Malena Hawira

U18s:  
Maina Gray  
Hye-le Hanson  
Jizaiah-Ley Edmonds



## Boys Rugby:

This was a tough season having to learn to work through the disappointments that came with other teams defaulting. Throughout these challenges, these boys remained focused at training and stayed committed until the end of the season. This dedication showed through when they won their competition, beating Whanganui High School in the final at Spriggens Park. Well done, and a huge congratulations. A massive thank you to the super supportive parents that took on the coaching this season.

Thank you firstly to Whare Te Riaki as the head coach. Shayna Te Riaki for all the hard work behind the scenes as manager and to Fraser Hammond, Chrissy Winter and Jude Sinai for your coaching efforts and support of this team.

### Character & Commitment

Drevahn Wood  
Te Orangi Te Riaki  
Jim Rowe  
Petaera Pehi

These boys had an outstanding season, they showed grit, gave 100%, and never gave up. In true Ruapehu form they were strong and resilient.

## Boys rugby reps:

We had a large number of Ruapehu College students representing our region in the Whanganui Rep Teams which shows the calibre & talent we have here. This meant many trips down the Parapas to weekly training sessions and games at different regions around the North Island. Well done to the following boys;

### U14s team:

Te Orangi Te Riaki  
Steele Hammond  
Dayton Muru-Albert  
Tuharakia Wallace-McLeod  
Chrissy Winter  
William Waitokia

### U16s Team:

Harry Rowe  
Taha Te Riaki (who both captained the team)  
Drevahn Wood  
Tukotahi Goodwin  
Jaydis Hammond

## Special Mentions:

Andy Bennett is a man who needs mentioning for the time and commitment he has given to both girls and boys rugby this year. Andy has volunteered his time to referee all home games for both of these teams. Which is an especially thankless job.

Thank you to both Sarah Demchy and Holly Deadman for their work as sports coordinators this year. Both of you are very passionate about the job and we as a school are very lucky to have you.

And finally, John and Sue Laurenson and the Laurenson Trust.

The Laurenson Trust are a huge contributor to our school community, supporting so many sporting trips with their financial backing. We are incredibly grateful to them for aid for so many years.

For those of you that aren't aware of the Laurenson Trust. Many years ago, Sue and John Laurenson saw that there was a need to help assist Ruapehu College students to finance sports trips, as our travel costs are far higher than students that live in the city.

Sue, John and other trustees meet regularly to discuss any applications that are made to see who is in need of their help.

The Trust also provides cash prizes for our top students at prizegiving, they subsidize all college sports team travel, as well as providing funding for school camps and education trips.

Students competing in their sport at a representative level can apply for funding to assist their efforts. Each year there are applications for different trips out of the area and the Trust attempts to support all of these to benefit our students and ensure that the isolation of our area is less of a barrier to them and their families.

John and Sue - For the massive contributions to the College over the years, we are so very grateful and fortunate to have your support.

