



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

Ruawai
COLLEGE
Respect
Resilience
Responsibility

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 1 Week 3
Thurs 18 Feb 2021

Upcoming Dates

COVID-19

**WE ARE CURRENTLY
AT ALERT LEVEL 1**

Friday 19 February

RC Swimming Sports, 9:00am
Last day to return school photo forms

Tuesday 23 February

RC Top Form, 1:30pm
RC Board Meeting, 6:00pm

Wednesday 24 February

RC School Photos

Thursday 25 February

NSS Swimming Sports

Friday 26 February

Level 1 PE Surf Trip
Senior Performing Arts Theatre Trip

Tuesday 2 March

Year 7 & 8 Epro8 Challenge

Wednesday 3 March

Senior Art Auckland Museum Trip

Thursday 4 March

Prefect Visit to Rodney College

Friday 5 March

RC Athletics Day, 9:00am

Thursday 11 March

NSS Athletics Day



**Ka nui te mihi kia koutou –
He hari tau hau kia koutou
Greetings and Happy New Year
to you all!**

The Ruawai College staff and Board hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and like us all, we

are looking forward to the fun-filled year of learning which lies ahead for our students.

The new year is an excellent opportunity to start fresh and put in place routines and habits to ensure our students are going to have the best chance of success. Key habits to establish from the outset are the following expectations / standards of all Ruawai College students:

- Students leave home in their correct school uniform,
- Students leave home on time for the bus or walk to school in a timely manner, school starts at 8:45am,
- Students attend school every day,
- Students complete their tasks / homework on time. A call back system operates at lunch times where students are given the opportunity to complete work, send an email or make a phone call if there are extenuating circumstances,
- Students have a place and a set time for doing homework at home,
- Senior students share their course outlines with parents / caregivers at home to manage the range of assessments across their subject areas,
- Physical Education is a key part of the curriculum and we expect all of our students to participate. Please reach out to your child's teacher if there is an issue.

If these routines are in place, students have a better chance at succeeding in school.

If there are any obstacles to these habits that we can help with, please contact your child's Learning Advisory teacher or Dean as the first point of call and let us work together to solve any difficulties.

We work hard at Ruawai College to inspire students be lifelong learners, to be respectful, to be resilient and to be responsible global citizens. A school is more than just a place to learn and apply knowledge but somewhere where a young person grows and begins to shape who they might become in future years.

Partnership with whanau is a key focus for us here at Ruawai College and we want to build even stronger connections with you during 2021. An example of this was on Thursday 28 January 2021, the first Teacher Only Day this year, staff were welcomed on to Naumai Marae to learn about the whakapapa / history of our area and make links and build stronger connections with iwi and whanau.

There will be many opportunities for you to all join us in school – information evenings, sports and cultural events, Parent-Student-Teacher conferences and plenty of other events which are regularly featured / advertised in the newsletter, Facebook, Skool Loop app and on the school website.

- Raeleen Harré, Principal

Keep in Touch!

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

COVID-19 NOTICE: MOVING TO ALERT LEVEL 1

Kia ora koutou,

It was great news to hear we are moving to Alert Level 1 so quickly. While new cases in the community are always disappointing to hear of, it is reassuring to see how quickly they have been identified. I am sure we are all grateful for the efforts of our health workers, scientists and technicians in this regard, and the thousands of people who have been tested.

As a community we need to avoid the complacency which can happen when we are at lower alert levels. Please do continue to scan QR codes and monitor closely for illness within your whānau. Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi and tamariki and we continue to be here to support you too.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's kaiako/the school if there is something you need assistance with.

Ngā mihi,

- Raeleen Harré, Principal



SCHOOL NOTICES

In this first couple of weeks of schooling our students will have received a huge amount of information relating to our school values, expectations of behaviour / dress and organizational details such as timetables and assemblies.

For several students, especially those new to the College this may have been daunting and overwhelming. Your attention to the information below will be extremely useful so you are able to support them where necessary to access the many opportunities available at the College.

Sickness / Injuries at School

The school office needs to be aware of any sick or injured students onsite. Students are to come to the office during Break 1 or 2 and the Office Administrator will phone home.

Teachers will send any sick or injured students to the school office during class times.

Students **are not** to phone home to be collected from school. All communication home is to be made from the school office. No student is to leave the school grounds without an Office Administrator first signing them out of school.

School Donations

The Ruawai College Board recently made the decision to join the "School Donations Scheme" from the start of 2021. The Government passed the Donation Bill offering Decile 1 – 7 schools the opportunity to receive \$150.00 per student to cover the costs of the parent contribution.

Please follow this [link](#) for an explanation of what the School Donation Scheme covers.

As we move forward, we will make it clear as to what component/s of the education experience are Government funded and which ones are optional extras that require your support for us to continue to bring the curriculum alive.

We thank you for your support and understanding as we move through this scheme.

Punctuality

Punctuality is an important life skill and one our students need to develop. Arriving late to lessons has a negative impact on a student's own learning and on the learning of others.

Latecomers often disrupt the class just as the teacher is trying to set the scene for the lesson.

Parents / caregivers please ensure that students arrive on time at the start of the day. Students should arrive no later than 8:45am for their first lesson.

Signing In / Out of School Grounds

It is important that we know where students are during the school day. Therefore, it is vital that if students leave the school grounds, they sign out at the school office. On their arrival back on school grounds, they are to sign in.

If students have medical or other appointments during the day, please phone in advance so office staff are aware.

RUAWAI COLLEGE STAFF

Welcome to the following staff members who are joining us here at Ruawai College in 2021:



Jay Warren
Assistant Principal



Amanda McMillan
HoL Social Sciences



Pieter Burger
Social Sciences Teacher



Kanwaljit Kaur
Mathematics Teacher

Our Guidance Counsellor Ms Justine Vallance has resigned as of January 2021 and we are advertising her position currently.

Deans

Our Deans team this year comprises of Jenny Dallison who looks after the Senior school (Year 10 – Year 13) and Kirsty Batters who looks after the Junior school (Year 7 – Year 9).

Please find a full Ruawai College staff list on page 3.

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Staff Member	Role	Contact Email
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Adelaide Rawaho	Cleaner	



CULTURAL

School Powhiri

He mihi tino nui nga whanau hou o te kura nei.

Thank you to all whanau and visitors who attended our annual school powhiri on Tuesday 9 February.



The purpose of this powhiri is to welcome all taura and their whanau back to school for the new year – our past students and staff as the tangata whenua, and our new staff, students, and their whanau as our manuhiri. Special thank you to Lynette Chapman, Robyn Aloua, Keanu Townsend and Peni Leao for their organisation of the day.



Teacher Only Day - Local Naumai Marae Visit



RUAWAI COLLEGE TERM DATES 2021

TERM ONE

Tuesday 2 February – Friday 16 April

TERM TWO

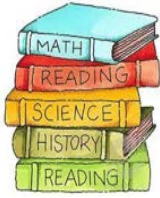
Monday 3 May – Friday 9 July

TERM THREE

Monday 26 July – Friday 1 October

TERM FOUR

Monday 18 October – Friday 10 December



CURRICULUM

Peer Support 2021

Peer support is a personal development programme for secondary students, its 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 2 February to lay the groundwork in delivering the Peer Support Programme at Ruawai College.



On Friday 5 February 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.

- Jenny Dallison, TiC Peer Support



2020 NCEA Preliminary Results

We congratulate all those students who were awarded with successful 2020 NCEA results. We are particularly proud given the COVID-19 challenges that were presented to them. Ruawai College would especially like to congratulate those students who gained subject and certificate endorsements. All NCEA results are deemed provisional until they are finalised later this term.

Students can access their 2020 results and Record of Achievement through their Learner Login on the NZQA website: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz>.

NCEA LEVEL 1 2020
MERIT SUBJECT ENDORSEMENTS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
 Logan Brindle Jacob Burton Ryan Hassall
 Laine Hickey Tyla Llewellyn-Huriwaka

VISUAL ART
 Toby Marshall

MATHEMATICS
 Reuben Eve-Rumsey

NCEA LEVEL 2 2020
MERIT SUBJECT ENDORSEMENTS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
 Jesse Wallace Phoebe Wood

VISUAL ART
 Courtney Butt

NCEA LEVEL 3 2020
MERIT SUBJECT ENDORSEMENTS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
 Blake Hassall Liam Sanford
 Tegan Marychurch Indiana Panoho

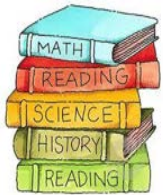
VISUAL ART
 Nikola Matich Harmony Day

MATHEMATICS
 Matthew Blundell

NCEA LEVEL 1 2020
EXCELLENCE SUBJECT ENDORSEMENTS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
 Jordan Lukis Monique Wrathall

NCEA LEVEL 3 2020
MERIT CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENTS
 Indiana Panoho Nikola Matich Blake Hassall

NCEA LEVEL 3 2020
EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT
 Tegan Marychurch



CURRICULUM

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Senior First Aid Gateway Course

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 Thursday 4 February 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. 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 and other health and safety and customer service courses 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.

Peer Support and House Leaders 2021

Congratulations to our Peer Support Leaders and House Leaders who were presented with their badges at the whole school assembly on Wednesday 10 February.



Peer Support Leaders 2021 (pictured above): Klaire Estore, Cameron Mitchell, Courtney Butt, Makana Rawaho, Sacha Tunncliffe, Joshua King, Jesse Wallace, Aaron Philips, Monique Estore, Shania Gilmour and Callum Ashford (absent).



Kauri House Leaders 2021 (pictured above): Apikaira Paraone (Deputy House Leader), Toby Marshall (House Leader), Rickardo Bradley (Deputy House Leader) and Emma Philips (House Leader)



Totara House Leaders 2021 (pictured above): Carla Fraser (Deputy House Leader), Jahnae Llewellyn-Huriwaka (House Leader), Laine Hickey (House Leader) and Tahlia Johnson (Deputy House Leader)



Rimu House Leaders 2021 (pictured above): Monique Wrathall (House Leader), Micheal Dreadon (House Leader), Mikaere Barron (Deputy House Leader) and Shania Gilmour (Deputy House Leader)



STUDENT VOICE

Dargaville ATC Involvement at 175th Anniversary of Te Ruapekapeka

On Wednesday 3 February Year 8 student Siobhan Dobbin, a member of the Dargaville Air Training Corps (ATC), was fortunate

enough to be involved with the He Rua Whakautu mō te Riri memorial.

In the presence of government officials and mana whenua. Cadets from TS Diomedes, No. 57 (Dargaville) SQN and No. 64 (Kaitaia) SQN along with supporting Officers from Northland were privileged to participate alongside the NZDF in the dedication ceremony, commemorating the twelve British Sailors, Soldiers and Royal Marines who died in battle at Te Ruapekapeka.

This ceremony was attended by the Governor-General, The Prime Minister, British High Commissioner with accompanying Officers from the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, Chief of Defence Force and Single Service Chiefs along with other ministers and community dignitaries.

Pilot Officer Gordan Gilligan let Ruawai College know that Cadet Siobhan Dobbin was a great credit to her Unit and the school.

What a fantastic experience Siobhan, especially meeting the Prime Minister – congratulations!

- Extract taken from the New Zealand Cadet Forces Facebook





SPORTING NEWS

NZ Maori Basketball Tournament 2021

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent our school and their

iwi at the New Zealand Maori Basketball Tournament 2021, held at the end of January in Rotorua:

- Apikaira Paraone (Ngapuhi Under 15 Kotiro)
- Tasharna-Rose Keogh (Ngapuhi Under 15 Kotiro)
- Emma Ashford (Ngapuhi Under 15 Kotiro)
- Kayla Llewellyn-Huriwaka (Ngapuhi Under 15 Kotiro)
- Bekks Coll (Ngati Wai Under 15 Kotiro)

It was an amazing week and there was some exciting basketball experienced by all. The Ngapuhi team finished 7th overall, losing to Ngati Wai in the Semi Finals to see Bekks' team finishing in 5th place.

Thank you to Rachel Ashford for taking on the role as Manager for the Ngapuhi Under 15 Kotiro.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator / Ngapuhi Under 15 Kotiro



Upcoming Sports Events - Term 1 2021

Friday 19 February 2021	RC Swimming Sports
Tuesday 23 February 2021	RC Top Form
Thursday 25 February 2021	NSS Swimming Sports
Friday 5 March 2021	RC Athletics Day
Thursday 11 March 2021	NSS Athletics Day
Friday 12 March 2021	NSS Senior Touch
Wednesday 17 March 2021	Senior Netball Trials
Tuesday 30 March 2021	NSS Senior Boys Volleyball
Wednesday 31 March 2021	NSS Senior Girls Volleyball
Saturday 10 April 2021	NSS Clay Bird Shooting
Interhouse Sports Events – Week 4 Badminton & Tug of War	



LUNCH STOP

School Canteen

The school canteen "Lunch Stop" opens for business Wednesday 24 February (COVID-dependent) every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (both breaks). Food available in Break 2 is to be ordered and paid for during Break 1, the canteen will not be open prior to Break 1. Cash and eftpos available! Please see the canteen menu below:

RUAWAI COLLEGE CANTEEN

LUNCH STOP

BREAK ONE

Gourmet Muffin
Brownie
Ginger Crunch
Pot of Noodles
Cookie
Bag of chips
Fruit

\$3.50
\$2.50
\$2.50
\$2.00
\$1.80
\$1.50
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DRINKS/EXTRAS

Canned drinks
Moosie
Julicie
Chocolate Bar

\$2.00
\$1.50
\$1.50
\$1.50

BREAK TWO

American Hotdog
(cheese, onion, mustard, sauce)

\$4.00

Mini Pizzas
Ham & Cheese
Ham, Cheese & Pineapple
BBQ Chicken

\$4.00

Pies
Mince
Mince & Cheese
Steak
Steak & Cheese
Mince Savoury

\$3.00
\$1.00

Toasties
Ham & cheese
Ham, cheese & pineapple
Chicken, pesto & cheese
Sweetcorn & cheese
Spaghetti & cheese

\$4.50

Wraps
Vegetarian
Ham & Salad
Chicken & Salad

\$4.50

Sandwiches/Rolls
Vegetarian
Ham & Salad
Chicken & Salad

\$4.50

CASH & EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Reminder that the College **does not allow** soft drinks or energy drinks to be bought into the school. Sugar free drinks are on sale at the canteen, as well as water fountains available around the premises.

We would very much appreciate any second-hand uniform items that you no longer require. Please drop off at the school office.

RUAWAI COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2021

9:00am start

All whanau and friends are welcome to attend.

Year 13 students will be hosting a sausage sizzle during Break 1 – cash sales only.



COMMUNITY

Board Chairperson Comment

Tena koutou!

The Ruawai College Board would like to extend a warm 2021 welcome to all staff, students and whanau – new and old!

After what I can only hope was a restful Christmas holiday, we as a school community are feeling recharged and prepared for a great year ahead.

It was busy onsite during the holiday break, with numerous property projects on the go.

Revamping of the staff toilets, gymnasium entrance and changing rooms is now in its final phase and the exterior painting of the Technology Blocks is now completed. We have also started work on the exciting sports courts and fencing upgrade project – a hive of activity here at Ruawai College; how great do these courts look?!



On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish all students a successful 2021 at Ruawai College.

Nga mihi,

- Anthony Blundell, Board Chairperson

Ruawai College Board Meeting Dates

Tuesday 23 February 2021, 6:00pm
Tuesday 30 March 2021, 6:00pm
Tuesday 25 May 2021, 6:00pm
Tuesday 29 June 2021, 6:00pm
Tuesday 24 August 2021, 6:00pm
Tuesday 28 September 2021, 6:00pm
Tuesday 9 November 2021, 6:00pm
Tuesday 7 December 2021, 6:00pm

Year 7 & 8 School Immunisations

Dear parents / caregivers,

Year 7 students are being offered the Boostrix Vaccine, which protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough). This is a booster for the vaccinations they received in early childhood.

Year 8 students are being offered the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) immunisation to help protect them against infection from nine types of HPV that lead to cancers of the cervix, throat, mouth, genital and anal areas in both men and women.

Some HPV types can also cause genital warts in both men and

women.

Parents have a choice of having their children vaccinated against these diseases either at their General Practitioners or with their Public Health Nurse at school.

We will also take the opportunity to vaccinate any eligible students and teachers with the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine. Consent forms will be available at the office.

Note these vaccinations are **free** wherever you choose to go.

Please take the time to go online and watch the following YouTube videos about the vaccinations with your children. The videos talk about why we recommend these immunisations and how immunity works.

Year 7 Boostrix Vaccine:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNIKS9uQCQU>

Year 8 HPV Vaccine:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuwcOyMjAzc>

Te Reo Maori Version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HoS4zBaRN4>

All Year 7 & 8 students have received their immunization consent forms. **These need to be returned to school as soon as possible please!**

These forms will have lots of information about the immunisations and need to be completed and returned to the school, **regardless of whether you decide to have your child vaccinated or not please.** This way we know that the form has reached home and has been seen by parents / caregivers.

Any questions, please phone Public Health Nurse Sue Plunkett on 021 244 5415 or free phone 0800 746 944 option 2.

The Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) can also help with any of your questions, phone 0800 466 863 or you can visit the following website: www.immune.org.nz

Ruawai College Public Health Nurse Service

Ruawai College is proud to work with the Northland Youth Health service to provide a free, confidential, non-judgemental health service to all its students.

Youth Nurses, Laura and Kim hold clinics at the school and offer a range of services including sexual health, mental health, general health assessments, immunisation advice, quit smoking advice, diet and lifestyle advice, referrals to specialist services and treatment for sore throats and skin infections. They also do Year 9 Health Assessments.

The Clinics are held every Wednesday in the medical room and students can book an appointment at the office.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

Updates about our school are posted regularly on the following forums – make sure you check out the following apps / websites to ensure you are in the loop on all things Ruawai College!



Download the Skool Loop App on the Google Play or Apple Store. Select "Ruawai College" as your school of choice to receive update notifications!



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