



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

Ruawai COLLEGE
**Respect
Resilience
Responsibility**

Term 1 Week 7
Thursday 16 March

Upcoming Dates

16 March

Level 3 Geography Polyfest Trip

17 March

School Photo Day

20 March

Meet & Greet BBQ, Kauri House

21 March

Year 13 University Workshops

27 March

Pop Up Globe Drama Trip
Meet & Greet BBQ, Rimu House

30 March

Year 7 Hearing Tests
Careers Roadshow, Dargaville

13 April

End of Term 1

Attendance

Notification of Absence

The school office should be notified if your child is absent for a legitimate reason. You can do this by ringing the office, sending an email or a note with the student. If your child is absent without notification you will be contacted by telephone and asked to provide a reason for their absence.

Where possible, appointments should be arranged outside of the school day to ensure children do not miss valuable learning time. Any request for leave should be made to the relevant Senior Leadership person.

Principal's Korero

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

*Tena Koutou te whanau o Te Kura o Ruawai
Greetings to the families of Ruawai College*



The school feels very settled and the staff are focused strongly on "presence and engagement". Our expectations are that students be at school and on time. We know that a student's attendance has a direct impact on their learning and research has found that there is a clear

link: Students who come to class and arrive on time do better in school.

Regular attendance is important because:

- The student is more likely to develop responsibility, self-discipline and effective work skills
- The habits that are set in place now will carry over into the workplace later
- The student is more likely to stay out of trouble
- Missing too much school is often the first step toward dropping out
- The student will be more likely to have success in NCEA

A prerequisite to success in any endeavour is "showing up", and classes are no exception. If you're not showing up to class, you're forfeiting every opportunity provided to you in the classroom.

As a parent/caregiver what can you do to help?

Your commitment to school attendance will send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success.

- Expect them to attend every day, don't accept excuses unless they are too sick to come to school
- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor/other visits during school time
- Make sure your child stays healthy by getting enough rest, exercise and eating well
- Get to know the LA and Dean early on – they are there to help, listen and talk to if an issue arises

Attendance at school is compulsory until the age of 16. Anything less than 90% puts a student's chance of academic success at risk. Even 90% attendance means that a student is missing a full day of school fortnightly, over a term it equates to a full week and across the year it adds up to a month. The minimum target the school sets for attendance is 95% - the goal is 100%. We recognise and acknowledge those students with excellent attendance especially through our assemblies. When strong attendance is combined with determination and hard work, the core ingredients of a successful education are complete.

PB4L Restorative Practice - ToD, Friday 7th April

A Teacher Only Day will be held around PB4L Restorative Practice. It is based on a set of best practice tools and techniques to support a consistent and sustainable approach to managing positive, respectful relationships within the school.

Feedback from schools involved in using this practice show -

- a calmer school environment, with less classroom disruption and more time for teaching
- an increase in the engagement and learning of students in the classroom
- growth in relational and problem-solving skills, both for adults and students across the school community
- improvements in attitudes and relationships across the whole school community

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To inspire students to be lifelong learners, to be respectful, to be resilient, to be responsible citizens



CURRICULUM

Spelling Bee

On Wednesday 8th March Ruawai College held its first Spelling Bee competition during Break 2.

The competition was organised by our Academic Prefects who received a good number of entries for each age group.

The following students were named V-I-C-T-O-R-I-O-U-S:

Junior School, Year 7 – 8: Jordan Lukis

Jordan's winning word: Provide

Middle School, Year 9 – 10: Harmony Day

Harmony's winning word: Discipline

Senior School, Year 11 – 13: Harriet Spoelstra

Harriet's winning word: Pronunciation

Congratulations to our spelling bee champions!



Meet & Greet House BBQ

This term we have put a lot of emphasis on connecting and developing relationships with our students' whānau.

On Monday 13th March Totara House held the first Meet and Greet BBQ for families of Totara House students to meet house teachers and Deans'. Thank you to the families who were able to attend.



Next week, Monday 20th March, Kauri House will be hosting their Meet and Greet BBQ, all whānau are invited. The BBQ will begin at 3:00pm on the deck by Room 5.

Kauri House Meet and Greet

On Monday 20th of March
Kauri house whanau are invited to a BBQ to get
to know the house teachers and the deans.

Starting at 3pm on the Deck by Room 5
Please, put the date in your diaries.
We would love to see you.

This is the perfect opportunity to come and
meet the Learning Advisors and Deans.



Interim Reports and Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Interim reports for all students were issued in Week 5, preceding the Parent-Student-Teacher interview meeting in Week 6.

The interviews were held over 2 afternoons and evening. There was a good turnout of parents eager to meet with subject teachers to discuss their child's progress. We trust that these interviews were enlightening, as we value the ongoing communication between teachers, our students and their parents.

- Amanda King, Deputy Principal

Year 7 & 8 Matakoho Museum Trip



As part of the Year 7 & 8 EnviroSchools programme 'Our Big Blue Backyard' we visited Matakoho Museum.

This trip was focused around the general history of the Kaipara area.

The staff at Matakoho Museum were fabulous as they guided our students

around the museum, sharing their historical knowledge and passion for the Kaipara.

One group had the pleasure of a former student from Ruawai College, Luke Sheppard as their tour guide!

Matakoho Museum has free entry for residents that live from Tokatoka to Maungaturoto.

- Marsha Finlay, Junior Studies

CURRICULUM *continued...*

Year 7 – 10 Mathematics Homework Programme

This year as part of their Mathematics programme, all Year 7 – 10 students will be given a “Maths Mate” worksheet each week. The Maths Mate Programme is based on the principle that regular, structured practice helps in the development of both short and long term memory. As a result, students’ mathematical knowledge, skills and problem solving abilities are consolidated and extended through systematic, weekly revision.

The Maths Mate worksheets have been designed to allow students to attempt all questions without the aid of a calculator and this should be encouraged at home.

Don’t be too concerned if your child finds the initial worksheets difficult. It is not expected that students will be able to complete every question; in fact question 32 has been included to offer a real challenge to all students. Each worksheet is built around a common framework of

questions aimed at covering the New Zealand Mathematics Curriculum. Students will attempt the same type of question on a regular basis. The diagnostic nature of the worksheets will help students and teachers to identify areas of strength and weakness. This should also help to motivate students to make another attempt at mastering skills that they may have found too difficult in the past.

If your child is having difficulty with a certain skill, Skill Builders are available to students from the Maths Mates website www.mathsmate.co.nz. The Skill Builders also contain a Glossary of important facts and reference material that will provide students with instant help.

All classroom teachers have a set homework day for homework marking and the collection of the next sheet. If a student is absent from class that day, then it is the student’s responsibility to liaise with the classroom teacher.

We thank you in anticipation for your support. Should you have any further enquiries then I encourage you to contact the classroom teacher or myself.

- Davena Latto, Head of Learning Mathematics and Statistics

LEARNING AREA FOCUS: *Physical Education*



We’ve had a very busy start to the year in the Physical Education and Sports department.

Our students have been achieving with tremendous success in the various sporting codes so far.

Each year our sports calendar always begins with the highly anticipated events

Swimming Sports and Athletics Day.

The success of both these events would not have been possible without the support and help from our parent and community volunteers, we are appreciative for your assistance.

The Swimming Sports Champions for 2017 are as follows:

Sub Junior Girls

- 1st Place: Tahlia Johnson
- 2nd Place: Piper Sterling
- 3rd Place: Waimaria Thompson

Sub Junior Boys

- 1st Place: Laine Hickey
- 2nd Place: Felix Glass
- 3rd Place: Phoenix Gilligan

Junior Girls

- 1st Place: Abby Blaxland
- 2nd Place: Madison Johnson
- 3rd Place: Monique Wrathall

Junior Boys

- 1st Place: Jaydon Connett
- 2nd Place: Caleb Chapman
- 3rd Equal: Aaron Philips & Callum Ashford

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Place: Kaia Chapman
- 2nd Place: Aleesha Butt
- 3rd Place: Tegan Marychurch

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Place: Klay Connett
- 2nd Place: Hunter Connett
- 3rd Place: Riley Battcher

Senior Girls

- 1st Place: Bailey O’Sullivan
- 2nd Equal: Sophie Blundell & Zara Marychurch
- 3rd Place: Harriet Spoelstra

Senior Boys

- 1st Place: Jimmy Panoho
- 2nd Place: Joel Bickers
- 3rd Place: Suave Llewellyn-Huriwaka



Back Row, left to right: Klay, Kaia, Jimmy and Bailey
Front Row, left to right: Laine, Tahlia, Jaydon and Abby

The Athletics Day Champions for 2017 are as follows:

Sub Junior Girls

- 1st Place: Ayla Da Silva
- 2nd Place: Jessica Lindsay
- 3rd Equal: Piper Sterling & Sarina Lord

LEARNING AREA FOCUS:

Physical Education

Sub Junior Boys

- 1st Place: Laine Hickey
2nd Place: Michael Fenney
3rd Place: Tafukai Talake

Junior Girls

- 1st Place: Tori Hick
2nd Place: Grace Aldworth-McLean
3rd Place: Katie Griggs

Junior Boys

- 1st Place: Jayden Hammon
2nd Place: Daniel Holt
3rd Equal: Aaron Philips

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Place: Aleesha Butt
2nd Place: Nikki Reeves-Price
3rd Place: Tyana Fenney

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Place: Hayden Brindle
2nd Place: Timothy Bickers
3rd Place: Teito Firoa

Senior Girls

- 1st Place: Bailey O'Sullivan
2nd Equal: Fairlane Selwyn
3rd Place: Mabyn Waters

Senior Boys

- 1st Equal: Joel Bickers, Ross Wallace & Roq Balcombe
2nd Place: Suave Llewellyn-Huriwaka
3rd Place: Jimmy Panoho

Records Broken

Junior Girls' Javelin, new record: Tori Hick, 16.10m

Previous record: Kaia Chapman, 16.03m (2015)



Back Row, left to right: Aleesha, Hayden, Bailey, Joel, Ross and Roq

Front Row, left to right: Ayla, Laine, Tori and Jayden

Numerous Ruawai College students qualified for South Zone and Northland Secondary Schools in both codes.

At South Zone Athletics, we attained a staggering 46 placings, an outstanding effort from our small school.

Congratulations to Year 13 student Tiaysha Rua for breaking the South Zone Senior Girls Shot Put record with a throw of 8.81m.

The Level 1 students have been busy learning about strategies to improve performance and have recently been surfing at Sandy Bay on the Tutukaka Coast, it was an amazing experience for all.

Students were well behaved and the weather and waves were great.



Our Level 2 class is in the process of developing and implementing an individual training programme for the purpose of improving their fitness for various sporting codes.

Our Level 3 students are working alongside Ruawai Primary School, coaching league. The class will be coordinating a festival here at the college on Tuesday 4th April with the hope many surrounding schools will come to participate.

Our Junior Physical Education classes have just completed their water safety units and are working on their badminton and tennis skills, this will help them once inter-house tennis and badminton competitions are underway.

We've had a great term so far and we're looking forward to the start of basketball, netball and football codes in Term 2.



More photos of Swimming Sports and Athletics Day can be found on our school Facebook page.

- Kay Smith, Physical Education

Netball Notice

It was wonderful to see so many girls sign up for school netball trials – thank you in advance to the team selectors, coaches and managers for their time in supporting Ruawai College sport.

If you play for Ruawai College, you can expect to be the team that travels to tournaments such as Upper North Island Secondary Schools and AIMS Games.



COMMUNITY

Board Comment

This is a new initiative and one that we hope the community will welcome. It is an opportunity for us to communicate regularly with you around the governance aspects of

our role as Board of Trustees Representatives.

ERO Visit – The review team from the Ministry of Education completed their external evaluation of the school two weeks ago. It was a very positive visit and they acknowledged our wonderful students, hardworking staff and the enormous support of the community. We now await the draft in the coming weeks.

Charter – The Charter reflects the school crest 'Lumine Ducar' to inspire students to be lifelong learners, to be respectful, to be resilient and to be responsible citizens. The vision is a focus on the pursuit of knowledge and learning where we value excellence, we value community and we value service to others.

Our guiding principles are:

- Building positive, strong, collaborative relationships – we show respect for one another
- Having high expectations of ourselves and each other – being resilient
- Creating a stimulating learning environment that is exciting today as well as preparation for the future, Lumine Ducar – the pursuit of knowledge and learning
- Working together In partnership with whānau, teachers, the community – taking responsibility

Next month we will look at our strategic goals as a school which were formulated from whānau, teacher and student voice through the recent surveys that were held.

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Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday 21st March, 6pm – 8pm
- Tuesday 16th May, 6pm – 8pm
- Tuesday 20th June, 6pm – 8pm
- Tuesday 15th August, 6pm – 8pm
- Tuesday 19th September, 6pm – 8pm
- Tuesday 24th October, 6pm – 8pm
- Tuesday 21st November, 6pm – 8pm

UVLens Weather Kit

We thank our Ruawai Community for nominating the school (via an online form on Facebook) to receive an exclusive innovation pack from Kiwi innovation company UVLens and sunscreen brand Banana Boat.

We have been selected to receive one of only 50 UVLens Weather Kit packs being distributed around the country, valued at \$740.00!

The weather station transmits wind speed and direction, temperature, UV levels, rainfall, humidity and other atmospheric conditions to our network. Us science teachers are very excited!

The weather station is a perfect fit for our junior programme and will provide loads of useful data for our seniors. The UV information will also keep our school community safe, meaning we'll know exactly when we should use the sunscreen provided by Banana Boat!

- Adrian Humm, Science

Northern Wairoa Football Club

To register your interest for this upcoming season starting in April, email nwsoccer@ymail.com or call Kumar 021 322 486.

Get in quick, spaces on the team may be on a first in first served basis.

Dargaville Northtec

Considering tertiary studies and/or upskilling? Come study at the Dargaville Northtec Campus.

A few places are left for the following courses:

Elementary Construction (Level 2)

Construction (Level 3)

Agriculture (Level 3)

Horticulture and Sustainable Primary Production (Level 2/3)

For further information, please contact: Dene Holyoake – 021 734 914, Daphne Adams – 021 0843 1158 or Ira Seitzer – 021 040 6840

Kaipara Vintage Machinery Club Crank-Up Day

Saturday 1st April, 10:30am – 3pm at Harding Park, Dargaville.

\$5.00 entry per person, children under 12 years free.

Cash only, no eftpos available.

Wearable Arts Extravaganza – Dream Time

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September, 8pm at the Dargaville Town Hall.

Open to all ages Year 6 and upwards.

Four entry categories: Moananui (Great Oceans), Living off the Land – Farming (All types), Our Natural Environment (Nature) and Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Entry forms are available from Muddy Waters Gallery and the Kaipara Lifestyler.

Ruawai Lions Club Annual Charity Auction

Saturday 25th March, 10am at the Kaipara Kumara forecourt.

Trading tables open at 9am, viewing of auction goods at 9:30am.

Food and refreshments available, cash only.



STUDENT VOICE

Prefect Portfolios

Sport Portfolios

Our aim as sports prefects is to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles.

We want to encourage house spirit and participation in sporting activities on offer here at Ruawai College. We think we are fit for this role because we believe that being active is important for your well-being and we are here to support you to be resilient in your sporting endeavours.

This term we have helped plan an inter-house tennis competition for all ages to participate. The next inter-house competition is badminton, which is due to start in a few weeks.

- Mabyn Waters, Suave Llewellyn-Huriwaka and Bailey O'Sullivan

Service Prefects

Our role as service prefects is to encourage students to support any house or school charity and other related events such as the 40 Hour Famine, Daffodil Day and ANZAC Day.

We would like to be more involved within the community, and be in the position to provide a service to others.

We will be holding a mufti day on Friday 24th March, where donations will be put towards reaching our \$2,000 goal for the Mondiale LifePods charity.

- Mabyn Waters and Bailey O'Sullivan

Arts Prefects

We will be your Arts Prefects for 2017. Our role as Arts Prefects is to promote and encourage students to get involved in the arts and acknowledge their successes. This includes all aspects of art, music and performance.

We chose this portfolio because we really enjoy art and think it would be good to see more creative activities around school.

This term we will be organising a drawing competition on Tuesday 21st March. More information will be provided closer to the date.

- Zara Marychurch and Shontelle Wilson

Academic Prefects

Our role as your academic leaders means we will go out of our way to promote high academic performance and acknowledge those that achieve well.

We believe we are fit for the role as we both consider academic performance to be of utmost importance for students at Ruawai College.

We are organising a number of events to occur throughout the year which we will promote closer to the time.

In Week 6 we held our first event, the school Spelling Bee, the results of this competition are mentioned in this newsletter.

- Georgia Beattie and Joel Bickers

Guitar Donation

"I wanted to learn how to play guitar. So Dad contacted my Poppa (Terry Hobby) who bought me a guitar and Dad said to get one for the school too! They want students who don't have a guitar at home to learn at school if they are interested. Poppa also donated a whole new set of guitar strings."

- Jadzia Hobby

Thank you Terry for your very kind donation to the school. Many of our students will appreciate your kind gesture.

Otago University Advanced School Science Academy

Each year Otago University gives the opportunity to 60 students from around New Zealand to participate in a week long residential course during the school summer holidays called Otago University Advanced School Science Academy (OUASSA).

Being one of those students gave me the opportunity to work with groups of like-minded students in sessions varying from Chemistry to Sport Science. In these courses we completed experiments and listened to lectures.

A question that was constantly asked was 'What is Science?' This question challenged us all to realise the depth of the science world and also gave me a taste of the vast expanse of career opportunities in this field.

In July the group will be heading back to Otago to make a presentation at the Otago Museum. I would encourage all students to take advantage of the many opportunities that are given to us and never be afraid of stepping outside your comfort zone.

- Joel Bickers, Head Boy



Spirit of Adventure

On Wednesday 18th January I was fortunate enough to be one of the 40 Board of Trustee Student Representatives in New Zealand to attend the Spirit of Adventure sailing programme. This voyage was a great opportunity made available to me through the Ruawai College Board of Trustees.

Stepping onto the ship I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Not knowing anyone or anything about sailing was my biggest fear. But strangers soon became friends and the sailing gradually became easy.



Jumping off the boat every morning at 6:30am for 5 days wasn't my ideal way to wake up but in time that became routine.

STUDENT VOICE *continued...*

Each day on the ship consisted of food preparation, sailing, games, Board of Trustee training sessions and group activities to end the night.

The highlight of my time spent on the Spirit of Adventure was definitely making new friends from all over New Zealand. Being on the ship definitely brought me out of my comfort zone. I would personally like to thank the Board of Trustees and Spirit of Adventure Trust for giving me this life changing, eye opening opportunity.

- Shontelle Wilson, Student Representative

Riding Workshop with Blyth Tait



Over the Christmas break, Year 10 student Lily Marshall attended a two-day workshop with Blyth Tait, a New Zealand Olympic Games gold medalist Equestrian. This was an amazing opportunity for Lily to experience show jumping and cross country at first-class level. With limited spaces available, Lily was lucky to secure her spot at Ruakaka's Northgate Lodge Equestrian

Holiday Camp.

Lily said "Blyth was awesome and I have learnt heaps more about show jumping and cross country."

Her highlight of the camp was being given Blyth's cap to keep. Lily was inspired by the horseman and would love to be able to compete at an Olympic Games.

Blyth instilled in Lily that you are to always believe in yourself, and to always trust in your horse and its abilities.

Peer Support Leaders 2017



PEER SUPPORT

The following students have been named our Peer Support leaders for 2017:

Georgia Beattie
Joel Bickers
Patricia Bristow
Ina Hornell
Juane Kriek
Suave Llewellyn-Huriwaka
Zara Marychurch
Bailey O'Sullivan
Tiaysha Rua
Fairlane Selwyn
Emma-Lee Sheppard
Magreta Tapea
Pairama Toka
Mabyn Waters
Shontelle Wilson

We acknowledge their service and commitment towards looking after the new students to Ruawai College.



REMINDER

School Photo Day

School photos will be taken Friday 17th March.

Photo order forms, along with payment, are due in to the school office. If you would like to order photos the morning of, please do so by 9am.

Cash and cheques will be the

only forms of payment that will be accepted tomorrow, we will not accept bank transfers or eftpos.

Please make cheques payable to DAVIES PHOTOS.

Uniform

Wearing a school uniform has many of the following benefits:

- **Improved School Image**
School uniform buries the daily question of "what to wear to school". It removes a potentially major point of debate between parent and child over the suitability of what gets worn to school. It should be hassle free.
- **Higher Self Esteem**
Students wearing school uniform do not feel self conscious about what they wear to school; increased confidence leads to higher self esteem, and higher self esteem leads to greater class participation.
- **Higher Standard of Presentation**
A uniform becomes a better way for school staff to implement a dress code within a school, especially in how it is worn and thus presented to the external community.
Trying to instigate a dress standard where no school uniform exists is an exercise in comparative futility.
- **Cost Effective**
There is no doubt that a quality, value for money school uniform has a lower cost to parents than if their children wore their 'street clothes' to school on a consistent basis.
School uniforms should be designed to take the rigour of daily wear and exercise, and they should out perform standard garments.
- **Better School Security**
Students in uniform are instantly recognised as 'belonging' to their school.
This assists security in school, and enables easy identification off-site.

We appreciate the effort that you as whānau make to ensure that your children come to school in the correct school uniform.

Students Bringing a Vehicle to School

Students may drive to school and park in the gym carpark, permitted they have either a Restricted or Full licence.

Before bringing a car to school, students must provide a copy of their licence and complete a permission slip signed by their parent/caregiver. It is up to the discretion of our Senior Leadership Team whether or not students have permission to have a car at school.

Students are required to hand their keys in to the office on arrival and must travel alone unless they are permitted to carry passengers. Under no circumstances are students allowed to drive other students to and from school.

- Lance Panoho, Assistant Principal

REMINDER *continued...*

School Canteen Menu – The Well Café

Tuesday and Thursday, cash only.

Orders are to be made before registration for Break 1.

Panini

Ham & Cheese	\$5.00
Chicken, Cheese & Cranberry	\$5.00

Toasted Sandwiches

Cheese & Onion	\$3.50
Cheese, Ham & Tomato	\$4.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00

Sandwiches

Chicken Salad	\$5.00
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Pies

Mince & Cheese	\$4.50
Steak & Cheese	\$4.50
Chicken, Brie & Cranberry	\$5.00
Butter Chicken	\$5.00

Baking

Marshmallow Slice	\$3.50
Ginger Crunch	\$3.50
American Brownie	\$4.00
Caramel Slice	\$4.00

Drinks

Charlie's Honest Fizz Drinks	\$2.00
Charlie's OJ	\$3.50
Charlie's Spirulina Fruit Fix	\$3.50
Sanitarium Up&Go	\$3.50

Noodles

Beef	\$2.00
Chicken	\$2.00



SWIMMING SPORTS & ATHLETICS DAY PHOTOS

