



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

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Ruawai
Respect
Resilience
Responsibility

Term 2 Week 5
Wednesday 31 May

Upcoming Dates

2 June

School Ball

5 June

Queens Birthday, no school

6 June

Level 3 Geography Muriwai Trip

8 June

SZ Cross Country

9 June & 12 June

Year 12 Gateway Visits

13 June

NSS Cross Country

19 June – 23 June

Year 12 Gateway Week

7th July

End of Term 2

Remember!

Here at school we attempt to keep all whanau and the wider community well

informed about the events happening within our school.

Remember to check our school website and Facebook page for regular updates.

All events on our website can be found in the "What's Happening At Ruawai" tab, under the "Upcoming Events", and "Important Dates" section.

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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



Our ERO report reaffirmed why Ruawai College is an outstanding place of education.

Not only that – it reinforced the very high expectations we have across all areas of school life. Most importantly it recognises the personalised family environment that we have which enables our students to prosper and to do well.

Curriculum:

Pathways – We are currently looking at a model that includes tertiary, business, 'on the job' skills training, NCEA credits and future employment for our students. In the immediate future these may include the areas of Horticulture, Apiculture and possibly Agriculture. Exciting times are ahead as we look to open up a range of opportunities to our students on our 'back doorstep'.

A visit to the Plant & Research, Turners & Growers sites will illustrate the many employment opportunities available to our students – Accounting & Finance, Growing Operations, Information & Technology, Marketing & Communications, Procurement & Supply Chain, Sales – will the industry future Scientists come from Ruawai College?

School Ball:

One of the highlights of the school year for the senior students is the school ball. With your support I am sure that once again the ball will be a most successful and enjoyable school activity for the students. The ball is a formal school occasion and as such school rules and expectations apply.

We would also like to mention the issue of 'pre and after ball' functions. We cannot say strongly enough that such parties are not organised, condoned or encouraged by the school. Thank you for your cooperation, we look forward to an evening of glamour, elegance and charm.

PINK SHIRT DAY 2017



On Thursday 25th May Ruawai College held a mufti day in support of Pink Shirt Day 2017, a campaign focused on taking a stand against bullying. It's saddening to know that in New Zealand rates of school bullying are among the worst worldwide.

We here at Ruawai College pride ourselves on being one big whanau, our school believes all young people

deserve to feel safe and supported and no form of bullying will be tolerated. It was excellent to see the effort our students made with pink shirts, hats, tutus and even onesies! We raised a total of \$207.00 to donate towards the 2018 campaign, way to go Ruawai College!

- Bailey O'Sullivan, Head Girl

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



CURRICULUM

"The school's broad curriculum is well aligned with *The New Zealand Curriculum* (NZC) and is very effective in engaging students in learning. It is designed to be inclusive and culturally responsive, and provides a high range of high interest, topical contexts for learning."

- Ruawai College Education Review Office Report, 2017

Year 12 Physical Education Circus Kumerani

On Tuesday 2nd May Matt from Circus Kumerani came to teach the Year 12 Physical Education students some cool circus activities such as the diablo and juggling.

We will be focusing on learning to juggle, then using our skills to teach students from Ruawai Primary School as part of our leadership standard for Term 2. It was a lot of fun learning how to use all the equipment and even conquering a few of the tricks!

- Tiaysha Rua, Year 12



Tim Tipene Visit



Thank you to Storyline for the fabulous author visit from Tim Tipene on Tuesday 9th May.

Tim Tipene, of Ngati Kuri and Ngati Whatua descent, is a children's writer. A survivor of a violent and abusive childhood, Tim broke the cycle and became

a leader in the field of personal development and stopping violence. He is highly regarded for his work in the community and his books that deal with social and environmental issues.

Ruawai College was Tim's fourth school visit that day and he still had great energy and enthusiasm, holding the Year 7 – 10 students interest for over an hour!

Tim was very motivational as a speaker and struck a chord with many students with his stories about his life and his passion for story telling.

We currently have two of Tim's books in the library and we have ordered a copy of 'Patu'. Also, thank you to Brian Falkner for donating a copy of his book 'Shooting Stars'.

- Jenny Joynt, HoL English



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Out & About

YES Programme



For the past 3 weeks, Ashlee Dennis, Brooklyn Gilmour and I have been involved in the YES programme in the Dargaville area.

The YES programme is designed to strengthen and encourage the connection of local teens with their community by engaging them with the emergency services.

This includes The Coast Guard & Lifesaving, The New Zealand Police and Fire Service and the St Johns Ambulance Service.

All of the activities we have taken part in so far have been exhilarating and action packed. Our next activity is a combined services scenario day which we are all looking forward to.

The programme then concludes with a formal dinner and guest speaker.

- Jimmy Panoho, Year 12

Army / Police Force Workshop

In the first week of May, Cullen Alick, Klay Connett, Michael Hammon, Jimmy Panoho and myself had the privilege of attending a Police and Defence Course held at Dargaville High School.

This course gave us boys a taste of what it would be like applying for the Police or Defence Forces by attempting to meet all physical and mental prerequisite requirements.

Before the tests began we listened to staff in both fields explain their roles and backgrounds. We completed a basic and advanced mathematics test, verbal and abstract reasoning tests, aptitude tests and also the fitness test, consisting of activities such as a 2.4 kilometre run, press ups, sit ups and grip tests.

This course was beneficial to me as it gave me an idea of how to prepare myself when I am able to apply to join the police force.

- Suave Llewellyn-Huriwaka, Year 13

Waitangi Trip

On Thursday 18th May the Year 10 students went on a day trip to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

As a class we have been recently studying the Treaty of Waitangi, so it was a great opportunity to let the class experience where this important part of New Zealand history took place.

We first started the trip walking through native bush where students saw trees such as our school Houses, Rimu, Kauri and Totara.

After this walk we visited the whare waka, where the waka taua war canoes are kept, such as the Ngatokimatawhaorua. This canoe was the largest war canoe and could hold up to 120 people. It was named after Kupe's voyaging canoe he used to discover Aotearoa

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Out & About continued...

around 800 A.D. It was made out of 3 large kauri trees by carvers from Northland, Auckland and Waikato for the 1940 Treaty of Waitangi Centennial.



From here we were welcomed onto the Waitangi Marae, which was also built for the 1940 Treaty of Waitangi Centennial.

We were greeted by a warrior performing a wero, a challenge to determine if we were visiting in peace.

Once inside, a kapa haka group performed their waiata, haka and poi.

Their last song was about the 28th Maori Battalion and the sacrifices they made for our freedom.

Our last stop on the trip was James Busby's house, the first official British resident in New Zealand, who was involved in writing the Treaty of Waitangi.

Much of the house had been restored over the years but the style and framing of the house was original.

Thank you to Mrs Sheehan and Mr Townsend for taking us on this trip.

- Tiakina Taufonua, Shakynah Williamson and Indiana Panoho, Year 10

Music Mentoring

During Week 2 of this term, seven talented musos from Ruawai College collaborated with Dargaville High School students as part of the NZ Music Mentoring Programme for schools.

Kim Halliday, from the music group Pacific Curls, was their mentor during the programme. Kim encouraged all the students to work in groups and focus on polishing their performing skills.

- Justine Vallance, Music Teacher

"I felt like the experience gave us a lot more confidence when performing. We also really bonded as a group." – Tyanna Fenney

"I really enjoyed the experience. I feel we all learnt something we didn't really know and we had a great time."

– Hayden Griggs

"It was an awesome opportunity to meet new people and learn new things." – Jessie Dougherty



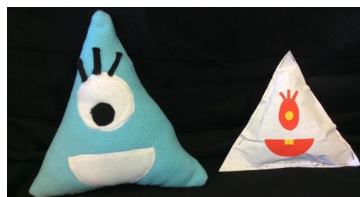
LEARNING AREA FOCUS: Technology

Technology at Ruawai College incorporates Food, Fabric, Hard Materials and Digital Technology. Teachers of these subjects help students to follow a six step process using their specific subject medium.



1. **Generating Brief** – Identifying the general requirements, attributes, specifications / rules and constraints of their product.
2. **Investigation** – Looking at similar products on the market and possible ideas/solutions they could use.
3. **Concept Development** – Exploring possibilities, developing sketches of their thoughts or ideas.
4. **Prototyping** – Making their first draft, getting feedback and refining design.
5. **Outcome Development** – Create / make their product
6. **Evaluation** – Looking back at how it meets initial specifications, reflecting on design

- Jenny Dallison, HoL Technology



Soft Toys
Phoebe Wood
Fabric Technology



Necklaces
Piper Sterling & Tahlia Johnson - Hard Materials



Clock
Charlotte Warbrooke
Hard Materials



Game Board Design
Madison Johnson
Digital Technology



SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country event was run on Friday 26th May.

We were fortunate enough to have perfect conditions for running, allowing for every single record to be broken! Thank you to all runners for their amazing effort and to all parents / whanau for coming to support.



Cross Country Champions 2017

Sub Junior Girls

Previous Record: Petra Benseman, 14.35 (2001)

1st Place: Ayla Da Silva, 12.17 – New Record

2nd Place: Carla Fraser

3rd Place: Emma Philips

Sub Junior Boys

Previous Record: Boyd Flavell, 13.59 (2002)

1st Place: Michael Fenney, 12.11 – New Record

2nd Place: Laine Hickey

3rd Place: Daniel Fenney

Junior Girls

Previous Record: Holli O'Sullivan, 14.24 (2010)

1st Place: Jahnae Llewellyn-Huriwaka, 12.13 – New Record

2nd Place: Ahleigha Arnott

3rd Place: Katie Griggs

Junior Boys

Previous Record: Michael Roberts, 12.31 (2002)

1st Place: Daniel Holt, 11.10 – New Record

2nd Place: Cameron Mitchell

3rd Place: Hayden Sanford

Intermediate Girls

Previous Record: Trudi Gibson, 15.56 (2009)

1st Place: Nikki Reeves-Price, 13.13 – New Record

2nd Place: Brooke Henderson

3rd Place: Tyanna Fenney

Intermediate Boys

Previous Record: Wayne Robinson, 12.54 (2005)

1st Place: Hayden Brindle, 10.12 – New Record

2nd Place: Timothy Bickers

3rd Place: Hunter Connett



Senior Girls

Previous Record: Louise Matich, 14.34 (2009)

1st Place: Bailey O'Sullivan, 13.05 – New Record

2nd Place: Fairlane Selwyn

3rd Place: Ashlee Dennis

Senior Boys

Previous Record: Michael Roberts, 21.25 (2004)

1st Place: Joel Bickers, 20.23 – New Record

2nd Place: Suave Llewellyn-Huriwaka

3rd Place: Michael Hammon



Tug-of-War Competition

Term 1 ended with a lot of excitement as students and teachers competed in our newest interhouse competition, Tug-of-War. Held out on the grass area in front of our main teaching block the Houses fought fiercely to be named the first winners of the competition.

What a way to blow off some steam before the holidays! Congratulations to Rimu House, the winners of the Term 1 competition. Who will take it out Term 2?

- Year 13 Physical Education Class



SPORTS NEWS *continued...*

Wyatt Cup Cricket

This year we were fortunate enough to have a First XI cricket team entered into the Wyatt Cup Cricket competition. Although we did not have enough players from Ruawai College alone, we were able to team up with Dargaville High School.

There were 5 teams competing together in total, including: Ruawai College/Dargaville High School, Rodney College, Bream Bay College, Mahurangi College and Otamatea High School.

In the first game we were able to easily knock over Mahurangi College with a convincing victory.

Next we faced Otamatea High School, they deemed more difficult. However we still managed to win by 38 runs.

We were unable to play Bream Bay College as they could not put a team together that week, so fortunately for us we were still unbeaten at this point.

Our final game was against Rodney College, this game took a while to take place due to the poor weather conditions. When we were finally able to play Rodney we won by 103 runs, Ross Wallace was a star scoring a half century!

Our combined team with Dargaville High School was fantastic as we won the Wyatt Cup Cricket competition for the first time in over 10 years.

I would like to thank Mr Watts for going out of his way and making Wyatt Cup possible by providing us with transport to and from games.

Results from the Northern Wairoa Cricket Prizegiving:

Winners of 3rd Divison

Most Improved Player 2017: Matthew Blundell

Player of the Year: Jimmy Panoho

Club Spirit: Sam Panoho



We sped around Sydney Harbour in a jet boat, made a splash at Wet and Wild and posed with wax statues at Madame Tussauds.



We even had the privilege to be guests at the ANZAC dawn service on the beach at Terrigal. We laid a wreath on behalf of the team to honour all that gave their lives for our freedom.

We performed the haka as the sun rose at the cenotaph which was a great experience in itself.

It was a fantastic trip and we were proud to be members of a great rugby team.

- Hayden Sanford and Laine Hickey, Year 8



- Joel Bickers, Year 13

Aussie Tour 2017

During the April school holidays 8 students from Ruawai College travelled to Sydney as part of the Ruawai JMB Under 13's team to participate in the annual rugby exchange with Beecroft – Cherrybrooke.

This exchange was started all the way back in 1980 and we were excited to be a part of it this year.

We played three teams on our exchange: Blue Tongues, Northern Barbarians (previously known as Beecroft – Cherrybrooke) and Terrigal Trojans.

During our down time we were able to experience some of the great sights of Sydney and the Blue Mountains.



SPORTS NEWS *continued...*

Ruawai College Football

Ruawai College sport is unique. I believe in going out to win every time but I want my teams to start out with spirit before they even set foot on the pitch. In over fifteen years of coaching I've seldom seen the spirit shown by this year's football team.



They are a mixed team playing in the boys second division. The squad has nine boys and seven girls. Eleven players are seniors, five are juniors – any only about half the squad has previous experience.

We train twice a week for a total of an hour – and they're great!

We lost 9 – 0 in our first game away to Kamo High School. Jessie Dougherty picked up an injury that needed an ED visit in Whangarei. Every one in the team (and their parents) offered to stay with her!

Last week was our first home game. We lost 8 – 3 but wow, what a game! Ethan Hau scored his (and our) first goal. Ross Wallace got his name in the score sheet and Hayden Griggs scored a curling pearler of a late consolation.

The parental and student support was outstanding, Kay Smith is doing an excellent administrative job.

But it's the never-say-die, we-came-here-to-play, we're-all-in-this-together attitude of the players that's making this a special year.

Captain Fantastic Joel Bickers is leading by example and the players are leaving everything on the pitch. Suave Llewellyn-Huriwaka's goalkeeping, Courtney Butt's face/ball combo, Brooke Henderson's headers, Jack Brewster's "Yay! Oh No! Yay!" moments... For 70 minutes of entertainment and passion come along and support our Ruawai College football team.

- Adrian Humm, Coach

Senior Boys Basketball – The Grizzlies

This year's season started with a warm up game on Thursday 4th May against Otamatea High School. The boys were quite nervous about this game as no one could ever recall winning against Otahs! The team played well and the coach gave everyone a good run, we beat them 64 – 21.

Game one was at Kensington Stadium on Thursday 11th May against Whangarei Boys High School Gold, the team we played in the finals last year.

Whangarei Boys High School played really well and the Grizzlies took a while to settle into their rhythm. Whangarei were ahead the entire game – two minutes to play in the

last quarter, score 27 – 24 to them. Through great efforts from our team we won 31 – 27!

We've entered a Men's Open Competition in Mangawhai that plays every Friday night, our first game here was against the Haku Hammerheads. The boys played well and got some good breaks but unfortunately lost 71 – 34.

Game two at Kensington Stadium on Thursday 18th May has us come up against Tikipunga High School. Grizzlies again combined well as a team, and we won 36 – 13.

Game two at Mangawhai we played Rodney College. We were expecting a good game as they matched us sizewise. Grizzlies came away the better team and won the game 55 – 35 to us.

Although it is early days in the competition the boys are enjoying the season so far and are playing some great basketball, it is awesome to watch them improve each week.

- Sam Panoho, Manager



Senior Girls Basketball

This year we have been given the awesome opportunity to enter the Te Tai Tokerau Basketball Competition held at the Kensington Stadium in Whangarei, alongside our boys team.

Our team consists of 10 players ranging from Year 9 – 13. We have been training after school every Monday for 2 hours.

We have unfortunately lost both of our games so far in the tournament, but we are constantly learning and striving to be better. We were also fortunate enough to have a skill training with Raymond Cameron. We learnt a lot in this session and couldn't stop raving about it!

Our journey as a team so far has been awesome with many thanks to Renae and Raymonde Huriwaka, Millicia Llewellyn and Des Bickers, we as a team appreciate all the work you do.

- Lanea Llewellyn-Huriwaka, Year 12





STUDENT VOICE

40 Hour Famine

Three weeks ago, Ruawai College held a 40 Hour Famine week organised by Sophie

Blundell, Ashlee Dennis and myself. During this week we held activities such as "Guess How Many Skittles in the Jar", a movie night and were even fortunate enough to have a guest speaker from World Vision talk at our assembly. We as a school managed to raise \$185.00.

We decided to organise these 40 Hour Famine events as part of a Young Women in Leadership Programme hosted by Massey University. We attended two workshops, where during the second workshop we did a presentation reflecting on our 40 Hour Famine project.

The team are still working on this project as the official 40 Hour Famine weekend commences Friday 9th June – Sunday 11th June. We will be handing out booklets this week and encouraging students to take part and help fundraise for the children of Syria.

- Harriet Spoelstra, Year 12

Head Boy Comment



Hello, my name is Joel Bickers and I am the Head Boy of Ruawai College for 2017.

I have been given the opportunity to share with the wider community a bit about our year so far. For me, this year has already been an action packed year and I am sure that it will continue at a similar pace for the remainder.

The Prefect group has been busy. After adopting the 'academic' profile along with Georgia, we have been

thinking of different ways to promote our portfolio area.

This term we have planned a quiz, this will run for 6 weeks and will test the general knowledge of groups.

As a Prefect group we are also running weekly sports every Tuesday in Break 2 where many students are participating.

During the term holidays, I attended our local ANZAC Day ceremony along with Georgia Beattie and Bailey O'Sullivan as guest speakers. Georgia and Bailey gave a heartfelt speech about their family history connections with ANZAC, while I spoke of the importance on ANZAC. We all felt privileged to speak at the event and enjoyed doing so.

This term has brought the beginning of both the basketball and soccer season. Ruawai College now has two basketball teams, with the introduction of a girls team this year. Both teams have been looking forward to the start of basketball and hope to have a successful season.

The weekly soccer tournament is also underway. We have played two games so far which have unfortunately both ended with losses. However, the season has only just begun and with help from our coach, Mr Humm, we will quickly improve.

We have also just completed our annual Cross Country,

where every age group was broken! You can see the results under the Sports section of our newsletter.

So far this year has been an exciting and successful year, I hope it carries on this way.

- Joel Bickers, Head Boy



COMMUNITY

Board of Trustees Comment ERO Report

As a Board we are extremely proud of our most recent ERO report. It confirmed the excellent education that our students receive at this

College.

We wish to acknowledge the support of the community, our hard working staff and the wonderful students of this College.

The next cycle of review from the ERO office will be in three years.

Board Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday 20th June, 6:00pm in the school library.

The agenda for these meetings follows a standard protocol and looks like this:

- Administration: Present/Apologies, Correspondence
- In-Committee
- Strategic Decisions
- Strategic Discussion
- Monitoring: Principal's Report, Policy Review
- Next Meeting Agenda Items / Closure

Board of Trustees meet regularly. The meetings are not public meetings, but they are "open to the public". This means that even if you're not a trustee you are welcome to attend as an observer.

However you will not have speaking rights the way you would if it was a public meeting.

Some items on the agenda may need to be discussed in private, for example a disciplinary matter. This is usually called "In-Committee" or "Public-Excluded". The Board Chair will then ask you to leave the meeting, and let you know when you can return after the In-Committee discussion is complete.

Board of Trustee Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday 20th June, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Tuesday 15th August, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Tuesday 19th September, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Tuesday 24th October, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Tuesday 21st November, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Property

During June, the Room 19 prefab and the bike shed will be removed. These two buildings have been on the Rationalisation Ministry list for a while now, and funding has now been released for their removal.

The buildings will be dismantled onsite. The company that are removing these buildings have many years of experience and expertise in removing asbestos in particular, having recently completed a similar project at Okaihau College.

COMMUNITY *continued...*

We hope to see some movement soon on our roofing project for the school. We are now at the position where various contractors have submitted quotes and our Project Manager is working through them.

New Appointment – Groundsperson



Ruawai College welcomes a new addition to our staff, Mr John Shine. John will be working alongside our current Caretaker, Mr Todd Price, assisting him in his daily duties. John has a wealth of experience in many different areas such as cabinet making and drain laying, making him a great asset to our school. Welcome John, we look forward to working with you!

Rheumatic Fever Notice

Rheumatic Fever is a severe disease that can cause serious heart problems. The disease normally starts with a sore throat, caused by the bug *Strep A*.

Those most at risk are Maori and Pacific Island children between 5 – 15 years old, families with a history of Rheumatic Fever and those who share homes with many other people.

If your child has a sore throat, please take them to see a doctor or the Public Health Nurse here at school for a throat swab. If the swab shows the *Strep A* bug, your child will be prescribed a 10 day course of antibiotics designed to stop the disease from developing.

To help prevent the spread of the disease please cover your mouth when you cough and wash and dry your hands regularly.

- Fran Glamuzina, Public Health Nurse

RUAWAI JMB NETBALL

In Conjunction With

Ruawai Community Sports Club

Presents a Night of Knowledge and Laughter at our



Saturday 1st July 2017

Teams of 6 - \$60.00 per team

Doors open at 6:00pm, first question at 7:30pm

To book your table phone, text or email Kyla Johnson
0211738956 or ruawainetball@gmail.com

Spot prizes and raffles up for grabs, table nibbles and supper provided

ATTENTION



Beehives will be placed on the school grounds soon as part of our expanding and developing curriculum.

Please ensure that the school office has the most up to date medical information about your child / children.

CROSS COUNTRY PHOTOS

