



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

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Term 4 Week 5
11 November 2016

Upcoming Dates

14 November

Year 8 Basketball Coaching

15 November

BoT Meeting, 6:00pm
Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccinations

18 November

Year 7 & 8 Touch Rugby

29 November to 2 December

Year 7 & 8 "The Farm" Camp
Year 9 Camp
Year 10 Activities Week

6 December

BoT Meeting, 6:00pm

8 December

Junior Prizegiving, 2:00pm
Last day of school for students

9 December

End of Term 4
Teacher Only Day

Term Dates 2017

Term One

Tuesday 31st January
– Thursday 13th April

Term Two

Monday 1st May
– Friday 7th July

Term Three

Monday 24th July
– Friday 29th September

Term Four

Monday 16th October
– Thursday 7th December

Principal's Korero

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

Prizegiving

At our recent prizegiving we acknowledged exceptional student excellence. It is on these occasions that you see how absolutely amazing your children are and the heights to which they have achieved. Congratulations to all of our prizewinners/awardees whose achievements are recognised further on in this newsletter.

Year 13

It was a time of mixed emotions as we farewelled our Year 13 group. We wish them well in their future endeavours as they embark on the next stage of their journey.

They go with our confidence and blessings that they will navigate whatever comes. We are all aware of the wise old saying "*It takes a village to raise a child*" - our community is raising wonderful children.

NCEA

Our seniors are well underway with their external examinations. We trust that you will continue to encourage them to manage their time, keep to their study plan, come into school for help and support from their teachers, make use of the library and to take every opportunity to maximise their ultimate success at NCEA.

Junior School Activities

Our young people will be involved in a number of activities during the week of 28 November - 2 December. We have the Year 9 Camp, the Year 7 & 8 visit to The Farm, and we are trialing an activities week here at school for our Year 10's. The huge benefits that come from being involved in these activities means schools can bring the curriculum alive for students. It provides students and teachers a unique way of learning in a variety of environments.

As a school we value the importance of team building and leadership skills, the ability to overcome limitations and a growth in confidence. Therefore, it is our expectation that all of our students will be in attendance at these activities. What is really exciting is that our Year 10's will be engaged in a number of practical experiences which will lead to their gaining credits to bank for next year towards the National Certificate of Educational Achievement.

School Survey

The Board is very keen to know your thoughts. The survey is available with this newsletter, online via the following link found on our school website and Facebook page: <https://goo.gl/forms/rkqj5crjQZzf6igv1> or alternatively, when you next visit the school - please grab a copy to complete.

Surveys are due Monday 28th November.

Keep in Touch!

Check out the Ruawai College website: <http://www.ruawaicollege.school.nz/>

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ruawaicollege/?ref=ts>

Ruawai College Prizegiving 2016

Friday 4th November saw the school hold its most prestigious event for the year, the Ruawai College Prizegiving.

Students across all year levels were recognized for their academic and sporting accomplishments over the year. Over three-quarters of the students who attend the college were acknowledged in one way or another.

Musical items by vocalists Pairama Toka, Kassidy Kinvig and 'Amelia White-Fotu were uplifting, and a piano solo by Harriet Spoelstra well received.

A highlight was having the graduating Year 13 students receive their 'house tree' and hearing their plans for 2017 and beyond. It is always refreshing to hear the aspirations of our students as they start their journey into the big wide world; some intending to go to university or further their education, and others intending to join the workforce. We wish them all the very best in their chosen pathway.

This year, a number of our Year 13 students gained scholarships to attend university in 2017. This shows the high academic calibre of these young people and their commitment to their education. Grace Hammon, Christy Hopkins-Rae, Amanda Riddle, Esme Spoelstra and Laura Blundell, between them gained scholarships to the value of \$30,000. What a triumph!

The conclusion of the prizegiving climaxed with the naming of the top academic student for the 2016 year, our Dux. Esme Spoelstra, the awardee, is a highly deserving young lady, whose plans for the future include attending Otago University with the intent of becoming a doctor specialising in infectious diseases! We wish her all the very best for the future.

- Amanda King, Deputy Principal



*Pictured: Cole Paniora & Laura Blundell
Head Prefect Address 2016*

The complete list of prizewinners from the day can be found on our school website.

Academic Excellence Awards

Year 7: Monique Wrathall
Year 8: Temepara Bristow
Year 9: Indiana Panoho
Year 10: Timothy Bickers
Year 11: Harriet Spoelstra
Year 12: Zara Marychurch

Special Sporting Awards

Fair Play Trophy: Helena Thompson
Joyce Trophy: Temepara Bristow
Raewyn Murphy Memorial Trophy: .. Bailey O'Sullivan
Lee Joynt Memorial Trophy: Jimmy Panoho
Ruawai Community Sports Club Scholarship:
..... Suave Llewel-Huriwaka

Special Awards

Clarke Pukumahi Taonga: Grace Hammon
Taura Motuhake Taonga: Sade Langdon
Junior Speech Award: Joshua King
Intermediate Speech Award: Timothy Bickers
WDFP Trophy: Ina Hornell
Tim Salter Memorial Award: Alex Rope
Simpson Gardens Award: Harriet Spoelstra
BoT Student Representative: Rebecca Brewster
The Fred Freaan Scholarship Trust: Tana Murphy
..... Patricia Bristow
..... Tegan Evans
Senior Social Science Award:..... Bailey O'Sullivan
Newall Memorial Award: Joel Bickers
The Betty Wallace Memorial Scholarship:
..... Sapphire Barron
Northern Wairoa Outdoor Education Award:
..... Mabyn Waters
..... Stacey-Ann Selby-Lye
The Endeavour Trophy: Helena Thompson
Student of the Year: Kassidy Kinvig
The George Madden Trophy: Cole Paniora
The Llewellyn Memorial Trophy: Laura Blundell
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DUX: Esme Spoelstra

2017 School Leaders

Kauri House Captain: Tana Murphy
Rimu House Captain: Fairlane Selwyn
Totara House Captain: Patricia Bristow
Senior Prefect: Georgia Beattie
Senior Prefect: Hannah Fenney
Senior Prefect: Shontelle Wilson
Senior Prefect/Kauri House Leader: Mabyn Waters
Deputy Head Boy/Totara House Captain:
..... Suave Llewel-Huriwaka
Deputy Head Girl: Zara Marychurch
Head Boy/Rimu House Captain: Joel Bickers
Head Girl: Bailey O'Sullivan

Ruawai College Start Dates 2017

Below is an indication of the first week back at school for 2017

Returning to School

Wednesday 25th January

Peer Support – Year 13's

Thursday 26th – Friday 27th January

First Aid Course – Year 12's, selected Year 11/13's

Tuesday 31st January

Peer Support – Year 7 & 13's

Wednesday 1st February

All Year levels, 9:00am powhiri

Whanau of new students welcome to attend

Thursday 2nd February

All Year levels

Health & Safety Course - Year 11 & 13 Gateway Students

Friday 3rd February

All Year levels

Health & Safety Course – Year 12's

Reminders

Contact Information

Dear parents/caregivers,

Can you please ensure that we have the most up to date information in terms of communication with you i.e. correct postal address, e-mail address, landline number, cell phone number and emergency contact number.

Community

Fundraising Opportunities

As the school will not be running a canteen in 2017, we would like to offer community groups the opportunity to fundraise via food stalls, on a regular basis, or one offs, throughout the school year.

For further details on what you can sell, how often and to book your fundraising days, please contact the school office.

Note: All food must be prepared off site, excluding BBQ food which can be done on the day at school. Healthy food/drink options will need to be available.

Kaipara Refuse: Workers Wanted

Wednesday 21st December to Friday 6th January

Recycling and runners on trucks, must be aged 14 years and over. To apply please contact Kaipara Refuse on 439 2146.

Dental Nurses

The mobile dental nurses have now moved on from this area. If you would like to contact the Oral Health Service, please phone 0800 698 3384.

Vacancies: Support Staff 2017

Permanent part time Cleaners Required

Ruawai College is looking for 2 enthusiastic, physically fit, efficient and highly capable people to join our team.

Start date will be mid January 2017, negotiable. This role will be 3 hours per day 3:00pm to 6:00 pm 5 days per week, term time only.

You will be required to do cleaning hours in the school holidays. Hours by negotiation.

Please apply in writing to:

The Business Manager - Ruawai College

Brenda Harris

bharris@ruawaicollege.school.nz

Or

P O Box 7

Ruawai 0539

Attach a cover letter and CV.

Fixed Term, part time Groundsperson Position

10hrs per week, hours negotiable

Ruawai College is seeking a dynamic, friendly, efficient, physically fit grounds person to assist our amazing caretaker.

The ability and experience in using grounds/gardening equipment is a definite advantage, in addition to having some understanding of the Health and Safety at work Act 2015.

You must be willing to learn and take instruction, have a flexible attitude to your daily work and be a positive example to students.

If you think this sounds like you, please apply in writing to:

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This position will start mid January 2017. Starting date negotiable.

Both positions: applications close Monday 5th December.

Year 9 & 10 NSS Touch

On Friday 21st October the Ruawai College Year 9 & 10 touch team travelled to Lindvart Park, Kaikohe to compete in the NSS Touch Tournament.

Although we did not place, we thoroughly enjoyed our day. Thank you to Sade Langdon for coaching our team and to Ms. Smith and Holli O'Sullivan for taking us on the trip.

- Timothy Bickers, Year 10

Ruawai College Prizegiving Photos

More photos from prizegiving can be found on our school Facebook page.



Esme Spoelstra
DUX 2016



Laura Blundell
Llewellyn Memorial Trophy



Joel Bickers
Head Boy 2017



Bailey O'Sullivan
Head Girl 2017



Monique Wrathall
Year 7 Academic Award



Temepara Bristow
Year 8 Academic Award



Indiana Panoho
Year 9 Academic Award



Timothy Bickers
Year 10 Academic Award



Harriet Spoelstra
Year 11 Academic Award



Zara Marychurch
Year 12 Academic Award



Kassidy Kinvig
Student of the Year



Helena Thompson
Endeavour Trophy