



# RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Dr. Manmeet Sandhu

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

**Ruawai**  
COLLEGE  
Respect  
Resilience  
Responsibility

**Term 2 Week 4**  
Tuesday 31 May 2022

**Upcoming Dates**

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



Ruawai College proudly embraces our three values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. These values are our guiding principles in every aspect of our school life. We have been working on creating the Ruawai College Graduate Profile at the following transition points: Year 7 - 8, Year 9 - 10, and Year 11 - 13.

I would like to extend an opportunity to whānau to add their contribution to the Graduate Profiles. Please follow this [link](#) to access the Google Form.



Ruawai College Prefects participated in the ANZAC commemorations at Ruawai and Matakohe on Monday 25 April 2022 to remember their local veterans.

It is great to see we are heading towards some normalcy after the unprecedented COVID-19 times. We hope this continues to improve. As we are currently in the Orange setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework, it has been wonderful to see families attend our Term 1 Celebration Assembly in Week 2 and students enjoying the neon themed social in Week 3. Ruawai College is looking forward to a great turnout during the Senior Students' Parent-Student-Teacher (PST) interviews scheduled for Tuesday 14 June 2022.

- Dr Manmeet Sandhu, Acting Principal

### Pink Shirt Day

On Friday the 20th of May Ruawai College celebrated Pink Shirt Day which is an annual anti-bullying campaign.

As a school we raised \$361 dollars for the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. Students and Staff went throughout the day as normal dressed in pink. The last Period of the day students completed a variety of activities to support anti bullying such as cooking pink pancakes, photo booth, laughing session, balloon popping and arts & crafts.

I would like to thank the school community for there support of this great cause.

- Bailyn Connett, Year 12



Ruawai College raised  
**\$361.00**  
for the Mental Health  
Foundation of New Zealand

**PINK SHIRT DAY**  
**FRI 20 MAY**

SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING

**Keep in Touch!**

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Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ruawaicollege](http://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*

On the 4th of May the Year 12 students attended the RYDA program at Dargaville High School. The aim of this program was to help us avoid becoming a road fatality statistic.

Throughout the day we completed six different sessions. During the first session, Mind matters, we role played a scenario to identify strategies to recognise and manage mindstate and improve decision making to reduce risks. The next session we participated in was Road choices. This session increased our awareness of distraction and fatigue as key risk factors. The most interesting session for us was Speed and Stopping where we watched a demonstration on how long it takes for a car to stop in an emergency from various speeds.

After lunch the next session was Drive So Others Survive. This is where we learnt the importance of being aware of other road users' experiences in order to keep ourselves and them safe.

Next we had the opportunity to listen to a crash survivor describe her experience and recovery. This was very informative and taught us the difference speeding can make to our ability to survive a crash. Finally we learnt about how our personality affected the way we drive.

Overall the day was a great learning experience and we all came away with more knowledge of how to keep ourselves and others safe on the road.

- Emma Philips & Piper Sterling, Year 12

On Tuesday the 12th of April, 8 students from years 8 and 9 travelled to Whangarei to compete in the regional AquaBots competition. We had two teams made up of four students each, Exotic Birbs and The Brainiacs.

Congratulations to The Brainiacs for placing 3rd in the intermediate category! It is a result of hard work and fun practice in preparation for this final competition.

- Siobhan Dobbins, Year 9



## Positive Corner

**What I tell myself when I'm feeling discouraged**

- 1) This is tough. But so am I
- 2) I may not be able to control this situation. But I am in charge of how I respond.
- 3) I haven't figured this out...yet.
- 4) This challenge is here to teach me something.
- 5) All I need to do is take it one step at a time. Breathe. And do the next right thing.

## Ruawai College Value

**Resilience, Manawaroa**  
**Try, try and try again**  
**Make wise choices**  
**Embrace challenges and opportunities**



## R. Tucker Thompson

I got to go a amazing 7 day voyage around the Bay of Islands on the R. Tucker Thompson.

We started our trip off with a couple of team building games so we could get to know one another. We also learnt each other's names and things we like doing. We went for swims at 7:00am every morning to wake our self up and be refreshed for the days activities. We were then allowed back on aboard for a nice hot shower so we wouldn't freeze. Everyday we would go for walks, we also learnt how to dive and operate the boat by ourselves.

We also learnt about the history of the Bay of Islands and how to navigate with maps and charts. My highlight would have to be climbing to the top of the mast and watching the dolphins swim by.

Overall it was a great experience and I would recommend it to anyone who gets the opportunity.

- Quinn Gardiner, Year 11

In the second week of the school holidays I got the opportunity to be able to go on the R. Tucker Thompson voyage with 11 other people from around Northland. We got to explore and learn the history of the Bay of Island area for 7 days.

Each morning we would get up and have our morning swim in the ocean, by the 7th day my hair wasn't feeling the best. We got to do so many exciting things such as; diving, climbing the rigging, hiking, learning to navigate and many different games.

One night we got to switch ships with another crew and had dinner on that boat. The food was really good, however the sea wasn't so kind and I got sea sick for some of the voyage.

The whole experience was really fun and I had a great time. If anyone gets the opportunity to go on a voyage take it.

- Hunter Shaw, Year 11



## Ruawai College Value

Responsibility, Takohanga

Follow instructions

Be on time and ready to learn

Make it right

Follow school tikanga

## 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



## SPORTS NEWS

### VOLLEYBALL

Our senior boys and girls mixed volleyball team travelled to Mackay Stadium in Whangarei to compete in the Sport Northland inter school competition.

The team played 7 games throughout the day. With a 4 and 3 record, they were competitive in every game and were fantastic role models for our school displaying as expected consistent high standards of sportsmanship and fair play.

While the boys created opportunities to display their skills and athleticism, I want to give our senior girls a special mention. Their tenacity and commitment to remaining in each rally and point throughout the day, was the major influencing factor that allowed the team to perform as well as they did.

- Lance Panoho, Sports Coordinator



## Term 2 Upcoming Sport Dates

### Thu 2 June

Yr 9-10 11-13 Kiwi Tag

### Thu 9 June

Yr 9/10 3x3 Basketball, Boys & Girls

### Tue 14 May

Yr 11-13 3x3 Basketball, Boys & Girls

### Tue 28 June

NSS Cross Country

### Lunchtime Activities

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

## CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS 2022

### Sub Juniors

1st Leo Fenney  
2nd Mauika Hick  
3rd Reuben McLaren

1st Ashlyn Devlyn  
2nd Charity Day  
3rd Natalie Bradley



### Juniors

1st Matthew Watkins  
2nd Zach Sterling  
3rd JZ Llewellyn

1st Shiloh Hepburn Shaw  
2nd Manea Natiso  
3rd Patience Day



### Intermediate

1st Ben Watkins  
2nd Hunter Shaw  
3rd Quinn Gardiner

1st Emma Ashford  
2nd Angela Kessall  
3rd Tasharna Keogh



### Senior

1st Baylin Connett  
2nd Laine Hickey  
3rd Pita Pua

1st Piper Sterling  
2nd Makayla Poka-Hall/Tahlia Johnson  
3rd Emma Phillips



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



1st  
Kauri



2nd  
Totara



3rd  
Rimu



### 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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Cross Country photos continued...



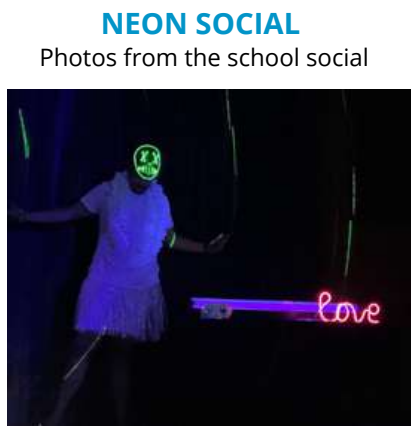
## STUDENT VOICE

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all the award winning students at Celebration Assembly.

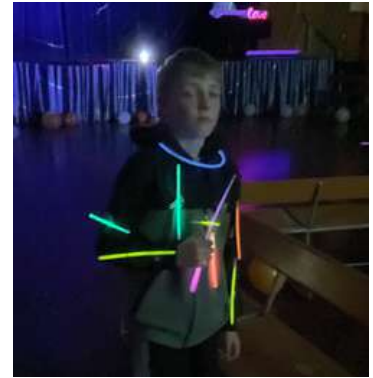






## NEON SOCIAL

Photos from the school social



## Senior (Year 11 - 13) Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Kia ora whānau,

Bookings for Parent Student Teacher Interviews are now open for Senior students, Year 11 - 13. We ask parents / caregivers to please make a booking with your Senior students subject teachers and LA teacher.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 14 June 2022, 3:30 pm – 7:00pm in the school hall.

If you require any assistance booking your interviews, please contact the school office on 09 439 2216.

### How To Make a Booking:

1. Follow this link: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
2. Select the "Make A Booking" button
3. Enter the following event code: gckk7
4. Enter the following details: Your email address, full name, phone number and number of students you are booking interviews for. (Reminder, these PST interviews are for Senior students, Year 11 - 13).
5. If the scheduled day or times are not convenient for you, please email your Senior student's subject and LA teachers to organise a Zoom or Google Meet conference at a mutually convenient time. Teacher email addresses are available on our website or Facebook page.



## Prefect Visit

On Monday 23 May we hosted Principals and Prefect teams from Dargaville High School, Otamatea High School and Rodney College for a termly hui.

This meeting is a great chance for the prefect teams to build a solid network of support as they navigate their roles within their secondary schools.

It was a day we all really enjoyed, getting to meet one another. We escorted the Principals and Prefects on a tour around the school, and showed all the renovation that happened over the school holidays. We learned a lot from each other and came up with some really cool ideas to help improve our schools.

Thank you all for joining us and I hope to see you again next term!

- Tahlia Johnson, Head Girl



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 are available to them at the start of Break 2

## 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.

## TE MANAWA TAHI COMMUNITY TIMETABLE

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī flag.

Drop into a hub or make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz).



Te Manawa Tahī  
Community Timetable



KAIPARA

Term 2, 2022

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated

Date	Hub Venue
Wed 4 May	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurrndall Street East, Maungaturoto
Wed 25 May	Archie Bull Hall (9:30am – 12:30pm), 11 Kaiwaka-Mangawhai Road, Kaiwaka
	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville
Wed 22 June	St John Ōtamatea Ambulance Hall, 172 Hurrndall Street East, Maungaturoto
Wed 29 June	Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing [TT.Support@education.govt.nz](mailto:TT.Support@education.govt.nz).

## Ruawai College Value

Respect, Whakaute

Mahi tahi

Use school appropriate language

Accept differences

Treat people and property well

## REMINDER

NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AS THEY ARE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

QUEENS BIRTHDAY - MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022

MATARIKI DAY - FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2022

## ART OF THE MONTH





## COMMUNITY Board Elections



### What is a school Board?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a Board. School Board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above Year 9) and the Principal. Your Board may also include other types of members. Contact Ruawai College for more information on the composition of your school's Board.

### Who can become a Board member?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school Board during the Board elections.

### What do Board members do?

The Board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a Board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the Principal and assesses their performance.

### What skills do Board members need?

Board members are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the school's performance are in place.

### What help do Board members get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for Board members.

## Ruawai College 2022 Yearbook



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 28 October 2022. Forms are going home with students now.

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COLLEGE  
Respect Resilience Responsibility

## 2022 6pm Board Meeting Dates

6pm | Venue: Board Meeting Room

**Tuesday 28 June 2022**

**Tuesday 23 August 2022**

**Tuesday 27 September 2022**

**Tuesday 8 November 2022**

**Tuesday 6 December 2022**

## Waka Kotahi Lower Speed Limit

Waka Kotahi is proposing a lowered speed limit of 30km/h in front of our learning centre. This is a tremendous decrease from the current speed limit of 80km/h.

All supporting submissions make a difference, please take a few minutes to complete the survey below in the interest of our children's safety.

Please follow this link to enter your submission:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GQP\\_LX8S](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GQP_LX8S)

Senior Leader Mrs Kimberley Rope-Battcher's interview with Waka Kotahi can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqOag2LH9I4...>

### Reminder

Waka Kotahi's Northland and north Auckland speed review submissions are due by **Tuesday 14 June 2022** at **11:00pm**

