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Newsletter

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Mon 24– Wed 26 Sept	North Island Secondary Schools Snowboarding Competition
Tues 25 Sept	Year 9 Capture the flag (Group 1)
Wed 26 Sept	13 PE Journey
Thurs 27 Sept	BOT Meeting
Fri 28 Sept	Dodgeball Sports Breakfast Year 9 Capture the flag (Group 2) Last Day of Term 3
Mon 15 Oct	Term 4 Begins
Fri 19 Oct	School Photos and Team Photos
Mon 22 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
Fri 2 Nov	Senior Prizegiving

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards

Congratulations to Ashley Akapita, Hayley Artz, Kaiawa Connelly, Sophie Couper, Chloe Garland and Racel Reyes, 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.

New Zealand Defence Force Selection

Two Ruapehu College students have been selected to attend the NZDF Linton Military Camp 8-12 October as part of a Careers experience week. Justice-Rose Dennison and Warren Williams will join other students from around NZ and the New Zealand Defence Force for work experience in this area.



This opportunity is highly sought after as many young people see the defence force as a positive career path way.

Congratulations to Justice- Rose and Warren.

Digital Innovation

A group of nine year ten Maori students attended a workshop day at the Indigenous Mapping Waananga in Hamilton. The students took part in three workshops which were facilitated by Google, LINZ and Stanford University as well as getting a local context from Digital Navigators Ltd.

The students looked at how they could use google earth, google virtual tours, google maps and other GIS based software to tell stories, pass on information and locate their place in NZ and globally. The students saw the way GIS is being used to empower indigenous people and keep traditions alive around the world.

The students enjoyed the day, made some connections and learned some new skills, overall it was very successful the students represented the school well and we would definitely attend again if given the opportunity. Thank you to Mr Allen and Mr Mackrell who also attended the event.

Take the Cake Award

Congratulations to Kayla Jordan for winning the 'Take the Cake Award' an award decided by and presented by the prefects.



Cactus

Applications are now open to take part in CACTUS 2019. Please give your name to Mr Mackrell if you would like to take part.



Child Rich Communities Workshop

This Workshop Child Rich Communities hosted by the group Inspiring Communities is at Te Pae Tata.

26
September
1pm –
4:30pm .



Its a great resource and opportunity for our community to attend.

Mountain Bikes for the College

Ruapehu College bases much of its curriculum in the outdoors so we were delighted to receive six second hand and well maintained mountain bikes. The old Ohakune Bowling club funded the bikes and TCB supported the school with the purchase and maintenance of the bikes.

The year 13 P/E class have an overnight trip planned to the Whanganui River at the end of the month and the bikes will be used on the bike tracks. This excursion is part of the Physical Education class and students will gain NCEA achievement standard credits as part of their course. The bikes will be used for the outdoor programme and other P/E class excursions. Thank you to the Bowling Club and TCB.

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.



Sport

Squash

Ruapehu College squash team played Waiouru in this week's Interclub draw and won 3/1.

Congratulations to Dylan Budge who has been selected for the Central Junior Representative team to attend the New Zealand Nationals in North Shore, Auckland at the beginning of October.

Rugby

The Whanganui Girls Under 18 rugby team lost to Manawatu U18's 48-26.

Tongariro Club Ski Races

A number of our students competed in the Tongariro Club Ski races held at National Park 10-11 September. Their placing were; Megan Rollerson 10th overall, (4th in her age group), Lola Crump 12th over all (5th in her age group), Tayla Goff 16th overall (6th in her age group), Keri Baker 22nd overall (8th in her age group). There were 57 girls competing.

The North Island Secondary School Skiing

The North Island Secondary School Skiing Competition was held last week. The weather meant the event was held on the Wednesday and the results were from one race only.

Congratulations to our top three placings; Junior Girls- Aciana Akapita 9th and Lola Crump 17th and Senior boys- Nash Jordan 34th.

Team Ruapehu A consisting of; Aciana Akapita, Jaye Akapita, Kerri Baker, Scott Fraser and Michaelah Sinai were placed 17th overall.

Team Ruapehu B consisting of; Lola Crump, Megan Rolleston, Nash Jordan, Brooke Graham and Judah Lyon were placed 14th overall.

Snow Academy

Ruapehu College snow academy training for the North Island ski and board competitions.



NCEA

Our students have completed NCEA practice exams and can now plan their revision programme for the exams in November.

Some students have a bit of work to do, while others are well planned. Senior prize giving takes place 2nd November.



Move over Masterchef, it's the Cooking Class!

It was a practice 'inter whanau event' in the cooking class (Food Technology) to see if the students were interested enough to make this a real school inter-whanau event for the future.

The students were obviously influenced by the many Masterchef programmes on TV and took to the lesson with gusto. This was no slogging it out on the assault course at Waiouru, but the team work required equated to all those skills that make successful teams.

The students were given a box of goodies including recipe books (as opposed to looking it up on google) and a whole lot of ingredients. The students had to work as a team and design cordon bleu culinary delights. "The food was excellent and creative" said Mrs Hakaraia "with chocolate pancakes, weetbix slices and other delicacies".

There were points for presentation, how they cleaned up and the student's degree of professionalism (you were deducted points if you licked the spoon!!). There was real live stress as the food came together for the finale but "it was great fun" they said.

Even though the points did not contribute to the real competition this year, Huia won overall.



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

It is hoped that the students who attended will have enjoyed their experience and sign up for CACTUS which is taking enrolments shortly and starts at the beginning of 2019.

