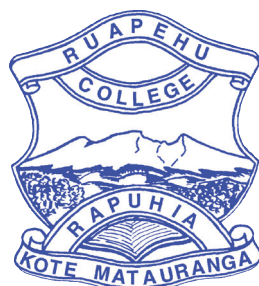


RUAPEHU COLLEGE 2018



Rapuhia Ko Te Matauranga
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I arrived at Ruapehu College just over five years ago and started my journey at this school. Shortly afterwards, we enrolled a group of year 9 students. This year in 2018, they have come to the end of their time at the College. It is with some excitement and sadness that we will wish them good luck as they leave school and step out into the big wide world.

I taught English to that year 9 intake and also in the following year when they became year 10's. I was allocated a mentoring role in our school along with the other staff and we would interview our group of students throughout the year. I think this was a great opportunity to be informed about what the students were actually thinking. I got to know their learning habits, their skills, the ones that liked English, the ones who didn't. I got to know the students who took flight with the subject and the ones who needed a bit more support. Most importantly, I got to know them.

My aim was, and is, that our students, all of them, continue to rise to the opportunity of gaining NCEA credits and to achieve their hopes and dreams for the future. And what better way to understand what this looks like than by actually talking to the students and asking them about their future plans. By teaching our students and by mentoring them, our staff and our leadership team work hard to get the best results and I am grateful for this.

Our academic results continue to be very good and our school is very proud of this. If students want to go to University, or other training or into a trade or some other employment, then Ruapehu College is well poised to facilitate this. Our school role continues to grow with a number of students joining us from other towns as their parents move into the area to work. I hope our students are proud of their time at Ruapehu College.

Leadership is an important facet of life here at the College and I was very proud to work with our prefects: Head prefects Judah Lyon and Macy McNaught, Deputies Dylan Budge and Ashley Akapita, and prefects Nash Jordan and Rebecca Csore. They all contributed to the leadership of the school in their own way.

These prefects attended the inaugural year 9



camp to Valhalla and this has continued to be an enjoyable event for all our year 9 students. Our current prefects spent time at the prefect leadership camp in Gisborne learning about peer support and were able to bring this training and knowledge to the other students and then work with our new year 9's when they arrived at the College. The peer support programme works well in assisting the transition to College and our year 9 students enjoy it too.

The student council has met a few times this year and it was good to see their influence in the school with some of them representing youth on the Ruapehu Youth Council and providing reports to the Board of Trustees. Congratulations to Justice-Rose Dennison who was nominated as the new BoT student representative. Our whanau leaders and cultural leaders continue to have a positive impact on our school. The inter whanau kapahaka just keeps getting better. Congratulations to all our leaders.

The sport in our school was very busy this year. One highlight was seeing the netball well and truly established with the influence of our new sports co-ordinator Miss Shere and our new staff coach Miss Bam. We also consolidated our rugby, especially our girls rugby and it was pleasing to watch our boys rugby teams. I enjoy seeing our students perform well in the skiing and snowboarding competitions. It was awesome to see the growing number of sports on offer at the College.

Some of our individual students did well on the national and international arena as well. It is always pleasing to recognise their talents. We have some very talented sports students at our school. I am looking forward to the CACTUS programme for 2019 working with our community Police and Army and the other personnel who are involved.

This year, Miss Meredith Wilson won a scholarship



from the Royal Society of New Zealand Te Apārangi which supports the Governments Strategic plan for science. She spent the first six months learning about new science innovations that were specifically linked to our local area here around Ruapehu. Our TLI (Teacher led innovation) has been taken over by Mr Darmody in the technology area, so we are excited for innovations especially in the digital area.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr Zane Couper, who stood down this year after eight years on our Board of Trustees. He achieved a lot during a very challenging time for the school and spent many hours on school issues. His contributions have been valued.

This year I really enjoyed the Year 10 OPC Hilary Outdoors trip to Aotea, Great Barrier Island. The highlight was kayak surfing at Harataonga Bay and supporting the students to do the coaststeering (walking and swimming) around the small Island of Okokewa. It was a 5km kayak to get out to the island. When our year 13s were in year 10, the OPC trip was to Tongariro and we camped out in the freezing cold in the middle of the bush! Great fun.

I managed to join the Snow Academy on the mountain on a few occasions and this is always enjoyable. The international market occasion this year which our current prefects organised was also very successful.

The school magazine provides years of enjoyment in the year it is issued and many years onto the future. I would like to wish our year 13's all the best as they head out into the wide world. School is often something we look back on with fond memories



even if we didn't fully appreciate it at the time.

Te Tamaiti e kai te matauranga, Nona tea o. The child who partakes of education, owns the world.

We wish all our leavers the best for the future. Tena koutou, Tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Ms Kim Basse
Principal

STAFF

Back Row: Miss Katie Shere, Mr David Sims B.TchLn, Mr Raj Prasad - B.Sc, Mr Campbell Hart Bspex, Dip Teach. Mr Michael Clamp Dip Teach, Mr Brian Connelly - M.SpLs, B SocSc, Mrs Glenda Higginson.

Second Row: Miss Angelique Bam B.Sc, Dip Teach, Mrs Shelagh Buck - B.Sc Hons Dip Ed, Mrs Ann Stuckey - B.Sc, Mrs Wendy Darmody, Mrs Hanlie Bam, Ms Reidunn Keeley, Mrs Louise Beukes - B.Ed, TESOL, Dip Teach, Mrs Kerren Dixon, Mrs Anne McIver.



Front row: Mr Michael Darmody BA (Hons), PGCE, MA in Ed, Mrs Maxine Hakaraia - Dip Teach, Deputy Principal Mrs Marama Allen - BA, Dip Ed, Dip Teach, Principal Ms Kim Basse - M.EdAdmin, BA, Dip Teach, Deputy Principal Mr Steven Mackrell BSc, Miss Meredith Wilson - BSC, Dip Teach, Mr Johnny Greene - BA, Dip Teach.

Absent: Mr KJ Allen BA, PGradDipTch, Massey; Cert Community Psychiatric Care, Otago; Cert Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling, WELTEC; Cert REBT, EIT, Mrs Nadine Cocker, Mr Ben Plant, Miss Chaana Morgan, Mr Simon Oakley, Miss Alix Chrisp, Ms Liz Poka, Mrs Liz Hall, Mrs Lorraine Pehi-Littleton, Mrs Rauna Te Huia, Mrs Rachel Wills. Mr Phillip Sutton, Mrs Wendy Hubbard, Mrs Kay Sutton, Mr Whetu Moataane, Mrs Merrilyn George.

STAFF CHANGES

This year Ruapehu College welcomes new staff (back row from left to right). Miss Angelique Bam who was a student teacher at the College last year and will be teaching physical education and Maths.

Dr Simon Oakley who comes from Hamilton and will be teaching Biology for two terms while Miss Meredith Wilson is on study leave.

Mr Mike Clamp who has been teaching in the far North for a few years. He has previous lived in France where he played rugby and ran his own business. Mr Clamp played for the All Blacks in the 1980's and will teach English and History.



Miss Katie Shere (front row) has recently bought a house in Ohakune will be part of the administration staff.

Mrs Hanlie Bam who worked at Balance Accounting who will be our new Finance Officer.

Miss Alix Chrisp, who arrived back in NZ after working in the ski fields of Australia, will be assisting with the College grounds.

Nadine Cocker, who will be teaching social studies, replacing Ben Plant who has gone overseas.



Whetu Moataane has joined the staff for Term 3 to teach Te Reo Maori,



Liz Poka is the new attendance officer.



Mrs Wendy Hubbard retired after working as Librarian for the last 10 years. We wish her well in her retirement.



Mrs Louise Beukes also retires after working at Ruapehu College for 16 years. She has worked in many subject areas over her time with us.



Ms Reidunn Keeley joined us as a Student Teacher for part of Term Four.

Ben Plant left after Term 1 to go overseas.



Welcome back to Miss Meredith Wilson who had two terms on study leave.



STUDENT LEADERS REPORT

Judah Lyon Head Boy 2018

They say the years go by faster as you get older. This year has been no exception. I've said every year I must finish my assessments before the 11th hour. It's the 11th hour and I'm pleased to tell you I handed them in on the 10th hour. As all of you juggle your time, especially with assessment deadlines and study, hang on and stay the course.

Take a look back over the past year, many of you have participated in the life of Ruapehu College. From CACTUS, Waka Ama, Tug of war, ANZAC, Ski/snowboard champs, camps, Field trips, sports. I leave the best until last... Interwhanau kapa haka, KIWI we did it first in the boys haka!! As I think about you students as individuals, you are all unique and you make Ruapehu College a great place to be.

To our Principal and teachers, we thank you. It's been said that a mediocre teacher tells, the good teacher explains but the great teacher demonstrates. You all are fine examples of people who will go the extra mile and exhibit the characteristic of a great teacher who demonstrates.

To the Admin team and support staff you are awesome! When a visitor comes to our school. Ruapehu College is known for its welcoming warmth of all staff.

Each year the prefects acknowledge someone in the community who has made a positive contribution to the college. Someone who relates well and adds to the college. This year we have 2 recipients, Matthew Corbett and Elle Corbett.

Over one third of this College turn up to a Friday night youth Group held in Raetihi. Matt and Elle we honour you today. You have demonstrated the core qualities of giving of your time, your resources, your leadership, care and friendship.

Congratulations to you all, we wish you all the best as you lead Ruapehu College into the new 2019 year. This relay baton presented from the 2016 prefects is a reminder that a relay race cannot be won alone you all must work as a team. So we charge you to uphold the school values and lead by example by showing respect, honesty, confidence and Rapuhia Kote Matauranga- seek further knowledge.

It's not every year you ask a 8 year old if you can borrow their sneakers. But these sneakers remind me of a pair I had when I was 8 and running in them at Orautoha Cross Country. Most of you will know Orautoha School Cross Country. It's famous for its REAL cross country hill. I remember lining up at the start line with what seemed like 100 other kids. Nervous as the gun went off. Like a sheep drafting race a hundred kids tried to squeeze through the gate and onto the road. Right at that moment I tripped and fell over. My heart beating even faster,

more nervous. Everyone was passing me by. Then my dad appeared, I still remember to this day what he said... Judah you can do it get back up. So I picked myself up, tried to compose myself and kept running.

Thank you dad for what you did for me that day. The thing I remember most about that day was not ending up coming second in that race. But the life lesson of getting back up. Students out there if you've made a mistake in your life, you've messed up, tripped up. There is no shame in getting back up. Whanau out there we need your support we need to hear you say. You can do this get back up stay the course... What seems like a setback is often a set up for a come back.

Before I conclude it would be fitting to have one last .. WHO TAKES THE CAKE AWARD. The who takes the cake award goes to..... the year 13's.

Thank you for our time together, your friendship and support.

I noticed as I looked at our year 13 photo board there is a common thread running through it. There is a sense that we have done life together as a Whanau ...not always straight forward at times – but together. Each one of you is full of gifted potential. Remember to stay the course, keep getting back up when life knocks you down. Don't forget what seems like a setback is often a set up for a comeback.

Macy McNaught- Head Girl 2018

I have had the privilege of being Head Girl this year, it has been a rewarding and challenging experience. Trying to juggle all of my new responsibilities and school work has been difficult but given the chance I would not change anything for the world. The friendships and connections gained from my position have been life altering and the friendships I have maintained throughout my schooling years still remain a priority to me and without those connections and bonds I would not be the young woman I am today. I am thankful to all those who have stood beside me and encouraged me to do my best.

Thank you to the teachers who never gave up on me and helped me be a better student and I hope you continue to help and nurture other young minds, and, I am proud to say that in 2019 Ruapehu College will be led by a prefect team of all girls, I can not wait to see what this brings to our school and our community. I wish you all the best of luck and hope you enjoy your new positions, make the most of your final year because time passes quickly and before you know it, it will all be over.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustee's Chair Stands Down

After seven years on the Ruapehu College Board of Trustees, Zane Couper has decided to stand down as Chairperson. "It was a tough decision" he said "but the school is in a good position with a strong personnel on the Board of Trustees, it was a good time to let someone else take over the reins as Chair."



make the decision lightly!

"We are half way through our term, so it is also a good time to let some other people have responsibilities well before the next BoT elections in 2020" he said.

The Board thanked him for the work and the hours he has put in over the years. Mr Dean Francois will act as Chairperson in the interim.

New BoT Student Representative

Congratulations to Justice-Rose Dennison who is the new Ruapehu College Board of Trustees student representative, replacing Ashley Akapita who has just ended her year tenure.

Justice-Rose comes with many skills as she is currently on the Ruapehu Youth Council, a position she has held for a number of years. The Board also wishes to thank Ashley for her contributions.

Zane Couper became Board Chair in 2012 and has led the school through Limited Statutory Management and the appointment of new principal (among other things). "The position is often time consuming" he said "and with (his) business expanding it was a good time to resign," although, he adds, no time is really a good time and he didn't

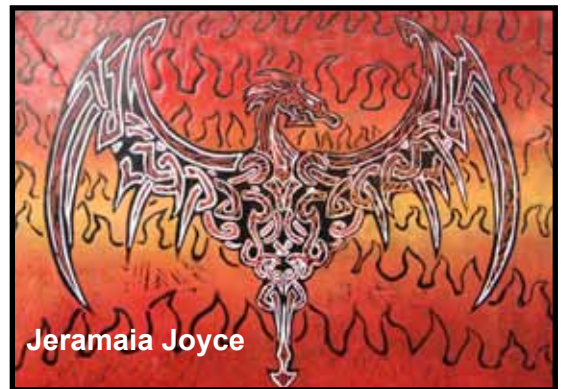
ART WORK



Rose Collett



Racel Reyes



Jeramaia Joyce

STUDENT LEADERS



Back Row: Ashley Akapita - Deputy Head Girl , Nash Jordan - Prefect, Rebecca Csore - Prefect.
 Front Row: , Macy McNaught - Head Girl, Judah Lyon – Head Boy, Mr Steven Mackrell-Deputy Principal.
 Absent: Dylan Budge - Deputy Head Boy,

WHANAU LEADERS

Kiwi Whanau Leaders

Senior Leaders
Tekaokao
Kairimu
Tayla White
(Absent)

Junior Leader
Allivia Wallace
Gabriel Pohatu



Huia Whanau Leaders

Senior Leaders
Keaton Norling
Rebecca Csore
(Absent)

Juniors Leaders
Korbyn Garland
Connor Halliday



Tui Whanau Leaders

Seniors Leaders
Ashley Akapita
Macy
McNaught

Juniors Leaders
Chaya
Connelly
Siete Pakinga



Weka Whanau Leaders

Seniors - Daynah
Bishop, Julian Toho

Juniors - Dalton Jordan,
Victoria Paoratoho
(Absent)



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Tuia National Leadership Programme

Ashley Akapita was one of the 50 Tuia participants who joined the group visit to Christchurch. Tuia is a National Leadership Programme which involves local Mayors selecting young Maori in their area with a focus on developing leadership skills. The Tuia Rangatahi (youth) Leadership Programme looks to connect young Māori from across New Zealand.



Delegate at the UN Youth Model Westminster Parliament

Dalton Jordan travelled to Wellington so he could undertake his duties as a delegate at the UN Youth Model Westminster Parliament. He loved it and did a great job!



Prefects to Leadership Course

The prefects headed to Wellington this week to attend a two day leadership course. Judah Lyon (Head Boy) said that he learnt about time management and how it was better to try to do "lots of small things" as this is "what you would be remembered for".



STUDENT COUNCIL



Back row: Dalton Jordan, Macy McNaught, Cameron Smith.

Second row: Hayley Artz, Janine Francois, Aaliyah Dennison, Sophie Couper.

Front row: Racel Reyes, Shizuki Okumura, Justice-Rose Dennison, Emma Burnard, Chloe Garland.

DONATIONS

New Fountain for the College

As Ruapehu College heads towards being a 'water only' school, it was with great delight we received a new 'frost free' water fountain. Our local dentist, Mrs Jane Sherritt, drove the initiative and organised funding from WPI Ernslaw for the purchase of the fountain.

Principal Mrs Basse was keen that it was placed near the netball and tennis courts so the community, who use these facilities can also benefit from the fountain. The fountain has the capability to fill water bottles as well as drink from it.

Thank you to Dr Ward at WPI Ernslaw and Dentist Mrs Jane Sherritt for their contributions.



The Laurenson Trust

The Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust has now officially changed its name to the Laurenson Trust.

So far during 2018, the Trust has paid \$1850 in grants to individuals. It also funded the travel cost of students attending the Waka Ama competition in Rotorua, the Secondary Schools Squash Championship in Palmerston North, The Secondary Schools Netball competition, the Wearable Arts trip to Wellington, the Leadership course to Wellington and the Performing Arts trip to Wellington.

It paid the travel cost of the Cactus Programme, donated \$1100 to the school prizegiving and has also subsidised the costs of sports teams, Physical education and Outdoor Education groups travelling away on a regular basis. Grants paid so far this year have totalled almost \$8000.

Mountain Bikes from Bowling Club

Year 13 P/E students proudly display the mountain bikes that have been gifted to the school with a donation from the old Ohakune bowling club and supported from TCB.



VISITORS

UCOL performing at the College

Hot on the footsteps of an excellent production, members of Whanganui UCOL performing arts group performed at the college last Wednesday. It was good to see past student Xavier Steedman-Wills leading the group with his singing. He also mentored students interested in performing arts as a future career. Many students enjoyed a warm lunchtime in the hall listening to the band.

Auckland Philharmonia visit Ruapehu College
Bede Hanley and Rachel Moody visited Ruapehu College to address the students on the importance of working hard. The husband and wife are professional musicians for the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and know what is required to end up 'being paid' for a job you love doing.



Historical Visit

Mr and Mrs Allen had a visit from Natalie Chan who is a daughter to Mary and Chee Yum Chan who taught Science and Mathematics at Ruapehu College from 1968-1970.

The Chan's now live in Hong Kong both are in good health. They were very excited when they saw the photos and sent a card to congratulate the senior management on the dedication to the college. They also sent gifts of a junk boat an icon of old Hong Kong and a jacket.



Loves-Me-Not Course

Loves-Me-Not is a 'whole-school approach' to prevent abusive behaviour in relationships. It is based on a student inquiry learning process, where students take action (personal action, effective bystander action and community action) to prevent harm from relationship abuse.

Loves-Me-Not is designed for Year 12 students as the appropriate age to discuss relationship abuse and to start to take action for change.

This workshop is designed to be held with groups of 25 students and a team of facilitators, who must include school staff, Police staff, and NGO/community sector specialists (with at least one facilitator being male). This composition is a fundamental principle of the Loves-Me-Not workshop.



Sports Breakfast

This was an opportunity to celebrate all our sports at the college and to thank coaches and the families who gave up their time to support our students.

The guest speaker was Mr Mike Clamp, staff member at the College and former All Black 1984-85 who spoke about setting goals and what to do to achieve them. Thank you to the volunteers who donated food and cooked the breakfast and to New World who generously supported the event.



Ugly Shakespeare

A travelling group of thespian players visited Ruapehu College to perform Romeo and Juliet. The group are part of the Ugly Shakespeare Company and three actors tour New Zealand schools to bring theatre to the towns.

Now the longest running Theatre-In-Education company in Aotearoa, Ugly Shakespeare company have performed to over 800,000 students. They plan to continue bringing theatre, Shakespeare and comedy to New Zealanders irrespective of social, geographic or economic isolation. We will welcome them back next year.



WALL OF FAME

Touch

Tekaokao Kairimu who was a part of the Whanganui U16 Touch Team who represented Whanganui at the Junior National Touch Championships. A fantastic achievement.



Representation at Regional Kapahaka

A huge congratulations to Te Kaokao Karimu who performed with Aotea Utanganui at the Aotea Regional kapahaka competition on 24th Feb at Ratana Pa. He made this team based on his performance last year with Whanganui. This is a qualification comp for the prestigious National Matatini Competition



Athletics Record Broken

Tui Wikohika and Mason Richards both broke the Junior Boys 300m record of 49.57s held by J Matete since 2012. Mason will go down in the records with his time of 46.47s.

Athletics Record Broken

Dylan Te Kura Bishop broke her own shot put record pushing it out to 11.75m.



WSS Mountain Biking Champs

Cameron Artz represented Ruapehu College at the WSS MTB Champs coming 6th in his year group.



Snow Sports - Tui Wikohika

- 1st at Piki Maunga Big Mountain Freeride Cardrona
- 1st Jnr Nationals Slopestyle
- 2nd at Turoa A level SSNZ Slopestyle Series
- 2nd Turoa Rail Jam
- 2nd Jnr Nationals Overall U16
- 3rd NZ Junior Freeride Tour (Turoa)
- 3rd Jnr Nationals Freeride
- 4th Jnr Nationals Halfpipe
- 7th Jnr Nationals BX
- 9th at Remarkables SSNZ Slopestyle
- Recipient of a 2018 AMP dare to Dream scholarship



Snow Sports - Jenna Jones

4th U16 Girls Snow Sports New Zealand Junior Freestyle Nationals
2nd Turoa
Rail Jam



Lola Crump

6th Tongariro Juniors
17th NISSCC
1st NZ junior Freeride Tour Competition at Turoa, 4th overall
1st Women Raurimu Rail Jam



WALL OF FAME

Shooting- Keaton Norling

- 1st Jnr at North Island Sporting Clay Champs
- 1st Jnr at North Island Zone Compak Shoot
- NZ Jnr Champ 2018
- 3rd Oceania clay shooting champs

Rugby

Whanganui Rugby U18 boys Representative



Broken Records Swimming Sports

Kaiawa Connolly was the day's standout performer at the swimming sports breaking three school records one of which was over 20 years old. This is a massive achievement and reward for determination and hard work.



Squash - Emma Burnard

- Central Region Prince Series
- 3rd Woman's U15 division Squash Central Jnr Championship



Shooting

Jaidyn Foster - North Island Jnr Champ for 22 rifles & pistol Carbine



Skiing - Megan Rollerson

- 27th in U16 NZ Youth Series (Overall ranking in NZ Youth Series for winter 2018)
- 2nd in Snowplanet North Island Junior Interfield Kinder Kombi Race 1
- 2nd in Snowplanet North Island Junior Interfield Kinder Kombi Race 2
- 4th in Tongariro Juniors Race
- 9th in Whakapapa National Points - Waimarino Trophy Race 1 GS
- 9th in Whakapapa National Points - Waimarino Trophy Race 2 GS
- 10th Snowplanet Indoor Slalom Champs National Points Race 1
- 10th in Whakapapa National Points - Waimarino Trophy Race 2 Slalom
- 12th in Whakapapa North Island Champs NZ Youth Series GS Race 1
- 12th in Whakapapa North Island Champs NZ Youth Series GS Race 2
- 12th in Whakapapa North Island Champs NZ Youth Series Slalom Race 1
- 24th in NISSSC



New Zealand Archery Team

Ruapehu College staff member Hanlie Bam, was selected to represent NZ at a worlds archery competition held in Shanghai in April.



Representative Squash Teams Dylan Budge

- Central Region Seniors Team Squash
- Central Mens Team - Squash
- Central Jnr Representative Team - Squash
- National Champion of Champions B Grade Men's Runner- up Champion 2018



Rugby - Campbell Hart

Campbell played for Steelform Whanganui Rugby Representative and was also selected for the NZ Heartland XV Team.



WALL OF FAME

Squash Club Champions

- Dylan Budge – Grade B Mens
- Scott Fraser – Grade D Mens
- Nash Jordan – Grade F Mens
- Sayge Wikohika – Grade E Women's
- Emma Burnard – Runner up Grade F Women's
- Libby Graham – Runner up Grade J Girls

Whanganui U16 Representative Team

Dom Norling and Te Taumata Neilo



Whanganui Rugby U18 Girls Representatives

- Aciana Akapita
- Sequoia Sue-Waara
- Paige Pearce



Sayge Wikohika-Squash

National Champion of Champions E Grade Women's Runner-up Champion 2018



Nash Jordan

- Winner of Squash Central Region F Grade Men's Champion 2018
- National Champion of Champions F Grade Men's Champion 2018
- Represented King Country at the NZPCA National Dressage Championships placing in 3 out of 5 classes which helped his team place 3rd in the North Island and 5th in New Zealand.
- Competed at the NZPCA North Island showjumping championships and finished 3rd in one of his classes.



INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY

In celebration of all the cultures at Ruapehu College, the prefects organised an International day. The day was centred on a festival lunch where all the 'countries' represented bought food to sell. There were a number of people from the community in attendance tasting all the delicious foods on offer.

Stall holders displayed flags and maps of the countries they were representing. Various people wore International costumes and it was also a school mufti day to raise funds for child cancer. The winner of the highly contested best dressed costume was Kayla Jordan (year 9) who wore the classic 'kiwi' onesie.

Ruapehu College is currently hosting three International students; Hailong Han from China, Mika-Louise Jockwer from Germany and Shizuki Okumura from Japan. Shizuki had two guests from Japan who were visiting for the week. Thanks to all the students and staff who supported this venture and to the prefects for organising it.



CALENDAR

Term One

30/01/2018	Start of year senior students (11,12,13)
31/01/2018	Whole school Powhiri
02/02/2018	Ruapehu College Tug of War
08/02/2018	Peer mentoring
09/02/2018	yr 12/13 Kayaking
16/02/2018	Yr 12/ 13 Kayaking
19/02/2018	Ruapehu College Swimming Sports
28/02/2018	Ruapehu College Athletics Day
01/03/2018	NZDF Careers 10am - 11am
02/03/2018	Yr 12 / 13 Kayaking
02/03/2018	Whanganui Secondary Schools Swimming Championships
05/03/2018	Yr 12/ 13 Kayak overnight trip
07/03/2018	Careers Expo
07/03/2018	Massey University Visit
08/03/2018	Parent teacher interviews
09/03/2018	WDHB Health Careers Day
12/03/2018	Food Safety Levels 2 & 3
14/03/2018	Whanganui Secondary Schools Athletics Championships
14/03/2018	Yr 12/13 Kayaking
15/03/2018	Year 12 PE Tramp
16/03/2018	Year 13 Students - Enrolling to Vote
18/03/2018	Kiwi Forever Programme
19/03/2018	Waka Ama Rotorua
26/03/2018	Science Roadshow
27/03/2018	Curriculum Meeting
27/03/2018	Yr12/ 13 Rock Climbing
28/03/2018	NCEA Level 3 Triathlon
29/03/2018	Hui Aranga Powhiri
29/03/2018	11 Outdoor Ed- Kayaking
29/03/2018	Ugly Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet
29/03/2018	Ugly Shakespeare: Workshop
04/04/2018	Yr 12/13 Rock Climbing
05/04/2018	Prefect leadership conference
10/04/2018	11 Outdoor Ed Tramp
13/04/2018	Cactus Longest Day

Term Two

04/05/2018	Visit from Elections Office
08/05/2018	Visit to Massey Ag dept.
08/05/2018	11 Outdoor ed. Tramp
09/05/2018	Workplace H&S Training Course
10/05/2018	Yr13 outdoor ed survival module
14/05/2018	Short Course: Coffee Essentials
15/05/2018	11 Outdoor ed. Tramp
16/05/2018	Ruapehu College Open Day 4-7pm
17/05/2018	Uni Visit: Otago University
17/05/2018	Ruapehu College Cross Country
17/05/2018	Careers NZ/TEC Visit
18/05/2018	PFA Recording Sessions: Rock Quest
22/05/2018	Loves me not programme year 12s
23/05/2018	FLS BNZ visit
30/05/2018	12/13 Outdoor ed: Mountain Biking
08/06/2018	Rockquest Prep: Lunchtime Concert
09/06/2018	Smokefree Rockquest Regional Final
11/06/2018	YR 10 Camp
11/06/2018	Maunga Karakia
11/06/2018	University of Auckland Visit
19/06/2018	Speech Competition
20/06/2018	Jobfest
22/06/2018	Outdoor Bow Hunting
06/07/2018	Inter-whanau kapahaka

Term Three

23/07/2018	The wool Shed
01/08/2018	Workplace H&S Training
02/08/2018	P/T Interviews
02/08/2018	Snow Academy
02/08/2018	Get to Go Hillary Challenge
03/08/2018	NZSS Squash National Comp
09/08/2018	Snow Academy
10/08/2018	St Bernards Football Exchange
16/08/2018	First Aid in the Outdoors Environment
16/08/2018	Snow Academy
18/08/2018	School Ball
22/08/2018	Performance: There's an APP for That?
23/08/2018	Snow Academy
23/08/2018	Yr 12 Science/ Chemistry visit to Massey
23/08/2018	Yr 12 PE primary coaching P3
24/08/2018	YR9/10 Snow day
27/08/2018	Senior Non-Interruption Week
28/08/2018	Yr 9 Bush walk
30/08/2018	BOT Meeting
30/08/2018	Snow Academy
05/09/2018	UCOL PFA Music Visit
06/09/2018	Snow Academy
10/09/2018	Digital Mapping Hamilton
11/09/2018	Yr 9 Swimming
13/09/2018	Snow Academy
17/09/2018	North Island Secondary Schools Skiing
18/09/2018	Yr 9 indoor rock climbing
19/09/2018	Kyrpton Challenge Waiouru
20/09/2018	MCAT Exam
21/09/2018	North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding
25/09/2018	Yr 9 Capture the flag
25/09/2018	13 PE Journey
25/09/2018	BOT Meeting
28/09/2018	Dodgeball
28/09/2018	Senior Non-Interruption Week

Term Four

16/10/2018	Yr 10 Science trip to Massey University
16/10/2018	School Photos and team Photos
23/10/2018	BOT Meeting
30/10/2018	Senior Prize Giving
06/11/2018	Itinerant Music Day/Evening
20/11/2018	Raetihi Cultural Festival
27/11/2018	BOT Meeting
27/11/2018	NCEA external exams end
29/11/2018	Year 9 Camp to Vahalla
06/12/2018	Yr 12 Leadership camp
07/12/2018	Junior Prize Giving

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with the school magazine, writing articles and taking photos. Special thanks to Rachel Lyon who comes to many school events always lending a hand as well as taking photos of which many are in this magazine. Thank you to Fiona Fraser for her work with the squash pages. Also thank you to Robert Milne from the Ruapehu Bulletin for your continual support with the school magazine and the articles in the paper throughout the year. Thank you to Glenda Higginson and Katie Shere for taking the time to proof read. I hope you enjoy this record. Kerren Dixon

ANZAC SERVICE



SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

Two of our senior students have gone on the Spirit of Adventure this year.

Ashley Akapita represented Ruapehu College as the Student Representative of the Board of Trustees. She enjoyed the experience.

Judah Lyon also attended and said "he was a bit shy when he started but it forced you to learn to work with others and improves your leadership skills". "You make lots of friends".



CACTUS

CACTUS Longest Day.

The Police, Army and Ruapehu College CACTUS (Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit Support) programme finished the eight week intensive programme with the longest day on the 12th and 13th of April. Many of the community came to see the students pull a McCarthy's truck through the town which marked the end of the weeks of early starts, fitness training, leadership and team building programmes.

This was followed by a graduation dinner hosted at the Officers Mess, Waiouru army base. Students received a graduation certificate and some students received special awards presented by the Police and Army. Thank you to all the community, students, parents, police, army and school personnel who assisted in the running of CACTUS this year.

Police awards presented by Sergeant Mike Craig and Whanganui Police Area Inspector Nigel Allen;
Top RFL Female - Chloe Garland
Top RFL Male - Warren Williams
Most improved RFL Female - Alice Walls
Most improved RFL Male - Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi
Guts Grit Determination award- Sophie Couper
Peer Award as voted by the students - Warren Williams
Most improved overall - Masiya Taiaroa
Top overall award - Warren Williams

Army Awards presented by Lieutenant Colonel Tim Marsden and Second Lieutenant Jasper May;
CoS TRADOC (NZ) Section Awards:
Team Alpha - Dayna Bishop
Team Bravo - Jude White
Team Charlie - Nick McDonnell
The Commander TRADOC (NZ) Award and Coin was awarded to:
Overall - Dayna Bishop

Congratulations to all our graduates from CACTUS 2018;

Cameron Artz, Hayley Artz, Wynyard Baker, Nathaniel Bethell, Daynah Bishop, Dylan Budge, Mackenzie Charlton, Chaya Connelly, Kaiawa Connelly, Sophie Couper, Leonardo Csore, Rebecca Csore, Chloe Garland, Kalani Gordon, Jordan Nash, Jeramaia Joyce, Samuel Lyon, Nicholas McDonnell, Te Whenua Ranginui, Racel Reyes, William Smith, Masiya Taiaroa, Michael Tapsell, Julian Toho, Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi, Alice Walls, Eliza Warbrick, Jude White, and Warren Williams.



CACTUS



9MC



Back row: Keegan Griffin, Tearoha Richards-Wiari, Uenuku Biddle Reedy.
Second row: Gene Henderson, Sachin Kumar, Dylan Anderson, Zebariah Smith, Mr Michael Clamp.
Front row: Santaesjah Wood, Samantha Beauchamp, Danella Marsada, Charlee Booth, Maina Gray, Winiata Wallace.
Absent: Sierra Metekingi, Nathaniel Perkins-Arahanga, Jireh Pui Gilbert, Usher Tairaoa, Tyler Te-Kani, Angel Vercoe.

9AB



Back row: Ella Rowe, Tui Wikohika, John Waller, Cameron Smith, Janine Francois.
Second row: Kayla Jordan, Craig Moore, Silas McNaught, Brooke Wilson, Mason Richards, Miss Angelique Bam.
Front row: Aaliyah Dennison, Luke Burton, Marama Groot, Una Drayton, Brooke Graham, Elijah Brown, Lola Crump.
Absent: Aria Amai, Kereti Goodwin, Jameliya-Rose Hiroti, Karyn Mem, Jahzay Muru-Albert, Malachi Pehi.

10DS



Back row: Byron Griffin-Chappel, Bo Soverel, Montoia Osborne, Jack Walls, Brodie Kahukura.
Second row: Dalton Jordan, Keri Baker, Paige Pearce, Chaya Connelly, Sayge Wikohika, Mr David Sims.
Front row: Libby Graham, Megan Rollerson, Jenna Jones, Korbyn Garland, Sara Mandy, Ella Hawira, Emma Burnard.
Absent: Kalani Gordon, Tai Paul, River Smith, Awa Taylor, Kyro Wihare-Hansen, Oskar Williams.

10MD



Back row: Cameron Artz
Second row: Connor Halliday, Jaidyn Foster, Gabriel Pohatu, Tristram Griffin-Chappel, Mr Michael Darmody.
Front row: Sapphire Mapp, Brianna McKenna, Caleb Murphy, Tayla Goff, Jaye Tuaatea Akapita.
Absent: Aleisha Anderson, Jax Campbell, Braythen Maraku-King, Bailey Mareikura, Tess Morris, Siete Pakinga, Victoria Paoratoho, Raymond Rapana-Tuirirangi, Taylor Richards, Katerina Treanor-Metekingi, Alliva Wallace.

11AS



Back row: Izzy Theodore, Duncan Francois, Gabriel Theodore.
Second row: Mackenzie Charlton, Ryan Burton, Kate Rowe, Rose Collett, James Frew, Mrs Ann Stuckey.
Front row: Abilene Thomas, Aciana Akapita, Nazomi Groot, Levana Paul, Ellen Thomas,
Absent: Jude White, Te Taumata Nelio, Taty Hiroti, Connor Gibson, Maeya Crown, Wynyard Baker.

11BC



Back row: Jeramaia Joyce, Diamond Mapp.
Second row: Leim Norling, Hezakaya Treanor-Metekingi, Lamar Tutemahurangi, Leonardo Csore, Mr Brian Connelly.
Front row: Samuel Lyon, Shaquana Taylor, Michaelah Sinai, Shizuki Okumura, Masiya Taiaroa.
Absent: Victoria Bethell, Rona Condon, Tenaeya Henare, Legacy Hiroti, Anisee Rielly, Jayden Taylor, Eliza Warbrick.

12CH

Back row: Alice Walls, Charly Hika-Wright, Dylan TeKura Bishop, Hayley Artz, Rory Fredricksen.
Second row: Dom Norling, Tyler Booth, Ebony Thomas, Sophie Couper, Sequoia Sue-Waara, Miss Meredith Wilson.
Front row: Racel Reyes, Chloe Garland, Deraileigh Munn, Justice-Rose Dennison, Ebony Hansen, Kaiawa Connelly, T'Leya Wood.



Absent: Laycie Bennett, Levi Bowring, Ngahuia Brider-Wiari, Mika-Louisa Jockwer, Joey Richards-Wiari, Michael Tapsell, Lilnita Wallace, Dean Whale, Kauri Harris, Tekakao Kairimu, Kayla Pearce, DJ Pearson, Te Whenua Ranginui, John Richards, William Smith, James True, Tayla White, Daniel Woodhead, Laine Robson.

13RP



Back row: Scott Fraser, Nathaniel Bethell.
Second row: Ashley Akapita, Samuel Reyes, Keaton Norling, Hailong Han, Mr Raj Prasad.
Front row: Kaheiana Hansen, Rebecca Csore, Judah Lyon, Macy McNaught, Nash Jordan, Amba Carter.
Absent: Mason Baker, Daynah Bishop, Dylan Bishop, Anamaraea McDonnell, Nicholas McDonnell, Molly Parker, Julian Toho, Pipi Williams, Warren Williams.

YEAR 13'S



DEBATING TEAM



Standing: Scott Fraser, Macy McNaught, Judah Lyon, Mr Johnny Greene.
Sitting: Kayla Jordan, Dalton Jordan, Jenna Jones.
Absent: Ashley Akapita.

TE REO MAORI

On the 29th of June, the Year 10 Te Reo Maori students joined DOC and Ngati Rangi Trust at Mangamingi Marae for a powhiri, before proceeding to the Rangataua lakes for a tree planting and karakia ceremony.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards

Congratulations to (back row) Hayley Artz, Sophie Couper, (front row) Chloe Garland, Kaiawa Connelly, (absent) Racel Reyes and Ashley Akapita, who have all received their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze awards this week.

Most of these students gained the award last year, but due to a restructure at the Duke of Edinburgh and some other delays, have only just been presented with their Bronze badges and certificates. Most of these students have also nearly completed their Silver awards as well.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to our students gaining top academic awards. Ruapehu College celebrated students who receive excellence and merit endorsements across all subjects for NCEA in 2017. To gain an endorsement, students need to gain a certain number of excellences or merits in their assessments.

Congratulations to; Hayley Artz, Racel Reyes - excellence endorsement at Level 1 (year 11) and Kaiawa Connolly, Justice-Rose Dennison, Alice Walls and T'Leya Wood who all received merit endorsement at Level 1.

Scott Fraser, Kaheiana Hansen, and Judah Lyon received merit endorsement at Level Two (year 12).

Students who gained endorsements in individual subjects were: Rory Fredricksen

who gained level One merit endorsement in Hard Materials and Design. Tekaokao Kairimu, Tayla White and Daniel Woodhead who all gained Level 1 merit endorsement in Physical Education.

Dylan Budge gained merit endorsement in Level Two Maths and Keaton Norling gained a merit endorsement in Level Two Physical Education.

These academic students were presented with a certificate and badge to acknowledge their achievements.



MATHEMATICS

2018 went past so rapidly, indicating more input by teachers and students alike. Arrival of a few whizz students at the year 9 level boosted the credit rating, which augurs well for the future. The presence of several students enrolled for the full Calculus program at the year 13 level has shown the strength of our students as far as mathematics was concerned. The trend for attaining Numeracy has been on the rise for the last five years and we are expecting the same this year. There has been an addition of new and experienced teachers which has bolstered the foundations of the department and we expect some good outcomes this year.



The use of technology is on the rise with its fair share of advantages and some disadvantages. The department strongly emphasises the need for students to document all work and do their basic sums so they can climb the sequenced ladder of learning in mathematics.

Junior students have had the opportunity to share their pathways with mathematics teachers and choose their respective pathways at the senior level mathematics, showing good and flexible teaching. Modern era employees are now well versed with the specific requirements for apprentices via the vocational pathway. They can no longer be misled

as minimum requirement for entry seems to be success at level two mathematics, probably in line with the current intentions of the Ministry of Education goals.

Students have been also advised about the level three requirements if they wish to proceed to join university.

“Logics and mathematics are nothing but specialised linguistic structures”. Jean Piaget

Raj Prasad
HOD Mathematics

OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Hillary Outdoors- Get to go Challenge

Ruapehu College had eight students compete in the Get2go challenge, an inter-school regional competition for year 9 and 10s organised by Hillary Outdoors. The winners of each region compete in a national final at Great Barrier Island. The competition is a mixture of the amazing race, Treasure Island and survivor where school teams have to work together to complete a number of challenges.

We competed at the Rotorua region event against 24 other schools mostly from the Bay of Plenty/ Waikato area. Some of the challenges included paddle boarding racing where you had to get as many as possible on the boards going as fast as possible; mountain biking racing - we were in the lead until we had a puncture on one of the bikes that dashed our chances of winning. Other activities were orienteering and rock climbing.



It was a full on day enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Brian and Liz Connelly for helping out during the day. It was the first time Ruapehu College has participated in this event and we hope to go to Get2go again next year with a new bunch of year 9 and 10s.

Central Plateau Inter-School Krypton Challenge

The Central Plateau Inter-school Krypton Challenge has been running for a few years and is an opportunity for Central Plateau Schools to come together to compete in a physically, mentally, challenging and fun competition based at the Waiouru Army Base. Ruapehu College sent a team this year and completed the various activities.

The focus on the event is on team work and to display the 'ethos and values' of the NZ Army which are 'courage, commitment, comradeship and integrity'.

The physical attributes required of competitors are that they will be required to run, jump, crawl and climb in an assault course type of activity. All competitors need to be able to work as a team and be effective communicators and the mental attributes required of competitors are, that they will need to have a good level of general knowledge and problem solving ability. "It was a good day. We all enjoyed it." said Physical Education Teacher, Mr Hart



AGRICULTURE HORTICULTURE

2018 has been another successful year for the Agriculture and Horticulture department at Ruapehu College with the students gaining new skills and knowledge throughout the year.

The year 12 and 13 students visited Massey University Agricultural and Horticultural Science Department in term 2 to help enlighten them on the huge range of career opportunities in the Agricultural and Horticulture sector. Highlights included a "hoof workshop" at the equine research centre and participating in a workshop on irrigation at the pasture and crop unit, as well as having a tour of the halls and student facilities.

On Monday afternoons for the duration of term three and term four a small group of year 12 students have been honing their fencing skills under the watchful eye of Andy Fleury a local fencing contractor and have been repairing and replacing sections of fencing around the school grounds. The students have enjoyed the sessions and have acquired some very useful skills much sort after in the agriculture and horticulture world.

Mr Steve Mackrell

TOURISM

The highlight of the year in Tourism was sending five year 12 students to the Gateway Cultural Camp in Waitomo for five days over the term three holidays. With the focus being Maori Tourism, students were hosted on a marae and partnered with tourism operators to provide workplace experience and learning. This created for them an authentic lens through which to understand Maori tourism and its value to the NZ tourism industry. Our students had a fantastic time making new friends, building networks within the tourism industry and

gaining valuable industry insights.

All of our students successfully completed the five day programme gaining Tourism Maori Standards at Level 3. They also gained real skills and knowledge of the uniqueness of Maori culture within the tourism industry, were inspired with insights into different career options, and built industry contacts that may help pathway future job and career opportunities.

Mr KJ Allen

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Left to right:
Shizuki
Okumura from
Japan, Mika-
Louisa Jockwer
from Germany
and Hailong
Han from
China.



ART

Adele was the face of Art in 2018 when a young artist came to visit all the way from France and showed us how they learn to paint in Paris. Thanks, Shannon, we found it really interesting trying to paint 50 Shades of Grey. This needed a lot of concentration but was a useful skill when we painted our portrait of the shop mannequin and later Adele.

After that, no one was keen on painting landscapes so the Art room filled up with paintings of people, and stuff people do. After painting, there was printmaking. Year 10 did an outstanding job of their prints this year. Some of the Year 11 prints were impressive too.

Year 12 had painters, printmakers and photographers all learning about Art. Some got to the end of the year and finished portfolios. Painters painted people, printmakers got into flowers and cars and photographers; photographed themselves, old cars, rust, ferns, bush, dead plants, painted hands, autumn leaves, hikoi, doors, glass, frost... the list just went on and on.

We said goodbye to Molly, Rebecca and Pipi who had been with us for five years, making the art department great. Goodbye to Amba, Warren and Nic who had not been with us quite as long but long enough for us to consider them part of the art class. Molly was into red, yellow and blue, Rebecca studied frogs and lilies, Pipi investigated 1080 and then fashion, Amba investigated females seeking freedom, Warren sculptured clay and Nic did something fishy. It was great having you all in Art this year and we wish you all the best with your future. May it be something arty.

Mrs Ann Stuckey
TIC Art



Ebony Hansen



Racel Reyes



Una Drayton



Marama Groot



Zenariah Smith



Rose Collett



Mackenzie Charlton



Rebecca Csore

ENGLISH

As we draw to the close of 2018, we can reflect upon another busy year in the English Department. Firstly, we welcomed Mike Clamp to the fold. Mr Clamp, a former All Black, moved down from the Far North to take up a position here at Ruapehu teaching English with Year 9 and the non-exam Level 1 and 2 classes. He is also teaching History, proving to be an invaluable resource for the study of the 1981 Springbok Tour.

With Ms Basse leaving English to be deployed (temporarily, it is hoped) in Social Studies and David Sims continuing to teach English at Year 9, we have had the very rare circumstance of being an all-male English department. The time and motion studies have yet to come in, but it certainly is quite an interesting situation.

The English Department combined with Performing Arts to bring the travelling troupe "Ugly Shakespeare" to our school. The performance was a very singular take on the classic love story of Romeo and Juliet. We made sure that our classes had some refreshment on the text before the show. Whether that was then reinforced by the performance might be another question, but it would suffice to say that our students were highly entertained by the quirky and downright comical rendition of what was once a tragedy.

2018 saw the formation of the Debating Club. We competed for the inaugural Ruapehu Debating Cup. This contest is between Ruapehu College and Taumarunui High School, as the two colleges in the district. Junior and senior debating teams from the two schools met at the Ruapehu Council Chambers in Taumarunui.

Ruapehu College emerged as the winners of for 2018 in an event the adjudicators considered evenly matched.

The proposition debated by the junior teams was "There is no such thing as freedom camping." Both sides presented compelling arguments and unique interpretations, touching on points about the costs of freedom camping to both campers and ratepayers, counterpointed by the rich experiences offered to both international and New Zealand adventurers and families.

The senior teams debated the merits of charging tourists to access sites such as the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. While Taumarunui High School expressed concerns about the image New Zealand would present internationally should a tax of some sort be levied, Ruapehu College emphasised that something needed to be done to support tourism infrastructures to ensure quality experiences for all.

The judging criteria was similar to Toastmaster Speech competitions based on 50% content and 50% delivery.

Adjudicators were Mayor Don Cameron, Jenny Gawith Education Manager CKC REAP and Anne Mayer and Dick Lancaster from Taumarunui Toastmasters.

In the judge's closing remarks, Dick Lancaster issued his own proposition to the young debaters, challenging them to consider that one day, they may return to the Council Chambers to debate the significant issues of their generation as councillors themselves.

As the two teams were evenly matched the



difference between them was essentially in the delivery of the individual points. Our junior team of Kayla Jordan, Jenna Jones and Dalton Jordan had all been involved in the college production and so their voices were clear and their projection was what really gave us the edge. It is really pleasing to see and use the skills learnt in one area of school in another.

Congratulations go to the entire team, Kayla, Jenna, Dalton and Sapphire in the juniors and Judah Lyon, Scott Fraser, Ashley Akapita and Macy McNaught in the seniors. We all look forward to not only next year's competition, but the growth of the club itself into being a vital part of the college fabric.

At the end of each year we reflect upon the year just gone and look towards the year ahead. As we consider subject choices for 2019, I would like to take the opportunity to remind students (and their parents and caregivers) as to why English is such an important subject.

ENGLISH

English is the study of communication. In English you learn how to understand what other people are saying. You learn to express yourself clearly. If you want to go further with the subject, it will open doors and windows to the worlds of literature and art.

In the very least, English is a required subject for so many employment opportunities. Level 2 English is a prerequisite for entry into any of the services; police, army, navy, fire etc. Most apprenticeships and cadet courses require Level 2 English. Entry into university requires at least 14 Level 3 English credits. Level 2 English is an expectation of most employers.

It is a national goal that all school leavers have the minimum qualification of U. E. literacy. English is the one subject with an Achievement

LIBRARY

This year has been a relatively quiet year regarding activity in the library but that doesn't mean it doesn't have an important role to play in the daily activities of Ruapehu College.

This year saw the introduction of Senior Study classes based in the Non - Fiction area of the library. It was an ideal place as there are seven round tables each with four chairs so students can comfortably sit and work, whether it's with books and/or chrome books. Miss Katie Shere who joined the College staff early in the year supervises these classes ensuring students keep focused on their work.

Junior English classes pay regular visits to the library seeking out books to add to their Reading lists and reading logs. Some juniors even venture into the library during break and lunchtime to socialise and may even pick up a book or magazine to read!

We have another type of book installed in the library - the chrome book! There are 52 chrome books based in the Library workroom and it's my job to supervise their management during a school day. They are light in weight, work fast and are reliable most of the time and are constantly in demand by the teaching staff. They have become an important working tool and are a valuable asset for students and teachers.

I have been School Librarian since October 2008 and in the past ten years I have seen a great change, albeit gradually over that time, in the number of students borrowing books from the school library. In my first 5-6 years at the College there were Junior students literally reading hundreds of books and although they may not have continued reading that many when they became Seniors they still continued to issue books to read for pleasure.

Standards course specifically designed with the five reading and five writing credits in mind. These can be done without external examinations and over the course of two years. For most students, however, literacy qualifications should not be the goal. You will get your literacy with your (far more valuable) Level 2 English.

Yes, there is some reading and writing to be done. There is also some opinion forming, some argument proving, a great deal of self-reliance and a challenge that you, in all reality, have to meet in order to give yourself the broadest option when you leave school. Please check out the schoolleaver website for any further information on requirements and options for when you do leave school: www.schoolleaver.nz.

Mr J Greene
HOD English

Reading for pleasure has great value as there are many positive attributes - both vocabulary and memory are improved, "it opens your mind". It's the most effective way to overcome stress even better than going for a walk or listening to music. Albert Einstein was asked how could we make children become intelligent and his answer was simple and wise." Read them Fairy tales and if you want to make them more intelligent read them some more!"

Reading for pleasure is a great asset and should always be encouraged.

I have met some truly wonderful students over my years at Ruapehu College and I shall miss seeing how the new year 9s develop and grow into senior pupils. Thank you to the staff who always had time to drop into the Library and have some great chats and laughs with me. I have loved my job but it's time to enjoy my retirement and I'm not going to miss the "bells"!

Wishing you all the very best for 2019.
Wendy Hubbard.
Librarian



SCIENCE

The Science department has been quite different this year. With Miss Wilson away in Term 1 and 2 on the Royal Society Leadership Programme, we welcomed Dr Simon Oakley, who covered Miss Wilson's classes for us. He brought a different viewpoint to the department as an academic, broadening our horizons a little. When she returned Miss Wilson had lots of new ideas which we are slowly implementing into the Junior Science Programme.

Some senior students took part in the 2018 Kiwi 4 Ever programme in term one. They did well and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. It is a wonderful programme sponsored by Untouched World. During the week, the students learn not only about the Kiwi and its biology but also their heritage and the richness of the native forest in the Waimarino. The Kiwi as a New Zealand icon is also covered. On the last morning of the week they took part in presentations about what they had experienced and learned.

Year 12 Science was introduced this year as a course, leading on from Practical Science in year 11. This is for students with an interest in Science in general but not wanting specialist Sciences. Based on only internal assessments, these students studied identification of ions in Chemistry, microscope use in Biology, the volcanic rocks of Mt Ruapehu and the changes in the native bush due to altitude on the mountain.

As part of their internal assessments Year 11 enjoyed their time with the hot wheels cars and track, learning about the physics of movement was cool fun. Also they investigated the action of Rennin on milk in the stomachs of babies by setting up an artificial situation in test tubes in the Lab.

The Junior classes have followed a programme this year with lots of practical work, especially after Miss Wilson's return in term 3 and 4 and one year 10 class looked at designing their own investigations in Metal Chemistry as part of a level 1 NCEA internal assessment trial in term 4.

Some of Year 10 was able to travel to Palmerston North at the start of term 4 to a Year 10 Day at Massey University. They enjoyed 4 sessions in the university labs, seeing and experiencing many new things. Making a solar cell using blueberries in Chemistry, playing with liquid nitrogen in Physics, playing a probability game in Statistics and the cool fruit flies in Biology.

Rachel Wills, our great Lab Tech continues to manage us and our resources. We continue to value her contribution and thank her for her diligence. Without her help the staff would not be able to do so much practical work with their classes.

Science is very relevant to all aspects of our lives and will be increasing in importance in our futures. Work hard and enjoy as you study and understand your life and the connections and influences involved in living.

Mrs Buck
HOD Science



DESIGN AND INNOVATION TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

2018 was another enjoyable year in the DIT- class. It was a wonderful experience, working with such a really talented and creative group of students in each year level. They were so eager to push their own limits and it kept me on my toes to be one step ahead all the time. This is what makes teaching such a great career.

The Year 9 classes each had a taster term during which we created ugly monsters from totally nothing. They were asked to identify a shape from some doodling and and develop that into a soft toy. It was great fun and I was blown away by their ideas. We also helped the environment by making cloth shopping bags. Well done to all of you!

The Year 10's learned the art of felting and created some neat phone covers, mittens and bookmarks. For their year project, they decided that a hoodie is the in-thing for them. We used the Lutterloh pattern making system to draw up our own patterns. Along the way they changed the design to make it a much more personal garment. We also "painted" with fabrics, and created wonderful fabric collages.



The senior girls rose to the challenge of creating and constructing a unique ball gown for the annual Year 13 School Ball for themselves with vigour and talent. It was one of the most satisfying moments in my teaching career to see how beautiful and elegant they all looked on the night of the ball. Congratulations girls, you have tasted the joy of making a garment that no one else has! We had two wonderful days in Wellington attending the WOW show, visiting Te Papa Museum and some retail shopping!



It is with a tinge of sadness that I am saying farewell to this class at the end of this year. I thoroughly enjoyed working in this department. Thank you Mr Darmody and Mrs Hakariaia for all the support during the last 3 years.

Louise Beukes
Teacher in Charge of Textiles



DESIGN AND INNOVATION RESISTANT MATERIALS

The emphasis of the subject is very much on developing the critical thinking and creativity of the students using resistant materials.

Senior students were involved in the making of a reversible Chess board before working on a range of projects of individual choice. Year 11 also worked on individual projects having completed the making of a Bluetooth speaker lamp.

The Junior school has been involved in a number of smaller projects to develop their skills and knowledge in the subject, including, lighting, phone holders, clocks and chocolate moulds using vacuum forming. Year 10 were entered into NCEA for one standard, with all 8 students passing. Particular congratulations go to Cameron Artz and Keri Baker who achieved a Merit grade.

The focus this year was to get the engineering side of the workshop to a similar level as the wood side and the introduction of Architecture and Interior Design through the Design and Visual Communication course. Students are now using more metal in their projects and a group of 12 students, across all three levels, will form an Interior Design class in 2019.

M Darmody
(Design and Innovation –
Resistant Materials Teacher)



DESIGN AND INNOVATION FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Ask any student what they enjoy most about 'Design in Food' and without a doubt the answer would easily be 'THE FOOD'. But dig a bit deeper and it's like burrowing into an all you can eat buffet.

Student voice was tremendously humbling and as every kai ako does at the end of each teaching term – reflect to capture student engagement and enjoyment in the classroom to encourage learning. The Junior school is always a place where the curriculum allows more freedom and this was reflected in the students feedback.

Design in Food is described as a place that students have a freedom to explore and create recipes. It's a busy place which at time involves written work and cleaning (the less favourable areas of the subject), but an awesome environment where everyone gets on and gets along.

Highlights are plenty ranging from top of the list – Inter whanau cooking competitions, cooking challenges, cooking meals from other countries, and tasting different food.

At the Senior school things get a bit more serious. More emphasis is put on evidence based learning with cooking. Students can get a little shy about their photos being taken with the products they make (however this doesn't mean it doesn't happen and perhaps should be a prerequisite).

A mix of unit standards and achievement standards means there is something for everyone. Outside providers come in to teach students on food safety and coffee essentials as part of the level 2 programme. Our students wow the providers every year with their pristine uniform, appearance and great attitudes.

If I had to sum up my year at Ruapehu College, it would be, 'He aha te mea nui o te ao? He akonga, he akonga, he akonga.'



PERFORMING ARTS

Aretha Franklin famously said: "It's very satisfying. To perform the way you want to. The way you know you can." 2018 has been yet another highly satisfying year for the Performing Arts at Ruapehu College and I am pleased to reflect very much in-line with the wisdom of the late, great "Queen of Soul". There have been a great many reasons for this. Student numbers and interest continues to grow, so much so that 2019 will see NCEA Level 1 in it's own exclusive class for teaching and learning. High quality work, practice and performances by our Seniors continues to help inspire our Junior students to continue their studies in Performing Arts, as well as the variety offered in providing opportunities across multiple disciplines. These are exciting times, indeed!

As was the case last year, the music world was saddened by the passing of a number of industry names, some of them icons in their genre. Some icons across genre. The deaths of Avicii, XXXTentacion, Dolores O'Riordan (The Cranberries) and the "Queen Of Soul" herself - Aretha Franklin – allowed all of our students to explore these genres in depth, allowing them to not only understand where these artists placed in music history, but also how these genre came about and can be linked through the fabric of music. This broad, rich understanding of music, culture, history and society has become an important part of the Performing Arts curriculum. Justified this year by a number of Merit level research projects from Level 2 and 3 in 2018.

27 Performing Arts students from Years 9 to 13 travelled to Palmerston North to see "HIStory", the world's premier Michael Jackson tribute show. The students commented that it was spooky seeing 'Dantiano' on stage as Michael Jackson as he had every move, gesture and costume of the late "King of Pop" perfected. The replication of Jackson's iconic voice was eerily accurate also. All of the group had a fantastic time dancing and singing along to every one of the hits you'd expect to hear. It was a fantastic field trip that lasted into the small hours of the morning and we look forward to next years show.

Following on from 2017, Songwriting and Composition was once again a major focus for our NCEA students. Having attended the Smokefree Rockquest with great success, "etc, etc..." were again determined to take the stage this year. With the addition of Mackenzie Charlton on bass guitar, Nazomi Groot, Ryan Burton and Kate Rowe wrote a bunch of different songs together. Once



these ideas were fully formed, the students were fortunate to travel to Wellington to record their work with musician and sound engineer Scott Wylie at Brooklyn Audio. Mr. Wylie was thoroughly impressed with the ability of our Level 1 students and gave high praise for their talents as instrumentalists, composers and as young people.

The recordings became the basis for Rockquest preparations with the Whanganui Regional Final being held in June. The students created an army of supporters, sold t-shirts and performed at lunchtime in the build up to the big night at the Whanganui Royal Opera House. 30 or so supporters made the trip down to enjoy the music of the best young talent the Whanganui region has to offer. The band performed exceptionally well with charisma and accuracy, enjoying the support of a packed theatre with a mini-mosh-pit of fans. I am exceptionally proud of "etc, etc..." as individuals and as a band. This year they received the "ZM People's Choice" Award, affording them a chance at reaching the National Finals through video submission. The work these four students put in to their craft is truly exceptional and it is no surprise they are already planning for next years event. With the ongoing support of friends and whanau, they are each capable of becoming very successful, professional performers in their own right. The members of "etc, etc..." have all been acknowledged for their ongoing commitment, high standards and achievements in Performing Arts at this years Senior Prizegiving.

Ruapehu College was visited by "The Ugly Shakespeare Company" earlier in the year. This touring group of young actors travel New Zealand presenting a modern take on some of William Shakespeare's best-loved work. This year the English and Performing Arts Departments combined to bring "Romeo & Juliet" to the students. The performance was high-paced, hilarious and full of youthful relatability for the audience and plenty of innuendo for the older crowd. A number of our students enthusiastically participated in dramatic workshops with the players afterwards, which they found to be very beneficial and a great deal of fun.

The school production "There's An App For That?" was a significant highlight of the year. We were very fortunate to welcome Miss Shere on board as Producer. Her organisational skills (and fill-acting) proved invaluable in staging what turned out to be a very high-paced, complex and difficult comedy





farce over six performances. The students worked very hard and gained new dramatic skills. A focus on comic timing and 'working' an audience was necessary and the finished product was a real triumph. Mackenzie Charlton, Dylan Tekura Bishop and Kate Rowe gave outstanding performances, however all of the core roles were executed to a very high standard. I would like to thank Aiko Groot, Barbara van der Woerd, Jake Fah and Paula Charlton for their assistance behind the scenes with set construction, painting, lighting and audio-visual recording. Without the help of these parents and the support of the wider community, such projects are simply not possible.

The Year 9 taster course initiative allowed all students in this cohort to have a 10-week experience in the Performing Arts classroom. Instrumental opportunities in ukulele, keyboard and percussion were enjoyed by all as well as units exploring music theory and notation, New Zealand Music Month, the Genesis of Modern Pop, Musical Theatre, Genre in Music and basic script work. As well as this, the students learned a number of improvisational skills through drama-based games. It was very encouraging to have some Year 9 students put these skills to use with roles in the Production. Several Year 10 students also gave fine performances this year, with Dalton Jordan a particular highlight. It is very encouraging that the Drama discipline is of high interest in this group. Many are involved in local theatre and there is potential for more specific NCEA Drama standards to be offered in the future with continued trends of growth at this level. Most of Year 10 picked up instruments for the first time, many developing a legitimate passion for playing. These early stages are a very exciting time for a young musician as they work hard to master the basic mechanics of playing accurately and well.



A small cohort of Year 13 students are leaving the department this year. Ashley Akapita, Nicholas McDonnell and Warren Williams have all become widely known at Ruapehu College for their passion for music and the skills they have in their chosen disciplines. We wish you well in the future and hope that your love for making music stays with you and that you continue to share your gifts with others. I am very appreciative of your contributions to the Performing Arts at Ruapehu College. On your journey through the adult world, don't forget to heed Ms Franklin's most famous advice:

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Find out what it means to me!"

Aretha Franklin
1942-2018

Mr David Sims
TIC Performing Arts





The comedy farce. Slick. Fast-paced. Punch line laden. Challenging! Is there an app for that? True to form, this production was an immense task for all involved. The skills that were required of our performers are lost on many of the finest adult actors

around, so getting this thing to stage was a mighty achievement that we are all very proud of. Timing, awareness, presence and purpose are absolutely critical to staging a successful farce and our students went through a huge learning process both dramatically and holistically in their efforts to master these skills.

This year we welcomed Miss Katie Shere to the Department in the role of Producer. The students and I were very fortunate to have her talents, positivity and organisation skills attached to the Production. Once again, we were supported by our parent community in building and dressing the set (Aiko Groot and Paula Charlton), lighting (Jake Fah) costume (Mrs Louise Beukes) and video recording (Barbara van der Woerd). This show would quite simply not have made it to stage without the investment of time, energy and support from these people.

"There's An App For That?" was a script that had our students laughing heartily from the first read-through, which was a promising sign. Even after 10 weeks of working and manipulating each scene over and over again, we were all still laughing. Our cast this year included a broad variety of personalities and experience. United by their passion for Performing Arts, the students worked extremely hard, almost entirely outside of school hours. We had a number of seasoned campaigners returning to stage this year and exciting new-comers from Year 9 and 10, each bringing their unique style and talents to the characters they played. Kayla Jordan gave very high quality performances as "Chewie", suggesting a bright future on the stage may beckon. Cameron Smith and Silas McNaught made a great team as the bumbling Police Officers and Ella Rowe brought out the best in her ditzzy, loveable portrayal of heartbreaker "Nadine". In Year 10, Dalton Jordan continued his growing maturity as a very capable character actor. He played the

aged and confused "Mr. Peters" with considerable skill, putting the audience in stitches throughout his performance. Brianna McKenna and Korbyn Garland both brought "Miss B" to life in their own quirky way and Emma Burnard gave new meaning to the word "sass" in leading the pack of misfit girls. Jenna Jones and Keri Baker made their respective debuts on the Ruapehu College stage and held their own beside more experienced players.



Our senior cast was rich with experience and certainly lived up to expectations with consistent high-quality performances. Ryan Burton took on his first lead role as "David" and did a fine job, squirming his way out of tricky scenarios with his clever lies and misleading story telling. Mackenzie Charlton gave new meaning to the geek-genius stereotype (lisp and all!) as "Kevin", frantically holding the plot together as the story unfolded around him within a slap-stick environment. Nazomi Groot brought just the right amount of crazy to her character as "Rebecca", keeping everyone on their toes with her unpredictability and uncomfortable sweetness. These actors each received 'Excellence' grades for their efforts in NCEA Drama. Dylan Te Kura Bishop and Kate Rowe gave outstanding performances this year. Dylan performed the role of "Mr. Elton", a school principal that spiralled into misery in his/her determination to restore order to the school. Kate played the role of the Ukrainian exchange student "Anichka", re-writing her entire script phonetically in order to master her accent. Her work ethic and dedication to all things production was exceptional and she received the award for Outstanding Senior Contribution in Production.

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ROAD TO ROCKQUEST

At the start, there were three of us; Ryan Burton on drums, Nazomi Groot on guitar/vocals and Kate Rowe on piano/vocals. Our journey began a month before Rockquest 2017, a competition encouraging high school students to write songs and perform them. We were required to write an original song. The songwriting process was very foreign to all of us, but after a few days, we were able to produce our first song, titled "Maze". It was about the pressure on us to compose a song in a very short time frame. Leading up to Rockquest, most of our afternoons were spent at school practicing the song over and over again.

"etc, etc..." made their debut performance on the 27th of May 2017 at the Whanganui Opera House as a part of the Smokefree Rockquest competition. As we walked out on the stage that night, we all felt at home. All nerves disappeared and we rocked out one of the best versions that we had done of our song. The rush during and after that performance was so addictive which motivated us to continue to make music with each other. It is one of the reasons that we have stayed together as a band and gone on to try to pursue our dreams as musicians. Although we all loved the sound that we had created, there was definitely something missing. Bass is an essential part of a good rock band and so we invited Mackenzie Charlton to our band. This made our sound complete.

This year was our second shot at Rockquest. We were excited to try out bass and to write some new songs. We were extremely lucky to be offered the opportunity to record our songs in Wellington, at Brooklyn Audio. We travelled down to Wellington in the school van with instruments and excitement that could not be contained. As soon as we arrived at the studio, we felt instantly welcomed, it was a beautiful house and Scott Wylie (the producer) was really kind and patient with all of us. Incredibly, we were able to record seven songs in three days! Scott was exceptionally talented and working with him was really fun and informative. Learning how to use the professional recording equipment was a blast, and will definitely benefit us in the future. Along with recording our songs, we were able to spend some time looking at the beautiful Wellington scenery. We love how the songs turned out, and the fact that we were able to record as a band in such an incredible location. It was an unforgettable experience and we all loved every minute of it.

Soon the time came to prepare for our performance at Rockquest, we were all really excited to perform and showcase what we had worked so hard on. Mr Sims made posters advertising a trip down to Whanganui to support us at the performance and encouraging people to vote for "etc, etc..." to win the People's Choice Award. The amount of support we received was phenomenal, it allowed us to put our absolute all into our practice and eventually, our performances. Having people singing our songs was surreal and the fact that many people enjoyed our music felt even better!
On the night of Rockquest

the whole band was buzzing, we couldn't wait to get up on the stage and perform what we had worked so hard on. Like last year, the atmosphere backstage was really supportive and fun. We talked to many other bands and relished the opportunity to gain inspiration from other young musicians. As soon as we stepped on stage a wave of euphoria washed over us, it felt liberating to play in front of so many people. Our performances were really good, we came together that night and played at a level better than what we had practiced. All the performances were incredible, it was amazing to see other young artists, like ourselves, expressing emotion through song. "etc, etc..." ended up winning the ZM People's Choice award thanks to all the incredible support we received from this community.

The band has been a project that we have all been extremely invested in for nearly two years. Hundreds of hours have been spent pouring our hearts and souls into the music and performance. Every minute put into working on our craft is most definitely worth it, performing our songs on stage has got to be one of the best feelings ever. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported us on this journey, especially Mr Sims, who introduced us to this wonderful world of music and songwriting.
by Nazomi Groot & Kate Rowe



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It has been another year of hard work, learning and enjoyment. In PE classes students learn about themselves and how to best interact with others through movement contexts.

Year 9's and 10's started the year learning about Hauora in a practical context. They explored what it looks like to have good physical, social, mental/emotional and spiritual health through this Maori worldview.

The next assessment involved students creating new games based on hockey skills to test their independent working ability. Other units have involved interpersonal skills, resilience tested through a variety of fitness activities, practical volleyball and socio-critical thought.

The year 13's started the year training for and completing a triathlon in Whanganui. The whole class did well gaining Merit's for their times in the practical assessment. In term two we studied biomechanics and students had to analyse themselves performing a lacrosse shot. We finished the year with the class planning and implementing a two day journey which involved completing the Whanganui River Road. This included on Day 1 a 27km bike ride from Raetihi to Pipiriki, a 22km canoe to Matahiwi, and camping overnight at Matahiwi. Day 2 involved a 40km bike ride from Matahiwi to the end of the river road.

The year 12's began the year planning and implementing an overnight tramp. We completed a challenge tramp to the Waihaha Hut from the Waihora Lagoon. This class has also completed an assessment which involved coaching students at Ohakune Primary School.

As well as completing a 4 week training programme which prepared them to compete against each other in turbo touch and gain fitness for their winter sports.

The year 11's have made the step up into NCEA and had a successful year. They have participated in a range of different activities and sports.

Term one involved them being presented with different survivor team building challenges and required them to demonstrate interpersonal skills to solve these. Students have also learnt about bones, muscles and biomechanics and used this knowledge to improve their volleyball skills. This class finished the year learning about self-management and demonstrating this in a series of mastery challenges.

Mr Campbell Hart
HOD Physical Education



HILLARY OUTDOORS

Year 10s head to Aotea Great Barrier Island

This year we were lucky enough to go to Aotea Great Barrier Island for the Hillary Outdoors experience. It was a journey to get there with a good drive to Leigh, north of Auckland, and then a two hour boat ride to Orama in Karaka Bay where we were staying. This place was just north of Port Fitzroy and luckily had a jetty where we were dropped off.

It was noticeably warmer when we arrived and the bay was beautiful. There was no mobile phone coverage and the electricity only came on for certain hours in the day. And so began a week of activities. It rained on the Monday so after a walk up a stream and some water falls, we donned our packs and headed to Kaiaraera Doc Hut for our over-nighter. It was good fun in the hut, being out of the weather, talking and playing card games.

On our way back we visited Glenfern which is an 83 hectare eco-sanctuary with a predator free fence. We tramped over a massive hill of the Kotuku peninsula. Great Barrier does not have kiwi, but has pāteke (brown duck), kākā and chevron skinks which are all protected.

In the afternoon we went on the high ropes which was challenging and exciting. Orama used to be a Christian community but had fallen into disrepair. Ten years ago Hillary Outdoors leased some of their buildings and used it as another adventure base. Since then, the community has had a revival and now all sorts of groups visit.

The weather vastly improved for our last two days so it was all sea based water activities. We enjoyed kayak surfing and swimming at the beautiful Harataonga Bay. This was followed by the epic 5km kayak trip past Rabbit Island and to the small island of Okokewa where we went coasteering (walking and swimming) around the island itself. That was amazing.

It was a great camp with students attempting everything. They were brave and hardy. Our journey home on Friday was better sailing with a tail wind and schools of dolphins to escort us. Thank you to teachers Mr Connelly, Miss Bam and Mrs Basse and to our two instructors Gemma and Joel who encouraged us all the way.



GATEWAY

During 2018 the Gateway Programme provided Senior Students with the opportunity to undertake various vocational programmes which included work-based placements. Thank you to all the local employers who supported these programmes. Whilst on Gateway, students work towards Vocational Unit Standards that are recognised by employers. This is an excellent way for them to begin gaining work skills, knowledge as well as credits that will help them when they start to look for employment or move into tertiary education.

This year we had students following a range of vocational pathways including Auto Mechanics, Carpentry, Dairy Farming, Cattle & Sheep Farming, Fencing and, new this year, five students successfully completed a Maori Tourism Cultural Programme that culminated in a camp at Waitomo Rereamanu Marae.

The College is hugely grateful for all the employers who supported these students, without them we would not be able to run Gateway Programmes.

Mrs Liz Hall



CAREERS

The College had visits from several New Zealand Universities. The introductory visits were held across Terms 1 and 2 with further visits in Term 3 to provide direct student support where required for 2019 degree applications. These are extremely valuable visits for our students who are considering and potentially applying for university study starting next year.

This year the NZ Defence Forces Recruitment Office ran their very popular Defence Careers Experience Weeks. Two Senior Students applied to NZDF Recruitment to undertake one of these weeks and the College is delighted that both Justice-Rose Dennison and Warren Williams both were chosen to attend the event held in October at Linton and Ohakea Military Camps. Both students are considering a NZDF Career so this opportunity provided valuable experience for any future applications they may make.

Mrs Liz Hall

SECONDARY TERTIARY ALIGNMENT RESOURCE (STAR)

This year the College once again utilized the STAR funding to facilitate short courses that helped to enhance students' skills and knowledge in a variety of work areas as well as provide useful resources to enhance learning within the areas of Hospitality, Financial Literacy, Tourism and preparatory work in getting students work ready (includes work on understanding job applications, careers and building their own portfolio to present to potential employers). We were able to run our popular courses in Barista Training, Food Safety in the Workplace, First Aid in an Outdoor Environment, Outdoor Education (Kayaking) and Workplace Health & Safety.



Where possible we try to maximise all STAR activities and short courses to provide students with the opportunity to gain industry Unit Standard Credits which are recognised by employers and NZQA (and count towards NCEA Qualifications as well as Vocational Pathways).

Mrs Liz Hall



PEER MENTORING AND SUPPORT

Peer mentoring is a tuakana teina programme where Year 13 students work with Year 9 students to help them integrate into the school.

Head boy, Judah Lyon (centre back) leads the peer support programme for the year 9 students, including Marama Groot (left front) and Brooke Graham (right back).



BALL



BALL

It was the social event of the year with the school's annual ball held at the College on last Saturday night. The theme was a 'Night of Mystery' and girls looked stunning in their beautiful ball dresses and the boys looked handsome in their suits.

Students were formally welcomed in to the hall which had been transformed for the occasion. The Master of Ceremonies was Head Boy, Judah Lyon and after eating a delicious dinner, the students and staff danced the night away to music provided by SIMZY.

Thank you to the organising committee and to Mrs Stuckey who managed the event. The ball was a resounding success and a good time was had by all.



KAPA HAKA



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Ruapehu College had its annual Inter Whanau kapahaka competition term 3. Students who competed in their whanau; Huia, Kiwi, Tui, or Weka had a certain amount of time to practise. This year, Kiwi won the Ruruku (Tenei te po), Tui won both the Waiata a ringa (Rapuhia ko te matauranga) and Patere (Whakapukepuke) sections, and the much coveted winners of the Haka (Ko Ruapehu) went to Kiwi.

The judges; Vera Wilson, Chaana Morgan, Chris McLeod and Whetu

Moataane had a difficult time separating the excellent level of performance. This year the standard had lifted with only a few points separating the final scores.

The event was MC'd by ex student, Elijah Pue-Feikert who was able to share memories and tell the history about the origins of the house system, the compulsory sections and the inter whanau competition.

Congratulations to Tui who was first over all, followed by Kiwi a close 2nd, Weka 3rd and Huia 4th.



YEAR 13 PROFILES


Name: Nicholas McDonnell

Remembered for: Looking for Warren

Famous saying : "Where's Warren?"

Wants to be: With Warren

Most likely to be: With Warren



Name: Macy McNaught

Remembered for: Talking non stop for 5 minutes

Famous saying : "laughs too much"

Wants to be: Financially stable

Most likely to be: Broke




Name: Keaton Norling

Remembered for: Always having his hat on.

Famous saying : "Where are the boys?"

Wants to be: Black

Most likely to be: Still short




Name: Molly Parker

Remembered for: Starting her portfolio two weeks before it's due.

Famous saying : "begs not sitting next to Amba"

Wants to be: 6

Most likely to be: 51



Name: Samuel Reyes

Remembered for: Having 9 fingers.

Famous saying : "umm guys...?"

Wants to be: Successful

Most likely to be: FRM (Filipino Rage Monster)




Name: Julian Toho

Remembered for: Not being at school.

Famous saying : "Oh, you going to let me do that to you?"

Wants to be: Anywhere other than school

Most likely to be: Not at school




Name: Pipi Williams

Remembered for: Being Warrens twin.

Famous saying : "O....vintage"

Wants to be: A Flight Attendant

Most likely to be: Working at Z




Name: Warren Williams

Remembered for: Avoiding Nick

Famous saying : "Don't tell Nick I'm here"

Wants to be: Far away from Nick

Most likely to be: Married to Nick




Name: Ashley Akapita

Remembered for: Sitting on the tables

Famous saying : "Where's Dylan?"

Wants to be: In Rata's

Most likely to be: In Kune



Name: Mason Baker

Remembered for: Looking like Kendrick

Famous saying : "Where's the good stuff?"


Wants to be: Kanye

Most likely to be: Working in a cafe.



YEAR 13 PROFILES


Name: Dylan Budge
 Remembered for: Being betrayed
 Famous saying : "I don't get it"
 Wants to be: Loved
 Most likely to be: Neglected and alone.



Name: Amba Carter
 Remembered for: Not finishing assignments.
 Famous saying : "ummmmm"
 Wants to be: Famous
 Most likely to be: A Nun.




Name: Scott Fraser
 Remembered for: A Human Google
 Famous saying : "You're not wrong, you are just less right"
 Wants to be: An Engineer
 Most likely to be: A stay at home dad of 9.



Name: Rebecca Csore
 Remembered for: Never running
 Famous saying : "I don't run"
 Wants to be: A Nurse
 Most likely to be: Staying at home with mum.



Name: Kaheiana Hansen
 Remembered for: Who's Kaheiana
 Famous saying :
 Wants to be: Left alone
 Most likely to be: Married to Tiah




Name: Nash Jordan
 Remembered for: Riding ponies
 Famous saying : "Yes, Papi"
 Wants to be: Arresting people.
 Most likely to be: Arrested.




Name: Judah Lyon
 Remembered for: Being Christian
 Famous saying : "Shut up Scott"
 Wants to be: A petrol head hippie
 Most likely to be: Successful



Name: Anamaraea McDonnell
 Remembered for: Wait, who?
 Famous saying : "No, seriously who?"
 Wants to be: Remembered
 Most likely to be: Forgotten



Name: Nathaniel Bethell
 Remembered for: Literally nothing
 Famous saying : "huh?"
 Wants to be: Animal Expert
 Most likely to be: Year 15



Name: Daynah Bishop
 Remembered for: Being a FOB
 Famous saying : "Got any lunch"
 Wants to be: On a fishing boat.
 Most likely to be: On a fishing boat.




BOYS RUGBY

Back row: Leonardo Csore, Leim Norling, Diamond Mapp, Duncan Francois, Samuel Lyon.

Second row: Lamar Tutemahurangi, Dom Norling, Judah Lyon, Montoia Osborne, Masiya Taiaroa, Mr Campbell Hart.

Front row: Winiata Wallace, Mason Richards, Usher Taiaroa, Keaton Norling, Tui Wikohika, Gene Henderson, Elijah Brown.

Absent: Cameron Artz, Jax Campbell, Jahzay Muru-Albert, Siete Pakinga, Tai Paul, Malachi Pehi, Zebariah Smith, Kalani Gordon, Jack Walls, Te Taumata Nelio, Te Whenua Ranginui, Michael Tapsell, Julian Toho, Jude White.



Under 15 Report

The Under 15's had lots of new faces in 2018 with many players moving up to the Under 19's. The boys always played with heart despite being one of the smaller teams in the competition.

Overall the team had the best year since I have been coaching in terms of commitment to training and having good numbers for games. The team had a strong first round particularly playing at home where they had some very tight games. The second round was tougher but the team never gave up and kept giving it their best.

Tui Wikohika and Duncan Francois received commitment and character awards at the sports breakfast. These were for their dedication to training and help motivating others to get to training's and games. Also for always showing good character on the field throughout the season.

Sam Lyon was named player of the year at prize giving. The players would not have been able to play this year without the help and support of Donna Francois. We thank her very much for her help transporting, managing and cleaning the kit every week.

Mr Campbell Hart (coach)

Ruapehu College U19 Rugby

Commitment/Character Award: Michael Tapsell
Commitment/Character Award: Dom Norling
Commitment/Character Award: Liam Norling

Whanganui U16 Representative Team

- Dom Norling
- Te Taumata Neilo

Whanganui Rugby U18 boys Representatives

- Keaton Norling



GIRLS RUGBY



Back row: Levana Paul, Mr Michael Clamp, Sophie Couper.
Front row: Aciana Akapita, Kaiawa Connelly, Sequoia Sue-Waara, Paige Pearce, Michaelah Sinai.
Absent: Tayla White, Jaye Tuataea Akapita, Daynah Bishop, Legacy Hiroti, Sapphire Mapp, Victoria Paoratoho, Santaesjah Wood.

A large group of keen and motivated girls stepped up to play rugby this season. The mix consisted of experience, youth and new comers to the sport. It was pleasing to see the growth and development of all the players and particularly their keenness to play an expansive, running style of rugby. Against experienced opposition, our girls showed tenacity and many a game came down to the last quarter where unfortunately we were pipped at the post. Special mention to our experienced players Sequoia, Tayla, Sophie, Kaiawa and Daynah, our next generation players Paige, Ace, Jaye, Levana, Santy and Michaelah, and our newbies Sapphire, Victoria, Anisee and Taty. Also congratulations to Paige, Sequoia and Ace for being selected in the Whanganui Rep Squad.

Mr Michael Clamp



THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT?



SQUASH

What an amazing year for our College squash players!!! We competed in team events and as individuals. Squash was back in the Interwhanau competition (congratulations on your win, Huia), and a good number of our players were celebrated at the Sports breakfast. We had so many highlights this year – locally, regionally and then **NATIONALLY!!!!**

Our team in the local Interclub competition finished third overall. Dylan, Scott, Nash and Tui were the regulars, and were helped out at various times by Emma and Sayge.

We took two teams to the NZ Secondary Schools Squash tournament, held in Palmerston North at the beginning of August, and they represented the college well. They were a great group to take away. Their sportsmanship - on and off the court was superb and their support for each other was strong.

It was the first time we have been able to field a Girls team for three years – a really encouraging sign. Sayge Wikohika, Emma Burnard, Ella Hawira, Kaiawa Connelly and Libby Graham – the Girls' Team - played five matches and were up against some players graded much higher than we were. We had some individual wins and one team win. St Matthews Collegiate 5/0, Kamo 2/3 - a win to Ruapehu, Katikati 3/2, St Paul's Collegiate 4/1.

The boys – Dylan Budge (player/coach), Scott Fraser, Nash Jordan, Tui Wikohika, Sam Reyes, Eli Brown - played four matches and had some very tough competition and some very close games. We had some individual wins, but no team wins. Hutt International School 5/0, Auckland Grammar 2 4/1, Orewa College 3/2, Pukekohe 3/2.

We were never in the running for any medals but everyone played with 100% effort against some pretty tough competition. We are really grateful to the Laurenson Trust for covering our travel costs, the College for letting us go and paying the entry fees, Ms Shere for her support and for completing the obligatory paper work, and our parents' support – emotional and financial, and to the parents who were with us – Lauren Wikohika (Girls' coach), Sarina Budge, Te Maire Hawira, Derek and Fiona Fraser (manager).

Our Individual Achievements

Congratulations to Dylan Budge (runner up B Grade Men's National Champion), Sayge Wikohika (E Grade Women's National Champion), and Nash Jordan (F Grade Men's National Champion).

Look at this impressive list.....

Emma Burnard

-finished in the top 10 Girls' group of the Central Region Prince Series

- 3rd Woman's U15 division Squash Central Junior Championship

-runner up in the Ohakune Squash Club F Grade Women's Championship

-represented Ohakune Squash Club and Central Squash in the F Grade Women's team that played in the National Superchamps in Dunedin

Her hard work and commitment took her into E grade - a great way to finish the season.

Nash Jordan

Ohakune Squash Club F Grade Men's Champion
Squash Central Region F Grade Men's Champion
Moved in to E Grade
National F Grade Men's Champion



SQUASH

Dylan Budge

Dylan is Committed - with a Capital C. He spends hours training. He travels extensively to compete in tournaments around the country.

He moved in to Grade B1 early in the season

He has been selected several times this season to represent our Squash Central region at various events.

Represented Squashgym Palmerston North and Central Squash in the B Grade Men's team that played in the National Superchamps in New Plymouth, finishing in third place. (Our local club didn't have a Men's B Grade team).

He captained the College squash team which plays each fortnight in the Interclub competition. This involves organising who is playing each night, hosting a meal after a home game, or organising transport for away games. He captained and coached the College Boys' team for the Secondary Schools Squash Nationals tournament. He coached the primary school players in their Junior squash programme in Term 3. He coached Scott and Nash at the Central Region's Champion of Champions competition.

College Boy Champion

He played in the Senior Nationals competition.

He played in the Junior Nationals competition in Auckland. Initially seeded 14th of 32, he finished 9th in New Zealand's Under 19. A hugely commendable effort.

Ohakune Squash Club B Grade Men's Champion – for the second year running
Runner up in the National Champion of Champions B Grade Men's Competition

Received a Sports Blues award at 2018 Prizegiving

Libby Graham

Runner up in the Ohakune Squash Club J Grade Girls' Championship represented Ohakune Squash Club and Central Squash in the F Grade Women's team that played in the National Superchamps in Dunedin

Scott Fraser

Ohakune Squash Club D Grade Men's Champion represented Ohakune Squash Club and Central Squash in the D Grade Men's team that played in the National Superchamps in Waitara

Sayge Wikohika

Ohakune Squash Club E Grade Women's Champion and National E Grade Women's Champion. She also represented Ohakune Squash Club and Central Squash in the D Grade Women's team that played in the National Superchamps in Oamaru. She was College Girl Champion. Sayge moved in to D Grade towards the end of the season.

We say goodbye to Dylan, Scott, Nash and Sam this year, and they will leave a gaping hole in our College Squash. Just as they benefitted from those who had been before them, these young men leave a great legacy. Thank you, guys. We will keep Squash alive and well at the College, and do you proud!!!!

Mrs Fiona Fraser



Back row: Tui Wikohika.

Second row: Scott Fraser, Kaiawa Connelly, Samuel Reyes, Nash Jordan.

Front row: Ella Hawira, Libby Graham, Elijah Brown, Emma Burnard, Sayge Wikohika.

Absent: Dylan Budge (At a Squash Tournament)

YEAR 9 CAMP 2017

Ruapehu College's year 9 students escaped the thunder storms last week and headed off on the annual camp to 'Valhalla' near Leigh (north of Auckland) where they spent the week in tents on the beautiful gardens of this 7.8 hectare property. Mrs Basse's connection to the Danish society meant the students could enjoy the peninsula which spans an ocean beach and a sheltered bay providing many opportunities for swimming and rafting. Students' snorkelled at the marine reserve at Goat Island and visited the Auckland University Marine centre there. The water was crystal clear.

The year 9's also learnt about harakeke. During the week, they walked the ecology trail at Tawharanui, and jumped off the wharf at Omaha. There was also opportunities for making pizzas and cooking sausages on open fires down at the surf beach. Students learnt about aspects of survival, how to make good choices in life and leadership. The weather was warm and sunny for the whole week and the bird life amazing. Our end of camp evening concert was also very humorous. A big thank you to all staff, parents and prefects who assisted with the year 9 leadership camp. It was a resounding success.



LEADERSHIP CAMP 2017



FOOTBALL

The Seniors played in their annual fixture with St Bernards College, losing that game 5-3. This was a particularly pleasing result given that Ruapehu College was mainly made up of rugby players who had never trained together, two Year 9 students and two Year 10 girls. St Bernards play their football in a strong Wellington competition, so all involved can be very pleased with their efforts.

In concluding I wish to congratulate all the players for their sportsmanship on the park and excellent manners and courtesy off it, which was commented on by opposition coaches. It has been a pleasure to work with this group of players and their parents, school and most importantly the individuals themselves can be proud of how they conducted themselves. These things are as important to a coach as the results.

I look forward to developing the game further next year and hope our new Year 9 intake will bolster the numbers.

M Darmody
(Football Coach)

NETBALL

It was a rocky start to the season with some commitment issues and subsequent drop out players. Despite this we ended our season on a high with a strong team of 10 players.

Ruapehu College entered 1 team to compete in the Whanganui Netball Secondary School tournament where we quickly became known as "the team to beat" – being undefeated right through to the final game which we lost 36-26 in a fierce game against Whanganui High School. Overall finishing 2nd in our competition.

With the success in our season, the enthusiasm of Angelique Bam (Coach), Katie Shere (Manager) and the team, we entered into the Lower North Island Secondary School Netball Competition. This was held in Palmerston North over a week in early September.

With the help of Parents, students, teachers and local business', the team fundraised all of the money for their trip as well as enough for team hoodies.

Although we came away with a loss in our games, it was a fantastic experience for the girls – who were mostly made up of Year 9's & 10's, and solidified their bond for the upcoming seasons.

Many thanks to all who were involved this year, and we look forward to watching this young team go from strength to strength.

Thank you to Hayley Artz who took the time to coach primary school netball.

Miss A Bam and Miss K Sherre
Netball Coach and Manager



Standing: Miss Katie Shere, Hayley Artz, Sayge Wikohika, Miss A Bam.
Sitting: Ella Hawira, Maina Gray, Janine Francois.
Absent: Jaye Tuaatea Akapita, Laycie Bennett, Ella Rowe, Allivia Wallace, Kyro Wihare-Hansen.

NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SNOWBOARDING COMPETITION

Well this year was totally wiped out with some very intense weather systems coming through, so only the girls slalom was recorded as the only event, the first time in years that this has occurred! Good on Chaya Connelly who got the best points and managed to do some really consistent runs in not very nice conditions. We had two great teams and it is a bummer when they do not get to compete when they have put in lots of effort towards training, and when the course and visibility were challenging.

I would like to acknowledge both the snowboard crew for lining up and trying to compete in some horizontal sleet and rain to try and make the most of the competition. For the girls: Kaiawa Connelly, Chaya Connelly, Jenna Jones and Sayge Wikohika. For the Boys team: Elijah Brown, Tui Wikohika, Dalton Jordan and Oskar who comes from Whangamata to train with Ruapehu College.

It is cool to see the students trying new tricks and challenging themselves with bigger features that will help them succeed in the competition. Some of them also took part in the Turoa competitions and Team Ruapehu Training on the school holidays and weekends. Year 9 student, Tui Wikohika is a force to be reckoned with and we wish him the best with his challenge to make the 2022 Olympics! Good on you Tui, we always like to watch you shred! Hopefully we continue to build up more talent and keep great progression in skills and ability in all our students who love snowboarding!

Miss Meredith Wilson
TIC Snow Sports



Tui Wikohika in action on the boys slalom, which was cancelled due to snow!



Jenna Jones at the Turoa Jib Jam



Sayge Wikohika in action on girls dual Slalom



Jenna Jones and Tui Wikohika both placing at the Turoa Jib Jam!



Tui in action at the Turoa Jib Jam!

SNOW ACADEMY

Well not the best weather opportunities this year, so we had a few training sessions on the Wintergarden. This was very challenging for the ski racers and they had to adapt some new skills.

Julia who is French Canadian coached the skiers and Andrew from Banff Canada coached the snowboarders..

We had about a dozen skiers with quite a few newbies from year 9 coming aboard for the skiers and a couple of great additions to the snowboard crew to build up numbers.

The teaching staff were spread between Mike Clamp, Campbell Hart, Katie Shere, Kim Basse and Meredith Wilson.

We would like to thank Dempsey buses for their reliable service and assisting us in any sort of weather. Thanks very much to RAL for providing great coaching staff and enabling us to get some training under way in challenging conditions this year.

It was great to see such high level coaches like Andrew helping and building on their coaching with local students. We would also like to acknowledge Anna in the RAL office who was in charge of schools and groups for ensuring we got all the training sessions.

Unfortunately weather conditions and avalanches meant that we never had the opportunity for our inter whanau races, hopefully conditions will allow next year!

Miss Meredith Wilson
TIC Snow Sports



Aciana Akapita tests out new skills on the wintergarden.



Elijah Brown shred the wintergarden park!



Jenna Jones tests out new skills on the wintergarden.

SKI TEAM



Back row: Megan Rollerson, Judah Lyon, Nash Jordan, Keri Baker, Mr Brian Connelly.
Front row: Brooke Graham, Michaelah Sinai, Scott Fraser, Lola Crump, Aciana Akapita.
Absent: Jaye Tuaeatea Akapita



SNOW ACADEMY



Back row: Sayge Wikohika, Judah Lyon, Scott Fraser, Nash Jordan, Keri Baker.
Second row: Elijah Brown, Megan Rollerson, Dalton Jordan, Tui Wikohika, Libby Graham, Miss Meredith Wilson.
Front row: Brooke Graham, Aciana Akapita, Jenna Jones, Samuel Reyes, Chaya Connelly, Michaelah Sinai, Lola Crump.
Absent: Jaye Tuaeatea Akapita, Dylan Budge, Oskar Williams.

SNOWBOARD TEAM



Back row: Tui Wikohika, Miss Meredith Wilson, Sayge Wikohika.
Front row: Jenna Jones, Elijah Brown, Kaiwawa Connelly, Dalton Jordan, Chaya Connelly.
Absent: Oskar Williams.

TUG OF WAR

The start of year would not be complete if we didn't have the interwhanau Tug of War. This was fiercely contested by all.

The results are out with first place tied between Tui and Huia.

It was fiercely contested so that the ropes had to work hard to take the strain.

In addition, the year 9s won against the year 10s, the year 11s won against the year 12s and the staff won (for the first time in many years) against the year 13 students. It was a fun way to complete the end of the first week back at school.



WAKA AMA

Ruapehu College has put their stamp on Waka Ama at the National Secondary School Championships in more ways than one last week. This event is very competitive with 117 schools and 3527 paddlers entered.

Congratulations must go to the two Ruapehu College crews who qualified for bowl finals last Friday. This was an awesome achievement with the number of first time paddlers in the two crews. Our students had spent the week at the Blue Lakes in Rotorua competition refining their paddling skills and team work in the lead up to the race. The Under 19s achieved a 3rd placing. The nerves were apparent for our Under 16's who crossed the start line a split second too early. Well done to both teams.



The school would like to thank the tutors and coaches for their dedication, The Laurenson Trust for their support towards transport. This is a major contribution as students have to travel to a body of water for training. Thanks to managers and coaches who attended the event and to the chef and other volunteers for their time. Thanks to Deputy Principal, Mrs Marama Allen for her contributions. The school is very keen to continue to develop Waka Ama.

Ruapehu College Co-Designs Waka Ama National Assessment

Also congratulations to the college who were also involved in the launching of a Level 2 Unit Standard lead by Te Wananga o Aotearoa based on the Waka Ama experience.

The assessment comes with resources and guidelines and Ruapehu College Students at Waka Ama this year will receive the academic achievement. This has been made possible thanks to the collaboration between Waka Ama NZ, Skills Active NZ, Te Wananga o Aotearoa and Ruapehu College. This standard will now be available to all secondary schools in New Zealand.



Back row: Kaiawa Connelly, Ebony Thomas, Paige Perace, Mr Brian Connelly.
Front row: Chaya Connelly, Sayge Wikohika, Dylan Te Kura Bishop, Sequoia Sue-Waara, Ella Hawira.
Absent: Laycie Bennett, Ngahuia Brider-Wiari, Rona Condon, Anamaraea McDonnell.

CROSS COUNTRY

Age Grade Champions

Junior Boys: Cameron Artz
Junior Girls - Korbyn Garland
Intermediate Boys: Sam Lyon
Intermediate Girls - Chaya Connelly
Senior Girls - Hayley Artz
Senior Boys - Nash Jordan

Whanau Results

1st Weka
2nd Kiwi
3rd Tui
4th Huia

Whanganui Secondary Schools Cross Country

Well done to Chloe Garland and Korbyn Garland who represented Ruapehu College at the Whanganui Secondary Schools Cross Country.



ATHLETICS

Athletics day was held on Wednesday 28 February. It was a fiercely fought competition with the best participation for a number of years. This resulted in only 30 points separating 2nd-4th place in the Whanau competition. It was great to have a number of Whanau and community members come down to support.

Broken Records

Two records were broken on the day. Dylan Te Kura Bishop broke her own shot put record pushing it out to 11.75m. Tui Wikohika and Mason Richards both broke the Junior Boys 300m record of 49.57s held by J Matete since 2012. Mason will go down in the records with his time of 46.47s.

Age Grade Champions

Junior Female Champion - Korbyn Garland
Junior Male Champion - Mason Richards
Intermediate Female Champion - Chaya Connolly
Intermediate Male Champion - Tekakao Kairimu
Senior Female Champion - Hayley Artz
Senior Male Champion - Julian Toho

Whanau Results

1st Weka
2nd Huia
3rd Kiwi
4th Tui

Whanganui Secondary Schools Athletics

Congratulations to Ruapehu College who performed well above their weight at the Secondary Schools athletics sports competition in Whanganui. Our team might have been small, but the students fought hard and achieved some amazing results.

Congratulations go to:

Dylan Te Kura Bishop 1st - Shotput Int Girls
Hayley Artz 1st - Long Jump Snr Girls
Hayley Artz 1st - Triple Jump Snr Girls
Hayley Artz 2nd - High Jump Snr Girls
Santaesjah Wood-2nd Shotput Jnr Girls
Tekakao Kairimu 2nd - High Jump Int Boys
Tekakao Kairimu 2nd - Long Jump Int Boys
Julian Toho 3rd - Long Jump Snr Boys
Julian Toho 3rd - Triple Jump Snr Boys

North Island Secondary Schools Athletics competition

Haley Artz (yr12) Tekakao Kairimu (yr12) and Dylan Te Kura Bishop (yr12) represented Whanganui at the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics competition. The competition was held in Whanganui and was very competitive. Well done to those students for their efforts.



SWIMMING SPORTS

Many students headed to the Waiouru pools last Monday 19th February for the annual school swimming sports. It was a great day at the Waiouru pools with a fun atmosphere and lots of participation from those who were there.

Broken Records

Kaiawa Connelly (yr12) was the day's standout performer breaking three school records one of which was over 20 years old. This is a massive achievement and reward for determination and hard work.

1 length freestyle swimming 21.46s a record held by Felecia Fredrickson since 2010.

1 Length backstroke, swimming 25.8s a record held by Tania Clark since 1995.

3 Lengths Medley, swimming 1. 32.78s which was also a record held by Felicia Fredricksen since 2010.

Age Grade Champions

Junior Female Champion - Ella Hawira
Junior Male Champion - Winiata Wallace
Intermediate Female Champion - Chaya Connelly
Intermediate Male Champion - Masiya Taiaroa
Senior Female Champion - Kaiawa Connelly
Senior Male Champion - Nash Jordan

Whanau Results

1st Tui
2nd Kiwi
3rd Weka
4th Huia



Whanganui Swimming Sports

We had six students who represented Ruapehu College at the annual swimming sports in Whanganui.

The standout of the day was Usher Taiaroa coming 2nd in his 50m backstroke race (only 1.7seconds behind 1st place), followed by Samuel Lyon coming 3rd in his 50m breaststroke!

Everyone had a great time and gave 110% effort, despite some tough and intimidating competition.

Caption

Students who represented Ruapehu College at the Whanganui swimming sports.

Back row: Ella Hawira, Chaya Connelly, Kaiawa Connelly

Front: Usher Taiaroa, Masiya Taiaroa, Samuel Lyon



PRIZEGIVING

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2017

SPORTS AWARDS

ATHLETICS Junior Girl (PTA Cup) Korbyn Garland Junior Boy (PTA Cup) Tai Paul CROSS COUNTRY Junior Girl (Mary Whale Cup) Chaya Connelly Junior Boy (Herbert Smith Trust Cup) Tai Paul Intermediate boy (Leo Cleary Cup) Harry Toho SWIMMING Junior Girl (Cup) Chaya Connelly Junior Boy (TG Drayton Cup) Masiya Tairaoa Intermediate Boy Jude White NETBALL Junior Cup (Checkers Netball Cup) for the most outstanding player Shaquana Taylor Kapai Enterprises Trophy (Presented by Ken & Merylyn George) for qualities of sportsmanship, achievement, dedication and loyalty. Shaquana Taylor SNOWBOARDING Junior Girl Champion Sayge Wikohika Junior Boy Champion Jude White SKIING Junior Girls Champion (Knight Family Trophy) Michaela Sinai SOCCER Dave Billmore Trophy for most improved junior Sara Mandy Waka Ama Ruapehu College Ki Te Hoe WAKA AMA Junior Female Chaya Connelly

YEAR 9 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Jaye Taaatea Akapita EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Design and Innovation Textiles and Te Reo Maori. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort and perseverance in Design and Innovation Food, English and Science. Cameron Artz EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and Physical Education. MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Mathematics, English and consistent effort in Social Studies and Science. Keri Baker MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Art. Emma Burnard EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Mathematics and Social Studies. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Science, Physical Education, Design and Innovation Food, Performing Arts and English. Chaya Connelly EXCELLENCE AWARD in Design and Innovation Textiles. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Mathematics, Social Studies, Physical Education, English and Digital Technology and receives the Creative Textiles Award presented by Merylyn George. Jaidyn Foster MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Digital Technology. Korbyn Garland EXCELLENCE AWARD in Art. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mathematics. Tayla Goff MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health. Kalani Gordon MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and Health. Libby Graham EXCELLENCE AWARD in Design and Innovation Textiles. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Mathematics and Science. Byron Griffin-Chappel MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Tristram Griffin-Chappel MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Ella Hawira MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Te Reo Maori. Jenna Jones EXCELLENCE AWARDS for Science, English and Health. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and Art. Dalton Jordon MERIT AWARDS for Improvement in Science and for consistent effort in Social Studies, Health, Digital Technology and Performing Arts. Brodie Kahukura MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Physical Education and for consistent effort in Health and Digital Technology. Sara Mandy MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Health and Art. Sapphire Mapp EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, English, Health, Design and Innovation

Food, and Performing Arts. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education and Outdoor

Education.

Brianna McKenna EXCELLENCE AWARD in English MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies, Health and Design and Innovation Textiles. Montoia Osborne MERIT AWARD for improvement in Design and Innovation Food. Siete Pakinga EXCELLENCE AWARD in Outdoor Education. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Physical Education and improvement in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Victoria Paoratoho MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design and Innovation Textiles. Paige Pearce EXCELLENCE AWARD for Design and Innovation Food. Gabriel Pohatu MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in English. Kennedy Reid EXCELLENCE AWARD for Art. MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Digital Technology. Bo Soverel MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Mathematics. Allivia Wallace MERIT AWARD for improvement in Science. Kyro Wihare-Hansen EXCELLENCE AWARD for Digital Technology. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and English. Sayge Wikohika MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Mathematics and consistent effort in Physical Education.

YEAR 10 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Aciana Akapita MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Mathematics English and Social Studies. Victoria Bethhell MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Social Studies and Te Reo Maori. Ryan Burton MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Mathematics and consistent effort in Social Studies, Digital Technology and Performing Arts and receives the Most Improved Junior Performing Artist Trophy. Mackenzie Charlton EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Science and Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. MERIT AWARDS for Physical Education, Health, Digital Technology and Performing Arts and receives the Dixon Engineering Trophy for practical work in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Rose Collett EXCELLENCE AWARDS in English, Physical Education Health and Art. MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Mathematics and Science and for consistent effort in Social Studies. Duncan Francois MERIT AWARDS for improvement in English and Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and for consistent effort in Physical Education. Nazomi Groot EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Mathematics, English, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education and Performing Arts. Merit Award for effort in Digital Technology. Tanaeya Henare MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Science and Design and Innovation Food. Tatyana Hiroti MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design and Innovation Food and receives the Most Promising Student in Practical Foods Plate presented by Merylyn George. Samuel Lyon EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Health and Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Mathematics and Science and effort in Social Studies and Physical Education and receives the Mowat Voon cup for a student active in both sports and reading. Diamond Mapp MERIT AWARDS for effort in Social Studies, Physical Education and Health and Perseverance in Te Reo Maori. Te Taumata Nelio MERIT AWARDS for effort in Science and Digital Technology. Levana Paul MERIT AWARD for effort in Health. Kate Rowe EXCELLENCE AWARDS in Mathematics, Social Studies

and Performing Arts. MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in English, Science and Health. Masiya Tairaoa MERIT AWARDS for improvement in Science and Physical Education and for consistent effort in English, Social Studies and Design and Innovation Food. Shaquana Taylor EXCELLENCE AWARD in Te Reo Maori MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Health. Izzy Theodore EXCELLENCE AWARD in Digital Technology MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Mathematics and Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Ellen Thomas MERIT AWARD for Perseverance in Art. Hezakaya Treanor-Meteking MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Health and Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Lamar Tutemahurangi MERIT AWARD for effort in Digital Technology.

SPECIAL AWARDS

OFFICE MAX AWARD (junior) For outstanding service to the college Emma Burnard TE KAAHU TROPHY Donated by Mr & Mrs Murphy-Peehi for leadership, initiative and dedication in the promotion of cultural activities among juniors at Ruapehu College Aciana Akapita THE LOGAN DIXON CUP For excellence in junior sport cup Michaela Sinai RUAPEHU COLLEGE JUNIOR CITIZEN CUP donated by the Lyon family 2008. For a student of good character, having personal integrity including the qualities of honesty, caring for other people and supporting the peer group. Rose Collett JIM PERRY PRIZE For the Year 10 student who has shown the most improvement across a range of academic, sporting, social and cultural activities. Cheque and Voucher Masiya Tairaoa LILA PAKINGA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT: \$1000 awarded to a year 10 student to support them in their academic year. Michaela Sinai YEAR 9 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD trophy donated by the Milne Family Sapphire Mapp YEAR 10 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD - JUNIOR DUX TROPHY donated by the Milne Family. Ruapehu Bulletin for academic excellence in Year 10 and R.C.E.A.T. grant of \$100 Nazomi Groot

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2018

SENIOR SPORTS AND INTER WHĀNAU AWARDS

ATHLETICS Intermediate Boy Champion (Walter Warner Cup) Tekaokao Kairimu Senior Girl Champion (Turners and Growers Cup) Hayley Artz Senior Boy Champion (Turners and Growers Cup) Julian Toho CROSS COUNTRY Intermediate Boy Champion (Leo Cleary Cup) Samuel Lyon Senior Girl Champion (ECNZ Trophy) Hayley Artz Senior Boy champion (Dillon Shield) Nash Jordan SWIMMING Intermediate Boy Cup Masiya Tairaoa Senior Girl Champion (John Evans Trophy) Kaiawa Connelly Senior Boy Champion (John Evans Trophy) Nash Jordan RUGBY Best and Fairest U19 Player (Cup) Keaton Norling Best and Fairest Under 15 Player (Golden Oldies Trophy) Samuel Lyon SQUASH Boy Champion (Triggell Trophy) Dylan Budge SKIING Senior Girl Champion (Taharangi Cup) Aciana Akapita Senior Boy Champion Nash Jordan (Mangaturuturu Cup presented by Graeme Brebner) SNOWBOARDING Senior Girl Champion (Murray Swan Trophy) Kaiawa Connelly WAKA AMA Ruapehu College Ki Te Hoe Waka Ama Senior Female Kaiawa Connelly (a taonga gifted by the Allen Whānau) Inter Whanau Competition Huia Leaders Keaton

Norling and Rebecca Csore 1st= in Tug of War, 2nd in Athletics and Table Tennis, 3rd= in Dodgeball, 4th in Swimming, Cross country and Kapahaka. Kiwi Leaders Te Kaokao Kairimu and Tayla White 2nd in Swimming, Cross Country and Kapahaka, 3rd in Athletics and Tug of War, 3rd= in Dodgeball, 4th in Table Tennis. Tui Leaders Macy McNaught and Ashley Akapita 1st= in Tug of War, 1st in Swimming and Kapahaka, 3rd in Cross Country and Table Tennis, 3rd= in Dodgeball 4th in Athletics Weka Leaders Julian Toho and Daynah Bishop 1st in Athletics, Cross Country and Table Tennis, 2nd in Dodgeball and Tug of War, 3rd in Swimming and Kapahaka. Champion Whānau Cup Kiwi SPORTS BLUES AWARDS Keaton Norling Clay Shooting Dylan Budge Squash Nash Jordan Equestrian SPORTS ALL ROUNDER Nash Jordan

YEAR 11 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Aciana Akapita MERIT AWARD for improvement during the year in Level 2 Te Reo Maori. SUBJECT AWARD for first Level 1 Outdoor Education. Ryan Burton MERIT AWARD for Improvement and Perseverance in Level 1 Performing Arts. Mackenzie Charlton MERIT AWARD for Outstanding Performance in the School Production. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 1 Design and Visual Communication and Art. Rose Collett MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 Design in Food, Physical Education and Art. Duncan Francois MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 1 Physical Education. James Frew MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Level 1 Physical Education. Nazomi Groot MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 Performing Arts, History and Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 1 English, Academic Science and Design in Food. She receives the Fiona Fraser Design in Food award for Excellence in Food Technology Level 1. Legacy Hiroti SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 1 Agriculture/Horticulture. Jeramaia Joyce SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 1 Practical Science. Samuel Lyon MERIT AWARD for consistent effort all year in Level 1 Academic Science and History. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 1 Physical Education, first in Level 1 Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and receives the Place Makers Prize. Te Taumata Nelio SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 1 Japanese Shizuki Okumura MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Level 1 History. Kate Rowe MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 1 English and Academic Science. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 1 Mathematics and History. First in Accounting and receives a certificate from the Volcanics eLearning Community for exceptional time management and dedication to her online learning for Accounting. First in Performing Arts and receives the Sims Award for Excellence in Performing Arts. Michaelah Sinai MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Level 1 English and improvement during the year in Level 2 Te Reo Maori. Year 11 Top Academic Student: Kate Rowe

YEAR 12 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Hayley Artz MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 2 Mathematics, English and Physics. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 2 Design in Food, History and Physical Education. Dylan Tekura-Bishop MERIT AWARD for outstanding performance in the School Production. Tyler Booth SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Science. Kaiawa Connelly SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Biology and receives the Kaimanawa Cup for Senior Outdoor Education. Sophie Couper

SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Agriculture/Horticulture and receives the Fruit Federation Supplies prize. She receives the Sue Hardwidge Memorial Cup for excellence in Practical Foods. Justice-Rose Dennison MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 2 Physical Education and History. Rory Fredricksen MERIT AWARDS for perseverance in Level 2 Agriculture/Horticulture and consistent effort in Level 2 Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. He receives the Winstone Pulp International Prize for achievement in Year 12 Design Technology. Chloe Garland Receives the Early Settlers Award donated by the Scarrow Family for diligence and showing class spirit in History. Ebony Hansen SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Level 2 Art. MERIT AWARD for improvement during the year in Level 2 Design in Food. Racel Reyes MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 2 History. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 2 English, Mathematics, Physics, Design and Visual Communication and first equal in Art. Alice Walls MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 2 Biology and improvement during the year in Level 2 Mathematics. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Psychology. She receives the Peck Campbell Cup for excellence in the Humanities - English, History, Accounting and Psychology. She receives a certificate from the Volcanics eLearning Community for Exceptional time management and dedication to her online learning in Chinese. Sequoia Sue-Waara MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 2 Tourism and Travel. Dean Whale MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Financial Life Skills and perseverance in Level 2 English. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Tayla White SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 2 Tourism and Travel. MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Level 2 Physical Education. T'Leya Wood MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 2 Physics and Design and Visual Communication. Daniel Woodhead MERIT AWARD for perseverance in Level 2 Agriculture/Horticulture and receives the Waimarino Tree Resource Incentive Award. Year 12 Top Academic Student: Racel Reyes

YEAR 13 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Nathaniel Bethell MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 3 Travel and Tourism. Dylan Budge MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 3 Physics, Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and Physical Education. SUBJECT AWARD for first equal in Level 3 Mathematics and Calculus. He receives the Cast Family Senior Mathematics Award for a student who attains a high standard in Level 3 Mathematics. Rebecca Csore SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 3 Art. Scott Fraser MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 3 Mathematics, Calculus and Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 3 Chemistry and Physics. Scott receives the Winstone Pulp International prize for excellence in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. He also receives the MS Gould Cup for the Best Senior Debater. Han Hailong A certificate from the Volcanics eLearning Community for Level 2 Chinese. Kaheiana Hansen SUBJECT AWARDS for first equal in Level 3 Mathematics and Calculus, Biology and English. She receives the Migos Trophy for Practical Clothing and the Peak Award for Accounting. Judah Lyon MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 3 Physics and English. SUBJECT AWARDS for first in Level 3 Design and Innovation Resistant Materials and Physical

Education. He receives the Gordon Lin trophy for the best DTC student and the Robin Rowles Trophy for leadership in practical areas. Keaton Norling MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 3 Physical Education. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 3 Agriculture/Horticulture. Keaton receives the Land Based Training Cup for top Agriculture/Horticulture Student. Molly Parker MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Level 3 Textiles and receives the Dr Jordan Memorial Prize for Art Samuel Reyes MERIT AWARD for consistent effort in Design and Innovation Resistant Materials. Pipi Williams MERIT AWARDS for consistent effort in Level 3 Biology, Financial Life Skills and improvement during the year in Level 3 Textiles. SUBJECT AWARD for first in Level 3 Travel and Tourism.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Office Max Award For a person who has enhanced the reputation of the college by his or her work outside the college. Dylan Budge Maungarongo Trophy For showing leadership, dedication and initiative in the promotion of kapa haka during the year in school. Ashley Akapita Outstanding Senior Contribution in Production For contribution, service and promotion. Brian Eades Award For perseverance and endeavour. Pipi Williams Andrew Beggs Memorial Trophy For a student who upholds the values that were upheld by Andrew Beggs: a good work ethic, respect for the environment and concern for others.

Kaheiana Hansen Lila Pakinga Scholarship Grant: For a year 11 student to support them in their following academic year to the value of \$1000 Rose Collett Rotary Trades Award: Awarded by the Raethi-Ohakune Rotary Club for a student who shows outstanding promise in the area of Agriculture and Horticulture, Forestry or Trades to assist them in achieving their goals for the future to the value of \$500 Dean Whale The Ruapehu College Sportsperson of the Year Cup for best overall senior in sport, presented by John and Sue Laurenson plus \$100 from the The Laurenson Trust Keaton Norling Waimarino Shield Dylan Budge Donated by the Maori community of the district for an all-round student in academic, sporting, and social areas including Maori culture and values plus \$100 from Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust Loftus Shield For services to the College, including providing a good example and reliability in all areas – academic, social and sporting plus \$100 from The Laurenson Trust Judah Lyon Proxime Accessit Trophy donated by Peter Berry and Family with \$100 from The Laurenson Trust Kaheiana Hansen Dux Trophy donated by Ian & Dorothy Meredith. \$200 from the Ruapehu College Education Assistance Trust, The Rotary Club Scholarship of \$500, The University of Otago Scholarship for Academic Excellence (\$5000). *9+ Scott Fraser.



