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Newsletter

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Tues 29 May	Year 11 Outdoor Mountain Biking
Wed 30 May	12/13 Outdoor Mountain Biking Lincoln University Visit
Thurs 31 May	BOT Meeting
Mon 4 June	Queens Birthday Holiday
Tues 5 June	Teacher Only Day
Thurs 7 June	12/13 Outdoor Mountain Biking
Mon 11– Fri 15 June	Year 10 Camp Great Barrier Island
Mon 11 June	Maunga Karakia

Leadership opportunity

Congratulations to Ashley Akapita who was one of the 50 Tuia participants who joined the group visit to Christchurch last weekend. 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. Ashley Akapita, who is the Deputy Head Prefect at Ruapehu College, has applied for and been selected for the programme in 2018.



The word 'Tuia' means to weave and when people are woven together well, they have a greater positive impact on the community, and leaders chosen throughout New Zealand embody this sentiment.

Ashely enjoyed the visit to Christchurch where they toured the city and looked at how youth were affected as a result of the earthquake. The group worked together on a community project drawing posters and providing information for local youth so they could find activities and places to go in Christchurch. "It was very interesting" said Ashely "especially in a city that has so many spaces." The group toured the red zone and some groups looked at street art, while others helped plant trees and shrubs. They also visited a school.

"It was a real insight to life in Christchurch" said Ashley. She saw homeless people sleeping on the streets "which is something you don't see in this area." She really enjoyed meeting and working with all the other leaders in the group.

One mentor of the Tuia group is Marcus Akahutu-Brown who has visited the school on numerous occasions. Ashely has already attended a weekend session in Otorohanga and the next one will be in Rotorua.

Achieving in the 21st Century

It's that time of year where the students are busy working on internal assessments. Most of the academic courses have a mixture of internal and external exams, so these assessments are important to gaining a pass at all levels.

These days, much of the work is completed on google documents and the internet. With so much going on at the College, it can be challenging for students to successfully manage their time. The Library is always open after school if students need a computer and extra support.

Our staff are well known for being always available to assist if a student needs more support.

We encourage all our students to strive to achieve their best so they can realise their dreams.



Winter Uniform

The school would like to inform families that we have a supply of second-hand uniform items especially warm jerseys and some jackets, to give out to students if needed.



It is important that students remain dry and warm during cold days, and if they arrive at school without a school regulation jacket or jersey, one can be provided for them.

New items including a school polar fleece can be purchased from the school, please ask for Mrs Sutton.

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!



Loves me not

Students were involved in various activities looking at healthy relationship and exploring their values throughout the day.

Many students found it very worthwhile.



Performing Arts

"etc, etc..." Hit Wellington Studio Pre-Rockquest

Ruapehu College band "etc, etc..." recently spent four days in the capital recording their original songs at Brooklyn Audio System with sound engineer Scott Wylie. The students are preparing for the Whanganui regional Smokefree Rockquest finals for 2018. Last year the group picked up the "Lowdown Best Song Award" for their composition "Maze".

Kate Rowe, Nazomi Groot and Ryan Burton competed as Year 10's in 2017 and are returning this year with Mackenzie Charlton on bass guitar.

The group have worked hard on their songs, two of which will be performed at the Rockquest Finals. These original songs are also being assessed for NCEA Level 1 in Performing Arts.

Ruapehu College Performing Arts tutor David Sims said that having legitimate contexts for learning is very important in his subject: "I prefer to avoid talking about numbers and credits with my students, particularly in creative pursuits. It can stifle the overall goal which in this case is excellence in songwriting and performance. The students work in a project-type environment just as working musicians would. They excelled in Wellington as a band, artists and as young people making the most of the opportunity to have their work professionally recorded. Six or seven tracks in three days is an epic result. Scott was very impressed with their talents and abilities for their age and I'm fiercely proud of them for the mahi and passion they put into their learning."

The regional Rockquest Finals will be held at the Whanganui Royal Opera House on June the 9th and the band is calling on the community for support. They have t-shirts being printed and are hoping to build a crew of supporters to come and watch them strut their stuff against the region's best young musicians, hoping to place for the National Finals.

"The student's parents are extremely supportive and if anyone in the community is interested in driving down and back on the night with a load of students, or wishes to donate towards the costs of mobilising our supporters we'd love to hear from you!" said Mr. Sims. Inquiries can be made to him directly on 021 160 246 7 or dsims@ruapehu.school.nz.



WHANGANUI REGIONAL FINALS ROCKROAD CREW



JOIN THE RUAPEHU COLLEGE ROAD CREW AND BOOK YOUR SEAT TO WATCH etc, etc... DO BATTLE AGAINST THE BEST BANDS IN WHANGANUI !!!

**- LIMITED AVAILABILITY -
FOR \$20 YOU WILL GET:**

TRANSPORT and TICKET to ROCKQUEST 2018 and an EXCLUSIVE PRE-RELEASE MP3 DOWNLOAD + for \$40 you'll get your very own BAND T-SHIRT !!!
T-Shirts available separately for \$20



**SATURDAY
JUNE 9th 2018**



Contact: Mac, Ryan, Nazomi or Kate if you are interested

Sports results

Week 3

Squash-Congratulations to the College Squash team on being the clear winners in the local Interbusiness competition that concluded last week. They took first place in Division 1.

Dylan Budge was selected last month to play in the Central Men's team to play against Waikato. He recorded a win and a narrow loss in his two matches which helped Central gain a 16-8 win over Waikato. It is the first time in four years that Central has beaten Waikato.

Emma Burnard is playing in the Central Region Prince series which involves tournaments for J grade players, hosted by different clubs throughout the Central region. Emma is currently in third place on the points table, after five rounds of one-day tournaments. Emma also competed in the Squash Central Junior Championship at the weekend, and placed 3rd in the Women's Under15s division. Congratulations, Emma.

Coming up for our players, we have the College team entered in the Interclub competition that begins this week. Also, several of our squash players are preparing for various squash tournaments to be held over the next few weeks.

Rugby -The Under 15 Rugby game was held at Ruapehu College against Whanganui High school. The team lost by quite a large margin and



The Under 19 Rugby game was defaulted by Whanganui High school. The Girls rugby started training this week and their games start next week.

Netball -The girls lost 31-5 against City College. Cross Country-A sturdy group of competitors and participants braved the cold conditions to enter into last week's cross country event. Thank you to the Frew family for allowing the cross country run through their land.

Week 4

Rugby-U 15 defeated Whanganui High School Yellow 24-22. It was an exciting game. Next Wednesday we play City at home. U19 was rescheduled against Collegiate, so we look forward to that game. There will be no game next weekend due to Queens Birthday weekend.

Girl's 10's rugby- the competition kicks off against Rangitikei this Thursday. We wish them luck.

Netball-The girls played well and defeated Whanganui High School 22-17.

Cross country- Congratulations to Chloe and Korbyn Garland who competed in the Whanganui Secondary Schools cross country event last week.

Smoke Alarms

As Winter is here we have our fires going daily and we are using our heaters for longer periods of time. This is a great opportunity for you to look at fire safety within your home.

Are you aware Fire and Emergency NZ are available to install, check, replace if necessary and discuss any fire safety concerns you and your family may have.

If you do not have smoke alarms in your home and have one of the following, then you are eligible for a free smoke alarms,

Hold a Community service card

A child under 5yrs old living in the home

A disability

An adult over 65 yrs old living in the home

These will be fitted by the Fire and Emergency NZ (formally NZ fire service) free of charge.

Working smoke Alarms save lives!

If you would like to apply please contact Caroline Narbey Public Health Nurse.

06 385 5019 or 027 491 2183

Monday – Thursday.

You can also contact your local station directly for referrals.

School Closed

This notice is to advise that the school will be closed on Tuesday 5th June (the day following the Queens Birthday public holiday) for a regional teacher professional development day, hosted by Nga Tawa Diocesan School.

These days are valuable and ensure staff are kept up to date with latest research and strategies to improve learning outcomes for our students and to reflect on current best practice.

For any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Open day

The school was open for members of the public and prospective parents and students to visit the school and have a look around.

Year 9 Cameron Smith and Lola Crump gave a presentation on how they found the transition to secondary school and Head Boy Judah Lyon, gave a presentation of what was in his school bag! Nash Jordan also spoke on how he could follow his passion for horse-riding after school by attending Ruapehu College and Dylan Budge promoted the game of squash.

Various other students worked in the classrooms during the tour. There will be more enrolments opportunities as the year progresses but please get in touch with the school if you would like an enrolment form.