



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

Term 1 Week 9

Thursday 29 March 2018

Upcoming Dates

30 March
Good Friday

2 April
Easter Monday

3 April,
Easter Tuesday (School Holiday)

4 April
Year 7-10 African Drumming
Workshop

6 April
L3 PE League Festival

5 April
Senior P-S-T Conferences with
LA's

11 April
School Social

13 April
Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
TERM 1 Ends

30 April
TERM 2 Starts

10 May
Rippa Rugby Year 7-8

18 May
Cross Country

21 May
Level 2 Geography Trip to
Tongariro (Depart Sunday 30 May)

22 May
Board of Trustee Meeting

1 June
School Ball

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

Successful students have high attendance, many at or close to 100%, and they are always on time. Attendance and punctuality are the first steps in succeeding at school.



THANK YOU to those families who have been working hard to ensure student's attendance and punctuality is high. THANK YOU for getting these important habits established as it will make a difference in their futures. The minimum attendance target for a Ruawai College student is 90%.

There is a definite link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances. We look for parental support in promoting high attendance. Please avoid –

- Appointments that require time out of class
- Family holidays during term time

A written note, phone call to the school, or an e-mail to the office is appreciated with all absences admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz

Interim Reports and Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Interim reports for all students were issued in Week 5 and were followed by Parent-Student-Teacher interview meetings on the 6th and 7th of March. These triadic interviews were well attended and provided a great opportunity to meet with Subject Teachers. We trust that these interviews provided a valuable opportunity to discuss progress thus far. At Ruawai College we value the ongoing communication between teachers, our students and whanau.

*Catherine Davis
Acting Deputy Principal*

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

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NCEA Awards Assembly

On Thursday, the 22nd March, Ruawai College held its NCEA Awards Assembly. The ceremony provided us with an opportunity to acknowledge those students who have worked hard to achieve NCEA Certificate endorsement and NCEA subject endorsement in the 2017 academic year. We would like to acknowledge and thank the whanau who came along in support.



Tristan Flavell and Amelia White-Fotu, Prefects greeted our guests



**Harriet Spoelstra, Level 2 National Certificate of Educational Achievement
Endorsed with Excellence**

Subjects endorsed with Excellence
Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry, English
Subjects endorsed with Merit
Physics



**Jack Brewster, Level 2 National Certificate of Educational Achievement
Endorsed with Merit**

Subjects endorsed with Merit
English, History

ANNUAL GOALS 2018

Literacy

Digital Fluency

Teaching as Inquiry



Tamzen Eades, Level 2 National Certificate of Educational Achievement
Endorsed with Merit



Keegan Redwood, Level 1 National Certificate of Educational Achievement
Endorsed with Excellence

Subject endorsed with Excellence

Visual Art

Subject endorsed with Merit

Science



Timothy Bickers, Level 1 National Certificate of Educational Achievement
Endorsed with Excellence

Subjects endorsed with Excellence

English, Mathematics, Physical Education

Subjects endorsed with Merit

Science, Economics, Geography



Friendly
Reminder

Appointments:

If students have an appointment during the day, please send a written note or contact the school office. Students need to sign out and sign in on their

return to school from an appointment. We encourage wherever possible that appointments be made outside of school hours.

CURRICULUM



Technology

This term the Technology subjects being taught are Year 7, 11 and 12 Hard Materials Technology and Year 9, 11, 12 and 13 Digital Technology.

In Building and Construction at Year 11 and 12 the students will once again be under the watchful eye of local cabinet maker, Cameron Phillips, as they go about working out plans and then constructing a bedroom cabinet. This is the second year that Cameron has volunteered his time to assist the students with their projects and we would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank him for this.

2018 sees the introduction of the new Digital Technology and Hangarau Matihiko Curriculum throughout New Zealand. The curriculum covers two key areas; **computational thinking**, and **designing and developing digital outcomes**.

- **Computational thinking** is about understanding the computer science principles that underlie all digital technologies, and learning how to develop instructions, such as programming, to control these technologies.



- **Designing and developing digital outcomes** is about understanding that digital systems and applications are created for humans by humans, and developing knowledge and skills in using different digital technologies to create digital content across a range of digital media.

Digital Technologies & Hangarau Matihiko is about teaching our students how technology works, and how they can use that knowledge to solve problems.

We are equipping our students with the skills to participate, create, and thrive in this fast-evolving digital world.

Jenny Dallison

Bronze Status Enviroschool Award

During 2017 the Year 7 and 8 students at Ruawai College were fully immersed in the Enviroschool project based learning philosophy. Our students completed a number of environmental projects throughout the year including: studying the history of our local area; planting our school waterways; rubbish clean-up of our local wharf; and collecting and propagating seeds from native plants. The students all worked extremely hard, and as a result the school was successful in gaining the Enviroschool 'Bronze' Certificate. As a school, we hope one day to earn the 'Gold' Certificate.



Back row: Jacque Knight, Rick Stolwerk, Susan Karels
Front row: Raeleen Harré, Tahlia Johnson, Carla Fraser



Closure of the School Pool

The school pool will be closed from the 13th April 2018. If you have a pool key, please drop it off to the school office before the end of Term. A \$5 refund will be given in exchange for the key. Thank you.

CURRICULUM

Out & About



It /S rocket science!

Did you know that Aotearoa is one of only twelve nations to have successfully put a satellite into orbit? The rocket was launched from the Mahia Peninsula earlier this year.

We are keen to get our students interested in launching rockets so a few weeks ago I attended a teachers' day at Rosmini College in Auckland where we built and launched our own reusable rockets. I had a blast and I'm looking forward to launching our students on their rocket building mission later this year.

If anyone has thick cardboard tubes similar to kitchen roll centres but sturdier please send them into Ruawai College. Perhaps we should be sponsored by Countdown.

PS: My 'reusable' rocket is now on a roof in the Takapuna CBD. Please return it if you find it.

Adrian Humm



out & about

Visual Art Trip to Auckland Art Gallery and Museum

Recently the year 11, 12 and 13 art students travelled to Auckland and visited the War Memorial Museum and Art Gallery. The students had the opportunity to see a wide range of interesting artefacts and we were able to draw from the largest collection of Pacifica objects in the world.

We also had a private talk at the Auckland Art Gallery about the wonderful works made by New Zealand artists. It was a long day but well worth it. Everyone was inspired, and they are currently working on their own masterpiece.

Sean McDonnell



Moving on Day

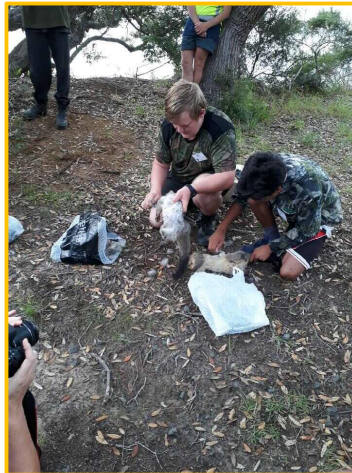
On Tuesday 13th March a small group of Year 13's attended the Moving On Day in Dargaville along with Dargaville High School and Otamatea High School Year 13's. Moving On Day is a chance to hear about what different universities and polytechs around New Zealand have to offer us in terms of further education. A few of the universities who attended the event were Auckland, AUT, Waikato, Otago, Massey and Victoria as well as North Tec. We got to hear about the different study options each university provides and the student life each university has to offer with a range of different activities and clubs. The Moving On Day helped us by providing knowledge that will come in handy when we come to decide what career paths we would like to take and what kind of qualifications we would need to be successful in those careers. If you are given the opportunity to attend this course as a Year 13 student we highly advise you to do so.

Stacey Blythen and Brooke Henderson (Year 13)

Project Pest Control

On Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March we attended Project Pest Control run by the Northland Regional Council and Enviroschools. This was held at Lake Waikere, Kai Iwi Lakes. On the Wednesday, we participated in a range of activities from skinning and plucking possums to setting traps which was a cool experience. We learnt many new things and acquired new skills like how to use a plucking machine. On the last day of our experience we checked the traps we had set the previous night. There were two possums and we had to dispatch them. We now need to return on the 9th May to be assessed and present our trapping diaries that we will be keeping. Hopefully this could lead to 25 credits. Thanks to Mr Joynt for your support and the school for providing this opportunity.

Elijah Day and Jack Kreppelt-Hodges (Year 12)



Level 3 trip to Polyfest

On the 15th of March, the Year 13 Geography students as well as the students studying Te Reo Maori through Farnet attended the ASB Polyfest at the Manukau Sports Bowl. The ASB Polyfest features traditional music, dance, costume and speech and is now recognised as an important showcase of New Zealand's diverse cultures and a celebration of youth performance. As part of our course, we are looking at the planning behind a significant contemporary event. From a geographic perspective, Polyfest fits the criteria well. Prior to Polyfest the Year 13's formulated a questionnaire as we wanted to understand the perspectives of the different stakeholders. We interviewed several different people who were either working or attending Polyfest, such as police officers, security and store holders. Throughout the day we got to see many different cultures that were on display, and watch performances from the Maori and Diversity Stage. We also got to experience a wide range of food, crafts and souvenirs. By attending the Polyfest festival, we have gained more of an idea and a better understanding of the planning and organisation that goes on behind a significant event, which will help us when completing our internal assessment. We would like to thank Ms Davis and Ms Rope for supervising and transporting the Year 13 Geography class and the students studying Te Reo Maori through Farnet down to Polyfest. It was a great experience and we highly recommend you attend the ASB Polyfest festival if you are given the chance to go.

Sophie Blundell and Amelia White-Fotu (Year 13)



Level 2 History Trip to the Bay of Islands

On Thursday, 1 March 2018 Year 12 and 13 History students got the opportunity to travel to the Bay of Islands with Ms Davis. At Opua we caught the vehicle ferry across to Russell. Our first stop was Christ Church, famous for the bullet holes still found in its walls. Here we observed the grave of the crew of the Hazard ship which was attacked during the Battle of Kororareka. A couple of us signed the visitor's book and we all explored the inside of the church and the historic graveyard.

After visiting the church, we walked to Pompallier Mission, where we were treated to a guided tour and were taken back in time to what it was like in the early 1800's. We learnt about how those who worked at the mission turned animal skins into leather. This leather later formed the covers of numerous prayer books that were made here. We had the chance to have a smell of a barrel that was used to store urine. This urine was used to help clean and prepare the leather. We also learnt about what it was like having to make large numbers of prayer books and how every page had to be hand printed.

Later on, after lunch, we continued on our journey to Kerikeri where we stopped at Kemp Mission Station. Before we could go inside we had to take off our shoes due to the flooring being made of fragile kauri. The kauri flooring is 195 years old. We all got the chance to walk around freely inside the building, but it was limited to five people allowed upstairs at a time. We then walked over to the Stone Store that sits very close to the Kemp Mission Station. Here we were allowed to see the kind of items that they would have sold back in the early 1800's.

In all four buildings, we were given the privilege of touching and holding a few original pieces that were used at the time by the people who first inhabited these buildings. Kemp House is the oldest wooden building in New Zealand at 195 years old, while the Stone Store is the oldest stone building, closely followed by the Pompallier Mission Station.

As Year 12 and 13 History students, we are very grateful to Ms Davis for giving up her time to allow us to visit such buildings so significant to New Zealand and to help us with our assignments. Thank you very much Ms Davis for taking us. To those who are going to be Year 12 or 13 History students next year, I strongly advise you to go on this trip. You will learn so much, besides you get to learn and hang with your mates at the same time.

Joanne Bircham (Year 13)

STUDENT VOICE:

Message from our House Captains



RIMU

Kia Ora, my name is Stacey Blythen and I am one of the Rimu House captains along with Jimmy Panoho and Brooklyn Gilmour. Our role as house captains is to help organise inter-house sporting events, to encourage students to participate in various sports and activities and to support our House and everybody in it. Throughout the year we hope to see students keep up the Rimu House Spirit as this is something that Rimu has always been proud of, to show encouragement towards other students in our house and to participate and hopefully be successful in some events (so we can win the house shield again). We would also like to see sportsmanship within Rimu as well as towards the other houses.



Stacey Blythen

TOTARA

My name is Zac Cooley and I am one of the three Totara house captains for 2018. My role as a house captain is to help out with inter-house sports such as badminton or basketball. My role is to also make sure all of my house participates as much as they can. What I hope to see throughout this year with my house is that we all get along as one big family and I would like to know that anyone can communicate with me if they have any problems or concerns with anything. I would also like to see our house winning the house spirit trophy. I believe we can do it this year.



Zac Cooley

KAURI

Hello!

My name is Tamzen and I am one of three House Captains for Kauri House. My role of House Captain involves many things including to help organise our Inter-House sports and relay teams on days like athletics, but I feel most importantly, it is to get Kauri students involved in as many events as possible with of course the intention of winning but to also have a blast doing so. Throughout the year I hope to see our kids continue carrying out our house spirit by participating and staying strong through our house spirit and dressing to impress in Red and Black. Most of all I want to carry on seeing fair competitors who have great sportsmanship towards the other houses. In Kauri, we strive to win but what matters most as a House Captain is that we make it all worthwhile no matter the results.



Tamzen Eades

Congratulations Blake!

Congratulations to Blake Hassell for being chosen by The Sir Peter Blake Trust to go on this YELF course. This stands for Young Environmental Leader Forum. Blake was chosen out of approximately 300 people and was lucky enough to be one of the 55 students aged between Year 11 and 13 to be chosen for the trip.



Blake will begin this amazing opportunity on the 14th of April to the 20th of April. He will be staying in Taranaki to study environmental issues and how to solve them. Once he has finished the trip he will then use all these new skills and knowledge to try and make Ruawai College and the surrounding areas more environmentally friendly.

Do you care about the environment and want to make a difference?

YELF 2018 will be in Taranaki and focus on different environmental issues related to climate change.

- This fully funded programme will allow students to learn more about the environmental issues of climate change facing New Zealand, particularly ocean acidification, greenhouse gas emissions, atmospheric carbon dioxide, climate trends, liveable cities, adaptation and resilience.
- Develop leadership skills while participating in outdoor activities.
- Meet and engage with inspiring and informative speakers, including experts from the Ministry for the Environment, Sir Peter Blake Trust alumni, local and national politicians, business and community leaders, and like-minded peers.
- Delegates to YELF are eligible to join future Young Blake Expeditions as student voyagers.

School to Skies

Harriet Spoelstra will be taking part in the 'School to Skies' aviation camp at Ohakea base, 18-25th April, hosted by the Royal New Zealand Airforce. This hands-on programme is an opportunity for Harriet to experience what a career in an aviation field would be like. She will be joined by other Year 13 girls from around New Zealand who are currently studying NCEA Level 3 Mathematics and Science subjects. Harriet will learn the basics of flight and how aircraft work. She will plan a real flight mission and get hands-on experience fixing an aircraft.



Congratulations Harriet on this awesome opportunity.

SPORTS NEWS



Northland Secondary School Swimming

On Thursday 22nd February, a team from Ruawai College attended the Northland Secondary School Swimming Carnival. The students representing our school were Ben Watkins, Emma Ashford, Tahlia Johnson, Piper Sterling, Jaydon Connett, Jahnae Llewellyn Huriwaka, Hunter Connett and Klay Connett. The students had a great day and were given the opportunity to swim against some top Northland swimmers. Thanks to Jewelie Sterling who supported and managed the team at this event.



Northland Secondary School Swimming Entries

Sub Junior

Ben Watkins 50 Freestyle, 50 Breakstroke
Emma Ashford 100 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, 50 Breaststroke

Junior

Tahlia Johnson 50 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke, 50 Fly
Piper Sterling 100 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke, 50 Breaststroke
Jaydon Connett 50 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke, 50 Breaststroke

Intermediate

Jahnae Llewellyn-Huriwaka 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle
Hunter Connett 100 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke, 50 Freestyle, 50 Breaststroke

Senior

Klay Connett 100 Backstroke, 100 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke, 50 Breaststroke

Northland Secondary School Athletics

A great day was had by our students who attended the Northland Secondary School Athletics meet on Thursday 15th March. Ten students represented Ruawai College, with some being placed in the top 3. This is a great achievement and the athletes should be proud of themselves. The team consisted of Jordan Lukis, Tyla Llewellyn-Huriwaka, Logan Brindle, Ryan Hassall, Jaydon Connett, Nikki Reeves-Price, Grace Aldworth-McLean, Daniel Holt, Jesse Wallace and Toni-Jean Burrell. Thanks to Scott Wallace who helped out on the day and Raymonde Huriwaka.

Kay Smith



Senior Boys/Girls Touch

On Friday the 9th of March, Scott Wallace and I took two van loads of students to compete in the Boys and Girls Northland Secondary School Touch Tournament in Kaikohe. It was a stunner of a day and some great games were played. I have enjoyed coaching these teams. Although we didn't win a game it was still a great competition and a big learning curve. Thank you to the students for giving it your all.

Raymonde Huriwaka

Level 1 PE Surf Trip

Last Friday, the Level 1 PE class went out to Sandy Bay, Tutukaka on a surfing trip. The weather was overcast and we got a small shower of rain, but that made the waves perfect for learning to surf on. We had two very experienced surfing instructors from Tutukaka Surf Club, Simon and Shane, and their surfing dog, Mooki. At the start of the day we went over the basics of surfing.

When we got into the water for the first time we had people nose diving into the waves and wiping out completely. However, by the end of the day we saw a lot fewer fails and casualties and a lot more people standing up on their boards and catching those waves into shore. This trip was really enjoyable and I think everyone would agree it was a lot of fun. We learnt many different skills and techniques and no one wanted to get out of the water when it was time to go back home. I would like to say thank you to Ms Smith for organising the trip and taking us there for the day. I would also like to say thank you to Sam Panoho for being the parent help for the day, taking photos and keeping Ms Smith company.

Indiana Panoho (Year 11)

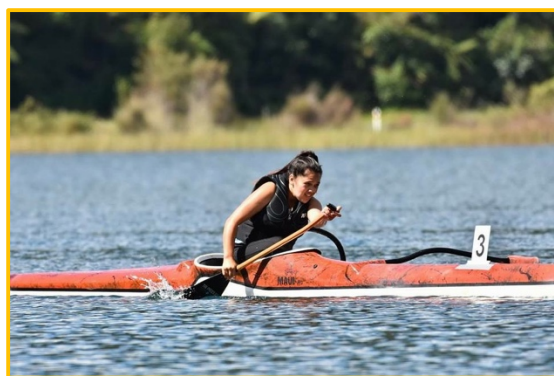


Lanea at Waka Ama Nationals in Rotorua

On Monday the 19th of March, I travelled down to Rotorua with the Dargaville High School Waka Ama team to compete in the Waka Ama Secondary Schools Competition. I competed in the J19 girls singles competition and my first race was on Tuesday. I was super nervous as it was my first proper race. I did better than I expected as I had made the semi-finals but unfortunately I missed my race. Although I only had one race I was very happy with my result and gutted that I was unable to compete in the semi-finals. I am very proud of myself for all I have done and I would highly recommend students to take part in Waka Ama. It is a lot of fun, hard trainings and commitment but it is all worth it when you go to a Secondary Schools' competition and all your hard work pays off. Being able to compete in the Secondary School Nationals was an amazing opportunity and I am definitely looking forward to doing it again next year.

I would like to thank Moana and Horoe Te Tuhi for being awesome coaches. Your work towards our teams never goes unnoticed. I would also like to thank Jimmy Lawrence for giving up his time to help us improve. Thank you to the Dargaville High School boys and girls who made me feel very comfortable and helped out when needed. Thank you to Jess McPherson for helping out as well and making sure we had everything we needed. Thank you to Renae and Raymonde Huriwaka for transporting me to and from trainings, for always supporting me and making sure I did what I was told.

Lanea Huriwaka (Year 12)





SENIOR Parent-Student-Teacher CONFERENCES

Parents/caregivers of students in Years 11 - 13 are requested to make a 20-minute appointment with their child's **Learning Adviser** on **THURSDAY, 5 APRIL 2018**. Appointments can be made between 1.45pm and 7pm.

Appointments can be booked online. Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

Enter the booking code: **bg3w3**

Please follow the instructions.

If you have any problems or need help booking an appointment, please contact the school office.

The purpose of these conferences is to set each student's goals and academic targets for the 2018 year. A key focus of each conference is for the LA to provide feedback on how a student is tracking towards success in each of their NCEA subjects.

It is expected that by the end of the term, all senior students will have completed a conference with their LA, in readiness to implement their goals in the new term.

An alternative programme will run for those students remaining behind for the afternoon. Students can be collected from 1:00pm onwards. Buses will run as normal.

Catherine Davis
Acting Deputy Principal



Teacher Only Day

School Closed Friday 13 April 2018



On Friday, the 13th April the school will be closed for a Teacher Only Day. This is to allow all staff to participate in professional development.

We will be working on our annual goals around Literacy, Digital Fluency and Teaching as Inquiry.

We thank you for your understanding and a notice will come home closer to the date.

Surveys

We took the opportunity at the interim report days to run a couple of surveys around hosting prospective International Students in the future at our school and making a slight change to our uniform for the Senior students at Years 11-13. Thank you for your feedback - 93% supported the uniform change, and 51% would consider being homestays - hosting International students in your home. I will keep you informed about progress in these areas.

Board Comment

Our Board of Trustees is currently made up of 5 parent elected trustees, one student and one staff trustee and our principal. At last night's meeting, we moved to welcome Raymonde Huriwaka onto our team as a co-opted trustee.

In mid-2019, the next general Board of Trustee Elections will be held and several of our trustees will be standing down. If any of you are at all interested in becoming part of the next board, I can assure you it is a wonderful way to contribute to our community.

If you would like to know more about being a trustee, please don't hesitate to speak to any of the current trustees, come along to a board meeting or have a look at the trustee website www.nzsta.org.nz

Our next Board of Trustee meeting is the 22nd of May 2018 at 6:00pm.

Alex Bickers, Board of Trustee Chairperson

Invitation to discuss Learning Support Services (previously known as Special Education) with the Ministry of Education

This is an opportunity for you to tell us how we can make changes to our Learning Support services to make it work better for our children and young people.

We know that parents, whanau, Early Childhood facilities, and Kura are concerned that the current system is complex, slow and is too bureaucratic. We are making changes to design a new system to make it easier to access, child focused, flexible and better connected with other social services.

We would like to hear your thoughts on:

- What would be the easiest way for you and your whanau to access Learning Support services?
 - What should our Learning Support services look like? How should they be delivered?
 - How can we know that our services have made a difference to the learning of students?

Please join us for a discussion in Ruawai on:

Wednesday 4th April 2018

5:30-7:30pm

Ruawai Primary School

4376 Sate Highway 12

Ruawai, 0530

Please RSVP by 2nd April to Mikayla.allen@education.govt.nz Please also let us know if you require a translator and / or interpreter to be present during the discussion.

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Last Tuesday on the 20th of March, Ruawai College held a **Crazy Hair Day**. The whole school was in mufti and came with crazy hair that was weird and wacky. Hairstyles varied from students having different coloured hair to having weird objects such as plastic bottles and coat hangers on their head! The Prefects organised a sausage sizzle to help fundraise money. All proceeds collected went to the Shave for a Cure Foundation for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer. Two of our students, Ross Wallace and Jack Brewster, volunteered to shave their heads for the cause. At Break 1 these two students bravely sat in front of the school as their heads were shaved. With all money collected we raised \$521.80. Thank you to everyone who donated money!



