



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

Ruawai
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Respect
Resilience
Responsibility

Monday 14
December 2020

Upcoming Dates

**RUAWAI COLLEGE
WISHES YOU ALL A
HAPPY & SAFE
HOLIDAY BREAK!**



2021 TERM DATES

TERM ONE

Tuesday 2 February 2021 –
Friday 16 April 2021

TERM TWO

Monday 3 May 2021 –
Friday 9 July 2021

TERM THREE

Monday 26 July 2021 –
Friday 1 October 2021

TERM FOUR

Monday 18 October 2021 –
Friday 10 December 2021

CONFIRMED TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Thursday 20 May 2021
Tuesday 3 August 2021
Tuesday 30 November 2021

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

School Holiday Break

I would like to wish the Ruawai College school community a safe and happy Christmas and holiday period. I look forward to 2021 in the knowledge that, as a school and a community, we will continue to work together to provide our students an education that is supportive, caring, progressive and reflects our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

NCEA Examinations

The NCEA examinations have come to an end for the 2020 school year. We look forward in positive anticipation for good results in January 2021.

Staff Changes 2021

I am pleased to announce the appointment of our new Assistant Principal, Mr Jay Warren who will be joining us from the Whangarei area.

Mrs Deborah Steele, current Head of Learning Social Science, has reduced her hours as she pursues further study at Bible College. We are extremely happy that Deborah will continue her work in the Performing Arts area, overseeing the music itinerant programme and school productions. The new Head of Learning Social Sciences is Ms Amanda McMillan, joining us from the Whangarei area also.

Other appointments include Mr Keanu Townsend who has accepted a permanent teaching position at the school, Mr Peni Leao who has received a promotion from Assistant Head of Learning Science to Head of Learning Science and Mr Pieter Burger who will be teaching in the Social Sciences area for 2021. Our current Head of Learning English Mrs Nadine Moore is away on maternity leave for the 2021 school year.

Junior Prizegiving

On Wednesday 9 December we finished the year with our Junior Prizegiving. I would like to thank those of you who attended and supported this special event. Once again, we had the opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate a number of students for their consistently high academic achievement, excellence on the sports field, their cultural endeavours and service to others. A full list of prize winners can be found on our school website and Facebook page.

- Raeleen Harré, Principal

Year 7 Dux

Konrad Philips



Year 8 Dux

Imogen Williams



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

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING 2020

A full list of prize winners and further photos can be found on our school website and Facebook page.

Year 9 Dux
Lucas Hassall



Year 10 Dux
Emma Philips



Best All-Round Junior Athlete
Kayla Llewellyn-Huriwaka



Ruawai Community Sports Club Scholarship
Tasharna Keogh



Junior Speech Award (Lions Cup)
Ezra Scott



Year 10 Diploma - Achievement

Amber Baker, Rickardo Bradley, Erhyle Henderin, Danae Kitona, Makaylah Poka-Hall, Maxine Maroto, Ella Green and Eva-Jo Tautari

Year 10 Diploma - Merit

Baylin Connett, Aina Garcia, Jayda Marychurch and Caitlin King

Year 10 Diploma - Excellence

Carla Fraser, Tahlia Johnson, Piper Sterling and Emma Philips

Thank you to the following Junior and Senior Prizegiving sponsors for their generosity:



Jane Duckmanton

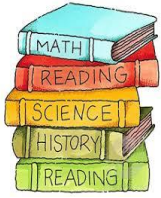
TokaToka Tavern - Absolutely Fab Bar & Café

Anthony Martinovich

The Lions Club of Ruawai

George & Jeanne Madden

Ruawai Community Sports Club



CURRICULUM

Year 9 Camp

On Tuesday 24 November, the Year 9 students, Ms Kirsty Batters, Mrs Kimberley Rope-Battcher, Mr Peni Leao, Mr Raymonde Huriwaka, Tyana Fenney and Matthew Blundell went on camp to Mangawhai for the annual camp.

Prior to their departure, students came up with group names and made their team flags here at school.



Once at camp, students were immersed in numerous activities over the four long, adventurous days such as the “Fluffy Bunny” marshmallow game, sand art challenges, swimming, merperson challenge, confidence courses, spotlight, surfing, paddle boarding, kayaking, charades and group skits.



All students happily participated throughout the duration of the camp and overall had a fantastic experience.

Thank you to the staff members and volunteers mentioned above for their supervision, cooking, assistance and leadership while on camp.

Year 9 Camp for 2021 is scheduled for March. Year 8 students should have received their letters outlining information on next year’s camp. Please contact the school office at the start of next year if you have not yet received this.



SPORTING NEWS

Year 7 & 8 Boys & Girls Badminton

On Thursday 18 November 20 of our Year 7 & 8 students attended the NSS Badminton team event at the Northland Badminton Centre in



Whangarei – and what a day it turned out to be!

Plenty of games for all and the students’ confidence grew immensely throughout the day.

Thank you to parent volunteer Diane Povey for assisting me on the day with driving and supervision, the trip would not have been possible without your support.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator

Year 7 & 8 Boys Touch

On Friday 20 November our Year 7 & 8 students attended the last Northland Secondary Schools sports event for the year.

The team came away with many awesome tries this day, set up by the likes of Bronson Wrathall, Brayden Johnson and Ezra Scott. Well done on your efforts boys, I hope to see you all on the field again next year.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



Ruawai College BYOD Specifications

Ruawai College believes that the use of devices in class will supplement and enhance the learning of our students. By being a BYOD school, we are promoting co-operative, inquiry-based learning and a partnership between home and school.

Year 7 – 13 BYOD Specifications

Either a:

- 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 inch (diagonal) screen (minimum)
- A keyboard
- Battery 6+ hours
- Lightweight and portable
- Durable



START OF YEAR DATES 2021

Overview of Week 0: 25th - 29th January 2021

Monday 25 January 2021

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

Tuesday 26 January 2021

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

Wednesday 27 January 2021

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

Thursday 28 January 2021

- Teacher Only Day
- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform

Friday 29 January 2021

- Teacher Only Day
- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform

Overview of Week 1: 1st - 5th 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, e.g. enrolments, uniform. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to school's 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, e.g. enrolments, uniform. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to school's Wi-Fi
- Senior Leadership Programme (Prefect Team and House Captains)

Thursday 4 February 2021

- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to school's 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, e.g. enrolments, uniform. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to school's Wi-Fi
- **First day of school for Year 7 students and any new Year 8's and Year 9's to Ruawai College. If you are a new enrolment to Ruawai College in Year 10, 11 or 12 – you are not required to attend this day.** Students please come in the correct school uniform and bring your PE uniform and swimming gear. Meet in the Hall with Senior Dean, Ms Jenny Dallison and Junior Dean, Ms Kirsty Batters at 8:45am
- Peer Support Programme (Year 7's, Year 13's and any new Year 8 and Year 9 enrolments to Ruawai College)

Overview of Week 2: 8th - 10th 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

2021 STATIONERY LISTS AND COURSE RELATED COSTS FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!