



# 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 4 Week 9**  
Monday 13 December 2021

### Upcoming 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



### School uniform list

You can find the school uniform lists on our school website - [www.ruawaicollege.school.nz](http://www.ruawaicollege.school.nz)

As we draw to a close of the school year it is a time to reflect upon the significant support that the school has received. Thank you to our Ruawai College whanau and community for the many ways that you have helped us this year – we look forward to your ongoing support of the College in 2022. The holidays are a time to relax and enjoy spending time with friends and family. I wish all students and staff a safe and relaxing holiday. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all school families a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Start of year - We look forward to welcoming all of our new students to the Ruawai College whanau with a powhiri on Friday 4 February 2022. School then starts for all students on Tuesday 8 February 2022.

Linda Sheehan has been a teacher at Ruawai College for 39 years. She is retiring at the end of the year and will be very much missed. Linda has made a major contribution to the lives of many students in her teaching career at Ruawai College. We wish Linda well in her retirement. Thank you Linda for your dedication and service to the students, the staff, our school community and the teaching profession.

E mihi ana ki a Linda, mo tōna manawanui, tona piropono, tōna mahi ki nga tauira, ki nga kaiako o te kura tua rua o Ruawai, me nga akoranga a matauranga.

Overleaf are some snapshots of Linda's time at the College

- Raeleen Harré, Tumuaiki

### Junior Prizegiving

On Friday 10 December we held Year level Junior Prize giving ceremonies and recognised the achievement across years 7-10. We congratulate the following students as Dux of their respective year levels -

Year 7: Zoey Kirk  
Year 8: Siobhan Dobbin  
Year 9: Imogen Williams  
Year 10: Lucas Hassall

Congratulations also to the following students who gained Excellence in their Year 10 Diploma - Emma Ashford & Lucas Hassall (*see more photos on the next page...*)



### Prefects

We congratulate the following students who form our 2022 Prefect Team -

Head Girl - Tahlia Johnson  
Head Boy - Pita Pua  
Baylin Connett  
Carla Fraser  
Emma Philips  
Piper Stirling



### Keep in Touch!

Ruawai College website: [www.ruawaicollege.school.nz](http://www.ruawaicollege.school.nz) - Phone: 09 439 22 16

Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ruawaicollege](https://www.facebook.com/ruawaicollege) - Mobile: 027 268 5313 (for absences)

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

## Junior Prize Giving 2021

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



**Lucas Hassall**  
Year 10 DUX 2021



**Imogen Williams**  
Year 9 DUX 2021



**Siobhan Dobbin**  
Year 8 DUX 2021



**Zoey Kirk**  
Year 7 DUX 2021



**Siobhan Dobbin**  
Junior Speech Award



**Seth Eve-Rumsey**  
Intermediate School  
Speech Award



**Molly Dawson**  
Kumara Award



**Patricia Heihei**  
Kumara Award



**Bonnie Robinson**  
Resilience Award



**Emma Ashford & Lucas Hassall**  
Service Award



**Seth Eve-Rumsey**  
The Simpson Award  
Effort in Instrumental Music

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**Ben Watkins**

L Joyce Trophy  
Best All Round Junior Athlete in Year 7 - 10  
Intermediate Boys Swimming  
Champion  
Intermediate Boys Cross Country  
Champion



**Emma Ashford**

Ruawai College Girls  
Basketball Team - Most  
Valuable Player



**JZ Llewellyn**

"The Grizzlies" Boys  
Basketball Team - Fair Play  
Award



**Mokoia Llewellyn**

"The Grizzlies" Boys  
Basketball Team - Most  
Valuable Player



**Zach Sterling**

Junior Boys Swimming  
Champion



**Tamati Thompson**

Sub Junior Boys Swimming  
Champion



**Miah Fraser**

Junior Girls Swimming Champion  
Junior Girls Cross Country  
Champion



**Patience Day**

Sub Junior Girls Cross  
Country Champion



**Tasharna Keogh**

SPORTING BLUES - CHEERLEADING  
SPORTING BLUES - BASKETBALL



**Koaria Bristow**

Sub Junior Girls Swimming  
Champion



**Matthew Watkins**

Sub Junior Boys Cross  
Country Champion



# CURRICULUM

## Wetlands Trip

On Tuesday 23rd November a group of our students, Mrs Togja and I set off to Paparoa.

We were heading to the wetlands on the Paparoa walk to 'free' the plants from the weeds that had moved in over lockdown. These plants, trees and grasses had been planted by the year eights earlier in the year. Our job consisted of pulling out the weeds at the base of the plants and cutting the blackberry off at the ground. Jacquie Knight, Les and Wayne from EnviroSchools were a huge help and were great to work alongside.

Here is what the students had to say about the experience. "It was really fun being outside in the fresh air with my friends". "We were protecting our future so the next generation can see the trees. We learnt a lot about trees and the wetlands and how 98% of New Zealand's wetlands have been drained". "We learnt that the wetlands are a natural filter, putting in the trees and making a new wetland means that the trees can filter out the bad chemicals so the good stuff can go to the Kaipara Harbour. We have become aware of all of this information and would like to learn more as it has started a new interest in us".

Hopefully, in the future, we can use some of this valuable learning and implement it here at Ruawai College to increase from our bronze award to either a silver or gold EnviroSchool level.

- Kimberley Rope-Battcher



## Activities Week

The annual Ruawai College activities week occurs over the course of the final week of school. This is a wonderful opportunity for teachers and students to get involved in activities and projects of interest.

This year classroom teachers are taking a lead role in designing activities and projects. There is an impressive range of things going on over the course of the week, from landscaping projects, to Christmas themed cooking activities, our teachers really stepped up and have taken the deer by the antlers, in a bid to engage students, enhance positive relationships and finish the year on a positive note.

Well done to all involved, mahi tahi in action. Congratulations on the composure and maturity displayed throughout a year that has presented many changes, many uncertainties and many challenges, of which we have overcome together.

Have a wonderful summer, enjoy the festivities at the end of the year.

- Jay Warren

[See more photos on the next page...](#)

## **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 8:45am

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: Powhiri – all whanau welcome
- 10:05am Meet and Greet Morning Tea
- 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

*Photos continued...*



## 2021 Recap



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## 2021 Recap



### 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.



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide

# Thank you Linda

*From Ruawai College*







## SPORTS NEWS

### Term 4 Sport



Covid restrictions have again impacted our students in Term 4. Northland Secondary Schools sports events were unfortunately cancelled with opportunities for our students to participate in extracurricular activities limited to activities organized within school.

We were fortunate enough to take advantage of outside provider resources and were visited at school by the Regional Development Officers (RDO's) from both rugby codes, organizing and refereeing their own versions of Tag Rugby. The good weather played its part and I know all of the students involved appreciated and enjoyed the experience. We would like to extend a very sincere thank you to Cori Paul from Northland Rugby League and also to Peter Hugo from the Northland Rugby Union, for their time and ongoing support of our school.

- Lance Panoho



## 2022 Term 1 Sporting Calendar

Friday 18 Feb | Top Form

Friday 25 Feb | RC Swimming Sports

Tuesday 1 March | Athletics 1500m (Break 2)

Friday 4 March | RC Athletics Day

Friday 11 March | NSS Senior Touch Kaikohe

Monday 14 March | NSS Senior Girls Volleyball

Wednesday 16 March | NSS Senior Boys Volleyball

Friday 18 March | NSS Athletics Whangarei

Wednesday 23 March | NSS Swimming Whangarei

Inter House Sport | TBC

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**POSITIVE QUOTE CORNER**

*He aroh a whakatō, he aroha pita Mai.  
If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive.*

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## STUDENT VOICE

Some of our students from this year were asked to answer four questions for the newsletter: Q1. What has this year at Ruawai College been like for you? Q2. What have you found enjoyable about this year? Q3. What have you found challenging about this year? Q4. What do you look forward to next year? and here are their responses.

### Wyatt Dobbin (Yr7)

*At the start of the year I was very nervous but over time I have gotten to know some really nice people.*

*The carnival day and all of the planting trips we have been on this year.*

*Learning to deal with so many different personalities.*

*Getting to spend more time with some of my favourite teachers.*



### Konrad Philips (Yr8)

*This year has been a very good year for me as there has been many different and exciting things happen.*

*When we got to go on the wetlands planting trips.*

*I have found science to be really changing this year.*

*I am looking forward to the change in the curriculum next year.*



### Bonnie Robinson (Yr 9)

*This year has been good. I like my teacher, they have helped me a lot.*

*The carnival day, especially the tyre flipping.*

*Lockdown, because I missed my friends and teachers*

*Holidays!*

*Being a year10 and doing different things.*

### Quinn Gardiner (Yr 10)

*It has been pretty cool so far and I have gotten a lot of experiences from this school and have also made some really cool friends.*

*Having a fresh start and getting some cool opportunities.*

*It would have to be changing from school to school, but i'm glad I have made it to this school.*

*I look forward to be a great role model to the younger students.*



## 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



## COMMUNITY Board Chairperson Comment

Tēnā koutou katoa



The key outcome for an effective school, is one where young people can achieve and succeed to the best of their ability. In a governance and support role, the board, in partnership with our Principal Mrs Raeleen Harre, ensures that Ruawai College achieves that key outcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Board of 2021; parent members Jo Forsyth, Aleida Spoelstra, Paul Rawaho and Angela Robinson, staff member Kimberley Rope-Battcher, previous student member Jahnae

Lewell-Huriwaka, current student member Baylin Connett and our Principal Raeleen Harre. The Board is a very dedicated and focused team – that always puts our young people first.

We are blessed to have fantastic teaching and non-teaching staff. They are the people at the coal face of our school. Their effort, commitment, support and love for Ruawai College and its students is very evident and very much appreciated by the community.

Ruawai College's latest MoE 5YA allocated funding in 2019, including rationalisation and investment add-ons, totalled \$2.25million dollars.

This funding is for property projects to be completed over the current 5 year cycle, of which we are halfway through our 3rd year.

Some of the key property projects completed in 2021 include;

- Resurfacing of the asphalt courts and new fencing.
- Toilet upgrade in the; H Block, Main Block, staff room and gym area.
- Classrooms 1 to 6 and Admin Area = Refurbishment well underway with new autex, carpets, vinyl, LED lighting upgrade, window replacement and window tinting.
- Refurbishment of the staff room including a new kitchen.
- Refurbishment of the meeting room including the addition of a kitchenette.
- New flooring and lighting in the admin, reception area and student entrance.

Some key property projects scheduled for 2022 include;

- Continuation of the refurbishment of Classrooms 1 to 6 and main block side offices.
- Upgrade to LED lighting in the Gymnasium.
- Installation of new heat pumps in the Assembly Hall.
- Pool repairs.
- Drainage remediation.

To all the students of Ruawai College – on behalf of whanau and our community – we would like to acknowledge your huge effort and the level of achievement and success attained....in what has been a very disruptive and difficult year. Bring on 2022!

We hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas and that you all get to spend valuable time with whanau and friends.

Nga mihi nui

Anthony Blundell, Chairperson Ruawai College Board

## 2022 Board Meeting Dates

**Tuesday 22 February 2022**

**Tuesday 29 March 2022**

**Tuesday 24 May 2022**

**Tuesday 28 June 2022**

**Tuesday 23 August 2022**

**Tuesday 27 September 2022**

**Tuesday 8 November 2022**

**Tuesday 6 December 2022**

## 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](mailto:ksmith@ruawaicollege.school.nz) or Lance Panoho

[lpanoho@ruawaicollege.school.nz](mailto:lpanoho@ruawaicollege.school.nz) or drop off in to the office. For any further queries please call 09 4392216 and speak with Kay or Lance.

## ART OF THE MONTH



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# **The Ruawai Way**

## **Respect, Whakaute**

**Mahi tahi**

**Use school appropriate language**

**Accept differences**

**Treat people and property well**

## **Responsibility, Takohanga**

**Follow instructions**

**Be on time and ready to learn Make it right**

**Follow school tikanga**

## **Resilience, Manawaroa**

**Try, try and try again**

**Make wise choices**

**Embrace challenges and opportunities**

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