



# RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

**Ruawai**  
COLLEGE  
Respect  
Resilience  
Responsibility

Term 4 Week 6  
Thursday 19 Nov

Upcoming Dates

**TEACHER ONLY DAY**

**FRIDAY 27  
NOVEMBER**

**NO SCHOOL FOR  
ALL STUDENTS!**

**Friday 20 November**

Year 7 & 8 Touch  
Ruawai Primary School Athletics Day

**Tuesday 24 November**

Year 9 Camp  
Year 7 & 8 Water Safety Session

**Wednesday 25 November**

Year 9 Camp  
Year 7 & 8 Water Safety Session

**Thursday 26 November**

Year 9 Camp

**Friday 27 November**

Year 9 Camp  
NCEA Teacher Only Day – No school!

**Tuesday 1 – Friday 4 November**

Junior Activities Week

**Wednesday 9 December**

Junior Prizegiving  
Last Day of Term 4

**Friday 11 December**

Ruawai Primary School Prizegiving

## PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

### Social Media & Technology

Social media is a digital tool that allows users to quickly create and share content with the public. For us here at school, a cell phone is the most used digital tool by our students alongside the many popular social media apps that go along with it such as Facebook, You Tube, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, Tik Tok and many others. Although popular, cyberbullying (bullying using digital technology) can often be the consequence of the misuse of social media. Too often the school is caught in the middle of student / whanau social media communications where we are being increasingly asked to 'sort it out'.

The easiest and quickest way to avoid any form of cyberbullying for example is too simply **NOT ENGAGE** with it. As soon as you receive a message which is harmful, inappropriate, hurtful – turn your social media app off and do not respond. Reporting damaging content to the police or Netsafe are also a few options.

There is a discussion to be held around whether cell phones are a necessity in schools when the majority of students now have a device (Chromebook / laptop) at school and a return to a simpler time when messages were relayed to the office.

The misuse of cell phones at school by some students and the time that it takes away from teaching and learning is growing.

Do we need to bring our cell phones to school? Most of our students come to school by car or on the bus.

What are the benefits of less cell phone use at school? Less distractions, more meaningful social interactions as students must communicate with each other instead of via messages, possibly less text bullying perhaps. It is timely to reflect and think about cell phones at school. Please continue to speak to your child / children around the use of their cell phone.

### NCEA Examinations

Extra support is available throughout the study / examination period for students to connect with their teachers for the last valuable pieces of knowledge for externals and completing internals.

### Senior Prizegiving

A wonderful occasion where our senior students shone in recognition of their hard work, commitment, and effort.

Thank you, whanau, supporters, and friends, for sharing this special celebration with us.

The pinnacle of senior prizegiving is Dux, awarded to our highest academic achiever. This year it was a pleasure to present this award to our Head Girl, Tegan Marychurch (*pictured left*).

A list of special prizewinners can be found in this newsletter, on Facebook and our school website.

We bid farewell to those students and whanau where this is your last year at Ruawai College. We thank you most sincerely for your many, many years of service, commitment, support, and faith in our school. Wherever you go, you will always be a part of the Ruawai College family.



- Raeleen Harré, Principal

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

# SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2020

For a full list of prize winners, please visit our school's Facebook or website.



**Jahnae Llewel-Huriwaka**

Raewyn Murphy Memorial Trophy for Best All Round Year 11 – 13 Female Athlete



**Jesse Wallace**

Lee Joynt Memorial Trophy for Best All Round Year 11 – 13 Male Athlete



**Angel Lee Rogers – Totara House Captain**

House Shield & Business House Trophy for Interhouse Competition



**Phoebe Wood**  
Year 12 Dux



**Joshua King, Jesse Wallace, Sacha Tunnicliffe and Phoebe Wood**  
Deputy Head Boy, Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl 2021



**Indiana Panoho**

Tairua Motuhake Taonga  
*Awarded to a student of Māori descent for Academic and Sporting Achievement*



**Tegan Marychurch**

Clarke Pukumahi Taonga  
*Awarded to a student of Māori descent for Academic Achievement*



**Matthew Blundell**

George Madden Trophy  
*Awarded to the boy who displays the Best All Round Attitude to School and Education*

# SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2020

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**Jahnae Llewel-Huriwaka**  
Women's Division of the Federated  
Farmers Trophy



**Aaron Philips**  
Kaipara District Council  
Environmental Award



**Indiana Panoho & Tegan  
Marychurch**  
Senior Science Award



**Joshua King**  
Senior Social Science Award for  
History and Geography



**Blake Hassall**  
The Endeavour Trophy



**Mikaere Barron**  
Fair Play Trophy for Sportsmanship



**Aaron Philips**  
Simpson Gardens Award for Effort in  
Instrumental Music



**Indiana Panoho**  
The Davis Trophy  
*Awarded to a student in Year 13 for  
Geographic Field Work*



**Matthew Blundell**  
History Research Award – The Scott  
Family Trophy

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**Micheal Dreadon**  
Kaipara Kumara Ltd  
Senior Student of the Year



**Indiana Panoho**  
Proxime Accessit



**Matthew Blundell & Tegan Marychurch**  
The Llewellyn Memorial Trophy

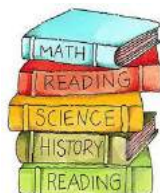


## RUAWAI COLLEGE JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

**WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2020**

**12:45PM**

**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND**



## CURRICULUM

### Level 1 Tree Climbing

On Tuesday 20 October, the Year 11 Physical Education students visited the Adventure Forest in Glenberrie, Whangarei to complete tree climbing courses for their Level 1 NCEA.

Courses included ziplines, tight ropes and other variations of obstacles.



It was a fun experience for the entire class where we learnt new skills and techniques while challenging our mental and physical abilities! We even had to do one of the courses blindfolded!  
- Year 11 Physical Education Class





# CURRICULUM

## NCEA Teacher Only Day

Friday 27 November 2020 is the Teacher Only Accord Day. Accord day is set aside to support the implementation of changes to NCEA, and wider strengthening of curriculum, progress and achievement practice.

Therefore, there is **no school on Friday 27 November 2020 for all Junior students**. Examinations scheduled for this Friday will still be going ahead and school buses will still be running. Please make alternative arrangements for your child / children on this day.



# SPORTING NEWS

## Year 7 & 8 Girls and Boys Volleyball

On Thursday 15 and Friday 16 October our Year 7 & 8 students travelled to Whangarei to

compete in the Northland Secondary Schools Volleyball tournaments. Both days were based around the development of budding volleyball players which was fantastic for our younger students.

The girls team won 2 games and drew 1, also coming Runner Up in a fun Tik Tok dance competition which they thoroughly enjoyed. The boys team came away with one win.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



## Ruawai College Top Form

On Wednesday 21 October we celebrated our final interhouse competition for the 2020 school year - Top Form.



Fun activities included basketball shoot, foam sponge pass, frisbee throw and mini tramp jumps. Students compete in their LA classes, all vying to be the best!

Congratulations to Totara House who were the winners of the event, followed by Rimu House then Kauri House.

- Kay Smith, Head of Learning Physical Education



# SWIMMING POOL NOTICE

Due to the challenges of COVID-19 around things such as changes to alert levels, monitoring social distancing, contact tracing, and the real possibility of water restrictions, the Ruawai College Swimming Pool will NOT be open this season.

Students will still be able to use the school pool during school hours for planned water activities.

Thank you for your understanding.



**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**  
Totara House



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**  
Rimu House



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**  
Kauri House



## SPORTING NEWS

### ASB Sports Award - Tasharna Keogh

On Wednesday 21 October we had a visit from Sport Northland's Regional Sports Director Robyn Richards to award Year 9 student Tasharna Keogh the ASB Sports Award for Cheerleading.



The aim of this award was to recognise the sporting achievements of students from Northland Secondary Schools, and an opportunity to showcase some amazing young people excelling in their sporting code. Tasharna competed in the cheerleading spring carnival, "United We Cheer" earlier this year. Tasharna won first place in both the Individual Level 4 division and the Duo Level 3 division.

A video of her solo performance can be found on our school's Facebook page.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator

Thank you to our official for the day, Jahnae Llewellyn-Huriwaka and parent volunteer Kyla Johnson in helping with transport and for her skill set in coaching and umpiring.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



### Year 9 & 10 Girls and Boys Badminton



A total of 19 Year 9 & 10 students travelled to Whangarei to compete in a badminton tournament on Thursday 29 October.

Students started with 4 individual games each, then paired up for 2 games of doubles.

There is a lot of hidden badminton talent here at Ruawai College as many of

the students progressed through the day undefeated! Throughout the course of the day you could tell our students' confidence had grown immensely which was awesome to see.

Thank you to Karen Pullar for volunteering to drive and supervise our students for this day out.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator

### Kaiwaka Sports Exchange

Thursday 22 October the majority of our Year 7 & 8 students attended the Kaiwaka Sports Exchange held at the Kaiwaka Sports Grounds.

Students participated in 4 codes: basketball, netball, rippa rugby and soccer, accompanied by coaches Raymonde Huriwaka, Tyla O'Sullivan, Keanu Townsend and Kirsty Batters.

It was a tough competition all round with surrounding schools all playing hard to take the title of Top School from Bream Bay College who won the exchange in 2019.

Bream Bay College was victorious again in 2020 but the effort of our students was fantastic.

We placed 1st in rippa rugby, 3rd in basketball and netball and 4th in soccer.

- Tyla O'Sullivan, Netball Coach



### Year 9 & 10 Girls Volleyball

On Wednesday 4 November we saw a van load of our Year 9 & 10 girls heading to Whangarei to compete in the Northland Secondary Schools volleyball tournament.

The girls were split into 2 teams, both having amazing results and forcing other talented teams to call regular strategizing time outs. Both teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their respective pools.

Thank you to Jenny Dallison for hosting after school trainings for the girls and coming along on the trip to officiate and coach. The students' success is a testament to your time and effort.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



### Fast 5 Netball

On Wednesday 28 October we had 20 students ranging from Year 7 – Year 10 attend the annual Fast 5 Netball Tournament in Whangarei.

Split into 4 teams with a mix of ages, our students played 4 games each throughout the day in some blistering hot weather!

Our teams played great, one of which finished the day undefeated, proving our little school is just as great as the bigger schools!

It was a fantastic day and a great opportunity to get out and participate in a sports tournament.



# SPORTING NEWS

## Year 9 & 10 Boys Volleyball

Following on from the Year 9 & 10 Girls Volleyball tournament earlier in the week, it was the Year 9 & 10 boys turn to complete. The boys, Jenny Dallison and I travelled back to Whangarei for a day of fierce competition.

Our students finished the day 4<sup>th</sup> equal with Whangarei Boys High School. The biggest asset on the day was our fantastic serving, with Hunter Shaw scoring an impressive 11 points in a row!

Thank you once again to Jenny Dallison for accompanying the students and I on this trip and providing your guidance and knowledge about volleyball.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



# STUDENT VOICE

## Kauri Museum Success

On the last day of Term 3, Year 10 students Danae Kitona and Emma Philips competed as finalists for the Kauri Museum Schools Poetry Awards 2020.

Both students performed beautifully – congratulations to Danae who was the overall winner in the Student 12 - 17 years category, and to Emma who received Highly Commended in the same category.



## Head Prefect Rotary Club Address

On Wednesday 14 October two of our Head Prefects Tegan Marychurch and Matthew Blundell attended a luncheon at the Dargaville Rotary Club in Dargaville, accompanied by our Senior Dean Jenny Dallison.

Tegan and Matthew spoke eloquently about their year in the top job, their highlights and challenges and their aspirations for the future.

Thank you to the Dargaville Rotary Club for the invitation.



## Ruawai College Ball - The Oscars



On Friday 16 October Ruawai College seniors celebrated at the "Oscars".

Due to the uncertainty with COVID-19 it was fantastic that we as a school could come together and celebrate our annual ball - a well-deserved experience for our resilient students.

Our hall was decked out in deep reds and gold, living up to the luxurious theme.

There was a great turn out of senior students and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Thank you to our staff and parent volunteer helpers on the night, as well as our awesome Year 10 wait staff.

A big thank you especially to our Deputy Principal Mrs Manmeet Sandhu and our student leaders who did the heavy lifting in terms of the organisation of the event.

Congratulations to the following students:

### Beau and Belle

(Year 11)

Laine Hickey and Monique

Wrathall

(pictured top)



### Prince and Princess

(Year 12) Jesse Wallace and

Phoebe Wood

(pictured middle)



### King and Queen

(Year 13)

Blake Hassall and Tegan

Marychurch

(pictured bottom)

All Ruawai College Ball photos can be found via the Cactus Photography New Zealand website, using the code "rc20ball".



## COMMUNITY

### NDHB Dental Appointments

Reminder to those in the community, to book a dental appointment for your child / children,

please call 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384).

### Board Chairperson Comment



The Board Members of Ruawai College comprise of the following; four elected parent members, one elected staff member, one elected student member and our Principal. All members of the Board have equal voice, equal vote, equal accountability and equal standing.

Each member brings their own perspective and helps contribute to the positive dynamic of the Board, ensuring that any decisions made are in the best interests of all students at Ruawai College.

While elections are held every three years for parent and staff members, student members are elected each September with their term running for one year only.

With the term only being for one year, the role in governance of the school can be challenging for the students who need to adjust to the role quickly. There is however a lot of support that comes from other Board members along with training and professional development on offer from the NZ School Trustees Association.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jahnae Lewell-Huriwaka who was recently successful in the 2020/21 student member election.

Jahnae is in the swing of her new role, already having the November meeting under her belt. Jahnae's term will run to October 2021. We welcome Jahnae to the Board and we trust that she finds the experience rewarding and beneficial for her own personal development.

We would like to acknowledge the outgoing student member – Harmony Day. It has been great to have Harmony on the Board, albeit for one year.

Harmony has been a thoughtful contributor to the meetings and we have watched her confidence grow throughout the term. We know you will do well with whatever your future holds Harmony!

- Anthony Blundell, Board Chairperson

### Next Board Meeting

- Tuesday 8 December 2020, 6:00pm

## TERM DATES 2021

### TERM ONE

Tuesday 2 February – Friday 16 April

### TERM TWO

Monday 3 May – Friday 9 July

### TERM THREE

Monday 26 July – Friday 1 October

### TERM FOUR

Monday 18 October – Friday 10 December

## START OF YEAR DATES

### 2021

### Overview of Week 0: 25 – 29 January 2021

- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform

### Overview of Week 1: 1 – 5 February 2021

Monday 1 February 2021

- Auckland Anniversary Day (observed Public Holiday, school office closed)

Tuesday 2 February 2021

- Ruawai Primary School – First Day of Term 1
- School office open. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to Wi-Fi
- Year 13 Peer Support Training
- **All school buses will be running from this date onwards, including the Dargaville Bus Run**

Wednesday 3 February 2021

- School office open. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to Wi-Fi
- Senior Leadership Programme (Prefects and House Captains)

Thursday 4 February 2021

- School office open. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to Wi-Fi
- Senior Gateway First Aid Course (selected students)
- **Any Senior Course Selection changes are to be made with Senior Dean, Ms Jenny Dallison between 10:00am – 11:00am, Thursday 4 February 2021**

Friday 5 February 2021

- School office open. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to Wi-Fi
- **First day for Year 7 students and any new enrolments to Ruawai College.** Students please come in uniform and bring your PE uniform and swimming gear. Meet in the Hall with the Senior Dean, Ms Jenny Dallison and Junior Dean, Ms Kirsty Batters at 8:45am
- Peer Support Programme

### Overview of Week 2: 9 – 12 February 2021

Monday 8 February 2021

- **Waitangi Day (Public Holiday, no school)**

Tuesday 9 February 2021

- **All Year Levels return to school!** Powhiri at 8:45am, manuhiri please assemble in the carpark
- Reminder to students to please bring their devices, PE gear and stationery

Wednesday 10 February 2021

- Normal timetabled classes for all Year Levels for the remainder of the week