



# 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*

*Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te tau — Celebrate the rising of the new year  
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi — Celebrate the rising of the lord of the heavens  
Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki — Celebrate the rising of Matariki*

As a country, we celebrated Matariki for the first time this year as a public holiday. Ruawai College students created Matariki posters working together with their fellow learning advisory peers, symbolising renewal, creating opportunities, and allowing them to reflect. Our Middle and Junior students worked alongside Ruawai Primary School and Ruawai Kindergarten, supporting their tree planting initiative for Matariki.

This term we began to see some normality post COVID-19, and it was great to have whānau attending in school events such as our Term 1 Celebration Assembly, Cross Country and Senior Parent-Student-Teacher interviews.

For parents of Senior students especially, you may be aware that NCEA is changing, and the first phase of the change is going to be implemented in 2024. To gain NCEA Level 1 qualifications, students will be required to pass externally assessed online tests for literacy and numeracy. Basic literacy reading and writing have a very big part to play in every subject, as well as our day to day life, so I strongly encourage whānau to continue to create a reading culture at home. If you need any help in deciding the right reading books for your child please talk to your child's English teacher.

We have made good progress in rolling out our new revised curriculum delivery this year, witnessing positive shifts among our rangitahi. If you would like to add your feedback on this revised curriculum delivery, please feel free to send me an email at [msandhu@ruawaicollege.school.nz](mailto:msandhu@ruawaicollege.school.nz). During the first week back from the Term 2 holidays, Ruawai College is hosting our annual Open Day on Saturday 30 July 2022. We extend a warm invitation to all members of our community and any prospective whānau who wish to attend.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Acting Principal for Term 2 and would like to extend my thanks to everyone in the community for your support. Mrs Raeleen Harré will return back in Term 3 from her sabbatical leave.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable term break.



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

**Term 2 Week 10**  
Wednesday 6th July 2022

### Upcoming Dates

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

#### Friday 29 July

Quadrangular Tournament - Otamatea

#### Saturday 30 July

Ruawai College Open Day

#### Tuesday 02 August

Get 2 Go Challenge  
Lower North Boys Basketball

#### Wednesday 03 August

Parents info Evening

#### Thursday 04 August

Badminton Singles Champs 9-13 (Whangarei)

#### Friday 05 August

Tough Guy/Girl (Helensville)

#### Sunday 07 - Friday 12 August

Hillary Outdoors

#### Tuesday 09 August

Badminton Teams Boys 9-13 (Whangarei)

#### Friday 12 - Saturday 12 August

YES Trade Fair - Kerikeri

#### Monday 15 - Friday 19 August

Maths Week

#### Tuesday 16 August

PST Interviews 7-13 (9am - 6pm)

#### Tuesday 30 August

Teacher's Only Day (NCEA ACCORD)



# CURRICULUM

## GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Very early Wednesday morning myself and a group of student leaders headed off to Auckland to attend the Grip Leadership Conference.

This conference hasn't happened for a little while due to Covid-19. It was great to be able to go down and network with other schools and students. There were schools from all over Auckland, as well as Otamatea High School and us.

There were a bunch of elective workshops, including how to successfully fundraise for events, how to improve your public speaking and general leadership roles. The students chose to attend these workshops and then bring back information to the whole group.

The students really enjoyed their time and one even participated in a competition on stage. I want to congratulate all of the leaders who came with me for putting themselves out there and stepping out of their comfort zones. Attendees included Tahlia Johnson, Baylin Connett, Emma Philips, Pita Pua, Piper Sterling, Emma Ashford, Taynah Hardy, Lucas Hassall, and Seth Eve-Rumsey.

- Kimberley Rope-Battcher, Middle School Dean



## GATEWAY AT RUAWAI COLLEGE

Gateway is an initiative from the Ministry of Education that enables schools to provide Senior students with structured workplace learning opportunities and support them in their career choices for their futures.

Students in the Senior school had the opportunity to complete a Gateway placement this year and they were placed in a variety of Vocational Pathways. Education was taken outside the classroom and our three core school values Respect, Responsibility and Resilience were to be put to the test.

Ruawai College would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity and willingness to accommodate students from Ruawai College for Gateway this year: Fencing Specialists, Dargaville Hospital, Kaipara Kumara, Happy Steps, Ruawai Primary School, Keith Andrews Trucks, NIWA, Integrity Community Media, Moa Cafe, Sports Northland, Unichem Dargaville, Dargaville Honda, Kevin Reid Contracting, Kaipara Refuse, Snazzi Gifts, Massage Me and Beautify You Whakatane, The Well Cafe, Atlas Quarry, Morfett Autos, Kaipara District Council, Luke Oud, GAS Maungaturoto, Ignite Fitness and Ringrose Construction.

- Jenny Dallison, Senior School Dean



**Ruawai College Value**  
**Resilience, Manawaraoa**  
**Try, try and try again**  
**Make wise choices**  
**Embrace challenges and opportunities**



## YEAR 7 SCIENCE: ZERO WASTE PROJECT

Our Year 7 Science class have been engaged in zero waste management projects this term. They have recognised the need to waste wisely and went on to set up our worm farm.

The worm farm is one of the best ways to recycle organic waste, especially food matter that we generate at school.

They have also set up a composting system where other organic matter can be recycled and turned into compost material which will be good for our vege gardens and for growing trees around the school grounds. These are our efforts to support and promote zero waste management at Ruawai College.

On the 29th June, they had a compost workshop with the help of Stephanie Gibson from Sustainable Kaipara and we thank her for her contribution and continued support in this area.

- Peni Leao, Head of Learning: Science



## MATARIKI TREE PLANTING

During the early stages of Matariki Week, Ruawai Primary School developed a really great concept that required the planting of up to 4000 trees.

With the collaborative relationship between the two schools there was a natural desire to help and be involved in this project. On the Monday of Matariki Week all Year 9 and Year 10 students went across and helped start the planting. College students teamed up with primary and kindy kids and planted a staggering amount of trees. On Tuesday, Year 7 and Year 8 College students went across the road to support and plant as well.

This was a fantastic experience for our student community, being able to work alongside their brothers, sisters, cousins and even parents in doing something really special for the learning community that is the Kindergarten, Primary School and College. We are very proud to have been involved and extend our gratitude and thanks to Wayne Steele and the wonderful teachers and staff at Ruawai Primary school.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



**Ruawai College Value**  
**Responsibility, Takohanga**  
**Follow instructions**  
**Be on time and ready to learn**  
**Make it right**  
**Follow school tikanga**

## SPORTS NEWS



### NSS CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 28 June 2022 five of our runners travelled to Barge Park, Whangarei to compete in the Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country Event.

Accompanied by parent volunteer Jo Forsythe, Leo Fenney, Ben and Matthew Watkins, Hunter Shaw and Baylin Connett ran exceptionally well. Our Junior students Leo and Matthew ran 3kms while our Senior boys ran a grueling 6kms.

Leo competed in the Year 7 & 8 age group, placing 3rd. Matthew ran in the Year 9 & 10 age group, placing 12th. Ben and Hunter ran in the Year 11 age group. Ben especially ran a fantastic race and placed 1st, while Hunter placed 16th out of the large group of runners. Baylin ran in the Year 12 category and placed 12th.

Thank you to Jo for volunteering her time to take our participants, and well done once again to our cross country team.

- Tyla O'Sullivan, Principal's PA



### INTERHOUSE VOLLEYBALL 2022

#### Year 7 & 8

Best all round BOY	Tamiti Thompson
Best all round GIRL	Patience Day
Most improved	Adam Keates

#### Year 9 & 10

Best all round BOY	Brayden Johnson
Best all round GIRL	Avalon Jackson
Most improved	Sapphire Haris & Paniora Poka-Hall

#### Senior

Best all round BOY	Baylin Connett
Best all round GIRL	Taynah Hardy
Most improved	Lucas Hassall



1st  
Rimu



2nd  
Totara



3rd  
Kauri



### FAST 5 NETBALL

For a few days at the end of this term, a Fast Five Tournament was held during break times which was enjoyed by all the students who participated. The purpose of the Tournament was to get everyone to have some fun during their break times, to get stuck in there and get to know more people around school. This was a good opportunity for everyone to work together as a team and to overcome some challenges while playing.

I would like to thank the Prefects and House Captains for being involved with sorting out their teams and also refereeing the games.

- Piper Sterling, Year 12



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## WORLD VISION WORKSHOP & MUFTIDAY

During Week 6 and Week 7, Quincy, the World Vision School Partnerships Manager came to Ruawai College to work with the Year 12 Social Science students and the Global Issues Module Students.

While he was here Quincy worked with the students on developing a plan to lead the Social Action endeavor of 40L in 40H challenge. The students really engaged with Quincy and worked well on their plan. Having experts from the community come into school is one of the more engaging methods of sharing information.

Both Social Science classes got heaps out of this experience, the Senior students are now finishing off a 5 credit assessment based around their planning and involvement in the 40L in 40H challenge and the 9's and 10's worked towards their planned "Orange Day" Mufti Day held on Friday the 1st of July - the first day of the 40H famine.

A special thanks to Quincy and World Vision for their time and work with our students.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



## Ruawai College Learning Support

We are very pleased to let you know that we have achieved funding for a Literacy Programme (online) with Years 7 - 10.

The programme is called iXL and develops New Zealand Curriculum reading and writing skills. Students will be using the programme at least 3 times a week for the rest of the year. A small group of students will also have contact with our RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour) as we assess the progress of the students and measure the success of the programme. Feel free to contact Mr Crisp with any questions.



## Ruawai Community Week

On Thursday 16th of June the Year 7 and 8 class was asked to be a part of the opening of the Kaipara District Councils - Ruawai - Our Stories, Our Future display.

The students were involved in the blessing of the event and got a preview of the display before it was open to the public. Students were given the opportunity to interact with the displays and staff of the council that had put the event together.

The displays showed Ruawai in the past while also educating about the future of the area and the adaptive pathways plan for the region.

This event was just the beginning of the relationship between the KDC's adaptive pathways and Ruawai College.

- Kirsty Batters, Junior School Dean



## Ruawai College Value

Respect, Whakaute  
Mahi tahi  
Use school appropriate language  
Accept differences  
Treat people and property well

## POSITIVE CORNER

1. It's okay to live a life others don't understand.
1. Success doesn't find you. You have to go out and get it.

## YEAR 13 DAY TRIP

On Monday 27th of June, the Year 13 cohort had a great day at Rainbow's End in Manukau. This trip was to celebrate the final year of our studies at Ruawai College. We were taken on a two and a half hour drive to Auckland by Mrs. Dallison.

At Rainbow's End, we did rides such as The Fear Fall, The Power Surge, and my favourite, the Stratosfear. The highlight of the day was being able to conquer the High Extreme level on the Stratosfear. We all had a great time and really enjoyed the screams and laughs that we shared.

After Rainbow's End, Mrs. Dallison then drove us to the Rusty Pelican, Matakana. The restaurant was very flash and their food was mouth watering. It was kind of disappointing when we found out that they weren't serving dessert, but the medium rare rib eye steak made up for it. Overall, it's been a privilege to go out and we had a lot of fun. Special thanks to Mrs. Dallison.

- Pita Pua, Head Boy



### 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.

### SICKNESS AT SCHOOL

The main office needs to be made aware of sick or injured students and ask that parents reiterate the following procedure: If a student is sick in class, the teacher will send them to the office where a call home will be made. During interval or lunchtime students can go straight to the office.

## ARTS & CULTURAL WEEK

This year's Arts and Cultural week, held here at Ruawai College, was another awesome event. We had activities throughout the week such as chalk art, waiata, Indian dance, and Samoan tapa stories. The students were able to participate in these activities during their lunch breaks and many took the opportunity to do so.

The week concluded with a catwalk of traditional dress including Samoan, Indian, and Tongan. The Pasifika boys group wowed the crowd with their Fijian performance. Miss Kaur also had a group of girls who performed the Indian dance they had been practicing especially for the event.

It is so nice to see different cultures and ethnicities being shared and showcased here at the College. Big thanks to all involved in this including Mr. Peni Leao, Whaea Eva Pirini, Miss Kanwaljit Kaur, and the students who made this happen.

- Kimberley Rope-Battcher,  
Head of Learning Arts/Languages



## READER'S CUP 2022

On Wednesday the 29th of June, Lucas, Maxwell, Molly, Jorja and I went to the Reader's Cup Competition held in the library at Whangarei Girls' School. The competition called for us to read six specific fiction books and to work as a team of five to answer questions about them.

Each round covered two of the books with six questions worth a total of 10 points. We ended up coming fifth out of seven schools so our only prize was the yummy food they provided.

If we'd come first, we would have gotten chocolate and a cup as well as a trip to Auckland to compete in the nationals. I feel like this trip really brought us all together. All in all, it was a fun trip.

- Zoey Kirk, Year 8



The group photo taken after the competition was over. The Team (Zoey, Molly, Jorja, Konrad, Max, and Lucas - and a proud Mr Crisp)



## NORTH ISLAND SWIMMING

Mathew Watkins and I went to Wellington for the North Island secondary schools swimming competition. We managed to get a few personal bests and it was a really great experience.

- Piper Sterling, Year 12

## STORYLINE STORY TOUR

Ruawai College was honored on June 14 to host a Storylines Trust visit by two award winning New Zealand writers who spoke to our students about the writer's life and craft.

Ben Brown, a children's book author, explained to our Junior students about his creative process of using nature, the environment and myth to create exciting fictions. The novelist Tina Shaw spoke to our Senior students about generating ideas for compelling narratives and how the 'writer's life' offers exciting opportunities for young people today.

At the school we are actively encouraging our students to make reading an important part of their everyday lives.

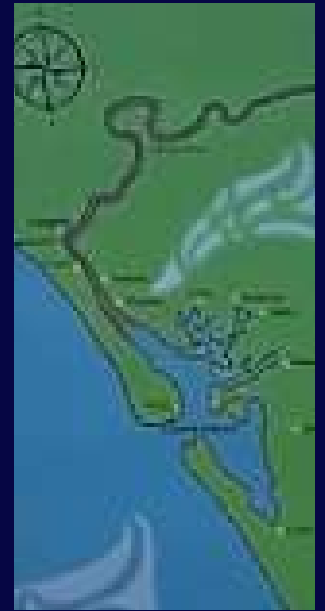
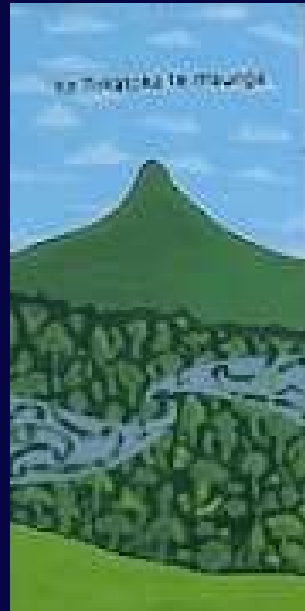
So, for students to have the chance of meeting and speaking to the actual writers who wrote some of the books they see in the library is a great way for them to recognise that books are a 'living' device of communication.



Many thanks to the Storylines Trust for funding this valuable experience for our students.

- Malcolm Crisp, Head of Learning English

## ART OF THE MONTH





## COMMUNITY

### Board Comment

This year is the triennial election year for school Boards throughout New Zealand. The Ruawai College Board is made up of our Principal, 1x Staff and 1x Student Board Member, and 4x Parent Board Members.

In a governance only role, members on a school Board work together to ensure that every student has every opportunity to reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement. As part of that key responsibility, here are some of the things Boards do to enable this:

- Work with the Principal and consult with staff, students and the community.
- Help set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school.
- Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving.
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent.
- Support the school's Principal and support the development of all staff.
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

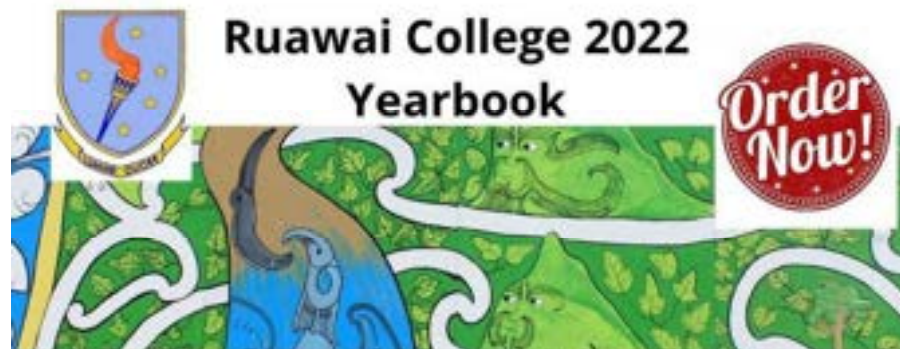
If you feel that being a Parent Board Member is a role you would like to take on, then please keep an eye out for the call for nominations in mid July 2022.

Elections will be held Wednesday 7 September 2022 and the new Board will take office Wednesday 14 September 2022.

If you would like more information, NZSTA is hosting an online Kōrari Question and Answers session online on Thursday 21 July 2022, 7:00pm to 8:15pm. This session will provide an opportunity for people to ask questions directly from regional advisors. This is a free event, open to anyone in the community with an interest in the work of school Boards. You can register for this event here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/korari-online-q-a-session-tickets-310260376137?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

Any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [ablundell@ruawaicollege.school.nz](mailto:ablundell@ruawaicollege.school.nz).

- Anthony Blundell, Chairperson



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## 2022 6pm Board Meeting Dates

6pm | Venue: Board Meeting Room

**Tuesday 23 August 2022**

**Tuesday 27 September 2022**

**Tuesday 8 November 2022**

**Tuesday 6 December 2022**

## SCHOOL DOCS

Ruawai College will be using School Docs for all policies and procedures. School Docs manages all documents online, in a way that allows us to maintain, review and update them regularly.

School Docs ensures that all documentation is up to date, that we are following the Ministry of Education's best practice guidelines, and that the school is meeting the reporting requirements.

Belonging to School Docs means:

- Our policies and procedures are online and accessible to the whole school community.
- The content is monitored and updated to comply with New Zealand legislation, ERO requirements and other audits, and in response to advice sent to schools.
- The School Docs review process streamlines reviewing and the advisory service helps to keep Ruawai College compliant.
- Printed copies of policies and procedures are available on request. The website is designed and written for online use; there are links to other pages and to online resources that won't work in a printed version. These links are essential in showing how the policies and procedures relate to each other.

How to Access the Ruawai College School Docs documentation:

1. Go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)
2. Click on the "Search for your school" green button on the top right hand side
3. Search "Ruawai College"
4. Both the username and password is **ruawai**

