

RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS



Term 3 Week 6
Tuesday 29 August

Upcoming Dates

29 August

Parent Promotion Evening

30 August

Senior Boys LN Basketball Level 1 Geography AKL Trip

31 August

Year 7 – 10 Netball, Whangarei

1 September

NSS Ki o Rahi Competition

4 – 8 September

Senior A Netball, UNISS

11 – 15 September

Year 7 & 8 Netball, AIMS Games

18 – 22 September

Derived Grade Examinations

19 September

MCAT Level 1 Examination

26 September

Year 7 & 8 Kaiwaka Sports Day

29 September

End of Term 3

16 October

Start of Term 4

19 October

Ruawai College Open Day

23 October

Labour Day, no school

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 winter season is here, and with that comes some real challenges, especially around student learning. It is also the time when those winter ailments come upon us such as colds and flu, and requires being at home and getting better. Taking care of ourselves presents a challenge, but equally so is the challenge ahead for our senior students.

At the school assembly, I spoke about the necessity to plan well in order to manage workload and deadlines over the next term. Experience tells us that Term 3 is very important and is often the culmination to fine tuning the acquisition of credits, and task completion of assessments.

The reality is that there is only a short time frame before NCEA external examinations begin, so time is of the essence. We recognise and acknowledge that the assessment calendar can be a cause of some anxiety and stress. I spoke also of the need for conversations with subject teachers when assistance is needed or when a number of significant tasks are due at the same time. Staff are happy to help students manage their workload.

It is also an important time for Juniors as well. Our curriculum is scaffolded so that learning that happens in Year 9 and 10 contributes to the foundation of further learning in the senior school.

For every student in the school, every minute counts! Best wishes for a successful term.

LIFEPOD DONATION - SIR RAY AVERY



A special assembly held recently at Ruawai College, saw our guest of honour, Sir Ray Avery, presented with a cheque for \$2023.20, for the sponsorship of a LifePod incubator.

The amount raised by the school was the culmination of a number of fundraising events, such as mufti days and socials, held over an 18 month period.

Sir Ray Avery, inventor of the

LifePod, had approached schools around the country to support his cause; to help provide LifePod incubators in developing countries around the world. Ruawai College students took up the challenge to raise \$2000.00, the cost of one LifePod, and in doing so benefit the lives of hundreds of babies. Having heard of the school's efforts, Sir Ray Avery made arrangements to visit Ruawai College in person.

In addressing the school he thanked the students for their fundraising efforts, and explained how the LifePod would make a difference in the life of others.

From the students' perspective this made their accomplishment seem a whole lot more tangible, especially in the knowledge that they have made a genuine difference for others. The LifePod the school has sponsored will be sent to Fiji.

- Amanda King, Deputy Principal

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

CURRICULUM

Enviroschools Planting

On Wednesday 16 August our Year 7 & 8 students and members of the community planted 550 native plants along the canals and drains of our back field.

These plants were donated to Ruawai College through the organisation of our Enviroschools Facilitator Jacque Knight and Reconnecting Northland – Landcare.

The day was wonderful, students and community members worked together to achieve the first stage of the restoration planting sending a powerful message that we as a community care about the health of our waterway.

Our students are learning first hand that their actions can have a positive impact on the environment.

The Year 7 & 8 classes would like to thank the following community volunteers for taking the time to help us on planting day: Jacque Knight, Penny Smart, Joseph Hammon, Jenna Fraser, Brian Henderson, Raymond Marychurch, Raymonde Huriwaka, Renae Llewell, Faye Jamieson, Alex Bickers, Kyla Johnson, Cleveland Reihana, Roger Runga, Barb Solomon, Funga Uluakiahoia, Kyle Anderson and Paige Mackie.

Also, thank you to Mike Bellamy for collecting the plants and transporting them to the school and to the senior hospitality class for organising and serving the shared lunch afterwards.

Without your help we would not have been able to complete the task as efficiently as we did.

- Marsha Finlay and Kirsty Batters



Mathematics Revision

All students should have a study programme in action, with only 3 weeks left until derived grade examinations and external examinations held in November. All students have been given access to an online study tool, Education Perfect.

This term student help is available for senior students during Break 2, every Wednesday and Thursday. After school revision classes will be available Term 4 from 3:15pm-4:30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, until the end of examinations. If students are unable to attend these classes, then they are encouraged to speak with their classroom teacher as an alternative may be available.

The students in Mrs Latto's mathematics class have their first external examination on Tuesday 19 September. This one hour examination is held during school time, with the students notified of their results in January 2018.

- Davena Latto, Head of Learning Mathematics



Out & About

Hillary Outdoors Pursuits Centre

From Sunday 6 August to Saturday 12 August a group of Year 12 students attended the Hillary Outdoors Pursuits Centre located in the Tongariro National Park.

This was an adventurous week that challenged everyone, including activities such as caving, abseiling, high ropes course and adventure based learning games.



We had an awesome instructor who pushed us through an overnight adventure where we slept in an open cave named "Joe's Cave", walked approximately 8 hours to Lake Te Wharau then canoed through to Lake Otamangakau.

On the last day we had our snow day at Whakapapa Skifield. Despite the horrible weather we enjoyed skiing and snowboarding.



On behalf of the Year 12 students we would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Kay Smith and Mrs Sam Panoho for transporting us down and keeping an eye out for us all.

OPC Highlights:

"My highlight was facing my fear of heights and abseiling on a rainy day." – Aron Peters

"The most challenging activity for me was caving but with support of my peers we all got through in the end." – Brooke Henderson

"The highlight for me was abseiling and caving, they were both great experiences." – Drew Welsh

"The highlight of the week for me was bonding with the team and learning new skills." – Ashlee Dennis

"I really enjoyed the snow day as I had never done it before. I also enjoyed the caving, abseiling and bonding with the group." – Harriet Spoelstra

"I enjoyed caving because I had never done it before, the

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8 hours of walking was really challenging." – Teresa Costa "My highlight of the trip was the snow day and chilling with my friends, it was a great experience." – Jimmy Panoho "My highlight was caving and having a good time." – Tristan Flavell

"My favourite day was the snow day and learning to snowboard. I found it challenging but I still pushed myself." - Ross Wallace

"I enjoyed snowboarding. All the adrenaline and all the super sick tricks I did. Also finding our way through a forest only using a map and compass added to the challenge." – Michael Hammon

- Year 12 Physical Education Class

2017 Auckland Food Show

On Thursday 27 and Friday 28 July Ruawai College students attended the 2017 Auckland Food Show at the ASB Showgrounds in support of local business Kaipara Kumara.

Kaipara Kumara was part of the Countdown section which included avocados, tomatoes, strawberries, apples, potatoes and other various fruits and vegetables.

Students from senior hospitality and Farnet classes offered samples of kumara waffles, kumara salad and kumara sticks to promote the eating of raw kumara in your diet.

We were lucky enough to work alongside New Zealand's first Masterchef, Brett McGregor, which was a great experience in itself.

The purpose of our trip was to gain experience meeting and greeting customers which we all enjoyed doing.

The Auckland Food Shows' busiest day was Saturday 29 July with approximately 10,000 people in attendance.

Thank you to hospitality teachers Ms Kimberley Rope and Ms Jenny Dallison for taking us on this trip and to Kaipara Kumara for the experience and your continued support you offer to our school.

- Ross Wallace, Year 12

Year 13 Geography Rotorua Trip

On 21 August, 7 students from the Level 3 Geography class had the opportunity to travel to Rotorua to gain knowledge and insight on the process of tourism development. This will be the case study we use in our end of year external examination.

Students at Ruawai College have been travelling to Rotorua for many years as it is one of New Zealand's premier tourist destinations.

During the trip, we had visited a range of natural and cultural attractions such as the Wai O Tapu Thermal Wonderland, Skyline Skyrides, Te Puia, Agrodome, Paradise Valley Springs, Tamaki Maori Village and more. We also had the opportunity to challenge ourselves by doing a number of adventure based activities such as the Sky Swing, Luge, Ogo, Shweeb, Agrojet, Swoop, bungy jumping and the Freefall Xtreme. Although some proved scary to begin with, everyone had a go and came away enjoying it.

While travelling around many tourist sites, we took this chance to undertake a range of geographic fieldwork activities which will help us during external exminations. We were also lucky enough to have industry speakers who

could provide us with up to date information regarding tourism in the region.

Overall, it is fair to say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed their trip and have learnt a lot from this valuable experience.

On behalf of Level 3 Geography, I would like to say a massive thank you to Ms Davis and Mario Yelcich who had not only organised the trip, but had also taken us to and from Rotorua as well as providing us with this opportunity.



Year 13 Geography Rotorua Trip Highlights:

"Going out of my comfort zone and doing things I never thought would be possible, like the bungy." – Georgia Beattie

"I really enjoyed the entire trip. I particularly liked the Swoop! I would definitely do everything again if I had the opportunity." – Emma-Lee Sheppard

"My highlight of the trip was the extreme adventure activities like the Sky Swing, bungy jumping and the Swoop. I particularly enjoyed our visit to Tamaki Maori Village because of the new things I learnt about Maori culture." – Fairlane Selwyn

"My highlight of the trip was the luge, Ogo and feeding the animals at Paradise Valley as well as watching the lions being fed. I definitely enjoyed the rest of the trip and learnt a lot about the process of tourism development." – Bailey O'Sullivan

"My highlight was the trip itself! I particularly enjoyed the activities at Agroventure like the bungy jump and Swoop." – Suave Llewell-Huriwaka

"The highlight of my trip was getting to experience all the different attractions Rotorua has to offer. I especially enjoyed the Ogo, Sky Swing and the luge." – Shontelle WIson

- Bailey O'Sullivan, Head Girl



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Senior Science Rainbows End Trip

Around and around on the corkscrew roller coaster and up and down the fear fall ride. Senior science students experienced first-hand gravitational potential energy transforming into kinetic energy under clear blue skies on Friday 25 September.

A huge thank you to our drivers Millicia Llewell and Renee Anduze-Firoa for making this trip possible.

- Sherryn Dammers, Head of Learning Science





LEARNING AREA FOCUS: Mathematics & Statistics

Is maths really that important?

I was asked if maths was really all that important last week. My response was in the form of a challenge: Go for a day without using any mathematics. Mathematics is the unspoken language we use every day. Mathematics is used to solve problems.

The New Zealand Curriculum (2007) tells us mathematics is the exploration and use of patterns and relationships in qualities, space and time. Statistics is the exploration and use of patterns and relationships in data. These two disciplines are related, but they use different ways of thinking and solving problems. Both equip students with effective means for investigating, interpreting, explaining and making sense of the world.

Why study mathematics and statistics?

Inspire thinking:

Mathematics and statistics make sense of information, experience, and ideas by engaging students to think:

- Flexibility and creativity
- Critically and effectively
- Strategically and logically

"Go down deep enough into anything and you will find mathematics." – D. Schlicter

Stimulate creativity and curiosity:

Mathematics and statistics open the door to a world of beauty, mystery and awe. They provide students with the enjoyment of intellectual challenge: opportunities to explore ideas and to wrestle with interesting problems. Mathematics and statistics provide ways of connecting

abstract ideas with real world thinking.

"The essence of mathematics is not to make simple things complicated but to make complicated things simple."

- S. Gudder

Equip students for the 21st century:

Mathematics and statistics equip students with the knowledge and skills to be global citizens in the 21st century. Effective citizens have the ability and inclination to use mathematics and statistics at home, at work and in the community by:

- Using problem-solving strategies
- Using mathematical and statistical models to solve problems
- Making sensible estimates
- Using and interpreting data
- Evaluating mathematical and statistical information
- Communicating ideas

"Statistical thinking will one day be as necessary for efficient citizenship as the ability to read and write." – attributed to H.G Wells

Maths Week ran from 14 – 18 August 2017. Maths Week is a national event instigated by the New Zealand Association of Mathematics Teachers (NZAMT) to promote mathematics in New Zealand schools. This year the spotlight was on numbers, logic and problem solving. Throughout the week students were engaged in LA rivalries, maths class challenges and individual competitions.

Teachers had their own maths moments during daily staff briefing. On the last day we held an interhouse Mathex competition. Who knew there was so much running in maths!

Mathex points contribute towards the end of year trophy, so it was hotly contested. Congratulations to Rimu House who won convincingly on the day. There was only one question difference between 2nd place (Totara House) and 3rd place (Kauri House). The gauntlet has been laid down for the next year.

Thank you for a fabulous week.

- Davena Latto, Head of Learning Mathematics



SPORTS NEWS

Senior Boys Basketball

On Tuesday 1 August the Senior Boys Basketball team participated in the NSS Senior Boys Basketball

tournament. Our first game was against Kaitaia College, unfortunately we all felt rushed and off our game and could not get the win.

Our second game was against Bay of Islands College. In this game we started hard and played well throughout, earning us our first win of the day.

Our last pool game against Tauraroa Area School also went in our favour and we won convincingly.

We came away second in Pool B, giving us the opportunity to play Kamo High School for 5th place overall. We showed dominance and led the entire time, coming away with the win. Thank you to Raymonde Huriwaka for coaching and driving us to the tournament.

- Timothy Bickers, Year 11

SPORTS NEWS continued...

Year 7 & 8 Basketball

On 24 August two Year 7 & 8 teams travelled to the NSS Year 7 & 8 Basketball tournament in Whangarei at ASB Stadium in Kensington.

Both the boys and girls team played a total of 3 games each, both winning one game.

The teams attending were very competitive so we did well to both place third overall in our pools.

We had an awesome day and that wouldn't have been possible without Ms Kay Smith, Mr Lance Panoho, Sam Panoho, Raymonde Huriwaka and Carly Marychurch – thank you!

- Katie Griggs and Aroha Day, Year 8

Year 7 & 8 Otamatea Sports Exchange

Friday 4 August two Otamatea High School sports teams travelled to Ruawai College to compete in a small interschool sports exchange.

Our Year 7 & 8 rugby team and 2017 AIMS Games Netball team spent the afternoon playing Otamatea. It was excellent to see the level of passion and effort shown from both schools.



Otamatea rugby came away with a tight win over our boys while Ruawai convincingly won the netball. One all!

Thank you to Otamtea High School for travelling to participate in our exchange, it was great to run an interschool event we have not had for some time.



Junior Girls Basketball

On Tuesday 15 August the Year 9 & 10 Junior Girls basketball team travelled to Whangarei to take part in the NSS Junior Girls Basketball tournament.

We played a total of 3 games, winning 2 and a draw in the third game.

We all enjoyed the day and came away happy with our efforts, mostly because we were excited about McDonald's!

Thank you to Raymonde Huriwaka and Renae Llewell for transporting us to and from the tournament and for helping us bond more as a team. Thank you also to Ms Kay Smith for completing the work required for us to attend.

- Tegan Marychurch and Aleesha Butt, Year 10

NSS Senior Girls Netball

Last week the Ruawai College Senior A Netball team competed in the NSS Senior Girls Netball tournament at the sports complex in Kerikeri.

It was an early start to the morning, ensuing we were at the courts, warmed up before our first game at 9:30am.

We were in a tough pool this year, playing Whangarei Girls High School, Kerikeri High School Premier and Taipa Area School. Our closest game was against Taipa Area School but unfortunately we did not come away with any wins this day. The girls played well and the continuous effort in the tough games was inspiring.

It was an excellent opportunity for the team to finalise combinations and work on game strategies before heading off to compete at the Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) netball tournament later this month in Auckland.

Thank you to our coach Colleen Glass, manager Helene Blundell and driver Tina O'Sullivan for taking the time to ensure Senior A were able to attend this tournament.

- Tyla O'Sullivan, Tournament Umpire

Northern Wairoa Netball Senior Prizegiving Results

Promotion/Relegation Winners, B Grade: Ruawai Senior B

Most Improved, A Grade: Ruawai Senior B Sportsmanship, A Grade: Ruawai Senior B

Most Improved, B Grade: Ruawai Senior C Sportsmanship, B Grade: Ruawai Senior C

Most Improved Junior Umpire: Taimania Bristow and Lanea Llewell-Huriwaka

Most Promising Collegiate Player: Kaia Chapman Collegiate Player of the Year: Bailey O'Sullivan

Best All Round Shooter: Naumai Combined Shooters (Bailey O'Sullivan, Kaia Chapman and Tiana Langdon)

Player of the Year: Bailey O'Sullivan

Under 17 Representative Team: Lanea Llewell-Huriwaka and Kaia Chapman



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Tai Tokerau Senior Basketball Update

Congratulations to both basketball teams for winning their games last Thursday.

The senior girls won their game convincingly, 59 – 11 against Whangarei Girls High School. Sisters Lanea Llewell-Huriwaka and Jahnae Llewell-Huriwaka were the highest point scorers of the game.

With only six players the team worked very hard and all put points on the board.

We were fortunate enough to have Nikki Reeves-Price play as part of our team, she is a very talented basketballer.



The senior boys won their game against Dargaville High School 44 – 29. Jimmy Panoho and Zac Cooley were the highest point scorers of the game.



Thank you to our managers Milly Llewell and Sam Panoho for all their hard work and efforts throughout the season. We would also like to thank our sponsors Total Oil, Batternsby Brothers, Portstar Plastics and Kaipara Kumara. Most of all we cannot do what we do without the support of the parents and staff of Ruawai College.

We also wish Kaia Chapman and Riley Battcher speedy recoveries.

- Raymonde Huriwaka and Renae Llewell



STUDENT VOICE

Deputy Prefect Comment

Hello, we are Zara Marychurch and Suave Llewell-Huriwaka and we are the Deputy Prefects for 2017. We make up part of our school's Prefect team, more specifically

Arts Leader (Zara) and Sports Leader (Suave). Some of our roles as Deputy Prefects and portfolio leaders is organising events such as the annual school ball, school

socials, competitions such as drawing and photography and running the interhouse sports.

We've been fortunate enough his year to network with Dargaville High School and Otamatea High School's Prefects, this has helped us settle into our roles immensely. We share portfolio ideas regularly, ensuring we are providing fellow Ruawai College students with exciting and challenging activities.

As we head towards the end of the school year, Term 3 is less full on in terms of Prefect duties as it is time for senior students to concentrate on completing final internal assessments and prepare themselves for examinations.

It is important that senior students start preparing for the end of year push, especially those who are yet to earn their 80 credits at Level 1 or 60 credits at Level 2 and 3. It is easy to keep telling yourself that you'll study later on and that you have plenty of time but we know from first-hand experience that is never the case. A study plan is essential for all senior students and we suggest you get on to creating one as soon as possible.

Zara is intending to complete a make-up course for the film

and fashion industry next year in Auckland while Suave is currently exploring apiculture or forestry options. We are aware our chosen career paths do not require Level 3 however it's important we obtain Level 3 and University Entrance in case we change our minds later on in our lives. As we do not want to leave our futures to chance, we are making the most of the support our teachers offer us and are working towards finishing all internal assessment work and studying for our derived grade and end of year

Good luck to all senior students, knuckle down and do the hard work, it'll be worth it!

- Zara Marychurch and Suave Llewell-Huriwaka, Deputy Prefects



examinations.

Welcome Teresa!

A Year 11 student from Turin, Italy has joined our school. She is staying with us for a year. We look

forward to learning more about Turin, Italy as the year progresses. We can't wait to hear about the Italian culture, we may even be able to pronounce a few Italian phrases before the year is done!



COMMUNITY

Board of Trustees Comment

I spent a very enjoyable morning last week taking part in the Year 7 & 8 Enviroschools planting. It was heartening to see these students so

engaged and excited about their project. 550 trees were planted around the back drain of the school in record time thanks to the students and the fantastic turnout of family and members of the community. Enviroschools is a really good example of Ruawai College developing a responsive and engaging curriculum that is relevant to the place we live. Congratulations to all who are involved, and we look forward to watching those trees grow and seeing what you get up to next.

Connections between home and school are vital and

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definitely enhance a student's ability to succeed. If you have a student in Year 11 – 13 next year, I would strongly encourage you to come along Tuesday 29 August, 6:30pm – 8:00pm to hear about subject selection options for 2018, including a special horticulture presentation, which I am personally looking forward to.

Headway is being made on our re-roofing project. The H block has been reroofed and now the hall and administration block are being worked on. This work has been a long time coming and we are very happy to see progress. While I'm on the subject of property, we have one of our school houses on the market, with one more to follow.

Recently we sat down with our school fund managers and had a good look at our financial position. What we learnt was what we already thought we knew – Ruawai College has and continues to manage our finances prudently. This is no mean task, and I would like to acknowledge all those who play a part in juggling the finances of our school so well.

Most schools in New Zealand ask families of students to pay an annual donation. At the end of last year, we conceded that we too would invite families to contribute a modest donation to the school of \$50.00 per child or \$100.00 per family of two or more. If you haven't considered giving a school donation, please do. I would like to reinforce that this is not a mandatory fee, but rather a voluntary and tax deductible donation. These additional funds will be used for student learning resources and help to further enhance our wonderful school.

Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday 19th September, 6:00pm 8:00pm
- Tuesday 24th October, 6:00pm 8:00pm
- Tuesday 21st November, 6:00pm 8:00pm

- Alex Bickers, Board of Trustees Chairperson



CULTURAL

Interhouse Virtues

On the last 2 days of Term 2 the school was treated to 3 mini play

performances. Volunteers from each house were given one of our three values "respect, responsibility and resilience" and were asked to create a 8 minute play.

The purpose was to help all students think about the values, what they look like in practice, how do we identify someone is being respectful, responsible and resilient?

The 3 plays were very different to watch and all of them were original, well thought out and performed with energy and enthusiasm.

Rimu House gave us a central character who wrestled with her conscience and her respect for others – would she follow the urgings of her angel or her devil?

Totara House used a modern devised drama to show students being responsible in a variety of school settings and Kauri House used humour and the theme of a student competing in a game show to show resilience.

A good standard has been set and we look forward to next year's performances.

Congratulations to this year's winner, Kauri House. Rimu

House came in second place and Totara House third. The Virtues Trophy for the winning house will be presented at the school's end of year prizegiving in Term 4.

- Jenny Joynt, Head of Learning English

Community Library

A reminder that the college library is open to the public for the issuing of books during break times, 10:55am – 11:15am and 1:05pm – 1:45pm. Please phone the school office to check the library is open.

Books can be returned to the school office outside of these hours.

- Amy Mehrtens, Library Manager

IMPORTANT NOTICES



NCEA Derived Grade Examinations

Term 3, Week 9 – 18 – 22 September Coming up soon are the first NCEA examinations that senior students will undertake in readiness for their actual

examinations in November. These are "Derived Grade Examinations" and are held for two reasons.

Firstly, they act as preparation for the "real" exams in December.

Secondly, they are used by the school to gather valid standards-based evidence for if and when a grade is required by NZQA, and where a student cannot sit their examination due to illness, trauma, misadventure, other serious events or an extraordinary event preventing the examination taking place e.g. a civil defence emergency.

A derived / emergency grade is based on student's results from the school's derived grade examination. Therefore, it is important that students study and prepare for these with the same determination as the November examinations.

The derived grade examination timetable will be issued next week.

- Amanda King, Deputy Principal

Student Representative Board of Trustees Elections

It is time to elect a new student representative for the Ruawai College Board of Trustees.

Nomination forms and a copy of this notice are available at the front office or from Miss O'Sullivan.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 8 September and should be accompanied by candidates' statements. Please return nomination forms to Miss O'Sullivan.

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

There will also be a list of candidate's names for inspection, as they come to hand, in the front office.

The poll closes at noon on Friday 22 September.

For more information regarding what it means to be a student representative the NZSTA Student Trustees Handbook is available online.

Reminder to students that you must be Year 9 and above to be eligible to nominate, vote and stand for this position. You are allowed to nominate yourself.

- Tyla O'Sullivan, Returning Officer

RUAWAI COLLEGE



PARENT PROMOTIONS NIGHT, SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING

Tuesday 29 August, 6:30pm - 8:30pm







Don't miss out!

A wonderful opportunity to talk with teachers about pathways/subjects for next year is happening on Tuesday 29 August, 6:30pm – 8:30pm in the Ruawai College Hall.

Ruawai College will be launching a new pathway which sees us working alongside Primary ITO (Industry Training Organisation) and a local business to expose our students to 'on the job' training. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to take the first step towards a primary industry career while they're still at school.

The Primary ITO presentation will begin at 7:30pm, with guest speaker Andrew Hutchinson, Young Horticulturist of the Year 2016.

Year 10 – 12 students are due to receive their course information booklets for 2018. It is vital that these choices are based on an informed understanding of potential pathways – this evening is a great way to expose both students and parents to potential pathways for their future careers!

Heads of Learning teachers from each department will be available to discuss and answer any questions you may have around subject choices.