



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

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Respect
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Term 3 Week 10
Friday 01 October 2021

Upcoming Dates

Have a happy October
school holidays and we will
see you all back at school
on Monday 18th October for
the first day of Term 4

Monday 18 October
Start of Term 4

Wednesday 20 October
Level 3 Geography Trip

Friday 22 October
Ruawai College Top Form, 1:30pm

Thursday 28 October
KiwiTag Y7+8 Whangarei

Friday 29 October
Calf Club Day
Year 7&8 Kaiwaka Sports Day Otamatea

Tuesday 02 November
Enviroschools Expo
Year 7 & 8 Girls & Mixed Volleyball

Thursday 04 November
Enviroschools Expo
NSS Year 9 & 10 Badminton

Tuesday 09 November
NSS Year 9 & 10 Rippa Rugby

Wednesday 10 November
Enviroschools Expo
NSS Year 9 & 10 Girls Volleyball

Thursday 11 November
NSS Year 9 & 10 Boys Volleyball
RPS Athletics Day

Friday 12 November
Senior 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

Our new look curriculum for 2022 has been launched and we are very pleased with the positive reception by whanau- learning packages for the senior school, modules at Years 9 & 10 and a home based format for our Year 7's and 8's. Staff are very excited, enthusiastic and passionate about the new look curriculum and have been working very hard on the new design for all year levels. If you wish to know more - then by all means please contact the following persons for more information, brochures:

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Kirsty Batters, Junior Dean - kbatters@ruawaicollege.school.nz

Without a doubt these have been challenging and difficult times as we all navigate our way through this Covid Pandemic. We hope you look after yourselves during this break, continue to be kind and look out for others.

Mental Health Awareness Week:

This year's focus was 'Mā te kōrero, ka ora' (take time to kōrero) by checking in with a friend or colleague, having a kōrero over some kai, or saying hello to someone new - everyday conversations create connections. The school supported this kaupapa on Thursday 30 September through an event called 'Flipping Our Way Through the Day' to show our support of standing beside, walking alongside those who 'carry a heavy load' by flipping tyres, flipping pancakes, flipping pages and through several other activities. The analogy being that we walk beside those who need support and help, and we are there to lift you up. ([see more on page 6...](#))

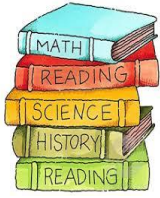


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To inspire students to be lifelong learners, to be respectful, to be resilient, to be responsible global citizens



CURRICULUM

Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori Language Week

On Monday staff were presented with a model waka when they discussed the Maori origins of the language along with similar words from

Hawaii, Samoa and Tahiti. Students were presented with a reading of the Mahuhu ki Te Rangi waka that arrived in the Kaipara, captained by Rongomai the Navigator.

On Tuesday students competed in a photo competition where they had a list of 20 Maori words and had to find examples of the words around the school.

Wednesday saw a Te Reo Maori quiz for students during LA classes where a handful of students reached 100% correct which was fantastic.

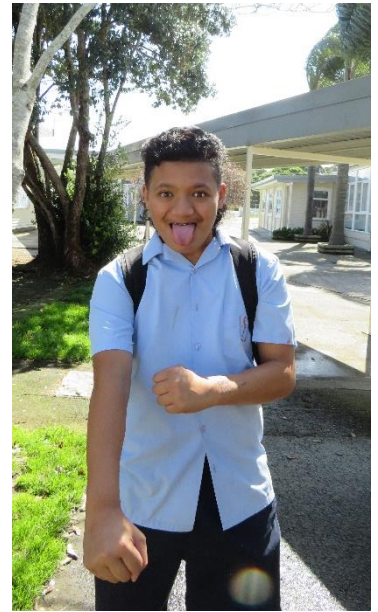
On Thursday students were asked to create their pepeha (identity presentation) and become familiar with our school's pepeha. Staff were treated with the modern Maori food, fry bread made by Annissa Thompson from the Well Cafe which was thoroughly enjoyed- not one piece was left!

On Friday the school focus was on the taiaha. Discussing the different parts of the taiaha and its uses. On this day students practiced the school haka and waiata to close the week.

- Keanu Townsend, Teacher of Te Reo



**KIA KAHA
TE REO MĀORI**



Term 3 Celebration Assemblies



See more photos on the next page...



NCEA - NCEA external examinations start on Monday 22 November. We encourage all of our senior students Years 11-13 to utilise this next break and have a routine, a study timetable in place to support their ongoing learning towards the external exams coming up. Following senior prize giving on Friday 12 November, there is a week where some students will be asked to complete any outstanding assessments that will support them in the goal of achieving NCEA success.

What is BYOD?

Ruawai College believes that the use of devices in class will supplement and enhance the learning of our students. By going fully BYOD Ruawai College will be ensuring that our students have access to a wider range of resources, a more personalised learning experience, as well as increasing motivation and engagement.



Cell Phones will no longer be considered an acceptable device for classroom use.



All devices will need to be protected by a suitable bag, sleeve or case.



All devices will need to be charged at home so that they will last a full school day.



Junior students are able to use chromebooks as their chosen device.



Seniors will need to have a laptop or notebook.



All suitable devices will be added to the school wifi and student's will sign an Internet usage agreement.



SPORTING NEWS

Ruawai College Winter Sports

Second time lucky, with the weather holding out, we got to hold our annual Winter Sports Challenge. This is one of our major inter house competitions involving Soccer, Unihoc, Volleyball and Touch. It was great to see some house spirit with everyone involved and having some fun. The overall winners for each sport were: Touch - Totara, Soccer - Rimu, Volleyball - Kauri and Rimu, Unihoc - Rimu. Thanks heaps to all our students who got in there and showed some competitive spirit.

- Kay Smith, Head of Learning PE & Health



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Photos continued...



Paddleboarding

On Tuesday 21st September the Level 1 PE class headed across to Tutukaka Coast to have a go at Paddleboarding instructed by Supbro. After spending time on the land being shown the different techniques we headed out onto the water. There were 2 different sizes of paddle boards, one was a larger, more buoyant board that held 5 of us and then several smaller ones for just one person. We journeyed across the bay to another smaller beach which took us just under an hour to get there, and then walked up to the lookout over the Tutukaka Coast. On the return we swapped over boards and paddled back and did a few fun activities back near the land. A few of the class got to see how cold the water was after jumping or falling off their boards. It was a great experience and a cool way to travel on the water at your own pace.

- Kay Smith, Head of Learning PE & Health



Upcoming Sporting Events Term 4

19 October 2021
Final Top Form

28 October 2021
NSS Year 7 & 8 Kiwi Tag

29 October 2021
Kaiwaka Sports Exchange

02 November 2021
NSS Year 7 & 8 Volleyball Fest Mixed/ Girls

04 November 2021
NSS Year 9 & 10 Badminton Boys

09 November 2021
NSS Year 9 & 10 Rippa Rugby Fest Boys/ Girls

10 November 2021
NSS Year 9 & 10 Volleyball Girls Fest

11 November 2021
NSS Year 9 & 10 Volleyball Boys Fest

19 November 2021
NSS Year 7 & 8 Touch Fest Mixed

22 November 2021
NSS Year 7 & 8, 9 & 10 Fast 5 Netball Mixed

25 November 2021
NSS Year 7 & 8 Badminton Fest Teams Boys/ Girls

6 December - 10 December 2021
Activities Week



Term 3 Recap



The Ruawai Way Respect, Whakaute

Mahi tahi

Use school appropriate language

Accept differences

Treat people and property well





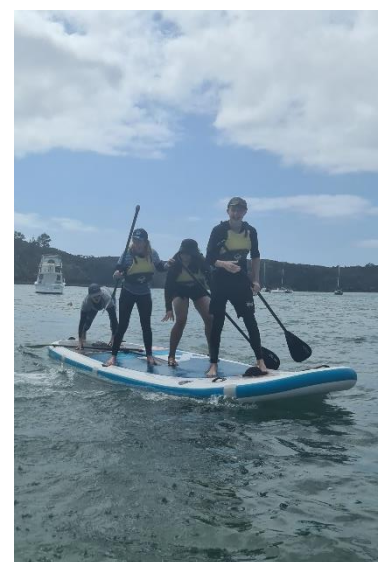
The Ruawai Way Resilience, Manawaroa

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



The Ruawai Way Responsibility, Takohanga

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



SPORTING NEWS *Continued...*

2021 Inter house Volleyball

Best all round Yr 7/8 Boy - Brayden Johnson

Best all round Yr 7/8 Girl - Miah Fraser

Most improved Yr 7/8 - Molly Dawson

Best all round Yr 9/10 Boy - Hunter Shaw

Best all round Yr 9/10 Girl - Deijham Heihei

Most improved Yr 9/10 - Lucas Hassall

Best all round Senior Boy - Baylin Connett (Trophy)

Best all round Senior Girl - Carla Fraser (Trophy)

Most improved Senior - Emma Phillips

Yr 7/8 Top House - Rimu

Yr 9/10 Top House - Totara

Senior Top House - Rimu

Overall Winning House - RIMU (Trophy)

Kauri vs Rimu - Rimu

Totara vs Rimu - Rimu

Kauri vs Totara - Totara



1st Place:

Rimu House



2nd Place:

Totara House



3rd Place:

Kauri House



Flipping our way through the day

On the Thursday 30th of September Ruawai College "Flipped Their Way Through the Day" in a bid to connect with our community and develop a sense of pride and communal support for Mental Health Awareness Week.

Ruawai College organized and hosted a carnival event where students, teachers, and support staff flipped tractor tyres, pancakes and pages for the duration of the school day. The act of 'flipping' is a symbolic representation of the mental health difficulties young people face. Our underlying message is that with support, with help from friends, family and our community, we are here for you - you are not alone. Our Mana Tangata Programme students lead in this space by "flipping" alongside every student, teacher and school house group, to demonstrate their pride in, and commitment to the kura and community. There were many additional activities happening throughout the day including Mural Design, Dance, Clay Work and Science fun.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



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COMMUNITY

KidsCan Charitable Trust donated clothing

On Thursday the 9th of September 2021 we received a pallet of clothing from KidsCan. This clothing was a national donation from The Warehouse Group that had been offered to us before lockdown. It was a surplus order and it was a 'get what you get' type scenario. Lucky for us some of the boxes contained a number of mixed-sized dark navy long pants that match our uniform. Deans Kirsty Batters and Jenny Dallison will offer these to students, in the College, that would like to have a pair of long school pants. Also in the order were dark navy shorts that can also be given out as spares when required. There was a box of polar fleece zip-up sweatshirts that Kimberley Rope-Battcher gifted to the Ruawai Primary School, as they were all small sizes. Ironically the Primary School had boxes of large sizes so a swap was organized. Tartan school skirts were also in the consignment and they will go towards sewing projects such as wearable arts and other class projects. This is just another great way that KidsCan supports schools in New Zealand and we, in turn, can support our community. Thanks again KidsCan!

- Kimberley Rope-Battcher - eDean

Friendly Reminders

Contact Information – having the latest emergency information is important in being able to reach you. Please remember to keep all of your information up to date. Eg emails, address, contact numbers, emergency contact.

Attendance - If students are going to be away for any reason, please contact the school office, either by phone (09 439 2216, 027 268 5313) or via email (admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz). You can also report an absence via our website under the "Contact" tab.



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Board Chairperson Comment

The Board would like to acknowledge the continuing effort and hard work by our wonderful Principal and staff. And it is fantastic to see students back at school with Northland moving to the Covid-19 Alert Level 2.

Following on from our comments in the last Newsletter on what school Boards do, we would like to talk about some of the skills and personal characteristics the Board members need to be an effective contributor on the Board. This also has a relevance to the up-coming Triennial Parent Member elections in May 2022 if you were considering putting your name forward next year. More details on the election process will follow in early 2022. Current board members are myself, Jo Forsyth, Aleida Spoelstra, Paul Rawaho and Angela Robinson.

In no particular order, these are just some of the personal attributes that make for an effective Board Member;

- Have a high level of empathy and be able to get on with all people.
- Be a great listener and be prepared to accept other people's opinions.
- See things from other people's perspective and through their eyes.
- You do not always have to have all the answers.
- Must to be a good team player.
- Confidentiality is important

We would like to finish off by saying, that being a Board Member is a great way to get to know more about your community and is very rewarding! Please feel free to contact me or any other Member with any queries or questions.

- Anthony Blundell, Board Chairperson



Big Thank You

Thank you Jo - we have appreciated having the canteen operational this year. It has been wonderful having you as part of the Ruawai College whanau PLUS the food has been yummy

Ruawai College would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors for the fantastic contribution that they made towards supporting the event 'Flipping our way through the day' and the wonderful T/Shirts that we received.

Gas & Tyre
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Board Meeting Dates

Term 4

Tuesday 09 November

Tuesday 07 December



Free Kids Only Holiday Surf Programme

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the Spring School Holidays on Tutukaka Coast & Taupo Bay. This is free for 11-18 year olds

Fun, Active & Healthy

11-18yr olds | Monday-Friday | Morning or Afternoon Sessions

Tutukaka & Taupo Bay | 4-8 Oct & 11-15 Oct 2021

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment.



Limited spaces | Please email to book

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www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz



Friendly Reminders

SUN SMART - We promote the protection of staff and students from the harmful effects of the sun. Sunscreen is on hand from the student centre and there is considerable shade for our students to shelter under on those extremely hot days. We have available for sale a plain blue bucket hat as part of the school uniform priced at \$8.00 from the school office.

Naming Gear - A lot of uniform and non-uniform items are handed in to the office, some of which is very expensive. Please ensure all items brought or worn to school are named so lost items can be returned to the rightful owner.

School Newsletter - Please let the school office know if you wish to receive a hard copy. The newsletter is also available to view on our school website and can be picked up at the school office.

Soft Drinks - Just a reminder that the College does not allow soft drinks or energy drinks to be brought into the school.



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