

# RUAPEHU COLLEGE



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## Newsletter

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Tues 5 March	Volleyball
Mon 11 March	NCEA Parent Info Evening Year 12 Outdoor Tramp
Tues 12 March	Year 12 Outdoor Tramp Volleyball
Wed 13 March	Whanganui Secondary School Athletics Competition
Mon 18 March	Ra wairua -Kawiu
Tues 19 March	Volleyball
Wed 20 March	11 Outdoor: Kayaking
Mon 25-Fri 29 March	Waka Ama Nationals

### New Staff

Ruapehu College welcomes new staff Miss Nicole Jaquiere who is teaching Textiles and Art, Mrs Robin Thomas who is the new SENCO teacher and we welcome back Miss Kiani Rowe teaching Te Reo Maori and Social Studies.



Leah Rodgers started at Ruapehu College this year assisting part time in the library and front office.



### UNDERSTANDING NCEA

Parents are invited to attend an  
'NCEA Parent Information Afternoon'

Monday 11 March 2019, 5.30pm at the college.

Any queries, contact Marama Allen, the principal nominee for the college.

### Kamar Parent Portal

Parents and caregivers now have access to view their child's information on our student management system.

Either download the free Kamar App and enter our server address which is 125.236.253.97 then enter your username and password, or go to our website [www.ruapehu.school.nz](http://www.ruapehu.school.nz) click on the Kamar tab and enter your username and password.

Please either visit, phone or email the school to get your username and password. These will only be given out to the caregivers listed on the enrolment form.

The Kamar link will give you access to view your child's attendance, details, results, NZQA records, school notices etc.

### Swimming Sports

Congratulations to 'Kiwi' who won the interwhanau swimming sports held last Monday at the Waiouru pools in what was a highly competitive event. There were no records broken on the day, but the students enjoyed themselves.

"There are some really good juniors coming up the ranks" said PE teacher Miss Angi Bam. A selection of the fastest will head to Whanganui for the Secondary School Swimming competitions on 1st March.

Top points winners on the day were:  
Junior Boys- Hunter Jackman  
Junior Girls- Bella Hohipa  
Intermediate Boys- Gene Henderson  
Intermediate Girls- Libby Graham and Ella Hawira  
Senior Boys- Tetaumata Neilo  
Senior Girls- Alice Walls

Thank you to Brandi Soverel for the great photos



### KAMAR, Internet and Email Connection Issues

We have had some power cuts and systemic problems which has meant that we have been unable to connect to KAMAR, email and internet. Apologies for this, but Mrs Kerren Dixon has returned and is available to connect students and parents onto KAMAR.

Please email her on [kdixon@ruapehu.school.nz](mailto:kdixon@ruapehu.school.nz) or phone the school. This is a great way to look at student notices and events to see what is on at the school. We have not been able to send out letters via email or even use our printers. Hopefully the issues are now resolved.



## Athletics and 'school spirit' day

Athletics day started out really cold with 'nearly a frost', but many of the students came in warm house colours clothes. The students were competing in their ages for the field events. There were points for participation and points for the students who were placed in their activities which included High jump, long jump, discus, shot put, triple jump and javelin.



When the field events were finished, it was time for the track events. This year Mr Hart who organised the event, gave some time for house chants and the teams really got into the spirit of this. The chants were judged by parents and x students on the day.

The races were fiercely contested and there were some very fast runs. The day ended with the whanau relays and the famous 'student verse staff' relay with the students winning by the smallest margin. Congratulations to all out participants, winners and the staff who organised the day. Students will be selected for the Secondary Schools Athletics Competition to be held in Whanganui on the 13th March.

Age Grade Champions:  
Senior Girl – Shaquana Taylor  
Senior Boy – Tekakao Kairimu  
Intermediate Girl – Una Drayton  
Intermediate Boy – Takarangi Metekingi  
Junior Girl – Bella Hohipa  
Junior Boy – Taniora Taitumu

Whanau Results:  
1st – Kiwi  
2nd – Weka  
3rd – Huia  
4th – Tui



## Swimming Team at Whanganui Secondary School Championship Competition

Our swimming team competed in the Whanganui Secondary School Swimming championships last Friday.

We are still waiting for results but congratulations to; Usher Taiaroa, Hunter Jackman, Shane Muru - Albert, Bella Hohipa, Aroha Lima and Holly McIlroy- Smart who represented Ruapehu College.

## Past Pupil Action

Congratulations to Nash Jordan who was a year 13 student last year and has been selected for the NZ equestrian team to compete in Hong Kong in July.



## Donations

Thanks to Julie Nation who donated some ski jackets to the College. If you have any gear the College could use, especially uniforms and shoes, please drop them into the College or ring Anne McIver to have them picked up.

## Students and Project Work

Our senior school are spending one hour a week on an environmental project for term 1. Some of our year 11 students were around the school planning, drawing, problem solving and then assisting to promote a better learning environment. The programme, organised by Technology teacher Mr Darmody and Biology teacher Miss Wilson, took blended learning opportunities and inquiry based approach to come up with the plan.

"It's all about making the learning real for our students in a context they can relate to" said Mr Darmody, "and the school grounds are a good place to start to build pride in our school."

It is hoped that through Technology, Science and other subjects the students will be able to relate their problem solving skills to other real community environmental issues.

Caption: Tristrum Griffin-Chappel yr 11 works on the project of improving the school environment by beautifying the school lunch tables using a sander.



## Spirit of Adventure

Justice-Rose Dennison (yr 13) was fortunate to win a scholarship on the Spirit of Adventure. Justice-Rose, who is Deputy Head Girl and the student representative on the Board of Trustees was awarded the scholarship from the New Zealand Trustees Association. They send students on the Spirit for three days for leadership training and Justice-Rose was lucky to sail out of Invercargill.



"My time on the Spirit of Adventure was one of my best experiences to date. Thanks to the School BoT for giving me the opportunity and helping me to get to Invercargill" said Justice-Rose.

"While on the boat and during down time, we were able to learn the basics on how a BoT works, so we weren't thrown into the deep end when we attend board meetings" she said. "I got to meet other like-minded students from all over New Zealand who were also representing their BoTs".

It wasn't all work though. "During my time on the boat I was able to have the opportunity to learn the basic skills of sailing such as setting sails, waking up at 5am to go to Stewart Island and hear wild kiwi and walk around the protected Ulva Island. I got to experience a minor sea storm, swim in the mountain like ocean of the choppy Foveaux Straight which felt like a roller coaster" she said.

Justice-Rose valued the experience and encourages other students to stand for the BoT so they too, can go on the Spirit. "I enjoyed the three days, but I would love to go on the ten day adventure".

## NCEA Results

Our NCEA results are very good. We are celebrating our four year 13 students who all gained credits to go to University. Dyaln Budge, Scott Fraser and Samuel Reyes are heading off to Christchurch to study a Bachelor of Engineering and Judah Lyon is heading to AUT in Auckland to study a Bachelor of Business. We wish them all the best in their new ventures.

We have a number of students who have found some good work placements too. We also wish them all the best in their new ventures.

We will be working with our students who need one or two extra credits to complete their qualification, and assisting those who want to start thinking about heading to work. We will have the final NZQA results at the end of February but congratulations to all our students who worked hard to pass the credits they needed.

## Cactus

Black Ferns and NZ womens rugby 7s representative Seleca Winiata talks to the CACTUS students last Friday



## Peer Support

Peer support is underway with year 13's running a programme to assist the new year 9 students to get to know the seniors and the other year 9 students. There have also been some inter whanau meetings as students gear up for swimming sports and athletics day. Prefects are also running athletics training at lunch times and after school.

Prefect Rachel Reyes (standing) leading a peer support session with new year 9 students; (from left) Hunter Jackman, George Buan, Destiny Ward and Kataraina Crib-Pearson.





### WPI Donate Fitness Gear

We would like to thank WPI who donated some of their gym gear to the weights room in the school gymnasium. The weights room will now become the 'fitness room' with excercycles, rowing machines and a tread mill. "It means that those of us that prefer other forms of training are not restricted to just weights" said Principal Kim Basse.

The students were keen to trial the equipment and Head of Physical Education, Mr Campbell Hart, hopes to reorganise the room to make it more functional. "With CACTUS starting this week, there could be opportunities for students to develop their own training programmes when CACTUS finishes at the end of term one" he said.

Thank you to Rachel Ward and the team from WPI for the donation. The equipment will be well used.

Year 10 students; Malachi Pehi, Jahzay Muru-Albert and Mason Richards test out the exercise bikes donated to the school by WPI.



### Academic Achievements

Students who gained NCEA endorsements were awarded with academic badges at last Monday's school assembly. An excellence endorsement is awarded when a student gains 50 credits at excellence level.

Congratulations to Nazomi Groot and Kate Rowe who gained excellence endorsements at level 1.

A merit endorsement is awarded when a student gains 50 credits at a merit level.

Congratulations to; Mackenzie Charlton, Rose Collett, Samuel Lyon and Shizuki Okumura who gained level 1 with a merit endorsement. Also Hayley Artz, Justice-Rose Dennison, Racel Reyes and Alice Walls who all gained merit endorsement at level 2.

A subject endorsement is awarded when a student receives excellence for over 14 credits in any one subject or when a student receives merit for 14 credits in that subject.

All the students listed above as well as level 1- Jeremaia Joyce, Diamond Mapp, Masiya Taiaroa, Izzy Theodore and level 2-Hailong Han, Ebony Hansen, Charley Hika-Wright and T'Leya Wood all received subject endorsements at a merit level.

As well as their overall endorsements, Kate Rowe received merit subject endorsements in six level 1 subjects and Racel Reyes received excellence endorsement in one subject and merit endorsements in 4 subjects at level 2.

Congratulations to all our academic achievers.

### Public Health Nurse

Donna Marshal is the new school Public Health Nurse for Waimarino. She replaces Caroline Narby who headed south at the end of last year . Donna has been living in the area for a couple of years now and knows the families of students after working at the Doctors surgery in Raetihi. She will be at Ruapehu College on Monday's.



### Inter whanau Tug of War

This was a great event for the last day of the first week and if some of the students could put as much effort into their school work as they do to the Tug of War,...they would do very well!

House who won overall was Tui, Year 9s beat the year 10s and staff beat the yr 13's. Well done to all for the competitive spirit.



### Sports Muster

Sport is well under way with a rally and muster of students to gauge their interests. Netball is already having trials. The school should be able to field teams in; football, mountain biking, golf, squash, rugby (but no boys U19 competition this year and the juniors will now be an U16 side), girls' rugby, touch rugby, waka ama, volleyball, and snow sports. Miss Katie Shere is the College's sports co-ordinator, so contact her if you have any queries.