



# RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS



Term 2 Week 10  
Friday 7 July

## Upcoming Dates

**7 July**

End of Term 2

**24 July**

Start of Term 3

**27 – 28 July**

Food Show, Auckland

**7 – 11 August**

Level 2 PE OPC Trip

**21 – 25 August**

Level 3 Geography Rotorua Trip

## Senior Options Promotion Night



Wednesday 30 August  
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Ruawai College will be holding a promotions night for Year 10 – 12 students and their parents / caregivers, highlighting the vast range of subjects we teach in the senior school.

Senior teachers will be available for discussion followed by a presentation from the Primary Industry Training Organisation.

We have a brilliant opportunity to combine Primary ITO standards in Horticulture alongside local business. Working with the school our students can gain real life on the job experience, gain credits towards NCEA and National Certificates.

Our students can take the first step towards a Primary Industry Career while they are still at school.

We hope to see you there!

## PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

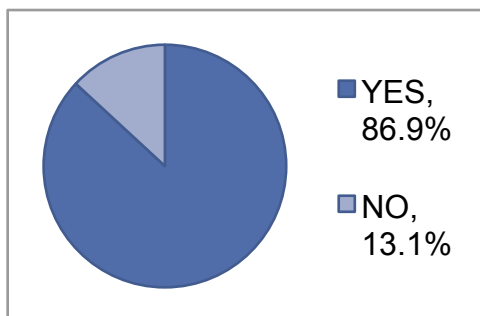
Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

As I have made my way around the various sports fixtures during the term, I am most impressed to see the students living our school values, on and off the field. The teams are model ambassadors for Ruawai College – and may this good work continue. See below results from the whanau and student surveys around sporting opportunities for students at the College.

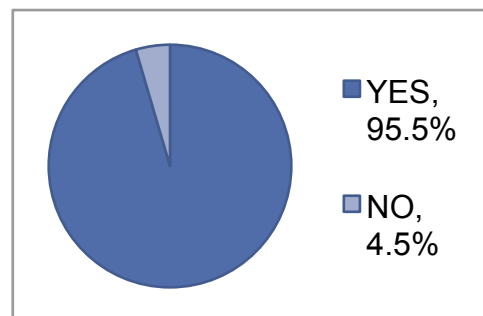
### Student Response

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### Whanau Response

*"The college provides a good range of sporting opportunities for students"*



I would like to thank our community for the ongoing support you give to the College. We are a busy organisation that has never underestimated the value of our parent community who work in genuine partnership with the school and staff.

Responsibility is one of the core values here at school – a definition of responsibility is being accountable for what we think, say and do. I mention this because throughout any one week, month, term and year there are many events and activities that go on. Part of being busy requires our students to bring back to school in a timely manner and by the due date, any consent forms and monies for excursions out of school.

As you will be aware there are many Health and Safety requirements with regard to Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) and we work to ensure that you are fully informed of those activities and any risk associated with it.

Therefore going forward, it is important that the due date for consent forms and monies are adhered to. Your signature on the consent form tells us that you have read and agreed to the terms and conditions around giving consent for your child(ren) to attend and be a part of that activity.

With any event, a lot of planning and organisation goes on behind the scenes. Unfortunately, not returning consent forms/monies by the due date can result in a student missing out of the activity. On the day of the activity, phoning parents/caregivers may not always be possible if students have forgotten to return their consent forms.

The very best option of course is to teach our students responsibility – to meet deadlines and to be accountable.



- As we approach the end of term there is an expectation that our senior students remain focused on their NCEA preparations, especially over the holiday break.
- Health and Safety is very important to us – and for that reason it is a timely reminder to please ensure that you sign in at the school office when you are visiting the school.

### Keep in Touch!

Ruawai College website: [www.ruawaicollege.school.nz](http://www.ruawaicollege.school.nz)  
Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ruawaicollege](http://www.facebook.com/ruawaicollege)

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

# MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Ministry of Education has asked all schools to let whanau know where to find information to support the mental health and wellbeing of their children.

The Ministry has recently updated their parents' website with information about where parents/caregivers can go for support and advice if they are concerned about their child's mental health:

[www.parents.education.govt.nz/mental-health](http://www.parents.education.govt.nz/mental-health)

This link provides parents/caregivers with organisations to contact for help and advice.

The pastoral support team at Ruawai College includes:

Year 7 – 10 Dean	:	Kimberley Rope
Year 11 – 13 Dean	:	Jenny Dallison
Learning Support Coordinator	:	Lynda Von-Lyn
Guidance Counsellor	:	Justine Vallance

Other support services are available through Ruawai College, you can discuss this with your Dean.

The Senior Leadership Team are also available to korero with you:

Deputy Principal	:	Amanda King
Assistant Principal	:	Lance Panoaho
Senior Leader	:	Catherine Davis



## CURRICULUM

### Year 10 Drum Performance

On Thursday 22 June, the module one Year 10 Music class showcased their talents at the school assembly.

They performed a drumming item, consisting of West African inspired rhythms

played on instruments from West Africa, i.e. djembe, dununs, shekere and bells.

The class had been working hard together all term to produce a performance that would be credited towards their Year 10 Diplomas and set an excellent standard for the second module.

The performance was thoroughly enjoyable, well done Year 10 Music!

- Justine Vallance, Music



## CURRICULUM *Out & About*

### Year 13 Geography Muriwai Trip

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June the Year 13 Geography class travelled to Muriwai Beach, located on the Kaipara Coast, 30 minutes west of Helensville.



We visited three locations on our trip, Maori Bay, Muriwai Beach and Otakamiro Point. Here we conducted fieldwork for our geographic research and collected evidence relating to the process chosen prior to the trip. We collected samples of sediment from each location as well as vegetation.



We also observed longshore drift, the frequency of the waves at both Maori Bay and Muriwai Beach and key erosional features known as "the stack", famous for its gannet colony and the infamous fisherman's platform. It was beneficial to attend this trip as we have now experienced the environment our assessment is based on first hand and have relevant primary evidence to refer back to for our studies over this term.



- Shontelle Wilson, Year 13



# CURRICULUM

## Out & About continued...

### Year 12 Geography Tongariro Volcanic Centre Trip

The Year 12 Geography class went on a fieldtrip to the Tongariro Volcanic Centre from Sunday 28 May – Wednesday 31 May.

The reason for the trip was to conduct field research and analyse the types of vegetation and soil characteristics at 3 different sites of altitude on Mt Ruapehu, 1499m, 1288m and 891m.

**Day One:** At the Tongariro Volcanic Centre we began by visiting the Whakapapa visitors centre, learning about the volcanic processes, history of the area, ecological invaders, and discussion with a Department of Conservation worker. We then continued to our 3 sites of research followed by a walk to the Mangatepopo hut which is the first part of the Tongariro Crossing.



**Day Two:** We visited the Waiouru Army Museum where we were lucky enough to have a guided tour through the history of the New Zealand Army. We also visited the site of the Tangiwai disaster at the Whangaehu River, went rock climbing at the Vertigo Rock Wall in Okahune and ended our day with a bathe in the natural thermal hotpools at Tokaanu.



**Day Three:** We departed from the Tongariro Volcanic Centre and headed to Huka falls, here we saw the strength of the water from Lake Taupo and the beginning of the Waikato River.

This trip was a great chance to experience the environment we have been learning about and become better prepared for the external examinations where we will be tested on our knowledge of the Tongariro Volcanic Centre.

- Keanu Townsend, Geography



### Gateway Placements 2017

Gateway is an initiative from the Ministry of Education that enables schools to provide senior students with structured workplace learning opportunities and support them in their career choices.

Students are expected to gain an average of 20 credits throughout the Gateway programme. Part of this includes completing a curriculum vitae, first aid courses and health and safety training prior to beginning their placement.

In 2017 Ruawai College involved 36 students in the Gateway programme. We sent students throughout the North Island to Rotorua, Hamilton, Auckland, Whangarei, Dargaville, Ruawai and other areas of the Kaipara District.

Gateway is an opportunity for our three core values (respect, responsibility and resilience) to be put to the test and I am happy to report that this was commented on by our employers.

Ruawai College would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity and willingness to accommodate students this year.

Please find photographs of students at their Gateway placements on the following page.

- Jenny Dallison, Gateway Coordinator

NZ Honey Innovations Ltd

Dargaville Primary School

Dargaville Hospital

Rotorua Lakes Council

Precision Flooring

Ruawai Primary School

Ruawai Autos

Sleep Systems

Clip 'n Climb Auckland

Craig Ashford

The Well Café

Vivo Hair Salon Orewa

Gumdiggers Café

Unichem Pharmacy

Ruawai Kindergarten

Butterfly Creek

Snazzi Gifts

Maungaturoto Primary  
School

Dargaville Intermediate  
School

Northland Rugby Union

NEST Whangarei

Akona Farms

Scarlett City Studios

Tirnall Farms

Tinopai School

Gwynn Powell

Dargaville Police

Blah, Blah, Blah Café & Bar

Jo's Cookery

Idea Services Hamilton

Laser Electrical Dargaville

Associates Hair

Northern Advocate

Sport Northland

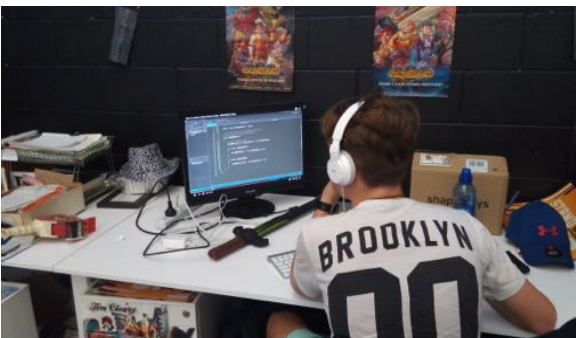
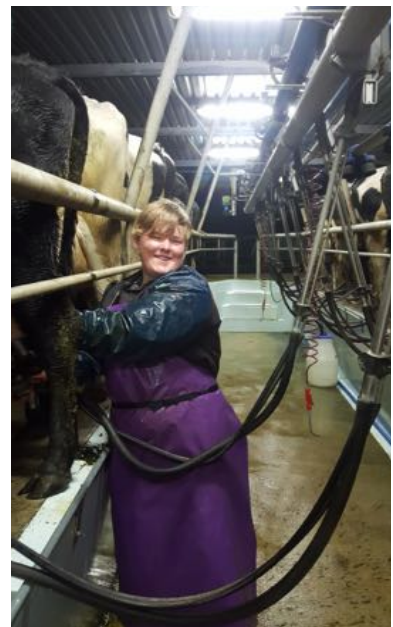
Matakohe Primary School

S R Wrathall Welding  
Services

Whangarei Pet & Aquarium  
Center



# GATEWAY PLACEMENTS 2017







## SPORTS NEWS

### South Zone Cross Country

The annual South Zone Cross Country was held on Thursday 8 June at the Maungaturoto Country Club grounds.

We had 18 students representing Ruawai College, a fantastic number. As usual our students did us proud with some outstanding results. The course was in good condition but is always a challenge with quite difficult terrain compared to our school course.

Well done to all involved and thank you to Malcom Joynt and Craig Mitchell for supporting our students.

- Kay Smith, Sports Coordinator

### South Zone Cross Country Results

#### Sub Junior Girls:

Carla Fraser	-	6 <sup>th</sup> Place
Ayla Da Silva	-	8 <sup>th</sup> Place
Emma Philips	-	15 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Sub Junior Boys:

Michael Fenney	-	8 <sup>th</sup> Place
Laine Hickey	-	9 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Junior Girls:

Jahnae Lllewell-Huriwaka	-	9 <sup>th</sup> Place
Ahleigha Arnott	-	10 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Junior Boys:

Daniel Holt	-	10 <sup>th</sup> Place
Cameron Mitchell	-	13 <sup>th</sup> Place
Jayden Connett	-	15 <sup>th</sup> Place
Hayden Sanford	-	16 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Intermediate Girls

Nikki Reeves-Price	-	12 <sup>th</sup> Place
Brooke Henderson	-	14 <sup>th</sup> Place
Tyana Fenney	-	16 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Intermediate Boys

Hunter Connett	-	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Hayden Brindle	-	7 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Senior Boys

Joel Bickers	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Michael Hammon	-	16 <sup>th</sup> Place



### Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country

Eleven Ruawai College students were selected to race at the Northland Secondary School Cross Country, held at Barge Park, Whangarei on Thursday 13 June.

This is an extremely competitive event, with 300 students attending between the ages of 12 and 17.

Our students put in a huge effort at this event, demonstrating resilience and perserverance, with the majority placing high in the field.

Well done to all involved.

- Kay Smith, Sports Coordinator

### Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country Results

#### Sub Junior Girls:

Ayla Fraser	-	19 <sup>th</sup> Place
Carla Fraser	-	22 <sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Sub Junior Boys:

Michael Fenney	-	25 <sup>th</sup> Place
Laine Hickey	-	9 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Junior Girls:

Jahnae Lllewell-Huriwaka	-	11 <sup>th</sup> Place
Ahleigha Arnott	-	15 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Junior Boys:

Daniel Holt	-	25 <sup>th</sup> Place
Jayden Connett	-	38 <sup>th</sup> Place
Hayden Sanford	-	16 <sup>th</sup> Place

#### Intermediate Boys

Hayden Brindle	-	13 <sup>th</sup> Place
Hunter Connett	-	25 <sup>th</sup> Place

### Interhouse Badminton

Our interhouse badminton competition is now finished. It was great to see so many students involved, supporting their house and demonstrating some great skill.

Thank you to those who gave their time to help score and umpire.

### Interhouse Badminton Champions 2017

#### Year 7 & 8

Waimaria Thompson & Hayden Sanford

#### Year 9 & 10

Jahnae Lllewell-Huriwaka & Jay McCallum

#### Year 11 – 13

Mabyn Waters and Suave Lllewell-Huriwaka

Winning House: Totara House

### Upcoming Sporting Events

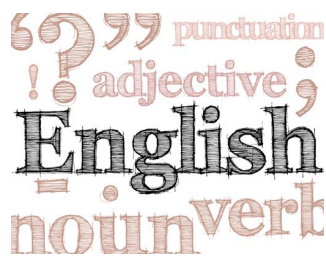
There are plenty of opportunities to be involved in upcoming sporting events.

Please write your name under the events you are interested in on the sports notice board.

- Tug of War Competition
- NSS Basketball
- Ki-o-Rahi

# LEARNING AREA FOCUS:

## English

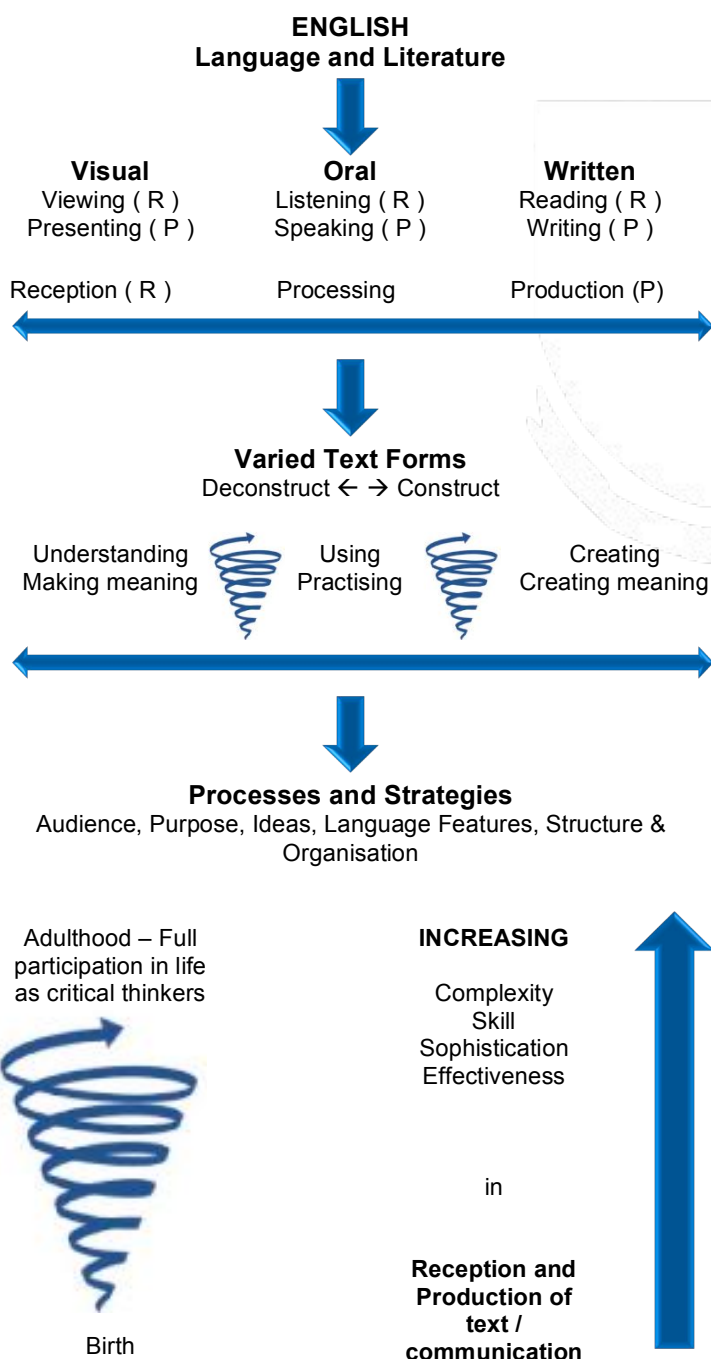


English is the study, use and enjoyment of the English language and its literature, to communicate orally, visually, and in writing, for different purposes and audiences.

Learning English is learning the language, learning through the language, and learning about the language.

Understanding, using, and creating oral, written and visual texts of increasing complexity is at the heart of English teaching and learning.

The word texts refers to a piece of communication such as a book, poem, speech or television advertisement. By engaging with texts, students become increasingly skilled and sophisticated speakers and listeners, writers and readers, presenters and viewers.



Students appreciate and enjoy texts in all their forms. The study of New Zealand and world literature contributes to students' developing sense of identity, their awareness of New Zealand's bicultural heritage, and their understanding of the world.

Success in English is fundamental to success across the curriculum. All learning areas (with the possible exception of other languages) require students to receive, process, and present ideas or information using the English language.

Literacy in English gives students access to the understanding, knowledge and skills they need to participate fully in the social, cultural, political, and economic life of New Zealand and the wider world.

- Jenny Joynt, HoL English



## STUDENT VOICE

### 40 Hour Famine 2017

During Term 2 we had many Ruawai College students take part in the 40 Hour Famine.

This year, World Vision is

supporting the children of Syria who are currently in the middle of a hunger crisis brought on by drought, conflict and political instability.

Many of our students who participated chose to complete the traditional 'No Eating' challenge, while some did activities such as 'No Furniture' and 'No Electricity'.

We had 87 students sign up to complete the famine, and we raised over \$1,400.00! We did not reach our goal of \$2,000.00, however our effort was great and we will try again for our goal next year. A big thank you to those who participated and donated.

- Harriet Spoelstra, Year 12



## APPOINTMENTS & FAREWELLS

The end of Term 2 sees the sad departure of our fabulous Library Manager Carly Marychurch who is expecting an exciting new addition to their family.

Carly will be taking 12 months parental leave and may be returning to Ruawai College in July 2018.

Thank you Carly for all your hard work, we wish you and your family all the best.

Amy Mehrtens has been appointed as Administrative Support / Library Manager to cover Carly's 12 months parental leave. Amy has a Bachelor of Fine Arts and has worked as a Dispensing Optician and Teacher Aide for a number of years.

Amy enjoys working in the education sector and is looking forward to joining the Ruawai College Support Staff team.

Welcome aboard Amy!

- Brenda Polwart, Business Manager



## CULTURAL

### Bully Free Art Competition

Congratulations to Year 8 student Katie Griggs who won first prize in the Junior Art Category in the Bullying-Free NZ Week Art competition!



Katie Griggs, Year 8

The aim of the competition was to raise awareness of the issue of bullying and the need for everyone – Board of Trustees, school staff, students, whanau and communities – to work together to prevent bullying behaviours.



Ryan Hassall, Year 8

This year's theme was 'NZ students with solutions – working together to end bullying', acknowledging the importance of listening to students' voices and experiences.

We as the award-winning school will receive \$500.00 and a Bullying-Free NZ Award Certificate.

Congratulations also to Year 8 student Ryan Hassall who received a Highly Commended Award for his entry.

All artwork is available for viewing via the following [www.bullyingfree.nz](http://www.bullyingfree.nz)

### Ruawai College 'Vintage Chic' School Ball 2017

The College's annual school ball was held on Friday 2 June. The assembly hall was transformed into a scene of elegance and beauty. Adornments of antique roses and peonies, pearls, vines, birdcages and lanterns leant themselves perfectly to our theme of 'Vintage Chic' and helped create an atmosphere of romance and sophistication.



Once again our students were immaculately dressed. Stunning ball gowns and dashing suits restyled our students into glamorous queens and stylish kings. This made choosing the most dazzling and unique transformations very difficult, however I am sure you will agree that the choices for Beau and Belle, Prince and Princess and King and Queen were well deserved. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those involved in making the ball an incredibly successful evening.

- Amanda King, Deputy Principal



(pictured left to right) Beau: Zac Cooley, Belle: Kaia Chapman, King: Pairama Toka, Queen: Emma-Lee Sheppard, Prince: Jack Brewster and Princess: Amelia White-Fotu



## COMMUNITY

### Board Comment

Gardens:

You would have noticed that many of the gardens around the school are in the process of getting a 'face-lift'. Plans are afoot to landscape all

our gardening areas with input from students – so watch this space.

Property Works in Action:

Our long awaited roofing project is due to get underway soon. It is a huge project with the entire school, except the gym, being re-roofed. This will start, weather permitting, in the July school holidays.

Scaffolding is arriving in the last week of term. A number of workers will also be on site from the Term 2 holidays onwards working on the roofing project. There is an estimated completion date of March 2018.

Property:

The rationalisation of the bike shed and prefab has been completed. We are very pleased with the work that was carried out with no interruption to student learning.

Board Training:

Being a trustee is a fascinating and at times, challenging role. To keep up-skilled, trustees often attend training workshops, hosted by the New Zealand School Trustees Association. Recently, trustees attended a workshop in Whangarei on 'Effective Governance – Reviewing School Performance'. We took home a few new ideas, but mostly we took home an assurance that Ruawai College is already well placed in terms of our Strategic Review process.

Last month trustees attended a breakfast meeting at 7:00am in Whangarei. The bacon and eggs were definitely a hit, but more importantly, was the networking with a large group of other trustees, listening to schools talk about their strengths and challenges. The focus at this meeting was hearing about the recent changes to the Education Act and the growing emphasis on Communities of Learning (CoL), where different schools work collaboratively on a common focus. The practicalities and implications of our CoL, alongside the legislative changes will be a future training focus for our board as we move into Term 3.

Term 3 Board of Trustee Meeting Dates

- Tuesday 15 August, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Tuesday 19 September, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

- Alex Bickers, Board of Trustees Chairperson

### "Sore Throats Matter" Notice

Rheumatic fever is a serious disease associated with sore throats that can lead to permanent heart damage. If your child has a sore throat they need to have a throat swab done to check for strep throat. This can be done at your local GP practice or by the school's Public Health Nurse.

If your child has strep throat they can return to school only when they feel well enough and have had 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.

If you have any questions or concerns related to your child's health, contact our Public Health Nurse Fran Glamuzine at 021 432 091 or 0800 746 944, Option 3.

**Note:** It is free for children under 13 years old to see a Doctor, perscriptions are free.

### Message from Kaipara District Council

The Raupo Drainage Committee has asked the Council to restrict vehicles along the top of the stopbank in Winter due to safety concerns.

From Tuesday 20 July until Labour Weekend, walking access only on the stopbank from Westlake Road to Wilson Landing will be available.

### PTA Update

The PTA provided the 'canteen' at the Northern Wairoa Netball Centre on Saturday 27 May.

Ranae Llewellyn-Huriwaka and I had awesome support with the set up and running of the canteen – thank you to everyone who did a 'stint' and a massive thank you to the fantastic bakers who donated cookies, slices, cakes and Calci-Yums!

The best bit about this fundraiser was the amount of Ruawai College students and parents/caregivers that offered to help, it was great to share around the shifts.

Special thanks to: Ranae Llewellyn-Huriwaka, Raymonde, Lanea, Jahnae and Tyla Huriwaka, Kelvin Bristow, Yvette and Monique Wrathall, Waimaria Thompson, Nikki Reeves-Price, Carly, Tegan and Jayda Marychurch, Indiana Panoho, Debbie and Stacey Blythen, Donna Griggs, Rachel Ashford, Anthony and Matthew Blundell, Alwyne Tunncliffe, Raeleen Harré, Tilly Selwyn Nadine Hau, Kylie Hickey and Tracey Hill, along with those who offered to help but were not needed because we had so many volunteers already! What a perfect fundraising scenario!

\$1374.00 worth of goodies were sold and \$617.59 raised. The PTA also organised and served finger food at the annual school ball.

Thank you to Janine Sheppard, Debbie Blythen and Nadine Hau for your assistance in the kitchen and Reanae Llewellyn-Huriwaka, Beverley Balcombe, Anissa Thompson and Nadine Hau for donating brownies, scones, caramel slices and cupcakes, you ladies are awesome! Thank you to the fantastic wait staff, Kimberley Rope and her senior hospitality students.

We provide these services for the love, not the money, as the PTA did not raise funds but we were able to save the school some costs, and that's what we do – the good stuff.

If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to contribute to the PTA in any way, please contact me on 027 577 4159 or 439 2997. We have a great group of volunteers supporting Ruawai College, let me know if you'd like to be involved too.

Happy holidays!

- Sam Panoho, PTA Coordinator

