

RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS



Term 1 Week 1 Friday 07 January 2020

Up Coming Dates

Tuesday 11 February Top Form

Thursday 13 February Swimming Sports

Tuesday 18 February Meet and Greet BBQ – 3:15pm

Thursday 20 February NSS Swimming

Friday 21 February School Photos

Monday 24 February Level 2 & 3 History Trip – Bay of Islands Netsafe - 6:30pm

Tuesday 25 February Epro8 Challenge

Friday 28 February Athletics Sports

Tuesday 03 March Volleyball Senior Boys

Wednesday 04 March Volleyball Senior Girls

Friday 06 March South Zone Primary Swimming Senior Touch – Kaikohe

Tuesday 10 March Year 7-8 Boys Cricket Year 13 Moving on

IMPORTANT REMINDERS Contact Details

Please ensure that we have your correct email address, telephone and mobile phone/contact details. Please phone the school or go to our school website under Contact and fill in the form provided to update your contact details.

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 very warm welcome back to the start of a new school year. I trust that the summer vacation has been relaxing and enjoyable and that everyone is feeling refreshed and recharged in preparation for a busy and productive year ahead. I would also like to acknowledge the students, parents and caregivers who are new to Ruawai College and will join us for the first time this year.

I wish all of our students and their families the very best and we look forward to a successful 2020.

I am pleased to tell you that we are fully staffed for the start of the year, with teachers and support staff bringing experience from a range of backgrounds. My thanks go to all the staff who worked hard during the holidays to prepare for the new school year.

A real focus for our Kura this term is on the value of RESPECT. Our expectation is that we bring our values to 'life' in and around the school, out and about in the community. We must put into action our values to ensure that our Ruawai College way is preserved. Please tautoko us with this mahi.

POWHIRI

He mihi tino nui nga whanau hou o te kura nei

The powhiri was a wonderful occasion - particularly so as it gives us an opportunity to welcome new students, whanau and staff into the Ruawai College family. We acknowledge the huge support that followed our rangatahi.

Thank you also to Whaea Hoana Flay and our Kaumatua Kevin Baker with his wife Diane Baker and for their awhi of this kaupapa.





Keep in Touch!

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NEW STAFF

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



Manmeet Sandhu Deputy Principal



Welcome back Keanu Townsend

Social Sciences Teacher



Peni Leao Science Teacher



Rachel Leao English Teacher

Ruawai College DAILY BELL TIMES - 2020

Lesson 1: 8.45 am - 9.45 am 60 minutes (1hr)

Lesson 2: 9.45 am - 10.45 am 60 minutes (1hr)

LA: 10.45 am - 11.00 am *15 mins*

Break 1: 11.00 am - 11.20 am 20 minutes

Lesson 3: 11.20 am - 12.20 pm 60 minutes (1hr)

Lesson 4: 12.20 pm - 1.15 pm 55 minutes

Break 2: 1.15 - 2.05 pm 50 minutes

Lesson 5: 2.05 pm - 3.00 pm 55 minutes

Ruawai College DAILY BELL TIMES – 2020 Wednesday

Lesson 1: 8.45 am - 9.40 am 55 minutes

Lesson 2: 9.40 am - 10.35 am 55 minutes

LA/Assembly: 10.35 am - 11.05 am *30 mins*

Break 1: 11.05 am - 11.25 am 20 minutes

Lesson 3: 11.25 am - 12.20 pm 55 minutes

Lesson 4: 12.20 pm - 1.15 pm 55 minutes

Break 2: 1.15 - 2.05 pm 50 minutes

Lesson 5: 2.05 pm - 3.00 pm 55 minutes

Ruawai College - Policies



The Ruawai College Complaints Policy/Procedure and Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website

RUAWI COLLEGE BYOD:

What is BYOD?

Ruawai College believes that the use of devices in class will supplement and enhance the learning of our students. By going fully BYOD Ruawai College will be ensuring that our students have access to a wider range of resources, a more personalised learning experience, as well as increasing motivation and engagement. By being a BYOD school we are promoting co-operative, inquiry based learning and a partnership between home and school.

What protection does the school offer?

The school takes no responsibility for devices that are damaged during the school day. It is up to the student to be responsible with their device and to take care of it.

Hardware - Insurance for the devices can be purchased through the retailer, however this will be done at the parents expense. The device will need an adequate storage bag which the students will be in charge of throughout the school day.



Cell Phones will no longer be considered an acceptable device for classroom use.



Junior students are able to use chormebooks as their chosen device.



All devices will need to be protected by a suitable bag, sleeve or case.



Seniors will need to have a laptop or notebook.



All devices will need to be charged at home so that they will last a full school day.



All suitable devices will be added to the school will and student's will sign an internet usage agreement

Software - Once the device is put onto the school network it will have the same restrictions on the school computers. This means that harmful websites will be monitored and blocked while the student is using the school network.

Will there be devices at the school for my child to use?

We do have some Google chromebooks and laptops for use across the school, however, one cannot always rely on their availability/access.

Possible Devices

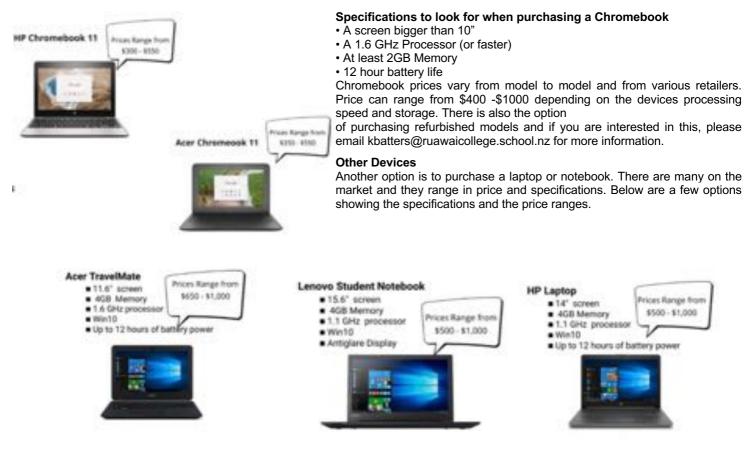
Classes require a device that allows students to access the internet. Students will use the devices for a variety of tasks and will need to have a screen size of at least 10" and a full keyboard. A chromebook for Juniors or laptop for Seniors is the preferred device, although a tablet with a Bluetooth keyboard would also be acceptable.

Why a Chromebook?

In short, Chromebooks are a cost effective solution that offer the tools we need to deliver a true 21st century educational experience. Chromebooks are essentially internet only devices. Chromebooks offered what we feel is the best option for collaboration and sharing using the educational tools provided by Google and other companies.

Are only Chromebooks supported?

We have actually been a BYOD school for some time. We have a number of senior students, and some juniors, who bring various devices for use in a range of classes. However, as we look to have entire classes using devices, we needed to balance the educational needs of students with the realities of a classroom. We do not have a technician for every classroom and teachers cannot plan lessons for every type of device. By selecting Chromebooks as our default device, teachers can plan more effectively and we can support the technical side of configuring and managing student devices.



A QUERY, CONCERN, QUESTION - you will find help and support from the following people

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Beehives

We have a number of beehives on the school property which are located in the 'out of bounds area of the school. Please ensure that we are aware of those students who are <u>Anaphylactic</u> - have an allergic reaction to bee stings and that their medication is on hand.

Out & About



Gateway First Aid

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 30 January with a One Day Workplace First Aid Course where students were put into action in a variety of scenario-based learning activities. This should prepare them well for their work placements that will commence in Term 2 from 8 to 12 June. Along with this all students who are participating in Gateway this year have work booklets to complete that are due by the end of Term one. Other Health and Safety and customer service courses will be offered throughout the year. If you are an employer and are interested in providing a work placement for one of our students, please contact the school office.









Term 1 2020 HEALTH PROGRAMMES

The New Zealand Curriculum states that the focus of health is on the well-being of the students themselves, of other people, and of society through learning in health-related contexts. Four concepts are at the heart of this learning area: Hauora/Wellbeing, Attitudes and Values, Socio-ecological Perspective and Health Promotion. Within health and physical education, we are also expected to cover the seven key areas of learning. These are mental health, sexuality education, food and nutrition, body care and physical safety, physical activity, sport studies, outdoor education.

This year the health topics to be taught alongside the PE curriculum in school include:

Year 7:

- Term 1 Positive classrooms investigate the qualities of friendships and how to maintain friends.
- **Term 1** Dreams exploring their interests and achievements and how these may affect their lifestyle.

Year 8:

- Term 1 Forever friends identifying features of a healthy friendship, how these affect feelings of self worth.
- Term 1- Communication exploring a range of communication methods and how to behave assertively in a variety of situations.

Year 9:

 Term 1 - Hauora – Exploring an adolescent's total wellbeing including dental hygiene, skin problems (acne), body odour and puberty.

Year 10:

• **Term 1** - Safety - Road and Water – investigating and understanding the importance of being a responsible road user. Investigating and taking action around a road/boat safety issue.

Senior Health: Although there are no specific health classes run at the senior level from time to time throughout the year, we have outside educators come in and run courses in a range of the key learning areas. This year these include:

- RYDA Road Safety Education. Educating the 'whole student', providing a unique opportunity to learn essential life skills as they face the challenges of driving solo or as an influential passenger of a novice driver.
- Year 11 Attitude (Outside Presenter) Sex with Attitude discussing the emotional and social aspects of sexuality and provide a decision-making guide to relationships. The programme covers the benefits of postponing sexual involvement, and how to set boundaries. It challenges teenagers to think about the options for their future.
- Year 12/13 Attitude (Outside Presenter) The Pitts (Mental Health) This is a survival kit for handling the bad times, and covers grief and loss, depression and stress.

If you would like to comment or make suggestions in relation to the health programme please contact us through the school office - (09) 4392216.

Kay Smith Head of Learning - Health and Physical Education

PEER SUPPORT

Peer support is a personal development programme for secondary students, the purpose is twofold. Firstly, it is to support and nurture young leaders and equip them with the skills and knowledge to take on roles of responsibility within their school. Furthermore, this is an opportunity for our students to demonstrate leadership through service by supporting others around them.

For students starting their new learning journey in an unfamiliar setting, this transition period can be overwhelming and at times daunting. Having senior students support them with this change can assist by

- Raising self-esteem and confidence of new students
- Helping new students develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to interact in positive ways;
- Build a network of personal support for new students in their school.

This year the Year 13 students gathered on Tuesday 28th January to lay the groundwork in delivering the Peer Support programme at Ruawai College. On Friday the 31st January they were there to walk alongside our junior students and help to weave them into the tapestry of our kura.

From all accounts, both senior and junior students enjoyed the day and will now touch base with each other once a week for the remainder of the term.

Prefect Leadership Programme

On Wednesday 29th January the Deputy Principal Mrs M Sandhu and our Assistant Principal Mr T.Raeli organised a training session for our 2020 Prefects.

The session focussed on the three values of Ruawai College Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility. The leaders have suggested a motivational quote for themselves that can guide and represent them to show who we are (Ruawai Leadership) as a group providing service to the community and our nation.

There were activities that guided them to plan the steps to be taken while collectively working as a team, critically analyse a situation prior to carrying out a task, and show collective accountability while working as a cohesive team. Lots of fun and lots of learning filled the day.





CULTURAL







Visit to Otago

During the summer holidays I was lucky enough to be accepted into the science academy, OUASSA. which is a programme aimed at students with an interest/passion in the sciences.



As for what I was spending my time down there doing, I spent the first two days in the zoology class which included dissecting a possum and a wallaby. For the second day we were invited to the Orokonui Eco sanctuary to see many endangered species such as the Tūī, Takahē and Otago Skinks.

Midway through the week, the OUASSA group experienced the Monarch Wildlife Cruise where we went back and forth through the Otago Peninsula while spotting the local wildlife such as Albatross and Seals. For the final two days of the weeklong camp I was in a computer lab learning about coding and programming to which we were able to control lights connected to other computers by the end of the two-day course. It was a great experience - thank you Ruawai College for encouraging my passion and interest.

Blake Hassall

SUN SMART

We promote the protection of staff and students from the harmful effects of the sun. Sunscreen is on hand from the student centre and there is

considerable shade for our students to shelter under on those extremely hot days. We have available for sale a plain blue bucket hat as part of the school uniform priced at \$8.00 from the school office.

The SunSmart solution for people in the Kiwi sun:





Term 1 Tuesday 28 January -Thursday 09 April

Term 2 Tuesday 28 April -Friday 03 July

Term 3 Monday 20 July -Friday 25 September

Term 4 Monday 12 October -Wednesday 09 December

Just a friendly reminder...

UNIFORM

Please take note of the uniform requirements for our Senior students – Years 11-13

- All senior students are to have a white shirt which has our school crest on it
- · Every Senior student should have either a skirt or a pair of trousers
- Blazers are optional, but recommended
- · Blue polo's/shirts will have our school crest on them
- New navy blue long socks and 3/4 socks will also be available
- All other items of their uniform remain the same

Please remember to name your child/s uniform.





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BOARD COMMENT

If you are new to Ruawai College - we welcome, you into the Ruawai College whanau. Fresh faces bring a fresh perspective, new ideas and can only make us a better school. For those returning - welcome back and we look forward to your continued support and involvement in the school. I also extend a very warm welcome to the new staff who have joined us this year - Meeta, Keanu, Peni, Rachel We look forward to your valuable input and contribution to our students and school.

Alex Bickers, Board Chairperson

2020 Ruawai College BOT Meeting Dates (Venue: Library)

Term 1 Tuesday 25 February Tuesday 24 March

> **Term 2** Tuesday 26 May Tuesday 30 June

Term 3 Tuesday 25 August Tuesday 22 September

Term 4 Tuesday 03 November Tuesday 08 December



PTA Meeting



COME ALONG to the PTA meeting being held in the school staffroom at 6pm on Wednesday 19 February. There will be a spot prize of a \$25.00 grocery voucher. Korero with the PTA President Renae if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there - text Renae if you are happy to be on the PTA, offer assistance - it is a lot of fun and a great way of meeting people particularly if you are new to the school.

SWIMMING POOL

With the commencement of the school year, the pool is available Monday - Friday from 3.15 pm - 7.30 pm and during the weekends from 9:00 am - 7.30 pm. Access to the swimming pool is via the car park entrance by the gymnasium.



We are hoping that over this term with hot weather continuing to be predicted 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

- Take all rubbish with you
- Observe the opening and closing times of the pool
- Keep the toilet areas clean

Property Work Ruawai College

There is a lot of excitement at Ruawai College as we undergo major property work - here are some photos of the work being carried out.

New floors are being put in for a couple of rooms in the Main block alongside new carpeting, ortex on the walls and internal painting. The Science rooms are undergoing a major facelift whilst the remainder of H block will see new flooring, internal painting and ortex on the walls. The classrooms will look fresh, tidy and smart.





School Bus and Road Safety

3:00pm - 3:15pm. In response to the rising volume of traffic, both vehicles and humans, the college has actioned procedures in how bus students and pedestrians manage themselves at this time of the 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 busses: Parahi, Okahu, Te Kowhai make their way directly to their bus. Students who are on the Matakohe, Dargaville 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 and pick up area must also wait in the designated area. Once the last 3 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 the other students are crossed safely by the Bus Duty Teacher.

If parents are picking their child up 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.

Casual Use Agreement

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.

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

Ruawai College Swimming Sports Thursday 13 February

Year 7&8 Basketball Comp - Otamatea High School Tuesday 18 February

> Netball Squad Training Wednesday 19 February

Northland Secondary School Swimming Thursday 20 February

> Ruawai College Athletics Friday 28 February

Senior Boys Volleyball Tuesday 3 March

Senior Girls Volleyball Tudeday 4 March

> Senior Touch Friday 6 March

Year 7-8 Boys Cricket Tuesday 10 March

NSS Athletics Thursday 12 March

South Zone Swimming Friday 13 March

> U14 Futsal Tuesday 17 March

Netball Squad Trial Wednesday 25 March

Northern Wairoa Primary School Swimming Friday 27 March

> League Festival Tuesday 31 March

Northland Primary School Swimming Friday 3 April

> Interhouse Starts Week 4 Badminton Tug of War



Swimming Sports



Ruawai College extend an invitation to all of our whanau to come along and watch our annual Swimming sports, Thursday 13 February. Racing starts at 9am come a long and enjoy a sausage sizzle, mix and mingle and some great competition.





PTA Fundraiser We need your support

The PTA are organising a sausage sizzle for the school Swimming Sports being held on Thursday 13 February and for the Athletics day on Friday 28 February. ANY donations of baking would be very much appreciated. Your help/time on this day would also be great -

Cold drinks and baking will also be available for sale. Prices are: Sausage sizzle - \$2 Drinks - \$2 Baking - \$2 For donations of baking and to be part of the roster - please txt Renae Llewell on 021 08248085

REMEMBER - the funds go directly back into supporting your children.



SKOOLLOOP APP

Ruawai College has an app. This app is available on both apple and android devices and can be downloaded from the app store or google play.

The App allows users to get important notices via notifications on their device, whilst also being able to see events on the school calendar. It gives the user the ability to see newsletters and email student absences. Download and try it today.



STUDENTS BRINING A VEHICLE TO SCHOOL



Students may drive to school and park in the gym car park, provided they have either a Restricted or Full license. Before bringing a car to school students must provide a copy of their license and complete a permission slip signed by their parent/caregiver. It is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team whether students have permission to have a vehicle 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.

THE HUB

Te Manawa Tahi (The Hub) is a learning support hub where you can come in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. Learning Support (formerly Special Education and the RTLB service (Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour) have teamed up with schools/kura, early childhood, iwi and community providers to work together with the sole purpose of providing support for your tamariki and their learning needs.

The Hub will be across at the Ruawai Primary on Thursday 13 February from 8:30am-12:30pm, you are more than welcome to drop in or you can make an appointment to arrange to see a specialist. Please contact them on 0800 5248 4256 or email TT.Support@education.govt.nz

BUS - DARGAVILLE TO RUAWAI

Ruawai College is pleased to confirm that the Dargaville to Ruawai College return bus will be continuing throughout 2020. The bus will travel direct to Ruawai from Dargaville but this year we have included a stop at the old Mititai shop on the corner of Mititai Road and State Highway 12 if needed.

This service is heavily subsidised by the Ruawai College Board of Trustees for Ruawai College students who purchase a term pass. This service is optional so all fares including term passes must be paid in full and in advance. No fare can be put on account unless it is done in advance, so the full fare is paid prior to the service being required. No student can board the bus unless a ticket or pass has been purchased.

Casual fares and Concession tickets are available for all students including Ruawai Primary students at a set fee. Again, these tickets must be purchased prior to boarding the bus.

TICKET COSTS

TERM PASS

1 Ruawai College student per term - \$150 per student

- 2 Ruawai College students from the same family per term \$280 for both
- 3 or more Ruawai College students from the same family per term \$400 for all students

CASUAL FARE \$5 per student per trip

CONCESSION TICKET \$30 per student for 10 trips

The bus leaves Dargaville at 8am from Victoria Street, Dargaville adjacent to the Warehouse car park and returns the children to the same place at approximately 3.30pm. Any Arapohue students will be collected from the Mititai shop area at approximately 8.10am and dropped off at the Mititai shop area at approximately 3.20pm.

If there are any queries regarding this service, please contact the office.



Our Mission

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





Meet and Greet by the Pool



We extend an invitation to all of our whanau to come along and meet your children's teachers on Tuesday 18 February, 3.15 pm by the pool. Enjoy a sausage sizzle, mix and mingle. Whether you have been associated with the school for a long time or not - it is always great to touch base at the start of the year and reconnect - relationships are very important to us.

NETSAFE

This FREE event is coming to Ruawai College on Monday 24 February at 6.30 pm -SAVE the date on your calendar. If you want to know more about how to keep your children safe ONLINE, then this 1-hour session with Netsafe will provide many answers to your questions and concerns.



O Location 24 February 2020 Ruawai College, 4375 State Highway 12, Ruawai

Netsafe LIVE is a free event for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online. Netsafe's Education Advisor Pauline Spence will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online.

The session will look at how parents/ whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

Time: 6:30pm -7:30pm

Follow the link below for more information and to secure your free tickets. https://www.netsafe.org.nz/the-kit/netsafe-live-ruawai/