



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

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Term 1 Week 11
Wednesday 13 April 2022

Upcoming Dates

**NCEA Accord
Teacher Only Day
Thursday 19 May
2022
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL**

Monday 02 May
Term 2 Starts

Wednesday 04 May
Netball Grading
Year 12 RYDA
EPro8 Inter School Comp, Kamo

Monday 9 May
HPV Vaccination

Tuesday 10 May
World Vision Youth Conference

Thursday 12 May
Mid Week Basketball Starts

Monday 16 - Tuesday 17 May
Health & Safety Course

Thursday 19 May
NCEA Accord Teacher Only Day

Friday 20 May
Pink Shirt Day

Thursday 26 May
Attitude Health Presentation

Friday 27 May
Ruawai College Cross Country

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

COVID 19

We continue to follow the direction of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. Well being, teaching and learning remain our focus during these uncertain times. It is important that students continue to come to school (unless they are unwell) so we can support their continued learning.



As you are aware, the country's effort to slow the transmission of Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the co-curricular activities offered by all schools including ourselves. We understand that this has caused some disappointment and we appreciate everyone's support and patience. With the removal now of many of the restrictions that had been placed on co-curricular activities including sport and outdoor gathering numbers, we look forward to welcoming whanau support and presence at these activities.

As you can appreciate this is the CURRENT position, and is subject to change at short notice, if and when, we get more direction from the Ministry of Health and/or Ministry of Education.

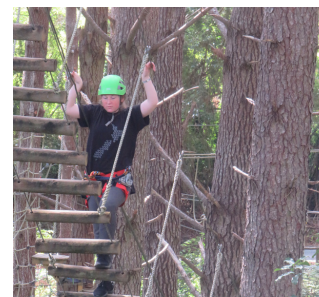
As this term draws to a close, I wish to thank you all for your support and understanding in what has been challenging times for us all and hope that you and your families stay safe and well.
He waka eke noa – We are all in this together.

- Raeleen Harré, Tumuaiki

TREE CLIMBING

On Friday 8th April the Yr 11 cohort ventured to Glenburvie Forest for Tree Climbing. This was an extremely challenging day for some, many conquering fears of height and trust. The laughter and screams of joy (and fear) filled the trees, as students whizzed around on zip lines and confronted the challenge of different obstacles on various courses put in front of them. Problem solving, communication and trust were highlighted throughout the day, with all the students demonstrating our school values, especially resilience. This was an awesome experience, as the majority of the students had never attended this activity before and all of them showed determination and should be proud of their achievement.

- Kay Smith, Head of Learning P.E. & Health



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



FARNET CURRICULUM

For the past six years here at Ruawai College, we have been utilizing an online school that has successfully worked alongside our curriculum. I thought I would share some information and past successes I have seen our students obtain since I became both an eTeacher and an eDean.

Firstly, what is this online school I'm talking about. Schools affiliate with the Online Learning Community and provide a teacher to deliver a course online. Each course is provided by an online teacher - an e-teacher - is designed in line with The New Zealand Curriculum. Students from other affiliated schools enrol in a course. The classes are run using an online class 'space'. These class spaces include the use of a video conferencing platform and an area for curated coursework. The students are all from Year 11 through to Year 13.

For one hour every week, the e-teacher runs a face-to-face video conference with their class. We have had teachers from all over the motu teaching our students and in turn, I have taught students from as north as Kaitia and as far south as Akaroa. Students join the class at the appropriate time from their home school, using an internet-capable device and ZOOM, a free internet-based video-conferencing application.

In addition, each affiliated school designates a teacher to provide in-school pastoral support - an e-dean - for students studying online. The e-dean is responsible for ensuring students meet their coursework obligations, attend their online meetings, and communicate regularly with their e-teacher.

In the six years I have been involved, I have seen students take a range of different subjects for a number of reasons such as subject availability, specialized subjects and if the timetable doesn't align with their subject choices. Examples of these subjects are Media Studies, Accounting, and Economics. Many of the students have achieved excellence and merit in their subjects and a large number of these students have gone on to become celebrated at the highest level here at Ruawai College.

This type of learning takes a great deal of self-motivation, commitment, and focus for the students to be successful in their subjects. I congratulate all of the past and present students who have been part of this learning. If you would like to know any further information about learning online please feel free to contact me at Ruawai College.

- Mrs. Kimberley Rope-Battcher, Middle School Dean/ Farnet e-Dean



PADDLEBOARDING AND KAYAKING

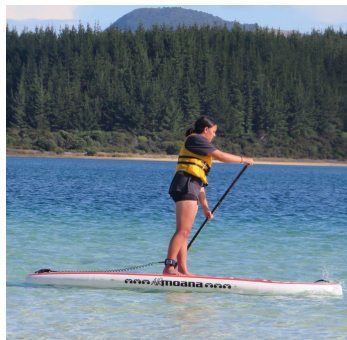
On the 22nd of March, the year 11 cohort participated in their second shared experience which was held at one of our local aquatic environments, Kai Iwi Lakes. We all had a go at paddleboarding and kayaking which was supporting our assessment in Physical Education.



We also went for a walk and collected sand and observed some of the environmental features around the lake to support Science. We all had a great time in the water and gained more experience about paddleboarding and kayaking as both activities are fun and enjoyable for anyone who likes spending time at the lakes.

Many thanks go to Gabe who came along and supported us and also Helena Thompson (Mahana Paddleboards) whom we rented paddleboards from and also taught us technical skills.

- Rawiri McIlroy



Ruawai College Value

Resilience, Manawarua

Try, try and try again

Make wise choices

Embrace challenges and opportunities

GOAT ISLAND

With Ruawai College's new innovative curriculum students are exposed to a range of exciting and engaging "Shared Experiences". The Level 2 and Level 3 Goat Island Marine Reserve trip is a good example of how these shared experiences enrich student engagement, learning and ultimately achievement.

On the 24th of March Year 12 and Year 13 students travelled down to Goat Island Marine reserve in Leigh.

On this experience students participated in a guided snorkel in the marine reserve where they identified and collated marine species and the abundance and size of these species.

Once we had finished our snorkel we went to the Marine Biology Centre run by the Auckland University. Students were able to listen to marine biologists who have worked in the Reserve for many years. Also students were able to enjoy the wet lab, where they could touch and interact with marine creatures such as sea urchins and starfish. These activities were to support and enhance the Geography and History Achievement standards being worked on in class.

From there we travelled into Warkworth and went to the fine establishment of Bam Boo. We had an authentic Asian Fusion meal which supported English Achievement standards.

Overall it was an amazing experience with some rich and unique experiences for our students. A huge thanks goes out to our friends at Goat Island Dive and Snorkel along with Tim and the team from Auckland University

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



JUMP - NINJA WARRIOR TRIP

On Monday 4th April our survival module went to Jump in NorthShore to participate in the Ninja Warrior course. During our module we have been training and setting goals in order to complete the Ninja course to the best of our ability.



We had an awesome time, everyone challenged themselves going against the time to complete the course. Some of it was really similar to what we watch on TV, for example the wall that you need to run up to press the button for the end. There were many obstacles that challenged everyone, some were so hard we could not do them. Only 3 of us, Zach, Sitiveni and Christian could reach the top of the wall to complete the course.

We then had a blast jumping on all the different tramps where we could do somersaults, slam dunks and jumping into the foam pits. Thanks heaps to Mr Panoho and Ms Smith for taking us down to have an awesome time.

- Manea Natiso



Poison or Persh Module

March the 31st was a crucial day for the Social Science Poison or Persh Module students. A panel of community group members came to school to listen to, learn from and judge student presentations.

Students were given the task of articulating to the community identified concerns and issues with the management of water resources in the Northern Kaipara. Their presentations included addressing the problem of sedimentation of the Kaipara Harbour, the data and evidence gathered on the "Ruawai Stop Bank water testing" learning experience underpinned this and guided their proposed solutions. Each group did an excellent job.

The community panel included, Northland Regional Council, EnviroSchools, He Mara Hau and Kaipara Refuse. The panel participants walked away from this experience buzzing with the detailed knowledge of innovative, yet achievable solutions our students presented.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal

ARCHERY

On Friday 11th of April the Year 11 P.E class attended a trip to the Northland Wairoa Archery Club. We arrived at 9:40 am and met the crew. They handed us our gears, explained the rules and made the day fun and calm.

Our first quarter of the day was spent practicing on the targets with no points tracked, which was a relief because the gear was intimidating. A few missed shots and a couple of bullseyes set us ready for our next activity. Points were tracked throughout the whole of the next course.

We split into two different groups, walked up and down the hillside, shooting various targets and announced the points altogether in the end. This activity was most likely the highlight of our day.

Our last activity was shooting balloons and little styrofoam balls. When finished we gathered together and gave thanks to the crew for a productive and safe day. Then made our way back to school.

- Dylarni Harding-Andrews



Welcome to our New Staff Member



Malcolm Crisp
Head of Learning English

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:

- 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

Ruawai College Value

Responsibility, Takohanga

Follow instructions

Be on time and ready to learn

Make it right

Follow school tikanga



SPORTS NEWS

KIWI TAG TOURNAMENT

Thursday 7 April 2022 saw the Level 2 and 3 Physical Education class of Ruawai College host a Kiwi Tag Tournament for the Year 7 - 11's.

Our students have been working closely with facilitators from Northern Swords Rugby League and yesterday was a chance for students to show off the skills they have been building on for the term. It was a great day of friendly competition and a fun way to end the first term of the school year.

Thank you to Northern Swords Rugby League, our school's Head of Learning Physical Education & Health Ms Kay Smith and Sports Coordinator Mr Lance Panoho for supporting our class to run this event successfully and thank you to our Year 12 Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) students for sponsoring the MVP and Sportsmanship awards.

Junior Winner: Team Skittles
Senior Winner: Team Hunter x Hunter
Junior MVP: Tamati Thompson and Mahu Hick
Junior Sportsmanship: Kavelli Patolo
Senior MVP: Hunter Shaw
Senior Sportsmanship: Quinn Gardiner



Congratulations to everyone that received an award.

- Pita Pua, Head Boy



Term 2 Upcoming Sport Dates

Wed 4 May

Midweek Netball begins

Thurs 5 May

Midweek Basketball begins

Fri 13 May

Senior Mixed Volleyball

Fri 27 May

RC Cross country

Thurs 2 June

Yr 9-10 11-13 Kiwi Tag

Thurs 9 June

Yr 9/10 3x3 Basketball, Boys & Girls

Tues 14 May

Yr 11-13 3x3 Basketball, Boys & Girls

Tues 28 June

NSS Cross Country

Week 3

Inter House Volleyball (Rimu House)

Lunchtime Activities

Run Swim Run, Touch Rugby, Fast 5
Netball, Outdoor Volleyball

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STUDENT VOICE



Hayley Mannes (Year 7)

My first term at Ruawai College was amazing. I have met a lot of new people and have made many new friends. Most days we hang out in the library where we can draw, game, read or watch movies. On the other days we hang out outside or do fun inter-house sporting events. There are 3 school houses: Rimu, Kauri and Totara and my house is Rimu the green house. All the teachers are really great here and are every helpful. Over all I have really loved my time here and can not wait until next term.



Siulolovao Pau (Year 7)

My first term at Ruawai College was like a rollercoaster, with being a new school and being the little kid. It has been a very fun experience so far, as there are many different activities to do throughout break times such as: Kiwi Tag, inter-house sports, tennis and there was swimming at the start of the term. The teachers are really kind and friendly. They are super supportive and push me to be the best versions of myself. I have made many friends over the term and I can not wait to see what Term 2 brings.



Rayden Gegera (Year 7)

My first term at Ruawai College has been lots of fun with my friends. The teachers are really great. This term we have had a lot of things go on such as: Swimming sports, Athletics, EPro 8, Peer Support and Top Form. My favourite subject is food tech as we get to cook and eat food. Our Dean is Ms Batters and if we need anything we can go to her and she will help us with anything. There are also other Deans in our school, Mrs Rope-Battcher and Ms Dallison, they help us as well, if we can't find Ms Batters. This term has been really fun.



Just a friendly reminder...

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

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 UNIFORM

You can find the school uniform list on our school website - 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.

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. We have filtered drinking fountains throughout the school.

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 Value

Respect, Whakaute

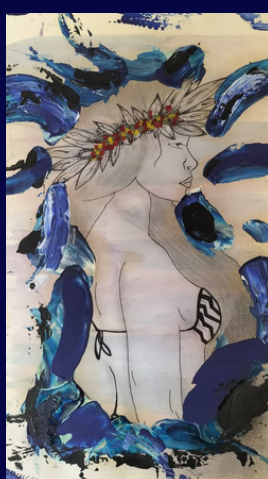
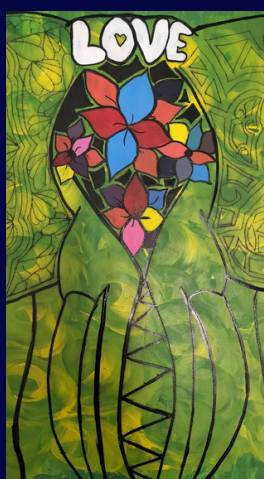
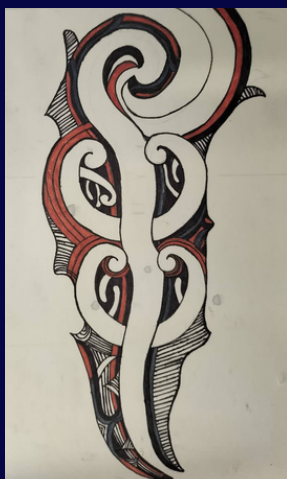
Mahi tahi

Use school appropriate language

Accept differences

Treat people and property well

ART OF THE MONTH





COMMUNITY

2022 6pm Board Meeting Dates

6pm | Venue: Board Meeting Room

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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TERM 1 RECAP



Have a happy and safe Easter Break and we will see you all back in Term 2!