



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

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Respect
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Term 1 Week 11
Thursday 15 April 2021

Upcoming Dates

Monday 03 May
Term 2 Start

Monday 03 – Tuesday 04 May
Music Mentoring

Thursday 06 – Friday 07
Enviroschool WaiFencing Assessment,
Whangarei

Saturday 08 May
NWNC Junior Netball Starts

Monday 10 May
L1 PE Archery

Wednesday 12 May
NSS Clay Bird Shooting

Friday 14 May
NSS Senior Mixed Volleyball

Monday 17 – Tuesday 18 May
Gateway Health & Safety Course

Tuesday 18 May
Vision Testing

Wednesday 19 May
Prefect Visit, Ruawai College

Thursday 20 May
NCEA Teacher Only Day

Friday 21 May
L1 PE Big Scooter

Monday 24 May
Attitude Presentation

Wednesday 26 May
Enviroschool Kai Iwi Lakes Dune Day

Friday 28 May
Ruawai College Cross Country

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

Cell phones

Following ongoing discussions around cell phone usage and feedback from our school community, staff and students the Board of Trustees has made an amendment to the Digital Citizenship Policy document which now stipulates that "The Board supports the right of the school to ban mobile phones during school hours and on school camps, trips and events. Students who break phone use rules may have their phones confiscated."

This decision comes from a position of care around the mental and physical well being of our rangatahi and is effective from Monday 3 May 2021- the start of Term 2. The korero below was in the previous newsletter.

There are a growing multitude of reasons as to why cell phones at school are not a necessity - which is supported by what we are seeing happening here at our school - and why it is time for Ruawai College to take a stance –

- the inappropriate use of cell phones in and out of the classroom by our students
- that cyber- bullying is a reality
- that staff are having to spend a huge amount of time away from teaching and learning to deal with the many distractions that phones are having/causing in the classroom
- that the mental and physical well-being of our students is being affected
- that many of our students lack the social skills to engage in a conversation, socialise with their peers as they are 'glued to their phones
- that the ongoing harm caused through social media apps such as facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Whats App, Tik Tok and many others is leading to anxiety and students not wanting to come to school
- this is an expensive item and if lost or stolen it can be distressing
- whanau ringing students during class time which disrupts learning and gives mixed messages around correct phone use Kaupapa

Going forward -

- If you require a message to be given to your child during the day - ring the office and it will be passed on or alternatively you can also email them
- The majority of students now have a device ie chromebook/laptop to use for their learning, their phones are not necessary
- If a student has commitments after school, is away on a school trip, so long as the phone is in their bag during school hours out of site this should not create an issue
- Remember, the majority of our students come on the bus - so it is straight to school and straight home afterwards

A number of scenarios may arise around the confiscation of a phone -

1. They may initially receive a warning
2. Their phone may be locked away in the office and collected at the end of the day
3. Whanau may be asked to come in to collect the phone and a conversation had
4. Refusal to hand over a phone will be viewed as defiance

We thank you for your overwhelming support around cell phones being banned during school hours and acknowledge that in those exceptional circumstances where students may be away on a trip, have other engagements after school - the cell phones are in their bag out of site during the school day.

Have an enjoyable break over the school holidays.

Keep in Touch!

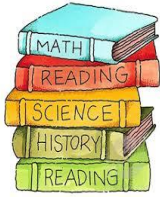
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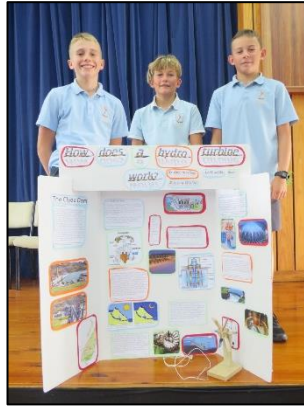


CURRICULUM

Ruawai College Science Fair 2021

This year has been another wonderful year in the life of our young scientists. Our Ruawai College year 7s and 8s have been engaged in

their science fair projects on the topic of “energy”. They have certainly worked their hardest and produced some amazing projects which demonstrate various science skills like creativity, collaboration, research skills, modelling concepts, organisation, and presentation.



Year 7 Winners of the Science Fair projects 2021:

- 1st equal** = Zoe Kirk’s and Shilo Hepburn-Shaw’s Nuclear energy project
= Haare Harris’s and Ryder Dawson’s Solar energy project
- 2nd** = Wyatt Dobbin’s and Tyrell Cooper’s Nuclear energy project
- 3rd** = Ben Leao’s and Tamati Thompson’s Geothermal energy project

Year 8 Winners of the Science Fair projects 2021:

- 1st** = Bronson Wrathall’s Wind Power project
- 2nd** = Olivia Partridge, Skyla Grieve and Koaria Bristow’s Hydro power project
- 3rd Equal** = Brayden Johnson’s Hydro project
= Ezra Scott, Zach Sterling and Matthew Watkins Hydro power project

The Overall most impressive projects and presentations were:

Sapphire Harris’s Wind power project & Conrad Phillips’ Wind power presentation.

Congratulations to our 2021 Science Fair winners - Well done. We acknowledge the time and effort of all our Year 7s and 8s who participated in this year’s SF projects. We also acknowledge the hard work of Whaea Robyn in teaching and encouraging them this year.

- Peni Leao Head of Learning Science

Agriculture and Horticulture Expo Trip

Our Level 2 Agriculture and Horticulture Science students, along with students from Otamatea High and Dargaville High, had been part of a one-day tour where they were exposed to and experienced some of the agriculture and horticulture industries in Northland. The event was organised by Tai Tokerau Trades Training, DairyNZ and GoHort. Our students have visited a NARF Farm and an Avocado Orchard where they met with the experts in the field who shared their experiences with the young people regarding how to get started. Our students gained firsthand experiences and insights into the career opportunities that are available in a multi-million dollar Primary Industry awaiting young people today. The trip was a success and has sparked positive thoughts for the future.

- Peni Leao Head of Learning Science

St John’s Keep Safe Programme

Year 7 & 8 students enjoyed the experience of St John’s attending their class and facilitating a Keep Safe or Injury Prevention programme. This helped students to identify methods for assessing and managing risk and conclude that most injuries are preventable. They explored strategies to minimise risk in relation to sport and learnt how to treat soft tissue injuries.

- Kay Smith Head of Learning PE & Health



Project Pest Control and Waifencing Skill Courses

Our L2 Agriculture and Horticulture students, along with students from other high schools in the Northland region, have been involved in learning the skills of pest control (possums, rats, ferrets, squirrels) and fencing as part of their course work for the year. Our students gained first hand practical experiences of the skills from the experts and will be expected to pass with flying colours when the practical assessments happen later in Term 1 and early in Term 2.

- Peni Leao Head of Learning Science

RYDA

On Friday 26th March, a group of senior students attended the Road Safety Education Programme (RYDA). There were six different workshops which provided them with the tools and understanding to see themselves as active, responsible road citizens and to make the necessary choices to keep themselves and others safe on the road. The workshops were interactive using role play, investigating crash factors and speaking with a crash survivor about events that changed her life. They assessed their own personality and how different emotions affect how you drive and had the opportunity to work with driving instructors and experience the relationship between speed and stopping distance through practical observation. The students learnt a lot and came away with strategies to practice keeping themselves and others safe on the road and challenged them to change the way they think about road safety.

- Kay Smith Head of Learning PE & Health

PST Interviews

On Thursday 18 March 2pm - 7.20pm and on Tuesday 23 March 3.30pm - 7.30pm our interviews took place between the school, whanau and the students. This year was a slightly different structure - we had a 'folder' of goodies to go through with whanau which gave more structure to the interviews and included a lot more information especially access now to the parent portal which is getting underway. We also advertised 5 food vouchers being available to whanau - all of those who attended went into the draw. We also ran a competition amongst the houses for LA's. For our rangatahi that came along they would be receiving a 'moosie' from the canteen.

- Manmeet Sandhu Deputy Principal

Year 9 Camp

On Monday the 29th of March we got into our groups and created our flags and chant. We then packed our gear and headed to Mangawhai. In the afternoon we completed the confidence course in our groups and every member of our group participated fully. That night we created fashion pieces and our models walked the catwalk.

On Tuesday, the weather was not the best, but we went to the estuary and took part in several team building activities, including relays and sandcastle competitions. We then returned to the camp and had a range of activities to complete. After an amazing dinner it was time to play spotlight and then head to bed.

On Wednesday we woke up early, got dressed and headed off to the beach where we learned how to surf, and paddle board. It was very fun and challenging and we had a visit from Jay Warren. After a big day at the beach, we went home and chilled for a bit that night we had to do our skit which our whole group was involved in. It took lots of courage and confidence to act in front of everyone. We had a visit from Mrs Von-Lyn, who then attended the show and was asked to judge our skits.

Overall, we had a great time and we would like to thank Mrs Kimberley Rope-Battcher for our great food, Mr Pieter Burger, Mr Matthew Blundell and Miss Stacey Blythen for being awesome supervisors.

- Kirsty Batters, Junior Dean

Quotes from students

"My highlight from camp was going surfing and paddle boarding at Mangawhai Beach" - Imogen Williams

"Playing spotlight, and being a part of all the fun activities" - Patricia Heihe

"I liked the all the food we had and having fun" - Lafaze Kingi



Year 9 Camp
Photos continue....



NCEA - Student Motivation

One of the reasons why students are not successful with their NCEA assessments is that they do not meet their submission deadlines. This is a real concern for us, and we ask that parents engage their child/ren more about when work is due and what efforts are being made to meet deadlines. All senior students should have access to a course outline and assessment schedules which they can share with parents. At our recent Parent Student Teacher interviews all course outlines for your NCEA students were available to you so you can have a 'heads up' when assessments are due.

Ruawai College Mobile Phone Free Zone from

8:30am - 3:15pm



Thank you for keeping Ruawai College a Mobile Phone free zone

Ruawai College Mobile free zone commences on Monday 3 May Term 2

Tree Climbing

On Friday 9th April the level 1 PE class went to Glenberrie Forest in Whangarei to complete a tree climbing course which supports two of the achievement standards they are doing in class. They spent the day learning how to get through several hard obstacles safely. Tree climbing was a physical and mental challenge for the students and a new experience for most of them. Many of them took on the challenge to complete the highest course.

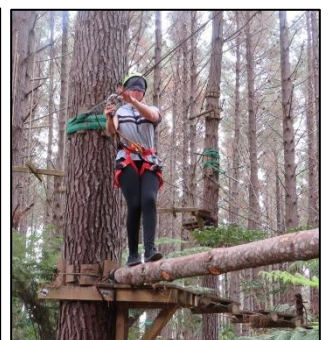
The day went by so quickly and all the students that participated had a great time full of adventure. A big thank you to all the people that made this trip happen.

- Kay Smith



School Canteen - Our LUNCHBOX (Canteen) is operating in the College 3 days a week - Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Soft Drinks - Just a reminder that the College does not allow soft drinks or energy drinks to be brought into the school. We sell sugar-free drinks and water in the school Lunchbox and we have taps throughout the school.



BYOD Devices

As a full BYOD school, we have invested heavily in IT infrastructure and support at the college. We rely on students looking after and managing their devices well. We ask that parents/caregivers regularly check on device health with students and emphasize that they manage them well. Although we have loan devices for emergencies, we also ask that required repairs to computers are done quickly so as not to disadvantage student learning. Once more I thank our parents and community for their continued support, and I look forward to a positive and enjoyable 2021 school year at Ruawai College. We are hopeful that as the year progresses more students will have their own devices to be prepared and ready for online learning and accessing their work not only at school but at home as well - especially when they are absent. We would like to see a greater uptake in the senior school for devices.



SPORTING NEWS

Leadership through League

On Thursday 8th of April, the level 2 & 3 PE class held a leadership through league festival for approximately 200 primary/intermediate students from Wellsford, Ruawai, Selwyn Park and Matakohe. Our students learnt how to coach and referee and other amazing skills.

All the teams performed well and had lots of fun with the introduction to the sport. Thank you to all the people that helped organise the event and a special thank you to Cori Paul and his team from Rugby Northland.

- Kay Smith Head of Learning PE & Health



UPCOMING SPORTING EVENT IN TREM 2

Midweek NWNC Netball
Wednesday 5, 12, 19, 26 May
Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June
Wednesday 7 July

Midweek Basketball
Thursday 6, 13, 20, 27 May
Thursday 3, 10, 17, 24 June
Thursday 1, 8 July

NSS Senior Mixed Volleyball
Friday 14 May

NSS Clay Bird Shooting
Monday 24 May
Wednesday 2 June

RUAWAI COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY
Friday 28 May

Kiwi Tag
Thursday 3 June
Tuesday 29 June

NSS 3V3 Basketball
Wednesday 10 June

NWNC Netball Trials
Wednesday 16, 23 June

NSS Yr 7-9 Volleyball
Friday 25 June

NSS Cross Country
Thursday 1 July

Northland Secondary Schools Senior Girls Volleyball

On Wednesday March 31st, I took 2 groups of girls to our annual Volleyball competition at Mackay Stadium in Whangarei.

This year has been an amazing 1st for school. Our Ruawai 1 team made it to the finals for the first time ever since I have been Coordinator. Jahnae and Tyla Llewel-Huriwaka, Monique and Klaire Estore, Deijharn Heihei and our secret weapon Reianna Leane played amazing volleyball all day and only being beaten in the final by 3 points in the 3rd and final set. Their efforts earned us entry to the 2022 Division 1 level where if we do good, we may secure a spot in the NZ National Volleyball Secondary School Competition. The possibility of adding another weeklong excursion along with Aims and UNISS to our calendar excites me.

Our other girls had a hard time getting going, securing the last spot of the competition. Tahlia, Carla, Piper, Te Arani, Amber, Jayda had a hard time honing their skills and working together.

A huge thank you to Mrs Jewellie Sterling for driving the girls over on the day, both the girls and I appreciate your help and you are an absolute blessing to us all.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



Northern Wairoa Swimming

On Friday March 26, a group of Year 7 & 8 Swimmers travelled to the Kauri Coast pools in Dargaville for our annual Northern Wairoa Swimming Competition.

Baryden, Zach, Miah, Koaria, Matthew, Tamati and Lauryn-Hill all competed against some very fast swimmers and they made us all proud. All students placed in their respective heats, either 1st 2nd or 3rd outstanding results for our school.

- Raymond Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



Friendly
Reminder

Appointments During the School Day -

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 Student Centre. If students have medical or other appointments during the day, please call parents or caregivers in advance and let us know; you can always leave a message on the afterhours answering service. Again, students leaving for appointments must always sign out, and then on their return, they should go to the Student Centre and sign back in.



CULTURAL

Social 1980s

On 8th April Ruawai College organised a social night for all students. The

theme of the social was 1980's There was a good turn out from students who enjoyed the dance floor with the 80's music. The money raised from the social will go towards buying a Defibrillator for Ruawai College.

Please find more photos of the social on the next page.....

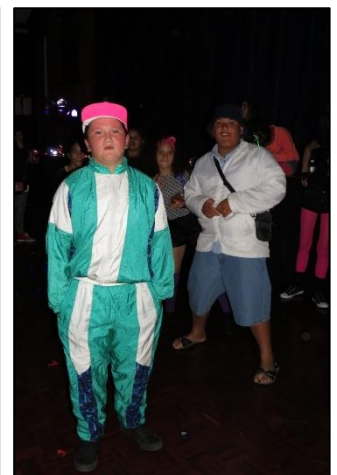
The Ruawai Way Respect, Whakaute

Mahi tahi

Use school appropriate language

Accept differences

Treat people and property well



Social 1980s Photos....



Year 7 Noho Marae Trip

As part of the cross-curricular focus Ruawai College is initiating in the junior school, they went to Naumai Marae on Monday 12 April. Students participated in a Powhiri and were welcomed onto the Marae. After the powhiri process students transitioned from Manuhiri to Tangata Whenua. The students then shared some kai with Naumai Marae Kaumatua and Kuia and began to prepare for their Mahi. The students were very fortunate to have stories shared with them about the history of the people and environment of the Ruawai region. Students took notes from these stories and added their notes and drawings to a map of the region. Students are producing "that was then, this is now" graphic maps to help portray and depict the stories they were told into something visual and accessible for use throughout the current topic, which is centred around the histories of the people and region.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



ART OF THE MONTH



STUDENT VOICE

Joshua King

Hello, my name is Josh and I am the Deputy Head Boy of Ruawai College for 2021. My role includes being a role model for the school and our younger students, meeting with other prefects from other schools (Dargaville, Otamatea and Rodney), assisting my fellow Head Prefects (Jesse in their roles and helping the other prefects and school leaders with events that happen in the school. I have enjoyed my time as Deputy Head Boy so far and would recommend this role to any of my fellow peers if they want to become one.



The Ruawai Way Responsibility, Takohanga

Follow instructions
Be on time and ready to learn
Make it right
Follow school tikanga

Jesse Wallace

G'day, I am Jesse and I am the Head Boy of Ruawai College 2021. This is a huge opportunity for any student, and I was lucky enough to be picked for the role this year. It has opened my eyes to many different possibilities for my future and it always looks good on a CV. At first, I found the role and all the responsibilities that came with it quite nerve racking, but I eventually found my footing and have eased into the role, now it feels like I have always been Head Boy. My many responsibilities include being a good example for the school and our students. When we go out, we are representing the school with pride and respect. Helping my fellow prefects and leaders with school events and fundraisers, meeting with other prefects in the Kaipara, being on duty at Break 2, speaking at assembly are some of the many things we do. I have been enjoying my time as Head Boy so far and would not have got this far without the help of my teachers and the Head Perfect team.



Sacha Tunnicliffe

Hi, my name is Sacha and I am Ruawai College's Head Girl for 2021. I was so excited when I was announced Head Girl at prize giving last year and was ready to take on this challenge. It was a little scary coming back to school for my last year with all the responsibility and expectations, but I have now shaken off the nerves and now fit right into my role as Head Girl. It has been hard being the only girl in the Head Prefect team, but I manage to keep the two boys in line. My role includes showing our 3 school values at any given time (Respect, Responsibilities and Resilience). It also involves meeting with other prefects at their school and getting ideas on how we can make our school a better place for students. We also help the other school leaders and prefects with school events. I have really enjoyed my time so far as Head Girl and would recommend this opportunity to the Year 12s coming through.



Ruawai College Bell Times

DAILY BELL TIMES 2021

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| Lesson 1 | 8.45 am - 9.45 am <i>60 minutes (1hr)</i> |
| Lesson 2 | 9.45 am - 10.45 am <i>60 minutes (1hr)</i> |
| Break 1 | 10.45 am - 11.10 am <i>25 mins</i> |
| LA | 11.10 am - 11.30 am <i>20 minutes</i> |
| Lesson 3 | 11.30 am - 12.25 pm <i>55 minutes</i> |
| Lesson 4 | 12.25 pm - 1.20 pm <i>55 minutes</i> |
| Break 2 | 1.20 - 2.05 pm <i>45 minutes</i> |
| Lesson 5 | 2.05 pm - 3.00 pm <i>55 minutes</i> |

DAILY BELL TIMES - Wednesday 2021

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| Lesson 1 | 8.45 am - 9.40 am <i>55 minutes</i> |
| Lesson 2 | 9.40 am - 10.35 am <i>55 minutes</i> |
| Break 1 | 10.35 am - 11.00 am <i>25 mins</i> |
| Assembly | 11.00 am - 11.30 am <i>30 minutes</i> |
| Lesson 3 | 11.30 am - 12.25 pm <i>55 minutes</i> |
| Lesson 4 | 12.25 pm - 1.20 pm <i>55 minutes</i> |
| Break 2 | 1.20 - 2.05 pm <i>45 minutes</i> |
| Lesson 5 | 2.05 pm - 3.00 pm <i>55 minutes</i> |



Board Comment

Kia Ora,

One of the highlights, and indeed a privilege, for a member of the Ruawai College Board, is when we get the opportunity to take part in the annual reviews with the Heads of Learning (HOLs) of the school. In essence, the review is a look back on the previous year's performance and results, the learnings, and where changes and improvements can be made for the future.

The latest HOLs reviews were held on Friday 9th April 2021. I can tell you that we had a fantastic day! without exception, the level of enthusiasm and passion shown by the HOLs was on full display. There is an ever growing cross-curricular approach to subject teaching, that works very well to improve learning capability for all students.

It is very evident that there is an embedded culture amongst the leadership and staff of our school, to always be looking for ways to improve and make adjustments to the way they work, engage with and teach our students. With COVID 19's impact increasing the ever changing demands and pressures on our young people, it goes without saying that our students and school are in extremely good hands.

All the best to you all for the first term break and we trust that you get to share some valuable time with whanau and friends.

- Anthony Blundell, Board Chairperson

COMMUNITY



Ruawai College Board of Trustee Meeting Dates (Venue: Library)

Term 2

Tuesday 25 May
Tuesday 29 June

Term 3

Tuesday 24 August
Tuesday 28 September

Term 4

Tuesday 09 November
Tuesday 07 December

ALERT LEVEL 1 COVID 19 - At School

We continue to follow the requirements around the challenges of COVID 19

- Washing hands regularly with soap and water
- Coughing and sneezing into elbow or by covering mouth and nose with a tissue
- Clean surfaces that are frequently touched with disinfectant
- Don't touch eyes, nose, or mouth if your hands are not clean
- Putting used tissues into the bin immediately
- Stay home if feeling unwell

REMEMBER to use your COVID APP to scan regularly.

Parent Portal

The new Ruawai College Kamar Portal is now here. This is an online student information site that allows parents/caregivers and students to log in and access specific school and student information including:

- Student details - address, phone etc (email us from the site to change and update)
- Student's current timetable
- Daily notices - practice and meeting times
- NCEA credits achieved to date as recorded in KAMAR
- Other academic results
- Attendance information for the student concerned
- School calendar information



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MANATŪ HAUORA

Property

These holidays will see the commencement of our largest building project in our 5 Year property plan incorporating the refurbishment of the entire Admin and Main Block. All these areas will be treated with new flooring, painting and autex, plus windows and storage units where required and a new kitchen for the staff room and meeting room. The bulk of the project will be completed during school holiday time to minimise disruption to student learning and is expected to take 24 months to complete. Staff were very excited to learn that first off the block is the staff room and meeting room renovation, so all going well all staff should return from their Term 1 holidays ready to relax and enjoy the fabulous newly renovated staff room and kitchen.

The Home Ec room is also receiving a makeover this holiday with an internal paint, this will be all done and dusted by the beginning of Term 2. The meeting room in the Admin block will also start to be renovated. Due to a substantial amount of water damage sustained by the old roof leaks, there is much to be done to get this room finished. This work will carry on into the first couple of weeks of Term 2. The end result will be a meeting room fully revamped with new flooring, paint, autex and kitchenette.

- Brenda Polwart, Business Manager

Ruawai College Term Dates

Term 2

Monday 03 May
Friday 16 July

Term 3

Monday 26 July
Friday 01 October

Term 4

Monday 18 October
Friday 10 December



Health & Safety - Please report to the school office if you are picking up your child/ren. We prefer that whanau do not walk around the school to find your child - we will send a runner or support person to do this.

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. Please can parents and caregivers ensure that students arrive on time at the start of the day. Students should arrive no later than 8:45 am for their first lesson. This means that they can be ready for lessons to start promptly.

Sickness at School - The Main Office needs to be made aware of sick or injured students and ask that parents reiterate the following procedure: If a student is sick in class, the teacher will send them to the student centre where a call home will be made if needed. During interval or lunchtime students can go straight to the student centre.

Addresses - Please remember to keep all information up to date. Eg emails, addresses, contact numbers,

The Ruawai Way Resilience, Manawaroa

Try, try and try again
Make wise choices
Embrace challenges and opportunities



Ruawai College Term 1 Recap

