



# RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

## PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

Firstly, thank you so much for your support in regard to the kaupapa which has been put into place whilst we operate in the Red setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework. In particular, our students/staff have demonstrated huge resilience in mask wearing in order to keep themselves and others safe. Please, ALL VISITORS to the school MUST WEAR A MASK. If you have a mask exemption then please show this evidence to the office staff in our bid to keep everyone safe. Visitors to the school are not allowed to wander around the school. They must first go to the office. Where you are collecting/or dropping off your child/children PLEASE STOP at the front gate and wait for them or ask a staff member to collect them. There is a sign outlining the kaupapa for this procedure on the front gate and on facebook.

I also acknowledge your kaupapa in keeping students at home if they are unwell, getting tested if required, or due to symptoms, and self-isolating if a close contact. All of these actions are essential to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your ongoing support of these public health measures under the red setting and for continuing to be kind and helpful in your dealings with us.

### Health Measures

At the red setting, schools and kura are open with staff and students on site. We will continue to follow all health guidelines, including:

- Students and staff wearing face coverings when indoors or in close contact with others, and on school transport. The public health advice is that an appropriate face covering fits snugly and seals well around facial contours.
- Displaying QR posters for the COVID-19 tracer app
- Maintaining good hygiene
- No non-essential visitors on site
- Physical distancing
- Keeping indoor spaces well ventilated
- Asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home and seek medical advice

### In remembrance of a Tangata Rongonui (a Special Person)

We acknowledge and mourn the passing of Linda Sheehan - a much loved, admired and respected teacher, Learning Advisor, colleague, staff member and friend. Linda made a major contribution to the lives of many students in her teaching career and I was honoured to speak at her funeral service and acknowledge her vast contribution to our kura.

No reira e te Kahurangi, haere kio matua tupuna oki oki atu , moe mai ra e Linda

- Raeleen Harré, Tumuaiki



### 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*

**Ruawai**  
COLLEGE  
Respect  
Resilience  
Responsibility

**Term 1 Week 3**  
**Thursday 17 February 2022**

### Upcoming Dates

**COVID-19**  
**WE ARE**  
**CURRENTLY AT THE**  
**RED LIGHT SETTING**

Top Form  
**Friday 18 February**

Board Meeting - 6pm  
**Tuesday 22 February**

School Photos  
**Thursday 24 February**

Ruawai College Swimming Sports  
**Friday 25 February**

Level 1 Surfing Trip - Tutukaka  
**Monday 28 February**

Aquabots  
**Tuesday 1 March**

Yr 7 vision testing  
**Friday 4 March**

Ruawai College Athletics  
**Tuesday 8 - Wednesday 9 March**

Aquabots Regionals - Auckland  
**Thursday 10 March**

Yr 11 - 13 Touch - Kaikohe  
**Friday 11 March**

YES Kickstart - Whangarei  
**Monday 14 March**

Girls Volleyball Yr 11-13 - Whangarei  
**Tuesday 15 March**

Unite  
against  
COVID-19



**VISITORS WEAR A  
MASK AT ALL TIMES**  
KEEP YOURSELF AND  
OTHERS SAFE

## WELCOME NEW STAFF



**Sade Langdon**  
Teacher Aide



**Pikikotuku Mihinui**  
Teacher Aide



**Eva Pirini**  
Teacher

## COMMUNICATION

We use a range of platforms to get as much information to students and whanau as possible - such as emails, phone calls, texting, newsletters, facebook, letters, skool loop and our new school notice board that went up at the end of last year



## Ruawai College Term Dates

### Term 1

**Tuesday 1 February 2022**  
**Thursday 14 April 2022**

### Term 2

**Monday 2 May 2022**  
**Friday 8 July 2022**

### Term 3

**Monday 25 July 2022**  
**Friday 30 September 2022**

### Term 4

**Monday 17 October 2022**  
**Friday 9 December 2022**

## IMPORTANT! SCHOOL NOTICES

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

You can find the school uniform list on our school website - [www.ruawaicollege.school.nz](http://www.ruawaicollege.school.nz)  
We appreciate all your support ensuring that your children arrive at school in the correct uniform. We know that getting all the uniform items can be a costly exercise, but it is greatly appreciated by everyone here. A reminder that the uniform shop here at school is available for all uniform items.

## 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**

## STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS FOR RUAWAI COLLEGE

ALL Students -

1B5 exercise book per subject (Maths: 1E5 Junior school or 1J5 Senior school) plus their chrome book/laptop. All students must have writing materials ie pens, pencils

## 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.

## KA ORA, KA AKO

The Healthy School Lunches programme is underway again in providing healthy lunches every day to all our students. Students have this meal at the start of Break 1- 10.45am and any leftover lunches is available to them at the start of Break 2



## RUAWAI COLLEGE STAFF LIST

You can find our staff contact list on our school website -  
<https://www.ruawaicollege.school.nz/staff-directory/>

### PASTORAL SUPPORT NETWORK TEAM

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Pastoral Network Team - let us know how we can help!



from left to right

**Lynda Von-Lyn** - Learning Support , **Kirsty Batters** - Junior School Dean ,  
**Kimberly Rope-Battcher** - Middle School Dean ,  
**Jenny Dallison** - Senior School Dean & **Amanda McMillan** -  
Guidance Counsellor

## Contact Email

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**Lynda Von-Lyn** -

Learning Support  
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## Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.





## Start of Year 2022

We have had a great start to the year being fully staffed and we also have a school counsellor.

Staff enjoyed a Wellbeing Professional Development day on Friday 28 January which was run by Core Education and Sport Northland. We started off at the wharf and ended up doing a very brisk walk back to the College followed by other fun activities throughout the morning. Other start of year activities included -

- Year 13 & Prefects Peer Support Training
- Gateway First Aid - a huge number of staff completed this course alongside our senior students
- Visit to Parirau Marae - Local History / Civil Defence. We also took our senior leaders with us
- Senior Student Leadership Programme happened following the marae visit
- First Day of School for Year 7 and any new Year 8 & Year 9 students - Due to the red setting kaupapa we did not hold a full powhiri however, we were still able to welcome them in song and they were the first to use the new shade area

We have all settled back very quickly into establishing routines, systems and a positive working/learning environment. It bodes well for another successful and productive year for the College.



## NCEA RESULTS 2021

### Level 1 Students

#### Emma Philips

National Certificate of Educational Achievement

Level 1 Endorsed with **Excellence**

**Subjects Endorsed with Excellence**

*Visual Art, English, Mathematics & Social Studies*

**Subject Endorsed with Merit**

*Science*

#### Piper Sterling

National Certificate of Educational Achievement

Level 1 Endorsed with **Merit**

**Subject Endorsed with Excellence**

*Physical Education*

**Subjects Endorsed with Achieved**

*Digital Technology, English, Mathematics & Science*

#### Jayda Marychurch

National Certificate of Educational Achievement

Level 1 Endorsed with **Merit**

**Subjects Endorsed with Merit**

*English, Hospitality & Mathematics*

**Subjects Endorsed with Achieved**

*Science & Social Studies*

#### Tahlia Johnson

National Certificate of Educational Achievement

Level 1 Endorsed with **Merit**

**Subjects Endorsed with Merit**

*Hospitality, Mathematics & Social Studies*

**Subjects Endorsed with Achieved**

*English & Science*

#### Carla Fraser

National Certificate of Educational Achievement

Level 1 Endorsed with **Merit**

**Subjects Endorsed with Merit**

*Digital Technology & English*

**Subject Endorsed with Achieved**

*Mathematics*







### **R. Tucker Thompson**

At the end of last year I was privileged enough to go on a 7 days voyage around the Bay of Islands.

We started the voyage off with ice breaker games and learning everyones names. There was a lot of singing and laughing by the end of day 1. We went for swims at 6:30am every morning and learnt how to dive/catch seafood which we cooked up for dinner most nights. We also did a lot of sailing and I got to steer the R. Tucker.

We learnt all about the history of the Bay of Islands and went for many hikes around the little islands, we also all got to climb to the top yard on the mast.

We had a few things go wrong such as, all of the cutlery got thrown overboard, the shower broke and I broke one of the life rafts on the ship.

All in all it was an amazing experience and I would recommend it to anyone how got the opportunity.

- Baylin Connett, Year 12



## **Ruawai College Value** **Responsibility, Takohanga**

**Follow instructions**

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



## **Ruawai College 2022** **College Photos**



Order your copy now! Fill out an order form and hand it in to the Office. EFTPOS or Online payment methods are all accepted.

Last day to order is Friday 18 February 2022. Forms are going home with students now.

### **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



## SPORTS NEWS

### COVID REQUIREMENTS

The school has been advised that School Sport NZ, the Northland Secondary School Sport Council and Sport Northland has confirmed that they will be requiring employees, and contractors and all members and volunteers (including coaches, officials, athletes, parents and other visitors) to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to entry and involvement in Northland Secondary School Sports Association Events.

#### In Summary

To be fully involved in sport representing the college, and some cultural, EOTC activities outside the classroom, students will require proof of their My Vaccine Pass. We will let you know where we have been advised that a MVP is required for entry to those activities outside of the school.

For more detailed information on running events under covid restrictions please go to the Sport NZ website - <https://www.sportnorthland.co.nz/>

## Ruawai College Value

Respect, Whakaute

Mahi tahi

Use school appropriate language

Accept differences

Treat people and property well



### POSITIVE QUOTE CORNER

*Hapaitia te ara tika puma ai te  
Rangatiranga mo nga uri  
whakatipu.*

*Foster the pathway of knowledge  
to strength, independence and  
growth for future generations.*

UNKNOWN

## 2022 Term 1 Sporting Calendar

Friday 18 Feb | Top Form

Monday 21 Feb | Inter House Badminton (Kauri)

Friday 25 Feb | RC Swimming Sports

Wednesday 2 March | Athletics 1500m (Break 2)

Tuesday 8 March | RC Athletics Day 1

Wednesday 9 March | RC Athletics Day 2

Friday 11 March | NSS Senior Touch Kaikohe

Friday 18 March | South Zone Swimming

Friday 25 March | NW Primary Swimming Dargaville

Tuesday 5 April | Senior Boys Volleyball

Wednesday 6 April | Senior Girls Volleyball

## IMPORTANT! SCHOOL NOTICES

### ATTENDANCE

All current public health and Ministry of Education advice is that students are expected to return to school. At all settings of the Covid Protection Framework, schools and businesses remain open, with differing health measures in place.

Our expectation is that school is attended as normal unless you are required to isolate at home or are sick. Please let the school know if you are not able to attend school for isolation or illness reasons. Lessons start at 8.45am each day and students are expected onsite at least five minutes before the start of lessons. Students who arrive after the start of lessons will be recorded as late and there are consequences for multiple unexplained lates. We all need to show up on time and be ready for learning each day, so your support here is vital.

### APPOINTMENTS

If you wish to catch up with a staff member then please get hold of the office or send them an email to make an appointment. The office will confirm with the staff member or offer an alternative and they or the staff member will get back to you.

Please find us on Facebook and on our school website - [www.ruawaicollege.school.nz](http://www.ruawaicollege.school.nz). Also download Skool Loop to stay up to date with latest news and notices that is going on at the college.



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## CURRICULUM

### First Aid

On Wednesday the second of February a large group of senior students and teachers sat the First

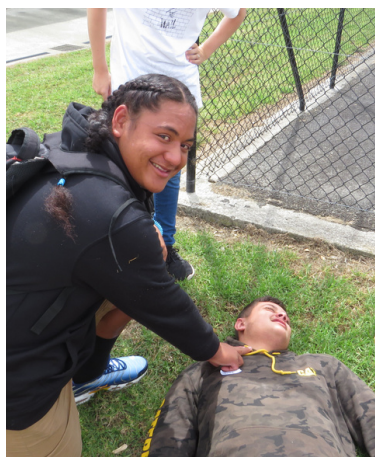
Aid Training course here at Ruawai College. The students had the opportunity to achieve credits for this worthwhile day.

We spent most of the day outside carrying out the activities.

We were taken through many important facets of First Aid including heart attack, stroke, seizures, and lacerations. We were then put into three groups and we were put through our paces in scenario exercises - one group acting as 'the victims' and the other two being 'responders'. The scenarios included a bbq exploding at an outdoor event, another one was a car crash. As you can see from the photos these scenarios were quite life-like, definitely some oscar performances from staff and students alike.

Even though the scenarios were fake, the learning and subject was very real and was taken seriously by all who attended. We can now feel even safer here at College knowing that we have even more people here at the college with First Aid qualifications.

- Mrs Kimberley Rope-Battcher - Middle School Dean



## Ruawai College Student Leaders



### Prefect Team

Back Row: Baylin Connett, Carla Fraser, Pita Pau (Head Boy)  
Front Row: Emma Philips, Piper Sterling, Tahlia Johnson (Head Girl)



### Rimu House Leaders

Emma Ashford, Zoey Kirk, Sapphire Harris, Phoenix Gilligan



### Kauri House Leaders

Hunter Shaw, Manea Natiso, Molly Dawson, Lucas Hassall



### Totara House Leaders

Makaylah Poka-Hall, Brayden Johnson, Zack Sterling, Quinn Gardiner

## Ruawai College Value

Resilience, Manawaroa

Try, try and try again

Make wise choices

Embrace challenges and opportunities





## COMMUNITY Property Work

As part of the schools 10 Year property plan (10YPP) the holidays saw the admin block, main block and the courtyard

between H block and the tech block receive a much needed facelift.

The school was a hive of activity from the start of the holidays to the end as all the furniture had to be cleared out so contractors could get in and get started. There was no time to lose as there was much to be done and a limited time to do it. The whole area was recarpeted, walls have been either painted or autexed and fabulous new whiteboard storage units have been erected in the classrooms. The classrooms have also been measured up for sunscreen blinds which will be arriving early in March.

The old computer room fitted desks have all been removed to convert this back to a standard style classroom.

The new Counsellors office has been fitted with extra thick autex to ensure more student privacy.

The old toilet and shower at the back of the Learning support room has been removed and made into a very functional storage area and all offices will be installed with air conditioning to provide additional comfort.

In early March all the classrooms will be finished off with new sunscreen blinds.

Outdoors the courtyard between H block and the tech blocks has been landscaped with a lovely new walkway and built in bench seats and bbq tables to ensure that students have a pleasant shady area to relax in through these very hot summer months.

New classroom furniture has also been purchased for the 2 science rooms, the hospitality room and Room 1 the old computer room, meaning the majority of classrooms now provide modern comfortable learning spaces for our students.

- Brenda Polwart, Business Manager



## 2022 6pm 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**

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