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Newsletter

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Mon 30 July—Fri 03 August	Academic Mentoring
Wed 1 Aug	Workplace H&S Training International Day/Mufti Day
Thurs 2 August	Parent Teacher Interviews Snow Academy
Fri 3 –Sun 5 Aug	North Island Secondary Schools Squash Competition
Thurs 9 August	Snow Academy
Fri 10 Aug	St Bernard's Football Exchange
Sat 18 Aug	School Ball

Parent/Teacher Interviews

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's school report that was posted home at the end of last term.

On Thursday the 2nd of August.

Staff will be available for interviews between 2pm and 7pm.

One Raetihi bus will depart from the school at 1.25 pm

The library will be open and supervised for any students waiting for the after school buses.

Parents can book interviews with teachers by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the event code aqc6q . Alternatively, call the school office and appointments can be made for you.

New Web Page

Ruapehu College has a new web page at www.ruapehucollege.school.nz, with a link to the "very active" Facebook page. "Please 'like' us on that for very up-to-date events," invites principal Kim Basse.

She said a parent survey last year said that most of the community received information about the school through the Bulletin and the Facebook page. "We have had over 7000 people looking at some of our stories on Facebook with the biggest being the thunder and lightning storm in April."

New College Staff

Last week Ruapehu College welcomed new staff member 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, and Liz Poka is the new attendance officer.

"We have also welcomed back Meredith Wilson from her science scholarship and thanked Dr Simon Oakley for assisting us during her absence" said Mrs Basse. From left to right: Nadine Cocker, Whetu Moataane, Liz Poka



Community of Learning

The principals from the local area are meeting monthly to discuss aspects of student learning. The Principal cluster has now formally become the Ruapehu Community of Learning or Kāhui Ako, and aims to "embrace the progress of our learners from early childhood to the end of College and beyond".

COL lead principal Kim Basse said the focus is on now gathering information for a learning plan, the creation of which is monitored by Ministry of Education and other people with expertise in the education sector. "Our community will have on-going opportunities to engage in this process of gathering information through their organisations, surveys and community groups" said Mrs Basse.

"The group has already established a place for sharing resources for the benefit of our learners. This is an exciting opportunity for our schools to collaborate and work towards the benefit of our learners in this community."

The Community of Learning or Kāhui Ako members are: Kim Basse, Jane Welburn, Principal National Park Primary School; Lisa Clarke, Principal Ohakune Primary School; Helena Burns, Acting Principal Raetihi Primary School; Chris McLeod, Tumuaki Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngāti Rangī; Vanessa Pehi, Principal Orautoha Primary School; Brenda Burnard, Centre Manager, Nancy Winter Early Childhood Centre; Linda Walker, Head Teacher, Ohakune Kindergarten; and Steven Lewis, Ministry of Education Senior Advisor.

Health Nurse Information

I am Caroline Narbey, I am a registered nurse who works for the Whanganui DHB as a public Health Nurse. I come into Ruapehu College every Monday and Wednesday and I am located in the Health Suite. The service we provide is Free and Confidential and we encourage a "drop in Clinic" during school hours. You can contact me via text, email or phone. Some of the services I can provide you are: Health advice, health assessments, Dental, Hearing and Vision, Sexual Health and STI Screening, Smoking cessation support, referrals to other agencies.

If you would like to come and learn more about our services and what we can provide, pop in and see me on a Monday or Wednesday. I am there from 10:30am onwards, or alternatively you can speak with Anne McIver at reception if you would like to see the nurse and she will inform me on the day. Anne has my contact details if you wish to contact me via text or phone.

Other Free services we have coming into Ruapehu College for youth:

Youthline – Registered Counsellors who provide 1:1 or group therapy, Every Thursday in the health suite
SUPP – Drug and Alcohol youth workers, providing support around drugs and alcohol, Tuesdays.

Please feel free to pop along and say Hi, I look forward to providing you with a great health service.

Kind Regards,

Caroline Narbey
Public Health Nurse.

Wool Shed

The 'Wool Shed' has been at Ruapehu College – sponsored by PGG Wrightons – a container filled with many resources to do with the wool industry and used as an educational resource. The Year 9 students visited the shed last week as part of a blended learning inquiry.

Students were in small groups and encouraged to engage with the products in the shed, such as the different qualities of wool. They learnt about how wool is grown in New Zealand and how it is exported overseas and about some of the other products of this industry such as lanoline. Each student chose an area for further research. The senior textiles students also had a session in the Shed looking at wool as a textile.

This week Te Kura O Ngati Rangī pupils will visit the resource.



Sport

Netball

The College team beat City College 28-13. New team member Hayley Artz played in the match and Ella Hawira was named player of the day.

Rugby

Ruapehu's Under-15 boys had a good game but lost against Cullinane last Wednesday. Their coach said the game was a lot



closer than a game earlier in the season showing that the boys are definitely improving.

Under-19 also lost against City College in a hard game. Ruapehu were two players short so some of the opposition swapped sides. Dakota Horne scored a try and, along with Harry Toho and Dom Norling, were named as players of the day. The team has a bye next week and a final game on 11 August.

The school rugby season is coming to a close with just the finals to be played and some Ruapehu players are now heading to Whanganui to trial for the rep teams: Diamond Mapp, Dom Norling, Harry Toho, Duncan Francois, Jude White and Liam Norling.

Staff member and U-15 coach Campbell Hart has been selected to play for Whanganui in the Heartland competition. "We wish all our Ruapehu representatives good luck for those games," said Mrs Basse.

Snow academy

The College snow academy will be heading up the mountain this week to prepare the best skiers and snowboarders for the North Island Secondary School Skiing and Snowboarding Competitions at the end of the term.

Squash

The team leaves for the National Competitions this Thursday: Dylan Budge, Scott Fraser, Samuel Reyes, Nash Jordan, Ella Hawira, Emma Bernard, Sayge Wikohika, Tui Wikohika, Eli Brown, Kaiawa Connelly and Libby Graham.

Inter Whanau Kapahaka Competition

Ruapehu College had its annual Inter Whanau kapahaka competition last term. 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.



Guilty By Design

When Ruapehu College student Marama Groot (year 9) went looking around her father's work shop for inspiration, she found bits and pieces 'lying around.' Her creation started taking shape when her father taught her how to weld and suddenly the bolts, screws and metal took an almost human shape. Mr Darmody, Ruapehu College's technology teacher, said the work was a piece of art. And although his classes had a focus on problem solving and recycling materials for design, Marama had taken this to the next level. "If our students can think of different ways to use materials, then this will be an essential learning skill for citizens of the future" he said.

Marama cleverly managed to capture an emotion with this work. She has named it 'Guilty' and the piece was entered in the Waimarino Art Awards.



Snowboarding camps

Congratulations to Tui Wikohika (year 9) who was invited to attend two National Development snowboarding camps run by Snow Sports in Cadrona and Treble Cone in the South Island during the school holidays. He is one of 12 up and coming riders considered from around the country for national development.

Tui has aspirations to represent New Zealand in park and pipe and has worked hard with his snowboarding and his aims of achieving this. We wish him luck.

