



# RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

**Ruawai**  
COLLEGE  
Respect  
Resilience  
Responsibility

Term 2 Week 6  
Tuesday 08 June 2021

## Upcoming Dates

### Wednesday 09 June

Waiata/Haka Assembly  
NWNC Mid Week Netball  
Gateway course

### Thursday 10 June

Midweek Basketball, Whangarei  
NSS 3v3 Basketball  
Primary ITO  
Northern Wairoa Cross Country

### Monday 14 – Friday 18 June

Ruawai College Arts & Cultural Week

### Wednesday 16 June

Whole School Assembly  
NWNC Mid Week Netball  
NWNC Netball Rep Trials

### Thursday 17 June

Midweek Basketball, Whangarei  
Primary ITO

### Monday 21 – Friday 25 June

Gateway

### Wednesday 23 June

Waiata/Haka School Assembly  
NWNC Mid Week Netball  
NWNC Netball Rep Trials

### Thursday 24 June

Midweek Basketball, Whangarei  
Primary ITO

### Tuesday 29 June

KiwiTag Y7+8 Whangarei  
Board Meeting – 6pm

### Wednesday 30 June

Celebration Assembly  
NWNC Mid Week Netball

### Thursday 01 July

Midweek Basketball, Whangarei  
NSS Cross Country  
Primary ITO

### Wednesday 07 July

Matariki Celebration  
NWNC Mid Week Netball  
Whole School Assembly

### Thursday 08 July

Primary ITO

### Friday 09 July

End of Term 2

## PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

### Ruawai Way

You will often read about and hear us refer to the Ruawai Way. It weaves through every aspect of school life - it is the thread that binds how we do things, operate and behave. It is about bringing our values alive in the school and community i.e. respect, resilience and responsibility, it is our Positive Behaviour 4 Learning system in the school, it incorporates our vision and mission which in turn is part of the strategic plan, it influences and contributes to the Annual Plan and how we interact / engage with our school community, and it is also about service.

The Ruawai College 'leaver profile' is part of the Ruawai Way and we would like your feedback about what a 'leaver' should look like, demonstrate, and present when they leave the College on the next step of their journey. Please follow the link to give us your ideas [here](#).

My biggest thanks goes to you, the school community, for the way that you have embraced the mobile free zone at the college from 8.30am - 3.15 pm. The students have been absolutely fantastic and are so much more active during the break times and engaged in the classroom. Thank you for your support with this initiative around the well-being of our students.

### Ruawai College Mobile Phone Free Zone from

8:30am - 3:15pm



**Thank you for keeping Ruawai College a Mobile Phone free zone**

### Polyfest

Last term the year 10 Social Science and NCEA performing arts classes travelled by bus to the Manukau sports bowl. It was a great day. There were hours of different cultural performances, food stalls and activities. Polyfest is an annual event and through Polyfest cultural groups are able to maintain, express and pass on their culture through music, dance and oratory. Today it is not only the largest Polynesian event but has diversified to include many other cultures that make up our multi-cultural makeup of Aotearoa society. Overall it was a great experience and we highly recommend it to anyone who is able to attend next year in 2022.

- Amanda McMillan, Head of Learning Social Studies

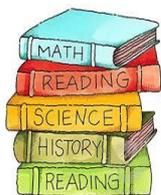


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*To inspire students to be lifelong learners, to be respectful, to be resilient, to be responsible global citizens*



# CURRICULUM

## Maths Curriculum

*"I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I have been trusted to take the game winning shot ... and missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. That is why I succeed."* (Michael Jordan).

Making mistakes is a natural part of all learning. The latest research for mathematics shows that mistakes are a very important part of learning it. When a person makes an error in maths and they have an opportunity to learn from it, they actually develop a much stronger understanding. In fact, the research states that students learn more from making mistakes than from getting the right answers.

The Mathematics Department is using a problem solving approach to learning. Twice a week, our Year 7-10 students are given tasks similar to 'Fencing the Wetlands' (shown below) to solve in groups.

The big idea for 'Fencing the Wetlands' is finding the perimeter of a composite shape (any shape that is made up of two or more shapes) in a familiar context. Also woven into this problem is multiplication, addition, decimals, rounding, reading for content and vocabulary.

This was the first of our 'measurement problems'. The later measurement problems have included area, surface area, volume, conversion of metric units, using measurement tools and number operations.

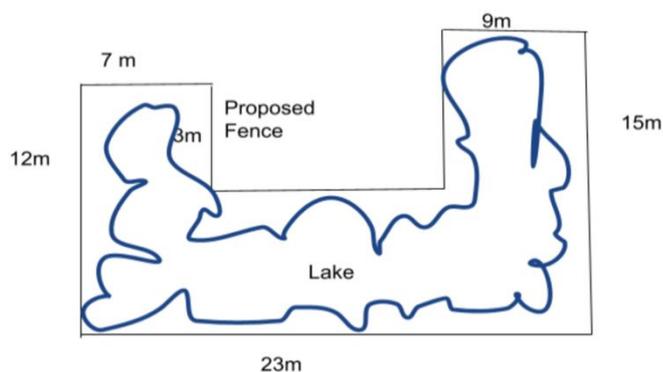
Problems are written by our Ruawai teachers and are open-ended. For example: a further step could be: "Is this shape the best option or is there another shape that would be cheaper for Farmer John to fence?" Every student can find a place to start in solving the problem and there are always opportunities to extend students.

There is often more than one way to solve a problem, so students are not told 'how to', but create their own strategies and then check if their answer 'makes sense'. Ultimately, this means the learner formulates their own approaches to solving mathematical problems and that it is more likely to 'stick' rather than the teacher telling them how to do it and students trying to replicate.

- Davena Latto, Head of Learning Mathematics

## Fencing the Wetlands

Farmer John has some concerns about his deer being about to get into the wetlands around the lake on his farm. He would like to build a deer fence around the lake and wetlands. He has noticed that Ruawai College has just fenced their courts and thinks that the same fencing would be ideal. He has asked Mr Price how much the fence was per meter. Mr Price said the total bill was \$16,478.40 and the area fenced was 50m long and 30m wide. How much will it cost Farmer John to build the deer fence?



not to scale

## Year 8 Team Building Skills:

On Friday the 7th of May Year 8 and our Head Students participated in a team building activity. The Focus was on how individuals operate in a team environment and what a "shared vision" looks like in action. Ruawai College Head Students, Jesse, Sacha and Joshua supported and lead this Kaupapa on the day.

It was a fun, engaging method of engaging young people in abstract, complex concepts.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



## Year 7 Waste Audit

On Friday the 7th of May, Ruawai College Y7 students conducted a waste audit at school. This involved, sorting/categorizing, weighing and appropriately disposing of a week's worth of school waste.

A huge thank you to Todd, our fantastic groundsman and Stephanie from Enviroschools who supported and led this very important kaupapa. The aim from here is to develop a sustainable method of organising, reducing, recycling and reusing the waste generated at Ruawai College, with the added benefit of reducing the cost of waste removal.

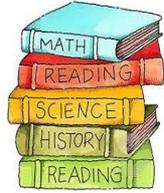
Well done Year 7's, thank you to those who supported.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal

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## L1 & L2 Archery



On the 10th of May, our level 1 P.E class alongside the level 2 P.E class went on an archery course near Dargaville to support the *Achievement Standard, "Demonstrate, and show understanding of responsible behaviour for safety during outdoor education activities."* We began by practicing on the targets once we had the equipment and were shown how to shoot using the scopes on the bow.

After the practice we journeyed through some native bush shooting 3D models of life size animals getting different point scores where we shot the target. After we finished the course we moved back on to the practice targets where the instructors tied balloons onto them to test our skill and accuracy. It was a great day full of laughs and challenges and everyone had lots of fun learning how to do archery.

- Baylin Connett



## Year 7 Wetlands Visit

On Tuesday the 25th of May the year 7 class, as part of the cross curricular shared learning experience focus, went to the Paparoa Wetlands. Students were greeted by community groups, Enviro Schools and the Paparoa Lions Club.

There was a range of unique learning experiences that students were involved in, from walking out into an untouched natural wetland to see, hear and experience first-hand the serene peacefulness of the natural environment in the state that it should be. Students were also able to learn about trapping pests, primarily setting traps, removing pests from the traps and the purpose of trapping in native bush.

While on this trip students walked through the "loop walk" and were fortunate enough to get up close and personal with young healthy Kauri Trees, native bird species like the Piwakawaka and Tui.

Finally our students finished the experience by learning how to cut and paint invasive weed species. This supports our native seedlings to grow and flourish. It was a wonderful day, with loads of localised learning.

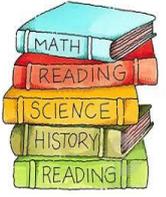
A special thanks to Jacquie Knight from EnviroSchools for supporting this kaupapa.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



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## L1 Big Scooters

On Friday the 21st May, the Level 1 PE class ventured out on yet another trip. This time we headed to Heads Up Adventure Park to ride on the monster scooters. Only one of us had been to this activity before so we were not really sure of what to expect. The scooters had massive tyres and a really wide deck which was larger than the average scooter. The weather had been quite wet previously so the tracks were quite slippery. There were a range of tracks that we could ride, some had some awesome jumps where we could get big air time. This was a cool experience and would highly recommend it to others.

- Kay Smith, Head of Learning PE & health



## SPORTING NEWS

### Inter House Badminton

While the competition was fierce, some of the games played were pretty impressive. Long rallies and very entertaining sets pushed the skills of all students involved.

All champions earned their titles and congratulations to the following students.

Year 7 & 8

**Sapphire Harris and Ezra Scott**  
9 & 10

**Te Arani Tana and Raniera Parker**  
Seniors

**Monique Estore and Jesse Wallace**  
Winning House  
**TOTARA**

A new addition to this year's Badminton was introducing All Star Doubles. 2 students from the same house playing for glory. This fast one set winner take all series, saw Mokoia and Raniera over all winners. This eventually led them to play off in a student vs staff best of 3 games round.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



**1st Place:**  
Totara House



**2nd Place:**  
Kauri House



**3rd Place:**  
Rimu House



## Senior Mixed Volleyball

On Friday May 14, we had 2 teams attend a new event added to our Sport Northland calendar. It was by far the largest event next to Athletics -50 teams in total and it was a very long day. Both teams played their best against some very talented teams from around the motu. Having our fair share of wins and coming 2nd, the kids were awesome.

Some of our girls even had to cover the boys when facing some professional like servers from other teams, and it goes without saying that our girls were outstanding.

This event was a festival style event, but because of how popular it was on the day, it could very well be permanently added.

A huge thanks to Shayden Jivarn, Baylin, Rickardo, Phoenix, Erhyle, Luke, Tahlia, Carla, Klaire, Monique, Amber, Jayda and Aina for their participation.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator

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## Ruawai College Netball Premiers

On May 5th 2021, our Mid-week Netball season got under way at Sportsville in Dargaville. After 2 weeks of grading our Ruawai Senior A Team along with Coach Madelaine Moulds and Manager Tracey Saunderson-Williams worked hard and trained our girls back into the Prem reserve. Our girls have had a break from that grade for a few years, so this is a very welcomed result for our school and we are excited about the season ahead. Congratulations all.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



**SkoolLoop App** - Ruawai College has an app. This app is available on both apple and android devices and can be downloaded from the app store or google play.

The App allows users to get important notices via notifications on their device, whilst also being able to see events on the school



calendar. It gives the user the ability to see newsletters and email student absences. Download and try it today.

## Ruawai College Basketball

On Thursday May 6th, our College started our annual Basketball tournament in Whangarei that is run by Whangarei Junior Development Board. We have 2 teams in the competition again this year. The Grizzlies and our senior girls, Team Total.

Both teams were off to a great start and we all anticipate huge growth under Coach Marilyn Llewellyn - or Lovey as she is more commonly known. She has taken a huge weight off the college in putting her hand up to Coach both the Grizzlies and Team Total so these kids can still get on court and play the game they love.

- Raymonde Huriwaka, Sports Coordinator



**1st Place:**  
Kauri House



**2nd Place:**  
Rimu House



**3rd Place:**  
Totara House

## Ruawai College Cross Country

Friday 28th May 2021 Ruawai College had their annual cross country event. The weather was not looking too great for the everyone but it held off in the end and the races got under way.

A huge thank you to Greg Gent and David Bentley for letting us use the farm once again. Thank you to Ms Smith, Mr Price, staff, parent timekeepers and of course our amazing students.

*See photos and results on the next page...*





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## Cross Country Champions 2021

### Sub Juniors

- 1st Calvin Mikaere
- 2nd Noah Johnston
- 3rd Donovan Reeves-Price

- 1st Patience Day
- 2nd Lauren Hill Llewellyn
- 3rd Koaria Bristow

### Juniors

- 1st Matthew Watkins
- 2nd Hunter Shaw
- 3rd Hunter Haslam

- 1st Miah Fraser
- 2nd Patricia Heihei
- 3rd Imogen Williams

### Intermediate

- 1st Ben Watkins
- 2nd Baylin Connett
- 3rd Luke Crighton
- Johnson/Emma Ashford

- 1st Carla Fraser
- 2nd Piper Sterling
- 3rd= Tahlia

### Senior Girls

- 1st Sia Joshua



## STUDENT VOICE

### Prefect Visit

On Wednesday the 19 of May, Jesse, Sacha and myself hosted a Perfect meeting with the Head Prefects of Rodney College, Dargaville High School and Otamatea

High School. We showed them around our school and had our meeting in our new common room. It was great to finally get to discuss a range of different topics.

- Joshua King



### Te Arani Tana - R. Tucker Thompson

On Tuesday 25 May 2021 I headed up to Opuia to be a part of the R.Tucker Thompson voyage. I arrived at the wharf at 11:30 and met everyone that I would be on board with. We started off with team building games and learning everyone's names. We then packed up and headed out into the Bay of Islands towards Russell.

We did a whole bunch of different activities throughout the 7 days such as diving, hiking around the Islands, looking at old war bombing shelters, swimming, night fishing, learning how to tie knots, how to sail the ship and we did the R. Tucker Thompson challenge which is where we had to climb to the top of the rigging.

Throughout the whole trip we were not allowed to have our phones so this created deep bonds and friendships. On the last day back to Opuia we had a trainee day which meant all of us kids were in charge of the ship and we sailed it back into Opuia wharf.

This was a life changing experience for me and they are memories to keep forever. I would 100% recommend this to anyone that gets the opportunity. Thank You so much Ms Smith and Ruawai College for giving me this opportunity.

- Te Arani Tana



Friendly Reminder

### BYOD

Once more I thank our parents and community for their continued support in the BYOD space. 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 in particular.



# STUDENT VOICE

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## Patience Day

Being part of the student council lets me and my classmates have a say on what we think. We also show new students around and help them find their footing on their first day of school. I have really enjoyed being a part of the student council and hope to be on again next year.



## Sapphire Harris

Being on the council is quite a responsibility, we are the student voice and need to voice the student opinion to make important decisions. We attended meetings regularly and helped out with school events. I think it's a great idea to have a student council as the students can have a say on what goes on at school. It has been lots of fun and I would recommend being a part of the council.



## Pink Shirt Day Aotearoa

Friday 21 May 2021 - "Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!"

Ruawai College has a long and proud history of supporting initiatives of social significance - Pink Shirt Day is one of the initiatives the school gets right behind. The message around anti-bullying and standing together, supporting one another in the face of bullying is one we as a school, and Ruawai as a community, take pride in.

This year we ran a Ruawai College Pink Shirt Day 2021 design contest. Students were tasked with designing a meaningful, supportive Pink Shirt that reflects Ruawai College values.

The winner of the design contest was Wyatt Dobbin (pictured first). As the contest winner he received an official Ruawai College 2021 Pink Shirt as well as his design on 10 shirts to give to friends and family.

Thank you to the Lions Club of Ruawai for their support and helping the school fund the production of the shirts that Wyatt won. We truly value the support and relationship we have with the Lions Club and are looking forward to future collaborations. Mufti fundraiser raised \$120.90 for the Mental Health Foundation. Thank you students and staff for your support of this great kaupapa.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



## Ruawai College Facebook Page

We welcome new parents to 'like' our Ruawai College Facebook page, which for us is a quick and effective way to communicate information to our parents.

It also allows us to highlight student activities, achievement and school life. We do not respond to queries for information that come through Facebook. It is better to email us at [admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz).



## COMMUNITY

### Ruawai College Board

We are very pleased to announce that Angela Robinson has been co-opted to the Board until the next elections. Thank you Angela for making yourself available and to the commitment you have made to Ruawai College.



## ANZAC Day

ANZAC day celebrations were held at the Ruawai War memorial and was attended by our Head Prefects Jesse Wallace, Sacha Tunnicliffe, and Joshua King who laid a wreath on behalf of our school. Sibhan Dobbins a Ruawai College student was part of the Air Force cadet, and Makana Rawaho a Ruawai College prefect laid a wreath on behalf of the Maori Battalion.

- Manmeet Sandhu, Deputy Principal



## CULTURAL

### Music Mentoring

Ruawai College was extremely fortunate to be able to participate in the Music Mentoring in Schools programme again this year. On the 3rd and 4th of May we had Bella Kalolo, a professional singer/songwriter come and spend time with a group of vocalists. The two days with Bella were so valuable to increase the student's confidence and help them to see what they are capable of, as well as giving practical technique lessons in both singing and songwriting. The students were privileged to have a one on one vocal lesson with her - now they can say that they've been coached by the vocal coach of Popstars! (the series that is currently playing on TV). Bella's warmth and humour was an instant hit with the students and we are very thankful to the New Zealand Music Commission for making this programme available to us.

- Deborah Steele, Performing Arts

Below is how Danae Kitiona found the experience:



*"Our performing arts class, mostly our vocalists, had the privilege to meet and get to know the lovely Bella Kalolo. She came into our kura with the biggest smile and a welcoming laugh. I participated in a range of activities to improve on different aspects of music such as vocal one on one lessons. What I took from my one on one lesson with Bella was that I needed to support myself so that the words I sang had more power and I had more control over my voice. I learnt a lot about how important it is that you believe in yourself, not to sell yourself short".*

## Rock Quest

Seth Eve-Rumsey and Aaron Philips performed an original song at Smokefree Rockquest on the 22nd May 2021. Although they didn't place, it was a great experience and they had an amazing time.



## Massive Workshop

On April 17-18 I went on a trip to the Massive Theatre workshop in Whangarei. It was an awesome day! There was a very inviting atmosphere and we learnt a lot in terms of drama techniques. It was fun getting to know the other people there and overall I had a blast of a time. I would recommend this to anyone interested in drama or developing confidence.

- Seth Eve-Rumsey



## Art of the Month

