



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

Ruawai
COLLEGE
Respect
Resilience
Responsibility

Term 1 Week 8
Monday 16 March 2020

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 19 March
Senior Art Trip

Friday 20 March
Level 3 Geography Polyfest Trip

Monday 23 March
World Vision Auckland Trip

Tuesday 24 March
Year 7 & 9 Hearing / Vision Testing

Wednesday 25 March
GRIP Leadership Trip

Thursday 26 March
"Canteen" Bandana Mufti Day
School Social, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday 27 March
Year 12 RYDA Trip

Monday 30 March
Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 31 March
Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 1 April
Celebration Assembly

Friday 3 April
Kapa Haka Dress Rehearsal,
Northland Primary School Swimming

Tuesday 7 April
Tai Tokerau Festival

Wednesday 8 April
Tai Tokerau Festival
Last day of Term 1 for students

Thursday 9 April
Teachers Only Day – No students

Tuesday 28 April
Start of Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

Strategic Focus: Over the next 3 years we have a strong strategic focus on developing "The Ruawai Way", culturally responsive and relational pedagogy and the curriculum. We welcome your voice around this korero whether that be through hui, surveys, kanohi ki te kanohi or popping in for a chat. A real focus for our kura this term is on the value of **RESPECT**. Each fortnight as part of our PB4L focus an aspect of respect is highlighted: Kindness, Consideration, Appreciation, Politeness and Acceptance.

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.

Board of Trustees – Congratulations & Farewell: Ruawai College would like to congratulate our newly appointed Board of Trustee Chairperson for 2020, Mr Anthony Blundell. With gratitude and appreciation, we acknowledge former Board Chairperson Mrs Alex Bickers for her tremendous amount of hard work while holding this position. Alex is finishing up on the Board at the end of the term. Her love and support of Ruawai College has been unwavering and through her role as Board Chairperson she has worked tirelessly to ensure all students at Ruawai College receive the best opportunities to find and enjoy success.

Thank you Alex for the time, effort, commitment and passion that you have given to the school across many, many years. We wish you well for the future and know that you will continue to do the mahi for our community as you have always done.

Netsafe: A whanau evening was held recently here at school by Netsafe NZ. They provide online cyber safety support, expertise and online security education to people. Social media presents to us a huge challenge largely because many of our students are navigating incredibly complex and challenging environments through the internet / online. It is important therefore to role model very clearly for them appropriate, safe and reasonable ways in which to engage with social media / the online world. From that perspective I ask that all of us in our community, parents, staff, students consider a few of the following: Do we think, before, we push the button on an email or before we send or before we post? Could we perhaps pause sometimes and consider the impact of what we post or send, not only on our own young people but also on the wider world of our young people and what they are witnessing online. Could we consider firstly, before we report things that have been heard through social media or through the grapevine, whether it is actually factual, whether it is helpful, whether it is appropriate?

It was a very informative evening and I hope that the many tips that were provided and shared by Netsafe NZ will be helpful and useful to you.

HEAD PREFECT TEAM 2020

(Right to left):

Indiana Panoho: Deputy Head Girl, Academic and Service Prefect, Rimu House Captain and Peer Support Leader

Matthew Blundell: Head Boy, Arts Prefect and Peer Support Leader

Tegan Marychurch: Head Girl, Academic Prefect and Peer Support Leader

Blake Hassall: Head Boy, Academic Prefect and Peer Support Leader



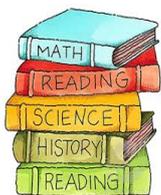
RESPECT = Kindness – Consideration – Appreciation – Politeness – Acceptance

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



CURRICULUM

NCEA 2019 End of Year Results

Congratulations to all those students who were rewarded with successful 2019 NCEA results. We are very proud of the effort that our students made to take the extra step towards gaining

the credits they need for their future. I would especially like to congratulate those students who gained certificate and subject endorsements on their NCEA qualifications.

We will be having a Celebration Assembly on Wednesday 1 April, 2:05pm where students will be acknowledged for their hard work.

Special congratulations to the following students:

Level 1 NCEA Subject Endorsements

<i>Callum Ashford</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Kerran Bellamy</i>	– Visual Art endorsed with Merit
<i>Caleb Chapman</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Jaydon Connett</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Klaire Estore</i>	– Visual Art endorsed with Merit
<i>Daniel Holt</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Joshua King</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Jahnae Llewellyn-Huriwaka</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Jesse Wallace</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Phoebe Wood</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Cameron Mitchell</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit – Visual Art endorsed with Merit

Level 2 NCEA Subject Endorsements

<i>Matthew Blundell</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Hunter Connett</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Blake Hassall</i>	– Physical Education endorsed with Merit
<i>Nikola Matich</i>	– Visual Art endorsed with Merit – Digital Technology endorsed with Merit
<i>Indiana Panoho</i>	– English endorsed with Excellence – Physical Education endorsed with Excellence – Geography endorsed with Merit
<i>Tegan Marychurch</i>	– English endorsed with Merit – Geography endorsed with Merit – Physical Education endorsed with Merit – Performing Arts endorsed with Merit

Level 3 Subject Endorsements

<i>Timothy Bickers</i>	– Mathematics endorsed with Excellence – Chemistry endorsed with Merit
<i>Alex Rope</i>	– Mathematics endorsed with Excellence – Chemistry endorsed with Merit – Geography endorsed with Merit – History endorsed with Merit – English endorsed with Merit – Performing Arts endorsed with Merit

Level 2 NCEA Excellence Certificate Endorsement

Tegan Marychurch
Indiana Panoho

Level 2 NCEA Merit Certificate Endorsements

Matthew Blundell
Hunter Connett
Blake Hassall

Level 3 NCEA Merit Certificate Endorsements

Timothy Bickers
Tyana Fenney
Alex Rope

Teachers Only Day – Thursday 9 April

Teachers will be taking part in a workshop / programme called “Understanding Behaviour, Responding Safely (UBRS)” on Thursday 9 April. The focus of this workshop / programme is on prevention and de-escalation strategies around challenging student behaviour.

Therefore, **no students are to attend school on this date.**

COVID-19 Update

We continue to be updated by the Ministry of Education around this virus. The Ministry continues to receive regular updates from the Ministry of Health.

It continues to remain that the best thing to do is to practice good preventative measures, particularly good hygiene:

- Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

BYOD

We are very pleased with the response we have had so far to our request for students to bring their devices to school. Below are the devices that would be most suitable for Year 7 – 10 and Year 11 – 13.

Year 7 – 10:

Laptop / Notebook / Tablet (with keyboard and full operating system, 10 – 15” screen)

Chromebook – (Running Chrome OS)

Tablet – Apple, Android, Microsoft Surface

Minimum Specifications:

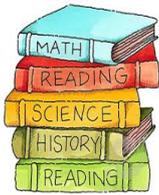
- Wi-Fi capability
- A processing capacity that enables creation and manipulation of text and data
- A 10 inch (diagonal) screen (minimum)
- A keyboard (if a tablet device, such as an iPad, it would need a separate keyboard)
- Battery 6+ hours
- Lightweight and portable
- Durable

Year 11 – 13:

Laptop / Notebook – with keyboard and full operating system, 10 – 15” screen and protective case.

Some suggested models:

- Apple MacBook Air 13” (running OS X El Capitan)
- Microsoft Surface Book (running Windows 10)
- Lenovo Ideapad (running Windows 10)
- HP Notebook



CURRICULUM

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Year 12 / 13 Bay of Islands Trip

On Wednesday 26 of February the Year 12 and 13 History students travelled to the Bay of Islands to visit various historical sites

related to our assessment, such as the Pompallier Mission House, Kemp House, Stone Store, the Christ Church and the and the Flagstaff above Kororāreka (Russell).

The purpose of our trip was to study the history and background of each site and examine evidence that we could use as primary sources, specifically during the time period of the 19th century.

Overall, it was a fun and exciting day as we not only got to learn about the raw and controversial history of early New Zealand and the 'ripple effect' it had on today's society, but to also experience the Bay of Islands first hand and gather the research.

Year 12 and 13 History students would highly recommend this trip to any younger students if given the opportunity. Learning about New Zealand and it's colonial history gives you a sense of what New Zealand was like in those times.

Thank you to Mrs Steele and Mr Hansen for taking us on the trip, especially Mr Hansen for his personal knowledge of the area and the people who lived there.

- Matthew Blundell, Year 13



Curriculum Focus – English

WHY READ?

The reasons reading is vitally important.

Often we hear students say that they can read already, that they know how to read, so what's the point of reading in English classes?

We can say that we gain knowledge from books, that it increases our imagination and creativity, that it increases our vocabulary, that reading relaxes us, reduces tension and helps our sleep patterns, that it improves our memory, that we learn to concentrate for a longer period of time, that it can improve our mood, and that it can expose us to new ways of thinking and broaden our minds.

And all these are very true.

However, I believe that the most important reason we read is that it is an efficient way to exercise our brains. Our brain is similar to a muscle in that the more we use it the stronger and more capable it becomes. Concentrating on the words and on a storyline or making sense of information gives our brains a task that stimulates and develops it. Like a muscle, the more we use our brain the more it is capable of. It goes beyond decoding and sounding out words on a page; we are able to read more and more complex sentences and vocabulary, to being able to think in more abstract and complex ways.

Exercising your brain continues all our lives and we become more capable thinkers.

However, just like a muscle, the brain can become less capable and less efficient if we rest it for too long. We need to read frequently and for a sustained period of time.

At primary school the focus is on students learning to read; at secondary school the focus is on students reading to learn.

The New Zealand Curriculum gives us a goal for students who complete Year 13 English (Level 8). "Students will integrate sources of information, processes, and strategies purposefully, confidently, and precisely to identify, form, and express increasingly sophisticated ideas."

We want them to be able to not only read for enjoyment, but also to be able to comprehend and make use of and think critically about complex texts. Our world is increasingly complex and one of the most valuable ways we can help our children and ourselves is to read.

Read, read, read.

- Jenny Joynt, Head of Learning English

Epro8 Challenge



On Tuesday 25 February I had the privilege of taking a handful of students to Dargaville to compete in the Northpower Epro8 Challenge. This challenge involved using a range of equipment to create an engineering project to complete a challenge.

The students created a motorised shopping trolley that could be remotely controlled. As challenges were completed, students were awarded points and

the top 3 teams were eligible to take part in the regional finals in Whangarei.

At the end of the 3 hours our team were tied for first place - earning us a trophy and a place in the finals. On Wednesday 4 March our group travelled to Whangarei Intermediate where we undertook more difficult challenges.

This round, the team were trying to create a toilet that had lights automatically come on when you sat down, and went off when you left. This was a difficult task and I was proud of the team for showing great resilience and a can-do attitude.

Thank you to the following students for the great experience: Tyla Griggs, Imogen Williams, Nina and Olivia Partridge and Max Tunnicliffe.

- Kirsty Batters, Science



SCHOOL NOTICES

Appointments: If a student has an appointment during the day, please send a written note or contact the school office. We encourage wherever possible that appointments are made outside of school hours.

A reminder that Ruawai College does have free Doctor's, Health Nurse and School Counsellor appointments available at school.

Doctor's appointments are available on Monday's, Public Health Nurse appointments are available on Wednesday's. To book an appointment please contact the school office.

School Counselling services are available on Thursday's and Friday's, to make an appointment students please collect a form from the office.

Attendance: If students are going to be away for any reason, please contact the school office, either by phone (09 439 2216, 027 268 5313) or via email (admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz). You can also report an absence via our website under the "Contact" tab.

Naming Gear: A lot of uniform and non-uniform items are handed in to the office, some of which is very expensive. Please ensure all items brought or worn to school is named so lost items can be returned to the rightful owner.

Student Drivers / Vehicles: Students may drive to school and park in the gym carpark, provided they have either a Restricted or Full Drivers 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 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.

Contact Information: Please ensure the school has the most up to date contact information in regards to your family. It would greatly assist us if you could advise the school office of any changes to your family address, phone numbers or emergency caregiver details.

In the event of an emergency, sickness or injury we need to be able to contact someone quickly.

School Newsletter: Please let the school office know if you wish to receive a hard copy. The newsletter is also available to view on our school website and can be picked up at the school office.

Uniform: Our expectation is that students adhere to the uniform code of the school – especially in practical areas like Hard Technology, where black, lace up shoes are required.



Ruawai College is connected to the Skool Loop app. It 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, see events on the school calendar, view school newsletters and report a student absence. Download and try today!

School Donations: At Ruawai College we strive to provide a highly effective, future focused learning environment for all learners. This is made possible with the support of our parents / whanau and wider community through their time and financial support.

The school donation allows us to further enhance the quality of learning opportunities provided. It helps support additional educational, cultural, social and sporting opportunities.

We would like to say a big thank you to those parents / whanau who have settled their 2020 school donation already – this is much appreciated.

The school donation can be paid at our school office or online. The 2020 donation is \$50.00 per pupil, for a family of 2 or more students the donation is \$100.00.

Please request a receipt for tax purposes. Thank you once again for working in partnership with Ruawai College to provide the best opportunities for your children.

Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Kia ora whanau, on Friday 20 March students will be bringing home their Term 1 Interim Reports. At 3:00pm on Friday 20 March, bookings for Parent Student Teacher interviews open.

Interviews will be held on **Monday 30 March, 3:30pm – 7:00pm** and **Tuesday 31 March 3:30pm – 5:00pm**. Use the link below to book your child's PST interviews. Any questions please ring the school office on 09 439 226.

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Code: **xtncm**

CanTeen Bandana Mufti Day

Thursday 26 March 2020

Every day 10 young people in Aotearoa are impacted by a cancer diagnosis. CanTeen is there for 13 – 24 year olds dealing with cancer to get back to living their lives.

To support CanTeen, Ruawai College has organized a mufti day on Thursday 26 March.

Mufti is a gold coin donation, bandanas are for sale at the school office for \$5.00. Please note, **only bandanas purchased from school are able to be worn on mufti day.**

Mufti Dress Code:

Our school uniform code is still in place on mufti day.

Clothing must be appropriate for a school setting, the following are **not acceptable**:

- Singlet or string shoulder strap tops / low cut tops / crop or off the shoulder tops
- Clothing with offensive logos, pictures or language e.g. drugs, alcohol, tobacco
- Shorts or skirts that are shorter than mid-thigh length
- Caps may be worn but not during class time

If you have a practical class on mufti day, e.g. Hard Materials, please ensure you have the correct footwear.



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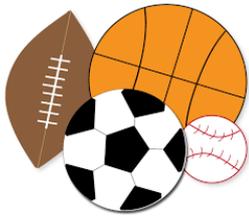


INTO THE JUNGLE

26 MARCH 2020
7PM - 9PM, SCHOOL
HALL

\$3 IN COSTUME, \$4 NOT
IN COSTUME
GLOW STICKS, LOLLIES, &
SOFT DRINKS FOR SALE





SPORTING NEWS

Top Form

Kicking off our Interhouse competition, Top Form was the first big sporting calendar event for the year.

Students compete as LA classes, completing the 9 activities created to help promote leadership, teamwork, collaboration and problem solving – as well as being an awesome ice breaker for all our new students!

Each LA class fought fiercely against each other, all vying for the first House points of the year.

Totara House came out on top, with Totara 1 winning overall. Close behind in second place was Rimu House, third, Kauri House.

Top Form will be held again at the end of the year as the final Interhouse Competition.



Swimming Sports

An action-packed day for all on our annual Swimming Sports Day. The carnival atmosphere truly demonstrated House spirit through song, dance and support. This positive vibe obviously radiated throughout our swimmers as a phenomenal number of records were broken, 19 in total, some dating back to the early 1970's. Congratulations to the overall House winners, Totara House.

A massive thank you to all supporters, timekeepers and the PTA who provided us all with some much-needed kai. It is always great to have our community come and support our school events.

Congratulations to our champions for setting such a high standard of swimming for Ruawai College.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



Swimming Sports Champions 2020

Sub Junior Girls:

- 1st Place: Miah Fraser
- 2nd Place: Sapphire Harris
- 3rd Place: Koaria Bristow

Sub Junior Boys:

- 1st Place: Zach Sterling
- 2nd Place: Matthew Watkins
- 3rd Place: Brayden Johnson

Junior Girls:

- 1st Place: Emma Ashford
- 2nd Place: Carla Fraser
- 3rd Place: Kayla Llewellyn-Huriwaka

Junior Boys:

- 1st Place: Ben Watkins
- 2nd Place: Mokoia Llewellyn
- 3rd Place: Hunter Shaw

Intermediate Girls:

- 1st Place: Piper Sterling
- 2nd Place: Tahlia Johnson
- 3rd Place: Phoebe Wood

Intermediate Boys:

- 1st Place: Jayden Connatt
- 2nd Place: Baylin Connatt
- 3rd Place: Toby Marshall

Senior Girls:

- 1st Place: Jahnae Llewellyn-Huriwaka
- 2nd Place: Tegan Marychurch
- 3rd Place: Indiana Panoho / Angel Rogers

Senior Boys:

- 1st Place: Hunter Connatt
- 2nd Place: Caleb Chapman
- 3rd Place: Matthew Blundell / Jesse Wallace / Jayden Hammon





SPORTING NEWS

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Swimming Sports 2020 Records Broken

Zach Sterling:

- 75m medley - 1.26.16 set by J Tapp 1997 broken with the time 1.13.09
- 25m free - 16.3 set by K Bennett 1984 broken with the time 15.92
- 50m free - 38.8 set by G Bagge 1977 broken with the time 37.06
- 50m back - 55.07 set by L Watene 1995 broken with the time 46.94
- 100m free - 1.34.82 set by J Tapp 1997 broken with the time 1.21.97

Matthew Watkins:

- 50m breast - 57.67 set by B Crosbie in 2009 broken with the time 56.43

Ben Watkins:

- 25m breast - 21.5 set by J Murphy in 1975 equaled by Ben
- 50m breast - 48.1 set in 1991 broken with the time 47.55
- 100m free - 1.23.53 set by J Connett 2018 broken with the time 1.19.22
- 100m back - 1.46.37 set by J Tapp 1999 broken with the time 1.32.53

Tahlia Johnson

- 25m back - 18.59 set by M Wrathall 2019 broken with the time 18.36

Piper Sterling

- 75m medley - 1.04.87 set by S Hutchinson 2001 broken with the time 1.03.25
- 25m free - 14.81 set by H Thompson 2015 broken with the time 14.65
- 50m free - 33.8 set by S Murphy 1974 broken with the time 33.41
- 100m free - 1.16.31 set by E Spoelstra 2014 broken with the time 1.14.31
- 100m back - 1.34.16 set by M Henderson 1998 broken with the time 1.25.48

Jaydon Connett

- 75m medley - 1.03.78 set by H Connett 2018 broken with the time 1.03.22
- 25m back - 17.68 set by G Jenyns 1997 broken with the time 17.56

Hunter Connett

- 25m free - 13.19 set by T Blythen 2014 broken with the time 12.90

Swimming Pool Closure

The swimming pool will close at the end of Term 1 – Thursday 9 April.

Please return your key the week beginning Tuesday 28 April.

Athletics Day

Our annual Athletics Day was a huge success.



Once again, the track and field were in supreme condition, thanks to our caretaker Todd Price, and a huge amount of competitive spirit amongst our students was evident.

Incredible speed and skill were demonstrated throughout the day.

A big thank you to our House Captains who worked efficiently in order to have relay teams ready to go, this made our time management much more effective and allowed us to finish on time.

A massive thank you to all that participated, showing resilience, respect and responsibility.



We thank our community who were there to support, whether it was helping with timekeeping, cheering on competitors or assisting the PTA with food, the day would not happen without you. Thank you also to Tinopai School for their donation of the apples and oranges for our students – they were a big hit.

The House competition was fiercely fought and the overall winners were Kauri House, followed by Rimu then Totara.

An awesome effort!

- Kay Smith, Head of Learning Physical Education





SPORTING NEWS

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Athletics Day Champions 2020

Sub Junior Girls:

- 1st Place: Miah Fraser
2nd Place: Sapphire Harris
3rd Place: Tyla Griggs

Sub Junior Boys:

- 1st Place: Harlym Heihei / Ezra Scott
2nd Place: Braydon Johnson
3rd Place: Harry Lord

Junior Girls:

- 1st Place: Carla Fraser
2nd Place: Kayla Llewellyn-Huriwaka
3rd Place: Nina Partridge

Junior Boys:

- 1st Place: Mokoia Llewellyn
2nd Place: Ben Watkins / Hunter Shaw
3rd Place: Erhyle Henderin

Intermediate Girls:

- 1st Place: Jordyn Lukis
2nd Place: Tyla Llewellyn-Huriwaka
3rd Place: Monique Wrathall / Piper Sterling

Intermediate Boys:

- 1st Place: Ryan Hassall
2nd Place: Jaydon Connett
3rd Place: Baylin Connett

Senior Girls:

- 1st Place: Grace Aldworth-McLean
2nd Place: Tegan Marychurch
3rd Place: Monique Estore

Senior Boys:

- 1st Place: Jaydon Hammon
2nd Place: Hunter Connett
3rd Place: Blake Hassall

NSS Senior Girls Volleyball



On Wednesday 4 March our kura took part in the NSS Senior Girls Volleyball competition in Whangarei. The competition was tough, and we finished the day in 4th place.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator

Basketball News



Congratulations to Jahnae Llewellyn-Huriwaka, Tyla Llewellyn-Huriwaka, Kayla Llewellyn-Huriwaka, JZ Llewellyn and Emma Ashford who participated in the 2020 National Māori Basketball Tournament in Rotorua this January.



Congratulations to Bekks Coll who was selected for the 2019 Under 11's Hoops Nation Girls team. The team took part in the Eltham Dandenong Junior Basketball Tournament which was held in Melbourne over the Christmas holidays.

Bekks' and her team won their Grade.
Well done Bekks!

SPORTING SNAPSHOTS





STUDENT VOICE

Student Leaders

At our whole school assembly last week, we recognized many leaders across the school. The following groups of students received their badges:

Rimu House Captains:

Hunter Connett, Indiana Panoho, Emma Ashford, Betty Thompson, Hunter Haslam and Margaret Rawaho

Totara House Captains:

Angel Rogers, Caleb Chapman, Jayden Hammon, Phoebe Wood, Carla Fraser, Tahlia Johnson, Bekks Coll and Rangi Raukawa

Kauri House Captains:

Olivia Kendall, Jesse Wallace, Sacha Tunnicliffe, Ryan Hassall, Hunter Shaw, Emma Phillips, Imogen Williams and Max Tunnicliffe

Peer Support Leaders:

Grace Aldworth-McLean, Naomi Anduze-Firoa, Nakisha Blackburn, Matthew Blundell, Hunter Connett, Harmony Day, Blake Hassall, Ethan Hau, Zakiah Henderson, John Joshua, Olivia Kendall, Tegan Marychurch, Nikola Matich, Indiana Panoho, Angel Rogers, Liam Sanford, Tiakina Toufonua and Charlotte Warbrooke

Student Ambassadors:

Year 7: Miah Fraser and Brayden Johnson
Year 8: Tyla Griggs and Jacob Johnson
Year 9: Shakira Harrison and Raniera Parker
Year 10: Piper Sterling and Baylin Connett
Year 11: Jordan Lukis and Reuben Eve-Rumsey
Year 12: Cameron Mitchell and Courtney Butt

Librarians:

Reuebn Eve-Rumsey, Carla Fraser, Phoenix Gilligan, Shannon Cutts, Margaret Rawaho, Molly Dawson, Levi Burns, Koaria Bristow, Miah Fraser, Skylia Grieve, Olivia Partridge, Harry Lord, Matthew Watkins and Felix Glass

Technicians:

Cameron Mitchell, Joshua King, Seth Eve-Rumsey, Rangi Raukawa and Felix Glass

Events Committee:

Lucas Hassall, Tahlia Johnson and Carla Fraser

Student Artwork

Artwork produced by Year 13 student Matthew Blundell, currently studying painting and space.



COMMUNITY

Ruawai College PTA

Lots of fun and a great way to meet people! The PTA is a group of volunteers / whanau that work to support our children and the school. The two main objectives of the PTA is to fundraise to buy extra resources for our children and help run school events.

Everyone is invited to be part of the PTA, we welcome new ideas and a will do / can do attitude!

We hold one meeting a year (February) to reconnect and make new connections. Thereafter the communication for the rest of the year is via phone, text or email.

The main fundraising activities for the year include Swimming Sports and Athletics Day, along with the important school events such as the school ball, Leavers Dinner and Senior and Junior Prizegiving.

Most recently, the PTA has purchased activity boxes for the 9 LA groups (boxes including board games, cards etc.), a number of gazebos providing shelter and shade and a wireless microphone which is fantastic for our Interhouse competitions.

If you are interested in joining the PTA, please contact Renae on 021 0824 8085 or the school office. All funds raised by the PTA go towards our students, so please offer a helping hand where you can!





COMMUNITY

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Board of Trustees Comment

At the first Ruawai College Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday 24 February 2020, I was elected as the Board Chairperson for 2020.

To hold this position is an honour and I feel privileged that this role has been bestowed on me by my fellow Trustees and community members. I will serve the role to the best of my ability and look forward to the many challenges it will bring.



For those who don't know me, this is my 7th year as a Parent Trustee for Ruawai College. I am married to Helene and we have 3 children; Laura 21, Sophie 19 and Matthew 17 years of age. They all attended Ruawai Kindergarten, Ruawai Primary and Ruawai College – with Matthew currently completing his last year. I am also very privileged and proud to be a member of the team at Kaipara Kumara Ltd in the role of Managing Director.

Mrs Alex Bickers, our previous Board Chairperson, held this role for the last 5 years. The Chairperson role is quite often a thankless and misunderstood role, but let me assure you that Alex is owed a huge thank you for her tireless efforts and support she has given this school and community. Alex is in her 13th year as a Parent Trustee, and later this year plans to leave this role to dedicate her time to other interests.

The Board would also like to wish Board Secretary and Principal's Personal Assistant Hazel Hornell all the best while she is on maternity leave. Tyla O'Sullivan will be covering for Hazel until she returns.

I look forward to 2020 and the future for Ruawai College.

- Anthony Blundell, Board Chairperson

Board of Trustees Members

Chairperson: Anthony Blundell

Principal: Raeleen Harrē

Staff Trustee: Kimberley Rope

Parent Trustees: Alex Bickers

Jo Forsythe

Paul Rawaho

Aleida Spoelstra

Student Trustee: Harmony Day

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

- Tuesday 24 March
- Tuesday 26 May
- Tuesday 30 June
- Tuesday 25 August
- Tuesday 22 September
- Tuesday 3 November
- Tuesday 8 December

How Can I Help My Child?

Here are some ideas which I hope you will find helpful and useful in working towards the common goal of our students achieving success.

To overcome distractions, you can't depend on willpower. Few of us have the willpower necessary to fight off all the distractions that surround us in this digital era/ Here are some ways to eliminate distractions before they become distractions:

- Turn off notifications on your phone / tablet
- Delete all the apps that distract you
- Put your phone / tablet in another room before you start work
- Set a really, really long password to unlock your phone / tablet
- Restrict your Internet access
- Have only one tab open in your browser at any time
- Find an accountability partner as you make these changes
- Regular exercise helps you to remember information better, enhances your concentration and makes you more creative.

Kaipara District Council – Planning Event

Kaipara District Council is hosting a community engagement event on Wednesday 18 March, 3:00pm – 5:00pm at Ruawai College.

The purpose of this event is to ensure the aspirations and needs of our communities are appropriately planned for. This event is geared towards adult members of our community.

The current District Plan is being reviewed and needs to be improved so it is relevant for the future sustainability of the district and meets the needs of our community.

This engagement event will ask participants to think about how they want our district to look in 10... 20... 30 years' time and what the needs of our future generations might be.

If this sounds of interest to you, come down to the College and share your views with representatives from the Kaipara District Council.

Any queries, please contact Virginia either via email vsmith@kaipara.govt.nz or phone 021 438 122.



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Ruawai College Strategic Plan

On the following page, please find Ruawai College's current Strategic Plan for 2020 – 2022.

This document outlines the specific goals we are working towards as a school and the timeline in which we plan to achieve them.



Mission: To inspire students to be lifelong learners – to be respectful, to be resilient and to be responsible global citizens

Strategic Plan 2020 - 2022

Vision: We value excellence and success, we value community and we value service to others.



	2020	2021	2022
Strategic Goal 1: The Ruawai College Way	<p>Staff and Student Well Being</p> <p>Develop collaborative community relationships with whanau, hapu, iwi and local connections</p> <p>Establish a graduate profile that reflects the Ruawai College Way incorporating our college culture and values</p>	<p>Staff and Student Well Being</p> <p>Consolidate collaborative community relationships with whanau, hapu, iwi and local connections</p> <p>Promoting and refining the graduate profile</p>	<p>Staff and Student Well Being</p> <p>Whanau, hapu, iwi an integral part of our school</p> <p>A graduate profile is embedded and reflects the Ruawai College Way</p>
Strategic Goal 2: Culturally Responsive and Relational Pedagogy	<p>Student engagement strategies promoted</p> <p>Consistent procedures around classroom management and application of PB4L</p> <p>Support staff to develop culturally responsive and relational pedagogy</p> <p>Initiate a reading culture school wide</p> <p>Community consultation on the curriculum content focus</p> <p>Some cross curricular work at Junior level around localised curriculum</p> <p>NCEA changes</p>	<p>Student engagement strategies developed</p> <p>Consistent procedures implemented around classroom management and some staff have undergone PB4L PD</p> <p>Culturally responsive and relational pedagogy is being implemented</p> <p>Enhancing and valuing the reading culture school wide</p> <p>Integrate community consultation into the curriculum</p> <p>Increased cross curricular work at Junior levels</p> <p>NCEA changes</p>	<p>Student engagement strategies embedded</p> <p>Systems established around classroom management and all staff have undergone PB4L PD</p> <p>Culturally responsive and relational pedagogy is established</p> <p>Reading is valued at Ruawai College</p> <p>Localised curriculum embedded into the college curriculum</p> <p>All Junior levels involved in cross curricular work</p> <p>NCEA changes</p>
Strategic Goal 3: Curriculum			