



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

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COLLEGE
Respect
Resilience
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PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

Term 2 Week 12
Friday 3 July

Upcoming Dates

Friday 3 July 2020
End of Term 2

Monday 20 July 2020
Start of Term 3

Wednesday 22 July 2020
Year 7 Boostrix Immunisations
Triangular Sports Tournament

Thursday 23 July 2020
Level 1 Geography Trip

Monday 27 July 2020
Subjection Selection Evening
National Math Week

Tuesday 28 July 2020
Year 9 & 10 Get to Go Challenge

Thursday 30 July 2020
Badminton Open, Year 9 – 13

Sunday 2 August 2020
Students leave for OPC

Thursday 6 August 2020
Year 7 & 8 Science Fair Display

Friday 7 August 2020
Year 7 & 8 Science Fair Display

Monday 10 August 2020
Arts and Cultural Week

Friday 14 August 2020
Ruawai's Got Talent

Tuesday 25 August 2020
Board of Trustees Meeting



COVID-19

Congratulations to the Ruawai College community – students, staff and whanau for the gigantic effort that you made across lockdown, and especially in your response to a new way of learning.

It is absolutely wonderful to have our rangatahi and staff back at school. I very much appreciate your role as parents / caregivers in supporting our young people to get back to normal and re-establish routines of learning and behavior that were so different during lockdown.

Good cleaning routines continue to be in place. People who are sick are staying at home and we also continue to encourage good hygiene practices from all those that are onsite each day. We are supporting contact tracing by displaying the QR code poster at our school office entrance. If you have not already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app, the Ministry of Health's website has information to help you do so.

We have been gathering feedback from staff, students and parents to identify the lessons we can learn from our lockdown experience. If you have not yet answered the parent survey we emailed out, we would appreciate you completing this now.

We can now look forward to interschool and community sport, cultural events and performances and welcoming our school community onsite for these activities. Staff have also started to plan for the return of fieldtrips and other excursions. Last week, Level 2 Geography travelled down to Tongariro National Park and Northern Wairoa Netball Centre netball competition has started in Dargaville.



Farewells & Welcome

We bid farewell to Jenny Joynt (*pictured left*) who has resigned from her position as Head of Learning English. We thank Jenny for the many lives she has influenced and supported, and we appreciate the time, energy and effort she has made for our young people. We wish you well and safe travels in your tiki tour around the country. The students had the opportunity to farewell Jenny at our whole school assembly on Wednesday and a staff farewell was held last Thursday afternoon. You can read Jenny's farewell further on in this newsletter.

We welcome Nadine Moore to Ruawai College who is our new Head of Learning English.

Our Assistant Principal Tui Raeli is also departing on Friday 14 August 2020. Tui is part of the new coaching line up for Northland Rugby as the Mitre 10 Campaign gets underway.

Thank you Tui for your contributions over the past 18 months to Ruawai College which has been very much appreciated. We wish you every success in following the passion that you have for rugby and coaching.

You can find Tui's Northland Coach Profile in the [Northern Advocate](#), 30 June 2020.

SCHOOL VALUE FOCUS FOR TERM 3: RESPONSIBILITY

Duty – Accountability – Reliability – Dependable – Obligation

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

FAREWELL RUAWAI COLLEGE!

Hello staff, students and the Ruawai College community. It's time for me to say my farewells to you though I have no doubt I shall see you all when I come relief teaching or around the village. I want to share with you my parting thoughts of our school.

Ruawai is a great place and this is a great school. Enjoy it while you are here. Some of you criticize it because you are so familiar with it, that you forget to appreciate what you have – and I do speak from experience.

Places... I was born and raised in Te Atatu North, a suburb of Auckland, but really just another village connected to other villages by houses. After leaving home I lived in Massey, Henderson, Mt Albert, Mt Eden, Ponsonby, Herne Bay, Mangere Bridge and Balmoral.

I've lived in Huntly, Dargaville and Ruawai and travelled New Zealand, sometimes just visiting family and friends, sometimes just to experience a new place.

I've travelled outside New Zealand, twice on cruise ships to the islands, across the USA by train for 6 weeks on my own, in a Contiki bus around Europe for 8 weeks, in a car around Britain for 4 weeks with strangers and 7 months nannying and travelling around England. I have shifted house over 35 times and travelled to many other places for short periods of time. In all those places I've lived and travelled I have met good people and had a group of friends.

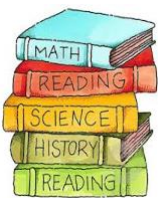
That's what makes a place special and memorable, the people you meet and the friends you make.

Some are friends for a short time and some are lifelong friends. Two of my closest friends are from school, one from Year 1 and one from Year 9. Other close friends I met here in Ruawai, such as my husband Malcolm. I didn't know when I met these people that they would become such a vital part of my life.

My advice to you is to get to know the people around you, **in this place right now**. How many of your classmates do you know? How well do you know them? More than their name, where they live, the facts of their lives? What have you shared with them? Do you know what makes them laugh? Or cry? What motivates them? What will your memories of each other be? **And how will they remember you?** The greatest gift people can exchange is friendship. That means being a kind, genuine person that a friend can trust.

And that is why Ruawai and our college are great places, special places. We may move on to other places but **right here and now**, THIS is a great place. I've found it full of **friends**, both staff and students. I may not instantly recall every name or every face, but I will always remember the warmth and kindness, the friendships, I have found in this place.

- Jenny Joynt, Retiring Head of Learning English



CURRICULUM

Project Pest Control

On Thursday 18 and Friday 19 June, 4 students from Ruawai College visited the Matariki Forest to participate in Project Pest Control.

During this course we learnt about the different pests in the forest and their impact on our native trees and animals.



During the theory rotation, we learnt how to machine pluck, skin and trap possums. This course helped us learn the best methods of control which enable us to save the native trees and animals.

This was a really good course and I would highly recommend it to anyone who wants to follow an environmental related career path.

- Sacha Tunnicliffe, Year 12 Ag Hort Student

2020 Health Programmes

For Health education with the New Zealand Curriculum it is expected that schools will consult with their communities when developing health and sexuality education programmes at least once every two years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents and community members who completed the online survey about the Health Programmes we currently teach at Ruawai College. It is reassuring that we are on the right track and with small changes

to our programme can accommodate the suggestions made.

The New Zealand Curriculum states that the focus of health is on the wellbeing 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
- 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 and outdoor education.

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

Year 7 – Term 3

Anger: Learning different ways of dealing with anger and approaching conflict and feelings in a constructive way. Coping skills and how to deal with issues in a positive way.

Year 8 – Term 3

My Body & Puberty: Identifying different aspects that affect males and females during puberty and who may help us cope with these changes. Gaining a better understanding of the parts of the body.

Year 9 – Term 3

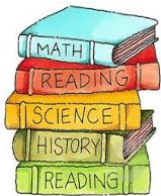
Bullying: Identifying types of bullying, characteristics of a bully, asking for help, dealing with bullying as a bystander and strategies to manage bullying.

Year 10 – Term 3

Whanaungatanga / Friendship: Exploring friendship and how to achieve positive outcomes. Building trust with interpersonal relationships. The importance of having a positive wellbeing and where to go for support if needed.

If you would like to comment or make suggestions in relation to the health programme, please contact me through the school office – 09 439 2216.

- Kay Smith, Head of Learning Physical Education & Health



CURRICULUM

Continued...

Level 2 Geography Tongariro Trip

On Monday 22 June, the Year 12 Geography class went to the Tongariro Volcanic Centre for 3 nights to conduct field research on the types of

vegetation that grows on the western and eastern side of Mt Ruapehu, documenting how the climate and volcanic activity affects plant growth.

As a class we were lucky to have great weather so we weren't too cold and could see the mountains clearly.

Our first site on the western side had large Beech trees and a lot of vegetation growth. At our second site on the eastern side, there were only small shrubs and dry soil. You can see the comparison of the two sites below.



As a class we completed the first part of the world renowned hike, the Tongariro Crossing. We enjoyed the hike itself and views of the volcanic environment.

We had a relaxing swim at the Tokaanu Thermal Pools and a great stay at the Piper's Lodge accommodation where we ate good, hearty meals where there was plenty to eat (Mikaere ate 6 pieces of fish!)

- Keanu Townsend, Year 12 Geography Teacher



"We noticed that there were no trees on the eastern side due to the volcanic eruptions. The prevailing westerly winds carry the ash to the east, covering the land where only hardy plants can survive like tussocks and moss.

It also receives high wind, not much rainfall therefore the soil was hard and dry.

The trip overall was a cool time with my classmates."

- Jesse Wallace, Year 12 Student

"We saw when we drove through the desert road all the different layers of ash from when the volcanoes erupted. At one site we saw the ash from around 9 eruptions from the past."

- Joshua King, Year 12 Student

"While up Mt. Ruapehu, it was my first time seeing snow which was nice. We went to Tawhai Falls to complete our main research purpose, the temperature was nice and it wasn't too cold. We visited the volcanic centre in Turangi and learnt about the volcanoes and earthquakes in the area and answered questions within our camp workbooks.

Overall, it was fun!

- Krixy Maroto, Year 12 Student

"We went on a 10km hike, the start of the Tongariro Crossing, where thousands of people walk each year. We walked through the Mangatepopo Valley which was an old glacier carved out around the valley around 100,000 years ago.

We also got to see a clear view of the active volcanoes Ngauruhoe and Tongariro.

Thank you to Mr Townsend and Mrs Steele for taking us on this awesome trip.

- Makana Rawaho, Year 12 Student

Subject Selection Evening

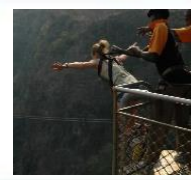
Monday 27 July 2020
5:00pm – 6:30pm

Kia ora,

On **Monday 27 July, 5:00pm – 6:30pm** Ruawai College will be hosting our Subject Selection Evening for Year 10 – 12 students and whanau.

This evening will showcase the opportunities in the various subjects offered here at Ruawai College, and the content covered in these Senior classes. If you are thinking of enrolling your child at our school, or your child is currently a Junior student at Ruawai College, this evening will be most helpful!

Meet the Teacher



Welcome

My name is Nadine Moore and I live at Paparoa with my husband and 2 young boys. We have bull beef family farms at Pouto and Paparoa. I am looking forward to taking up my new position at Ruawai College as the Head of Learning for English. English is full of wonderful stories and the skills mastered in this subject are essential to many areas in our lives. I endeavour to make a difference to your child's future and help them flourish and reach their full potential. My focus will be on students becoming critical thinkers, effective communicators and have the confidence to challenge themselves to take risks and to be life-long learners. My vision for our English department is for our students and staff to live in a high performing learning area where all are able to achieve their very best!

About Me

I grew up in the very Far North of NZ on a sheep and beef station and on Oneriri Station in the Kaipara. I attended Rodney College and on completing university in Auckland, I immigrated to Queensland, Australia. For the next 10 years I lived and taught at schools in Outback Queensland; alongside long days mustering cattle, wrangling wild bulls, breeding stock horses and representing QLD in the sport of polocrosse. During this time, I got married and started my family and in 2017, my husband and I moved back to NZ. We are very much involved in the sport of polocrosse, both representing NZ in Open teams nationally and overseas. We love living in the Kaipara region with its fishing and hunting and access to the remote lifestyle we are both familiar with. Can't wait to see you around in our big West Coast playground!

Fear: Mice (don't get any ideas! 😊)

Sport: Polocrosse

Hobby: Self-development

Pastimes: Eating out with friends

Food: Cauliflower (nana's white sauce)

Travel: Zimbabwe

Place to visit: Pouto Point

First song I sang on stage: Jolene

Greatest experience: Living in Outback Australia for 10 years

My Favorites

Craziest thing I have done: Bungy jump off a bridge, 150m over the Zambezi River

Funniest thing (not): Yet to be husband snapped leg bull catching, one week before our wedding

Strangest thing I've done: Having my own bodyguards while singing at the diamond fashion house in Hong Kong

Contact Me

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or queries about your child and their learning. Email: nmoore@ruawaicollege.school.nz
Google Site: <https://sites.google.com/ruawaicollege.school.nz/ruawaicollegenmooreenglish/>
Each Year level from Year 10 – 13 has their own website for assessment tasks, updates, resources. CHECK IT OUT!



SPORTING NEWS

Cross Country Champions 2020

Congratulations to the following Cross Country Champions for 2020:

Sub Juniors

- 1st Place: Matthew Watkins | Miah Fraser
- 2nd Place: Ezra Scott | Moala Gilmour
- 3rd Place: Marcus Williams | Tyla Griggs

Juniors

- 1st Place: Ben Watkins | Carla Fraser
- 2nd Place: Hunter Shaw | Kayla Llewellyn-Huriwaka
- 3rd Place: Hunter Haslam | Shakira Harrison

Intermediates

- 1st Place: Baylin Connett | Monique Wrathall
- 2nd Place: Luke Crighton | Emma Philips
- 3rd Place: Jaydon Connett | Phoebe Woods

Seniors

- 1st Place: Hunter Connett | Indiana Panoho & Tegan Marychurch
- 2nd Place: Cameron Mitchell | Grace Aldworth-McLean
- 3rd Place: Blake Hassall

6km Senior Girl

- 1st Place: Jahnae Llewellyn-Huriwaka



1st Place:
Kauri House



2nd Place:
Rimu House



3rd Place:
Totara House



1st Place:
Rimu House



2nd Place:
Totara House



3rd Place:
Kauri House

Year 7 & 8 Champions:
Most Improved:

Moala Gilmour | JZ Llewellyn
Margaret Rawaho | Braydon Johnson

Year 9 & 10 Champions:
Most Improved:

Kayla Llewellyn-Huriwaka | Mokoia Llewellyn
Te Arani Tana | Raniera Parker

Senior Champions:
Most Improved:

Tyla Llewellyn-Huriwaka | Jesse Wallace
Klaire Estore | Hunter Connett
(Senior Champions pictured above)

Interhouse Badminton Champions 2020

Congratulations to the following Interhouse Badminton Champions for 2020:



Senior Netball

Senior netball has begun for the 2020 season, with Northern Wairoa Netball Centre Senior Grading taking place earlier this week. Our two Ruawai College teams have been training after school during the last few weeks to prepare for the competition post COVID-19. Congratulations to both Senior A and Junior A for their wins during Grading round.



Results, draws and other information regarding the Northern Wairoa Netball season can be found via the Facebook page and website.
<https://www.facebook.com/nwnetball/>
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/nwnetball>





STUDENT VOICE

Pink Shirt Mufti Day

Not long after returning back for onsite learning, students held a Pink Shirt Mufti Day on Friday 22 May to support the "Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying" campaign run

by the Mental Health Foundation, a cause our students support every year. A total of \$136.90 was raised and donated to the foundation.



The cool thing about Blue Light is that their goals are to reduce the incidence of young people becoming an offender or victim of crime and encourage better relations between the Police, young people, their parents and the community which is exactly what our Prefect team are trying to achieve.



Blackout Tuesday related directly to our school values as we have to respect others and be responsible for how we act in our own communities.

The Prefect team extend a big thank you to all students and staff for dressing in black clothing and supporting the cause – racism is never okay!



On Wednesday 24 June, the Prefect team invited Northland Senior Constable William Paki to our whole school assembly where they presented him with a cheque of \$211.30.

Senior Constable Paki thanked students on behalf of the Blue Light Charity and spoke to the students about how important it is to look out for each other in our community and how the efforts of those people who live in Ruawai continue to make this a safe, enjoyable place to live.



Anti-Racism Mufti Day

Thursday 11 June was Blackout Thursday at Ruawai College, a call for greater awareness about racism.

Our students strive to build a stronger relationship with Police in our community to make us feel safe, therefore the money raised from Blackout Thursday was donated towards the Blue Light Charity.

Blue Light is a registered charity that works in partnership with Police to deliver a range of youth programmes and activities.



COMMUNITY

Board of Trustees Comment

Tena koe,

I am sure you will agree that it has been fantastic to see our young people back at Ruawai College where they belong!

Throughout COVID-19 pandemic stages, I have been in frequent communication with our Principal Mrs Raeleen Harré, basically keeping in touch to ensure she was okay and that she had all the support required.

Throughout Levels 3 and 4, we kept in touch over the Zoom video calling platform, which worked great and was significantly better than phone calling.



With the many challenges associated with COVID-19, Raeleen has worked tirelessly and to such a high level ensuring the school maintained engagement with our young people who were at home. Raeleen always puts our young people first and they are always at the heart of every decision she makes as the leaders of this school. Throughout our conversations she constantly passed on to me her praise for the wonderful staff at Ruawai College. A couple of key comments about the staff included:

"They have embraced everything thrown at them and always followed up with actions to the highest level and with great effort."

"They are doing fantastic stuff with the students!"

I know that as both a Board Trustee and a parent, you see this first hand at our school. Right through from Principal, Senior Leaders, Teachers, Teacher Aides and Support Staff, their dedication and commitment to Ruawai College is a real blessing for our school community.

On behalf of our community I would like to pass on our appreciation and a huge thank you for their effort over what has been trying times for us all.

Nga mihi,

- Anthony Blundell, Board Chairperson

Next Board of Trustees Meeting:

Tuesday 25 August 2020, 6:00pm in the school library

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ RUAWAI COLLEGE

School Korowai

During lockdown, like many whanau I was struggling to detach from technology and finding something to do with the limited resources I had at home. I decided to create a korowai (cloak) for the school to show the appreciation that I had for the staff and whanau that have made my time at the kura so enjoyable.

Tāniko is a uniquely Maori variation of whatu (twining) and was used to weave the colourful, intricate borders of the cloaks. In cloak making, tāniko was used only for borders since the weave is too stiff to suit entire garments. Tāniko is also used to make pari (bodices), tipare (head bands), tapeka (sashes), tātua (belts) and taonga whakapaipai (jewellery).

I started the korowai with tāniko designs that usually expresses histories, ideas and values important to Te Ao Maori (The Maori World). Using the pattern aronui which are triangular, the design refers to the pursuit of knowledge about the natural world, which I thought was fitting for a kura korowai.



The lower half has a range of feathers gathered from many different birds. I was fortunate enough to have received a gift of feathers from Yvette Morfett and her duck hunting whanau. These were used along with feathers from my mother's chickens. When we moved to Level 3 I was able to buy feathers online which made the process a little easier as the traditional form of weaving feathers can take up to 200 man hours for a short korowai. These were purchased readymade and already dyed so I was able to incorporate the school colours in both the tāniko and feathers.

The korowai was blessed, then gifted to the kura on our return to school in Level 2. This is a thank you to the Board of Trustees, staff, tamariki and Senior Leadership Team of Ruawai College, of whom all are represented in this korowai. Those that wear the korowai will have the warmth of those mentioned wrapped around them.

"Ahakoa he iti he pounamu"

"Even though it is small, it is a treasure"

- Robyn Aloua, Teacher



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ RUAWAI COLLEGE

Continued...

Year 13 Break Out Space

The new, exciting Break Out Space area for Year 13's is almost complete! Situated behind the Hospitality and Art classrooms, finishing touches for the space are due to be done this term holidays, ready for the Year 13's to move in. A new kitchen, bright orange and grey Autex walls and a heat pump make for a fantastic space for our most Senior students.



Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Thank you to the parents / caregivers who attended Parent Student Teacher Interviews on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 June – a great display of whanau support for our students.

Bring Your Own Device

STUDENTS

Please bring your device (and charger) to school, fully charged, every day!

Year 7 – 13 BYOD Specifications

Laptop / notebook (with keyboard and full operating system, 10 – 15" screen)

Chromebook (Running Chrome OS)

Minimum specifications:

- Wi-Fi capability
- A processing capacity that enables creation and manipulation of text and data
- A 10" (diagonal) screen (minimum)
- A keyboard
- Battery life 6+ hours
- Lightweight and portable
- Durable

Year 9
CAMP

Will be going ahead this year.
Forms will be coming out early next term.

THE OSCARS

RUAWAI COLLEGE BALL
FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2020
DOORS OPEN AT 8PM & CLOSE AT 8:30PM
FINISHES AT MIDNIGHT

\$65