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Newsletter

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Thurs 28 June	BOT Meeting Manu Korero
Fri 29 June	Paetangatahi
Tues 3 July	11 Outdoor Mountain Biking
Fri 6 July	Interwhanau Kapahaka End of Term 2
Mon 23 July	Term 3 Begins

Team Ruapehu – Training and Competition programme

For 2018, RAL is also re-starting a high performance training and competition programme, with Team Ruapehu Alpine Racing at Whakapapa, and Team Ruapehu Freeride/Freestyle at Turoa.



These programmes are available for athletes from U8 to U19, and we would also like to provide a discounted offer to students of our Ruapehu College wishing to take-up a competitive programme outside of school hours.

Team Ruapehu weekends (10x weekends) and 2x school holiday weeks \$1,399.

Team Ruapehu Saturdays (10x Saturdays) \$599

If you wish to take this offer up then please head to the Mt Ruapehu website and fill out the Team Ruapehu application which is there. You will be emailed out a payment link at a later date.

Please make a note on the booking that you are part of the Ruapehu College offer.

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Invites you to attend our
Interwhanau

KapaHaka Competition

Friday 6th July

In the school Hall

The hall opens at 1.00pm

Please be seated before
performances start at 1.30pm

Science Teaching Leadership Programme

The Science Teaching Leadership Programme has given Miss Meredith Wilson the opportunity to strengthen community science connections with the Taiao team in the Ngāti Rangi Trust. This enabled the opportunity to network with Department of Conservation and other science organisations. Her placement has involved freshwater monitoring, cultural impact assessments on local awa that are affected by the Tongariro Power Scheme, biodiversity monitoring of the Rangataua Forest, who health checks, short tailed bat monitoring, volcanic observations and sustainable restoration projects. This has strengthened Meredith's understanding of the interaction between land and water in the local area. She has gained more extensive understanding on how both the ecological and geographical impacts are interconnected. This holistic approach has given her a deeper understanding on the health of freshwater catchments of which are vital to Ngāti Rangi.



Through these experiences she has developed a deep appreciation of the dynamic process of the nature of science. Meredith is excited to bring back her learning and implement this into the junior science programme at Ruapehu College. This will engage students to local contexts and link the learning in the classroom to real life scientific challenges.



The science teaching leadership programme has enabled Meredith the professional development of different teaching approaches and practical ideas on how these can be included in science programme. Included in the programme was the opportunity to strengthen leadership capabilities. These will assist in the development of the science programme and making further links the wider science community.

Meredith would like to thank Holly Molesworth from Ngāti Rangi Trust and acknowledges the rest of team for providing support and encouragement during her placement.

#studytips

A great habit to increase your successes at school is to review your notes from the day's lesson when you are at home. For instance even a quick 5 minute review of notes while on the bus would add over 8 hours of extra study by the end of a term, and over 33 hours by the end of the year. Research shows that learning increases dramatically. Lets try it!

The Ruapehu Education Assistance Trust

The Ruapehu Education Assistance Trust next meet in July and the Trust is calling for Grant applications to be considered at this meeting.

This Trust, set up by John and Sue Laurenson in 1996, has funds invested which generate approximately \$6000 each year in interest. The interest received is then distributed to applicants from Ruapehu College to help them cover the additional costs incurred as a result of the isolation of the Waimarino area.

If you would like to apply for funding, please complete the application form on the Ruapehu College website . Completed forms can be emailed to slaurensonkune@gmail.com or can be left at the Ruapehu College office.

Girls Rugby

Ruapehu College Girls Rugby Team coach Mr Clamp said the girls were making very good progress as a team and are playing exciting running rugby. Mr Clamp is very pleased with their rugby especially when many of the girls have never played rugby before.

The game was played in very good spirit by both Ruapehu College and Whanganui City College with the final score 55-36 to City College.



Boys Rugby

Rugby-Our U19 won 29-12 against the combined Taihape/Rangitikei school team on Saturday at school. It was a good game with some outstanding play from our team. Our U15 rugby team played in cold conditions last Wednesday at school and suffered a big loss. Mr Hart gave the boys some challenges throughout the game and they achieved all of them. "I was impressed with the effort and motivation" he said.



Netball

Our girls had a good game against Whanganui High School and won 32-19.

We have a problem! Kiwis are getting killed in Tongariro forest by ferrets.

DOC biodiversity rangers are in hot pursuit of ferrets which are hunting North Island brown kiwi in Tongariro Forest.

At least 10 kiwi have been killed by ferrets since early March, and DOC has put extra resources into catching these predators.

Disappointingly, a recent routine daily check of a key ferret trapping site showed a number of traps had been stolen, damaged or thrown over bank.

Tongariro Operations Manager Bhrent Guy says DOC needs people to help catch these ferrets, and the best way to do that is to leave the traps in their strategic locations.

He said rangers were shocked and dismayed when they found the traps broken and tossed.

"It is a real shame, as one ferret trap can make such a difference," he said.

The Tongariro kiwi team have had some success in catching a large male ferret they believe has been hunting kiwi within its territory, however, the challenge continues as ferrets are still targeting kiwi.

Owhango Alive ([external site link](#)), an active community group, continues to help save the kiwi and has put out over 30 new DOC 200 traps that were given to them by the rangers.

Also, one farmer has caught 11 ferrets in the last nine months.

If you are keen to help save the kiwi in Tongariro Forest, please email sfaire@doc.govt.nz

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 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.

