



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

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COLLEGE
Respect
Resilience
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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 4 Week 5
Wednesday 17 November 2021

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1

Tuesday 01 February –
Thursday April 14 2022

Term 2

Monday 02 May –
Friday 08 July 2022

Term 3

Monday 25 July –
Friday 30 September 2022

Term 4

Monday 17 October –
Friday 09 December 2022

TEACHER ONLY DAY

**TUESDAY 30
NOVEMBER 2021**

**NO SCHOOL FOR ALL
STUDENTS**

Keeping Addresses Up to Speed – Please ensure that we have your correct email address, telephone and mobile phone/contact details. Please phone the school or go to our school website under Contact and fill in the form provided to update your contact details. Take the opportunity to try out the new website.

THANK YOU - Two simple words but they mean a lot. Our combined efforts have resulted in a change of alert levels which would not have been possible unless ALL OF US were in this together. Kindness, taking care, being safe, sound hygiene practices and a genuine desire to 'do the right thing' has made a major contribution to this decision. Public health advice cannot be clearer: vaccinations are the most significant tool we have to reduce the risk of serious illness in our communities. If most of us are vaccinated, we can also reduce the risk of outbreaks which can lead to lockdowns and put our health system under pressure. Thank you all so very much.

Senior Prizegiving

COVID placed us in the position of not being able to hold a full senior prizegiving where whanau, friends and supporters would normally be here with us to acknowledge the accomplishments of our senior students. Through video recording and photographs I hope that you will be able to get a sense of the occasion around the senior prizegiving. The staff put on a shared lunch for our Year 13's during Break 2. Congratulations to all our students who received awards today. The top award went to Klaire Estore (pictured right) as the 2021 DUX of Ruawai College. (*see more photos on the next page*)

Farewell

We bid farewell to the following staff members and thank them for their teaching service to the school, commitment to our students and for their valuable contributions across many areas of school life - Pieter Burger is returning to the Hawkes Bay, Carol Blacker is retiring, Sean McDonnell is pursuing his art passion whilst also doing tour bus driving, Nadine Moore and her family have moved down to Auckland.

School Leavers

A number of our senior students leave throughout the year but especially in Terms 3/4 after they had gained NCEA at their respective level. Many have gone on to apprenticeships, training programmes, courses and to work in a number of fields. This is partly due to the success of our Gateway/work experience programme, availability of courses, success at gaining their NCEA and a desire to 'earn money'. We are pleased and proud of the success that our students are having in this area and although it is sad that less students are staying on through to Year 13, we know that both they and their families are also both pleased and proud of the outcomes they are achieving through the College.



Year 13 Leavers

Keep in Touch!

Ruawai College website: www.ruawaicollege.school.nz

Fax: 09 439 22 14

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ruawaicollege Phone: 09 439 22 16

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

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2021

For a full list of prize winners, please visit our school's Facebook or website.



Tahlia Johnson & Pita Pua
Head Girl & Head Boy for 2022



Back row: Baylin Connett, Carla Fraser & Pita Pua
Front row: Emma Philips, Piper Sterling & Tahila Johnson
Prefect Team for 2022



Baylin Connett
Student of the Year 2021



Emma Philips
Kauri House
The Business House Trophy
for inter house competitions



Tahila Johnson & Carla Fraser
Totara House
Ruawai College House Spirit Cup



Sacha Tunnicliffe
Kumara Award



Carla Fraser
The Clarke Pukumahi
Taonga



Sacha Tunnicliffe & Klaire Estore
Proxime Accessit & DUX 2021



Carla Fraser
Taura Motuhake
Taonga



Danae Kitona
Aroha Motu Cup



Michael Dreadon
Kaipara District Council
Environmental Award

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING 2020

For a full list of prize winners, please visit our school's Facebook or website.



Sacha Tunnicliffe
The Endeavour
Trophy



Danae Kitona
Tim Salter Drama



Baylin Connett
Chess Champion



Emma Philips
Year 11 Academic
Achievement - DUX



Sacha Tunnicliffe
The Llewellyn
Memorial Trophy



Piper Sterling
Raewyn Murphy Memorial Trophy
*The Best all round year 11-Year 13
Female athlete*
Netball Senior A - Fair Play Award



Baylin Connett
Lee Joynt Memorial
Trophy
*The Best all round Year
11-Year 13 Male athlete*



Monique & Klaire Estore
Senior Girls Basketball Team - Fair Play
Award
Senior Girls Basketball Team - Most
Improved Player Award



Baylin Connett
Senior Boys Basketball
Team (Grizzlies) - Most
Improved Player Award



Piper Sterling
Intermediate Girls
Swimming Champion



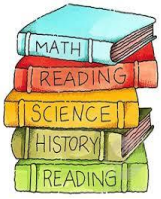
Carla Fraser
Intermediate Girls
Cross Country
Champion



Baylin Connett
Fair Play Award for
Sportsmanship



**Joshua King, Sacha Tunnicliffe & Jesse
Wallace**
Head Prefect Team of 2021

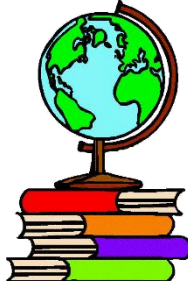


CURRICULUM

Social Science Curriculum

The social sciences cover a vast range of topics and disciplines including local and global histories, cultural and environmental geography, current

policy, resource management, business, and economics. Over the year, Year 7-10 have had a taster of all these disciplines viewed through a lens of sustainability. Students are encouraged to be evaluative and consider the short and long-term causes and consequences of actions and events, using lessons from the past as a springboard to critique the present and protect the future. There have been various group projects, social actions, and trips embedded in the teaching and learning program of junior social sciences including tree planting, Polyfest, a marae visit, and a wetlands exploration led by Dr Jacque Knight from education for sustainability.



Social sciences at the NCEA level includes Geography and History. This year in History students have done a comparative investigation into wars and conflicts with a particular focus on global and international conflicts and New Zealand's contribution. An evaluation of how these international events impact New Zealanders and our local communities and economy has been a priority in our studies and assessments. In Geography this year students have taken both a local and a global approach. Our year 13's have focussed on our world's waters and oceans, investigating some of the issues occurring both above and below its surfaces. Their most recent study focuses on localized streams and rivers. Our year 11's have also taken both a local and a global approach, exploring waterways and pest control issues in our local environment. They have also explored large-scale natural disasters on a global scale. All geographic studies have included understanding the causes and consequences with both an environmental and cultural lens.

- Amanda McMillan, Head of Learning Social Science

Northland Rescue Helicopter Appeal Mufti day "Midday Breakfast"

On the 27th of October, in a bid to support the Northland Rescue Helicopter appeal, Ruawai College held a mufti day as well as a midday breakfast.

The breakfast consisted of eggs, toast, beans and sausages. This approach was to mirror and support MoreFM in their "all day breakfast". As a school we are more than happy to support this critical service for our community. The Northland Rescue chopper and the pilots that operate it do amazing work.

As a school we raised over \$380 to donate to the Northland Rescue Chopper. Thank you to our partners MoreFM and MediaWorks for including Ruawai College in this fantastic and worthy initiative.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal

NCEA EXAMINATIONS - This year's NCEA exams start on Monday 22 November and will finish on Tuesday 14 December 2021. Morning exams start at 9:30 am and afternoon exams at 2:00 pm. Students should arrive 30 minutes before their first exam. Students who arrive more than 30 minutes after the start of the exam will not be allowed in. Students must wear their proper school uniform. If they are not in uniform they will not be allowed into the exams. All senior students, except those who are not doing external exams, were given their Admission Slip. This sets out the date and time of their exams. This is not a copy. It must be bought for every exam. They will not be allowed to sit their exams without it. If they lose their slip they must see Ms Dallison well before the exam. On the reverse of the admission slip is more information about the exams and exam rules.

NCEA DERIVED GRADES - Under certain circumstances you can apply for a derived grade if you miss an external exam. A derived grade is based on evidence, such as the results from the derived grade exams carried out in Term 3. You must complete a derived grade application form and provide appropriate evidence. You can get a copy of the form from Ms Dallison or you can download it from the NZQA website (www.nzqa.govt.nz). If you miss an exam because you are unwell, you must get a doctor to complete Section B of the form. You can also apply for a derived grade if you believe your performance was affected because you were ill. Again, you will need to ask your doctor to fill in the relevant part of the form. Students can also apply if they are affected by a serious or traumatic event, e.g. being involved in a car accident on the way to the exam or the death of a close family member. For more information contact Ms Dallison.





STUDENT VOICE

Year 13 leavers

The 2021 Year 13 class was asked to answer two questions for the newsletter: Q1. What was your dream job growing up? Q2. What is your greatest memory at Ruawai College? and here is how they responses.



Mikaere Barron

I have always wanted to work in the Forestry Industry.



Courtney Butt

I have always loved working with little kids and my dream job has been to be a Day Care Teacher and I hope to make it a reality.

My greatest memory has to be scabbing food off of the junior kids and sitting in Mrs Rope's office.



Klaire Estore

My dream job growing up has been to be a registered nurse.

My greatest memory would be playing basketball with all my friends from school and bonding with all my classmates.



Monique Estore

My dream job is to be a doctor or anything to help save people.

Always being a part of sporting tournaments and getting involved with interhouse sports



Shania Gilmour

I have always wanted to be a beauty therapist when I grow up.



Sia Joshua

My dream job growing up was to become a teacher.

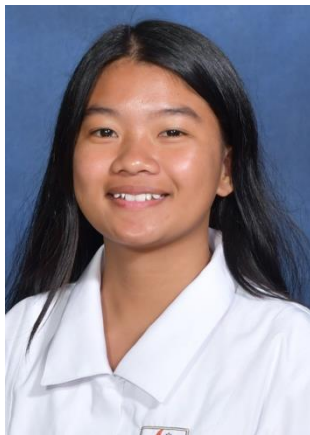
Getting to know all my teachers, friends and classmates.



Joshua King

I have always wanted to be a fire fighter because you get to drive a big truck with bright lights and be a hero.

My greatest memory would have to be being Deputy Head Boy of Ruawai College because I got to meet so many different people and learn so much in my role.



Krixy Maroto

My dream job is to be a nurse and help as many people as I can.

My greatest memory would be having amazing friends and to have the best support from teachers and my deans.



Cameron Mitchell

I have always wanted to be a sky dive instructor as I get to fly in the air like a bird.

My greatest memory would have to be making it to Year 13 and passing.



Pita Pua

I have always wanted to be a civil engineer.

My greatest memory would be making new friends and meeting all of my teachers and being the BBQ man for the Quad tournament



Sacha Tunnickliffe

I have always loved animals and have always wanted to become a vet.

Becoming Head Girl of Ruawai College and getting to go and visit other schools and meet their head prefects.



Jesse Wallace

My dream job would have to be to be an All Black.



SPORTING NEWS

Ruawai College Top Form

On Friday 29 October we celebrated our final interhouse competition for the 2021 school year - Top Form. It was a fun day and the rain managed to hold off.

Results:

Totara 1 - 3rd

Kauri 3 and Rimu 1 - 2nd =

Rimu 2 - 1st



1st Place:
Rimu House



2nd Place:
Kauri House



3rd Place:
Totara House



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



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POSITIVE QUOTE
CORNER

*Think big. Trust
yourself and make
it happened.*

UNKNOWN

EXAM PREPARATION TIPS

- Give yourself enough time to study
- Make sure your study space is organised
 - Use flow charts / diagrams
 - Practice with old exams
- Explain your answer to others
 - Organise study groups
 - Take regular breaks
 - Snack on brain food
- Plan the day of your exams
 - Drink plenty of water

SWIMMING POOL NOTICE

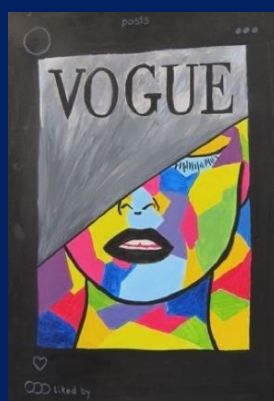
Due to the constant challenges of COVID-19 around things such as changes to alert levels, monitoring social distancing, contact tracing, the real possibility of water restrictions and maintenance, the Ruawai College Swimming Pool will NOT be open this season.

Thank you for your understanding.

Coaches and Managers 2022

We invite expressions of interest for 2022 Coaches and Managers for Basketball, Netball and Football. Please apply in writing with a brief description of your experience. Email to Kay Smith ksmith@ruawaicollege.school.nz or Lance Panoho lpanoho@ruawaicollege.school.nz or drop off in to the office. For any further queries please call 09 4392216 and speak with Kay or Raymonde.

ART OF THE MONTH





COMMUNITY

Board Chairperson Comment



Student Board representative elections: Boards of state and state-integrated schools with students above Year 9 must hold a student representative

election in September each year. Due to COVID-19, the elections were delayed and were held on Wednesday 27 October 2021. A big congratulations to Baylin Connett on being elected as student representative on the Ruawai College Board for 2022, with his term starting officially on Wednesday 3 November 2021 quickly followed by his first Board meeting on Tuesday 9 November 2021.

Like all Board members, they make decisions in the best interest of all students at the school using all the information available. The student

representative brings a student perspective to all matters and issues under discussion, but ultimately must vote as a Board member. It is a rewarding role and Baylin has a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the school's growth and development during their term.

Skool Loop: The "Skool Loop" app is a great way to keep engaged, informed and up to date on what's going on at Ruawai College. If you don't have the app, I would highly recommend downloading it.

The app is available for download here: <https://www.skoolloop.com/>

COVID-19: With the Delta variant of COVID-19 expected to be more widespread in the community in the coming months, this means that there will be an increase in risk exposure to everyone in the community. We trust everyone stays safe and takes all the necessary actions to minimise the risk to themselves, their whanau, their friends and their community.

Ruawai College Curriculum: The Board is very excited about the new curriculum for our school - student centred, personalised, engaging and INSPIRING. There is much excitement amongst the students, staff and members of the community. We look forward to 2022 when the new look curriculum comes into effect with planning and organisation of this well underway. Below is an outline summary of the curriculum. Brochures and further information is available from the College on request:

Junior School - Year 7 & 8

- Cross-curricular multi-teacher learning base
- Hauora is linked with Turangawaewae. Learning will be delivered through wrap-around diverse learning experiences where teachers collaborate, integrate learning and go to the students
- Key ideas: Themed learning, shared experiences, familiarity, safety, consistency

Middle School - Year 9 & 10

- Student selected modules
- Student choice = student engagement = student passion
- Learning will be delivered through student designed learning programmes. Core subjects and options subjects make up a pool of modules which students select from and design their learning landscape for the year

Senior School - Year 11 to 13

- Learning packages (25-30 credits per package)
- Cross curricular shared experiences, individualised learning programmes
- Learning will be driven by student choice. NCEA standards from a range of learning areas will be thematically and contextually linked through shared experiences, collaborative planning and assessment alignment.
- *Anthony Blundell, Board Chairperson*

Board Meeting Date

Tuesday 07 December 2021, 6pm

Student Elections

Ruawai College

Board Election

Declaration of Student Election Results

I hereby declare Baylin Connett duly elected student representative to the Ruawai College Board for 2022.

Signed
Hazel Hornell
Returning Officer

2022 Start of Year Programme

Overview of Week 0: 24 –28 January 2022

- School office open, eg enrolments, uniform

Thursday 27 – Friday 28 January 2022

- Teacher Only Days

Overview of Week 1: 31 January – 04 February 2022

Monday 31 January 2022

- Northland Anniversary Day

Tuesday 01 February 2022

- School starts, all buses are running from this date onwards
- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to the school's Wi-Fi
- 9:00am – 3:00pm: Year 12/13 Peer Support Training. Students are to meet with Senior /Junior Deans / AP / Guidance Counsellor in Room 14 at 9:00am

Wednesday 02 February 2022

- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to the school's Wi-Fi
- 8:45am – 3.00pm: Senior Gateway First Aid Course

Thursday 03 February 2022

- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to the school's Wi-Fi
- 8:45am – 3.00pm: Senior Student Leadership programme – Prefects and Senior House Leaders

Friday 04 February 2022

- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform. Contact the school office to bring in devices for connection to the school's Wi-Fi
- 8:45am: First Day of School for Year 7 students and any new Year 8 & Year 9 students 8:45am:
- 9:00am: Powhiri – all whanau welcome
- 9:30am - 10:30am LA's meet with whanau
- 10:30am - 3:00pm: Peer Support

Overview of Week 2: 07 – 11 February 2022

Monday 07 February 2022

- Waitangi Day

Tuesday 08 February 2022

- All Year Levels return to school

Wednesday 09 February 2022

- Normal timetabled school day for all Year Levels