



# RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

Term 1 Week 1

Friday, 2 February

## Upcoming Dates

**6 February**, Waitangi Day

**9 February**, RC Swimming Sports Day

**12 February**, LA/Parents Meet and Greet BBQ

**19 February**, South Zone Swimming

**20 February**, Yr 13 Leadership through League

**20 February**, BoT meeting 6:00pm

**21 February**, RYDA Driver Education

**22 February**, Northland Secondary School Swimming

**23 February**, RC Athletics Day

**27 February**, L2 History Trip to the Bay of Islands

## REMINDER

Casual Use Agreement contract - Please be aware that if you wish to use any of the school facilities eg gym, fields, netball courts a Casual Use Agreement contract would need to be signed.

## PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

*Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)*

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

Hari Tau Hou Kia Koutou - Happy New Year to you all.

A warm welcome back to the start of what is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting 2018 school year.

I especially welcome our new students and families who are joining us for the first time in 2018. Ruawai College has a proud history of academic and co-curricular success, which you are now part of. There are a wealth of opportunities in and beyond the classroom for you to participate and excel in at Ruawai College. I encourage you to make the most of these during your time here. One of the great strengths of our school is the caring, friendly, family environment that we have here. In all areas of endeavour and conduct - expectations are high, achievement is celebrated and strong relationships are forged.

We encourage all whanau to keep in contact with the school throughout the year and together we can work towards successfully raising student achievement, instilling our core values and providing an environment that is safe and enriching.

### START OF YEAR POWHIRI

It is always a very special start of the school year at Ruawai College. It was great to see a big turnout of parents and family members of the new students at our Powhiri on the first day of the term. The students were in fine voice and a resounding haka could be heard to welcome the manuhiri (visitors).

We acknowledge Raymonde Huriwaka and Pirepire Marychurch for their aroha, korero and awhi of this event.



### SCHOOL ROLL

The Ministry's prediction of our school roll for this year was 141. This was based on the 1st July roll return. That roll number prediction dictates our staffing and operational funding for the year. I am pleased to say that our current roll, as of 1 February, stands at 157 students. If our roll remains around that figure as of 1st March we may be entitled to some extra staffing and additional operational funding.

Keep in Touch!

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Phone: 09 439 22 16

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

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF

We welcome the following new staff to the Ruawai College community:



Helena Thompson  
Principal's Personal Assistant



Michelle Dry  
Cleaner

### REMINDER:

School Athletics on **Friday, 23 February.**

We invite all those in the community for a fun filled day of sport and house spirit.

## INTERNAL STAFF CHANGES

Senior leadership team

Catherine Davis - Acting Deputy Principal

Lance Panoho - Acting Assistant Principal

Jenny Dallison - Senior Leader

Kimberley Rope - Senior Leader

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## PASTORAL SUPPORT NETWORK TEAM



Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Pastoral Network team - let us know how we can help!

*Left to right:*

Lance Panoho- Years 7-8 Junior School Dean

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Justine Vallance - Guidance Counsellor

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Kimberley Rope- Years 9-10 Middle school Dean

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Jenny Dallison- Years 11-13 Senior school Dean

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Lynda Von-Lyn - Head of Learning Support

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## LEARNING ADVISORS/PARENTS MEET AND GREET BBQ

All whanau are invited to touch base with your Students Learning Advisor on **Monday, 12th February at 3:30pm** for a cuppa and sausage sizzle.

*We look forward to seeing you all there!*

## OUR VISION

Our vision at Ruawai College is a focus on the pursuit of knowledge and learning where we value excellence, we value community and we value service to others.

Seek after learning for the sake of your well-being - Whāia te mātauranga hei ora mā koutou



# CURRICULUM



## NCEA PRELIMINARY RESULTS 2017

Congratulations to all those students who were rewarded with successful 2017 NCEA results. The school has shown consistent improvements in student achievement over the last few years. The results for 2017 were no different and we are all very proud of the effort that students made to take that extra step towards getting the credits they need for their future. I would especially like to congratulate those students who gained endorsements on their NCEA qualifications.

*Special acknowledgement goes to the following students:*

### NCEA Certificate Endorsement

**Level 3 NCEA Excellence**  
Georgia Beattie, Bailey O'Sullivan

**Level 3 NCEA Merit**  
Zara Marychurch, Shontelle Wilson, Emily Sheppard, Joel Bickers

**Level 2 NCEA Excellence**  
Harriet Spoelstra

**Level 2 NCEA Merit**  
Tamzen Eades, Jack Brewster

**Level 1 NCEA Excellence**  
Keegan Redward, Timothy Bickers

**Level 1 NCEA Merit**  
Alex Rope, Shaye Fenton, Zac Cooley, Tyana Fenney

Our Literacy result was 96% and Numeracy 100%.

ALL NCEA results are deemed provisional until they are finalised in early April. Students can access their 2017 results and Record of Achievement through their Learner login on the NZQA website <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz>

We invite you to celebrate with us the success of our NCEA students at a special assembly on  
**Thursday 22 March at 1.45 pm in the College hall.**

# CURRICULUM

out & about

## GATEWAY

The Gateway programme is designed to strengthen pathways for students from school to further education and training or employment by providing them with opportunities to access structured workplace learning. Our Gateway programme began this year on the 25 January with a Workplace First Aid Course and will be continuing this week with Hazard ID and Risk Management and Hearing Safety courses. This should prepare them well for their work placements that will commence in Term 2 from the 11th to 15th June. Along with this all students have work booklets to complete that are due in on the 29th March. If you are able to provide a work placement for one of our students please contact the school office.

Jenny Dallison, Gateway Coordinator



## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Building positive, strong, collaborative **relationships** - we show **respect** for one another

Having **high expectations** of ourselves and each other - being **resilient**

Creating a stimulating learning environment that is exciting today as well as a preparation for the future - **Lumine Ducar** - the pursuit of knowledge and learning

Working together in partnership with whanau, teachers, the community - taking **responsibility**



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to our Junior Prizegiving students



Emma Philios- Tim Salter Memorial Award for drama  
Kaipara District Council  
Wearable Arts Award  
Junior Speech Award  
Year 7 DUX



Monique Wrathall-  
Year 8 DUX



Phoebe Wood - Year 9  
Year 9 DUX



Nikki Reeves-Price -  
Year 10 DUX



Abby Blaxland -  
Intermediate Speech  
Award



Aleesha Butt - The  
Joyce Trophy. Best all  
round Junior Athlete



Jaydon Connet - Ruawai  
Community Sports Club  
Scholarship



Carla Fraser & Tahlia  
Johnson- Kaipara  
District Council  
Environmental Award

## PEER SUPPORT 2018

On the 30th January, the Year 13's were pleased to welcome the new Year 7, 8 and 9 students to Ruawai College as the final stage of our transition programme. Peer support is a personal development programme for secondary students and led by senior students who are trained to take on leadership roles within the school.

The aim of Peer Support is to:

- Raise the self-esteem and confidence of young people as they transition into secondary school;
- Help young students develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to interact in positive ways;
- Build a network of personal support for young people in our school.

The Year 13's participated in a 2 day training programme before the start of school and as a result, have developed a sound understanding of the programme.

As Year 13's we really enjoyed our first day with the students and can't wait to work alongside them and get to know them more over the course of Term 1. Throughout the term we will meet regularly and focus on a range of topics, all with the purpose of supporting our new Junior students so that they may have a happy and successful year.

Amelia White-Fotu and Sophie Blundell - Year 13



## OUR MISSION

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



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2018



### Introducing our Year 13 Peer Support team

*Left to right:* Stacey Blythen, Harriet Spoelstra, Sophie Blundell, Brooke Henderson, Tiaysha Rua, Jimmy Panoho, Ross Wallace, Tristan Flavell, Donna Hill, Brooklyn Gilmour, Michael Hammon, Rawinia Le-gros, Tamzen Eades, 'Amelia White-Fotu, Jack Brewster.



### Introducing our House Captains for 2018

*Left to right:* Brooklyn Gilmour, Jimmy Panoho, Michael Hammon, Brooke Henderson, Tiaysha Rua and Tamzen Eades.



### Introducing our Prefect team for 2018

*Left to right:* Jack Brewster, Jimmy Panoho, Tristan Flavell, Michael Hammon, Harriet Spoelstra, Stacey Blythen, Sophie Blundell, Amelia White-Fotu.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: SWIMMING POOL

With the commencement of the school year, the school pool is available from:

Monday - Friday 3.15 pm - 7.30 pm

Weekends from 9 am - 7.30 pm

Access to the swimming pool is via the car park entrance by the gymnasium. The library car park entrance is no longer available as an entry point/car park to the swimming pool.

Unfortunately during the holiday period there was some vandalism caused in the toilet area, and we had to ask one of our support workers to come in and clean up the mess, our caretaker is also attending to the graffiti. Rubbish is being left in the pool enclosure as well.

As a school we wish to provide this service to you by making the pool available to the community over the summer period - however, it becomes increasingly difficult when the facilities are not being looked after properly and will certainly warrant further consideration for the future of it being kept opened.

We are hoping that over this term with hot weather continuing to be forecast that everyone will keep an 'eye' out on the pool and toilet areas.



### Going forward we ask you to ensure the following -

- Only pool users with a key are entitled to use the pool. As the registered key holder you must accompany any person(s) going swimming and may be asked to present your key
- Keep all food or drink outside of the pool enclosure. Please use all rubbish bins outside of the pool area.
- Observe the opening and closing times of the pool
- Keep the toilet areas clean

## OUR VALUES

Respect

Resilience

Responsibility



## COMMUNITY



### BEE HIVES

We now have a number of beehives on the school property which are located in the 'out of bounds' areas of the school. Please ensure that we are aware of those students who are Anaphylactic - have an allergic reaction to bee stings and the necessary medication is available. Apiculture is a growing industry and we are certainly looking at this being a part of our curriculum here at Ruawai College. Last year in 2017 two Ruawai College students (Years 12 & 13) and two ex students underwent apprenticeships in Apiculture with NZ Honey Innovations with whom we have formed a relationship. Mr Sean McDonnell our Head of Learning Art also started a beekeeping club at the school and many of our students are keen to learn more.

### SCHOOL CANTEEN - THE WELL CAFE

The Well Café runs the school canteen on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cash and Eftpos available. There is a variety of selected options available for sale at Break 1. Students can order their lunches then and these will be delivered at Break 2 lunch time.



### VOLUNTEERS WANTED – READER/Writers

This year we are looking for people in the community who are able to give their time to our senior students who are entitled to special assessment conditions.

If you have some hours available, are able to read fluently, spell and write legibly then we need you. The busiest times would be senior exam week (17 - 21st September) and during NCEA external exam time in November. If you are able to help we would really appreciate it. Please phone Mrs Lynda Von-Lyn (Learning Support Co-ordinator) at the College.

## TERM DATES FOR 2018

<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday 30th January Friday, 13th April
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 30th April Friday, 6th July
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday, 23rd July Friday, 28th September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday, 15th October Thursday, 11th December

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Happy New Year everyone and a very special welcome to the many new students and their families who have joined Ruawai College.

It is going to be a very busy but exciting time for the College this year as we move ahead to do a number of projects -the roofers have been very busy over the summer. The painters have nearly finished painting H Block and we should see them move throughout the school this year on an external paint. Our 5YA plan also includes a number of internal upgrading projects being carried out - particularly in many of our classrooms. Our school sign will get a fresh new look, new notice boards will go up and we should see a lot of progress on the gardens this year.

During our December meeting, we accepted the resignation of one of our trustees, Reuben Thompson. We are very grateful for the valuable contribution that Reuben has made to our team over the last 18 months when he was co-opted onto the board and know that we will continue to see his smiling face around town.

We also said farewell to our Board Secretary, Tyla O'Sullivan. Tyla has been a great asset to our team and has gone from strength to strength. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

This year, we welcome Helena Thompson as our new Board Secretary, and we very much look forward to working with her.

2018 is going to be another great year for Ruawai College, as we continue to build on the momentum that has been building over the last years. I'm looking forward to hearing of the many successes that our learners achieve.

- Alex Bickers, Board Chairperson

## ABSENCE INFORMATION

If a student is going to be absent from school please get in contact with the school, either by phone or email. Phone: 4392216 Email: [admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz)



## COMMUNITY CONTINUED....



### STUDENTS BRINGING A VEHICLE TO SCHOOL



Students may drive to school and park in the gym car park, provided they have either a Restricted or Full licence. Before bringing a car to school, students must provide a copy of their licence and complete a permission slip signed by their parent/caregiver. It is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team whether or not students have permission to have a car at school. Students are required to hand their keys in to the office on arrival and must travel alone unless they are permitted to carry passengers. - Lance Panoho, Assistant Principal

### SCHOOL BUS AND ROAD SAFETY CHANGES

3:00pm – 3:15pm. In response to a rising volume of traffic, both vehicle and human, the college has actioned a change in how bus students and pedestrians manage themselves at this time of day. At 3:00pm, our first 3 buses line up outside the school in the same order each day and students who travel on these buses: Parahi, Okahu, and Te Kowhai make their way directly to their bus. Students who are travelling on Matakahe and Toka Toka buses wait in a designated area, outside H-Block, with the Bus Duty Teacher. Any student who needs to cross over the state highway to the parking/pickup area must also wait in the designated area. Once these two buses have parked safely the Bus Duty Teacher brings the remaining students to the bus bay. Bus students make their way to their respective bus, and all other students are crossed safely by the Bus Duty Teacher. If parents are picking up their child after school, please be aware that there is a wait time of about 5 – 7 minutes before students are crossed over the road to the parking area. We respectfully request that any adults at the college at this time also wait and cross with the students, as this reduces the amount of foot traffic crossing the road and allows a better flow of vehicle traffic.



### RUAWAI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS



**Friday 9th February**, on the school grounds at **9:00am**

We extend a warm welcome to all family and friends to come and support our tamariki in their annual swimming sports event.

### **\*\* Dance Lessons in Ruawai for new and experienced students \*\***



Phone 09 439-0280 OR 021 2326 966 ask for Sonja to enrol



Wednesday classes at Ruawai/Tokatoka Memorial Hall

Grade 2 Classical Ballet 5.15 pm for dancers with moderate experience.



Ballet/Jazz classes 6.15 pm - Years 7 - 13

Tap/Hip-Hop classes 7.15 pm - Years 7 - 13

Professional dance syllabus taught. Come along and give it a go



### STATIONERY LIST 2018

We have stationary lists available on our website at <http://www.ruawaicollege.school.nz/stationary-lists-217>

### UNIFORM

At Ruawai College we wear our uniform with pride. Please ensure that the correct uniform is worn to school. You can find a uniform list at <http://www.ruawaicollege.school.nz/uniform/>





# SPORTS NEWS

## TOP FORM TERM 1

Top Form was held on Wednesday the 31st of January and was the first school sporting event for Term 1. This was a fun novel event which students always enjoy. All three houses (Kauri, Rimu and Totara) were very competitive across the varying fun filled activities they were involved in. -Kay Smith

