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| Mon 27 Aug- Fri 31 Aug | Senior Non-Interruption Week |
| Tues 28 Aug | Year 9 Bush walk Group 1 |
| Thurs 30 Aug | BOT Meeting Snow Academy Year 12 PE Primary coaching |
| Fri 31 Aug | Year 9 Bush walk Group 2 |
| Wed 5 Sept | UCOL PFA Music Visit Nominations close for BOT Student Representative |
| Thurs 6 Sept | Snow Academy Year 12 PE primary coaching |
| Mon 10 Sept- Fri 14 Sept | Practice External Exams |

Student Representative Election for the Board of Trustees

Nominations are invited for the election of one student representative to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice are being distributed to all eligible voters on the student roll.

Further nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 5th September 2018 and may be accompanied by candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during the hours the office is open.

There will also be a list of candidates' names for inspection, as they come to hand, on the office notice board.

The poll closes at noon on Wednesday 19th September 2018.

School production-There's an app for that?

This year's Ruapehu College Drama 'There's an app for that?' was written by Canadian author and teacher Mr Alan Griffith specifically for teenage actors. The script was humorous and the actors had added some local references for dramatic effect over the four nights and several matinee performances.

The scene was set in a schools science laboratory. It's Friday after school and the science lab is empty -- or so everyone thinks. Miss B (duel played by Korbyn Garland and Brianna McKenna) is the eccentric science teacher who is secretly using the lab to conduct her questionable experiments. She has one friend though, a retired teacher Mr Peters (Dalton Jordan).

Heart-throb student David (Ryan Burton) is counting on meeting up with his new lady love, Ukrainian student Anichka (Kate Rowe), without getting caught by his girlfriend, Rebecca (Nazomi Groot). He is also being pursued by the cheerleading team (# Emma Burnard, Jenna Jones, Ella Rowe and Keri Baker) who were all vying for his attention.

Meanwhile, two loveable nerds (the lisping McKenzie Charlton and his side kick Kayla Jordan) plot to increase their social standing by developing a new smartphone app with potentially dangerous (but

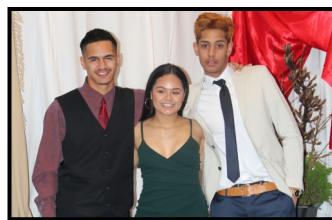
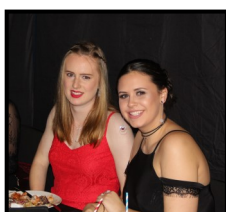
comical) ramifications. They manage to send electric shocks through the cell phones making the operators fall to the ground in spasms.

When the school Principal Mr Elton (played by Dylan Te Kura Bishop) brings in the Police (Cameron Smith and Silas McNaught) to expel Miss B., stories collide to hilarious effect in this fast-paced and witty farce. The strength of this performance was the acting ability of all the students and especially their characterisation. There were a few stand out performances notably Dylan Te Kura Bishop as the serious minded Mr Elton and the Kate Rowe as the Ukrainian International student. Director, Mr David Sims expertly allowed the characters to develop and he sees this as the goal of any stage actor as "truly 'becoming' a character".

Mr Sims also made the most of the comic script with excellent pacing and dramatic techniques. "It was quite a challenge" he said. The genre of farce may not be everyone's choice, but this was well executed and funny....two qualities that were not lost on the audiences.

Thank you to Mr Sims and producer, Miss Katie Shere, as well as the students, staff, parents and the community who supported the production. It was very good.





The 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.

Sport Week 4

Netball

Our girls Netball team won 23-14 against Tupoho. The girls are also fundraising for the trip to North Island Tournament.

Week 5

Netball

Congratulations to our girls' netball team who won 33-6 against Collegiate Junior B. It will be the last game of the finals next week and the girls are so far unbeaten. We wish them luck.

Snow Sports

We did not get out training last week due to the conditions. Lots of snow up there and this week's weather is looking more favourable.



Work Experience

Students undertaking instruction in repairing fences with Andy Fleury of Atihau as part of the Gateway Programme.



First Aid Course

Students and staff combined together to complete a two day course for the purposes of gaining a First Aid certificate. "It was a course specifically designed for those people who spend a lot of time in the outdoors" said Principal Kim Basse, who was also on the course.

Peak Safety Emergency Management was the organisation behind the training. The instructor, Neil, is based in Rotorua and is a medic for the Redwoods Mountain biking area. He was very knowledgeable about safety issues.

The group went into the outdoors around school to practice scenarios using the bandages, splints and stretchers. There was a focus on safety around the snow, mountain biking and our terrain in general. Participants not only had an opportunity to learn good skills but to gain some credits on the way.

