



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

Ruawai
COLLEGE
Respect
Resilience
Responsibility

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Mrs Raeleen Harré

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

In Term 2 I was granted a sabbatical by the Ministry of Education as part of the TeachNZ Award Scheme. This allowed me to visit schools across the country to look at their localised curriculum. Special thanks go to the Ruawai College Board for supporting my sabbatical. I wish to acknowledge the Ruawai College Senior Leadership Team and staff for ensuring the successful running of the school during this time, in particular, Dr. Manmeet Sandu in her capacity as Acting Principal.

Attendance

A campaign has been launched across Northland - "Let's Get to School - Te Tai Tokerau". The campaign is the result of a partnership between Northland schools and our regional Ministry of Education, due to concern around the poor attendance rates of our students. This is a national concern. COVID-19 and influenza are impacting student attendance, which has dropped dramatically nationally.

YOU can come to school as health and safety protocols are in place for your safety. Attending school regularly is vitally important to a student's educational success/outcome and we have a myriad of strategies in place.

Where a student may need to stay home due to being unwell the school is here to help. We can make hard copies of work available or provide the work online.

Daffodil Day Mufti

On Friday 26 August, Ruawai College will be holding a mufti day to support the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day. For over 30 years, New Zealand has raised money for cancer care for patients and their whānau, education and awareness programmes, and life-saving cancer research.

Students - please wear yellow, and bring a gold coin in support of this kaupapa.

- Raeleen Harré, Tumuaiki

TASHARNA KEOGH - CHEERLEADING

Talented cheerleader Tasharna Keogh competed with her cheerleading club, Active Attitude, at Cheer Fest in Auckland on Saturday 2 July 2022 where she placed 1st in her duo performance, 2nd in her individual routine and 1st in the stunt group category.

Tasharna then went on to compete in the "Battle in the Bay" competition in Tauranga on Saturday 6 August 2022 with her club where she placed 1st in all three categories - individual, duo and stunt group. Her next competition is in late September in Hamilton. Best of luck Tasharna, amazing effort!

- Helena Thompson, Sports Coordinator



Term 3 Week 5
Wednesday 24th August 2022

Upcoming Dates

COVID-19
WE ARE CURRENTLY
AT THE ORANGE
LIGHT SETTING

Monday 22 - Friday 26 August
Derived Grade Exams

Thursday 25 August
Writers Fest Auckland

Friday 26 August
Daffodil Day

Tuesday 30 August
Teacher's Only Day (NCEA ACCORD)

Wednesday 7 September
School Social
Triennial Board Elections

Monday 12 - Friday 16 September
Māori Language Week

Wednesday 14 September
Winter Sports

Friday 16 September
Haka/Waiata House Competition

Monday 19 September
Staff Only Day

Monday 26 - Friday 30 September
Mental Health Awareness Week

Thursday 29 September
Carnival Day

Friday 30 September
End of Term 3

Thursday 27 October
Ruawai College Senior Prizegiving

Keep in Touch!

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Follow us on Facebook: 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

CURRICULUM

ENGLISH

We have all been reading about the 'Literacy Crisis' in the national newspapers and wondering what it might mean for our ākonga as they progress through their senior school learning.

Teachers in the English Department are currently directing their full attention to the lifting of literacy skills to aid learning across the curriculum. The big message is that while the problem is an international one it inevitably has to be tackled at the individual level; as each student has their interests, aspirations, and obstacles. This is especially the case for senior students who struggle with subject-specific reading and written expression. Recently the school has implemented a programme of learning through the IXL cloud-based platform so that learning can continue beyond the school gate. This is particularly important given the recent battle between COVID-19 and the usual expectations of progress in learning for each year group.

We are also promoting the free programme 'ReadTheory', with consistent use this interactive teaching tool will support the strengthening of reading skills in all subjects across the student population. Importantly, despite the predominance of the digital worldview, all teachers of English commit to connecting students with the written, spoken, and viewed world (particularly film) that make up the richness of everyday life.

Next week we have a group of 10 students attending the Auckland Writers Festival and we intend to continuously seek out opportunities for students to experience the widest range of cultural and language-based activities; whether it be debating, public speaking, or writing competitions, or performances. We wish our Senior students all the best for their NCEA external examinations and would invite parents to be mindful of the stresses these often create for the tamariki!

- Malcolm Crisp. Head of Learning: English



CO-CONSTRUCTION

One of the teaching and learning strategies we use to support our rangatahi is co-construction meetings. These are held regularly through the term where all the teachers who teach a particular year level get together and collaborate/share evidence around how our learners are doing in each of their classes. From this korero goals are set alongside a range of actions to support that group/year level of students in their learning. It could be goals around their learning/achievement, well-being, and time management. Staff regularly review this kaupapa and adjustments/changes are made accordingly to goals and how they will be achieved.

The goals for term 3 are as follows and we ask that you support us in reinforcing, demonstrating, and talking about these goals:

- Junior School - Responsibility - Bring the correct equipment to class**
- Middle School - Respect - Show kindness to others**
- Senior School - Resilience - Keep on going (with exams coming up)**

Ukraine

RUAWAI COLLEGE RAISED \$145.00 FOR THE RED CROSS (UKRAINE) HUMANITARIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Mufti Days **Pink Shirt Day**

2022 YEARBOOK

Order yours from the office

ONLY \$25

EPRO8 Challenge

Ruawai College AquaBots

SPORTS NEWS



HILLARY OUTDOORS

Last week Ms. Smith and Mrs. Rope-Battcher took a group of 10 students including myself to OPC at the Tongariro Hillary Outdoor Education Center.

During our stay here we participated in a range of activities, including the Low Ropes Course, High Ropes Course, Ski Day, Caving, abseiling, camping on Mt Ruapehu, and various other activities involving problem-solving, cooperation, and trust.

Overall this week was a great experience, and many of us enjoyed it. We learned a lot about ourselves and what we can do when we push ourselves out of that comfort zone and when we work together.

- Tahlia Johnson, Head Girl



TOUGH GUY/GIRL

On Friday 5 August, the year 12 & 13 PE class traveled down to Kumeu to compete in the 2022 Tough Guy and Tough Girl mud run. We all had to run the two laps equal to 6kms.

While running through the paddocks we had to run through heaps of mud pools and climb up and over the obstacles and crawl through tunnels.

Overall it was a good day even though lots of us were covered in mud it was all worth it in the end knowing we all will get NCEA credits out of it.

- Makaylah Poka-Hall, Year 12





LOWER NI BOYS BASKETBALL

The senior boys' basketball team, 'The Grizzlies' participated in the lower north regional basketball tournament on Tuesday 2 August at Otamatea High School. The teams present were Bream Bay College, Otamatea High School, Dargaville High School and Rodney College.

The tournament was very competitive, all teams put each other under pressure and there were some very close games, two of them finishing in draws.

Our boys made the school proud, they worked hard for each other and played a fast, physical style of basketball they can be proud of. Well done boys, keep working hard.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



BASKETBALL UPDATE: FROM THE COACH

'The Grizzlies', Ruawai College's senior boys' basketball team who play Thursday nights in Whangarei, were upgraded from 2nd Division to 1st Division.

So with development in mind, it's about digging in, learning, and strengthening skills.

A special shout out to Tamati Thompson & Noah Johnston, two Year 8 students who are playing for the Kaipara Super City Under 13 Boys team.

Likewise, Reuben McLaren, Year 7, was selected for the Northland Under 13 Boys Super City competition which started on Saturday 13 August - ultimately preparing for the New Zealand Basketball Zone 1 Regional Competition.

All 3 boys participated in the Tribal Wars tournament in Term 2, earlier this year. Tamati and Noah in Under 13 boys, and Reuben in Under 11 boys. Both teams came up on top, winning their division.

Big thanks to John-Zion and Mokoia Llewellyn who refereed for the Tribal Wars Tournament in Kerikeri, as well as Ruawai College's weekly games.

- Lovey (Marilyn Llewellyn)



Sport Term 3 2022

Fri 29 August	Quad tournament
Tue 2 August	Get to go
Tues 2nd August	Lower North Boys BB
Fri 5th August	TGTG
7th - 12th August	Hillary Outdoors
Thurs 18 August	Rip fest 7-8 Boys & Girls (Separate)
Friday 19 August	NSS Senior Boys BB
Week starting 22nd Aug	INTERHOUSE BB (Totara House)
Wed 24th August	Yr 7 & 8 BB - Boys/Girls
Wed 7th September	Yr 7 & 8 Girls Kiwi Tag
Wed 14th September	WINTER SPORTS
Thurs 15th September	Yr 7 & 8 Boys Kiwi Tag
Tues 20th September	NSS Yr 9 & 10 boys BB
Fri 23rd September	NSS Ki o Rahi
Lunch Activities to Watch Out For	Dodgeball, Capture the Flag, Bullrush Touch, Touch, Soccer, Gym Rounders

Please find us on Facebook and on our school website - 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.



QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

On Friday 29 July, a group of students travelled to Otamatea High School in Maungaturoto. We went there because we were participating in our annual Quadrangular Tournament. There we played 4 different sports versus Otamatea High School, Dargaville High School, and Rodney College.

The sports involved were netball, basketball, hockey, and futsal. I was privileged to participate in the basketball team. Although we only won 1 out of 3 games, I had so much fun playing against the other schools.

Unfortunately, we did not win in any other sport, but there is no doubt that everyone gave it their all and I am very proud of the effort that was put into every sport.

Thanks to Ms. Smith, Sadé, Paddy and Milly for making this possible. Good luck to the students that will be involved in this tournament next year.

- Pita Pua, Head Boy



GET 2 GO CHALLENGE



Ruawai College Value

Respect, Whakaute

Mahi tahi

Use school appropriate language

Accept differences

Treat people and property well

POSITIVE CORNER

Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.



INTERHOUSE QUIZ

The prefects organised and ran an interhouse general knowledge quiz. Teams of four or five students of various year levels competed in seven different categories to find the winner. Sports, History, Geography, General Knowledge, Science, Arts, and Music questions puzzled our students. Competition was tight and only a few points separated our top teams.

The winning team, representing Kauri house, was 'Let's Get Quizzical!'. Congratulations to the team members, Lucas Hassall, Shiloh Hepburn-Shaw, Konrad Philips and Manea Natiso. Second place was taken out by Rian Gatehouse, Brayden Johnson, Danon Keeti-Curtis, and Danen McKelvie's team, 'A Loftavision of W Hotels', from Totara house. Third was another Kauri team, 'LDG'. The members were Seth Eve-Rumsey, Noah Johnston, Matthew Watkins, Slayter Williams and Tae-Von Withers-McEwen. The overall winning house was Kauri, with Rimu in second and Totara coming third.



**1st
Kauri**



**2nd
Rimu**



**3rd
Totara**

An enjoyable way to spend the afternoon, everyone learnt something new and we look forward to holding the event again next year.

- Emma Phillips, Prefect

OPEN DAY

On Saturday 30 July Ruawai College opened its doors to the community, surrounding schools, and prospective students in a revamped, unique approach to a High School Open Day. Ruawai College has expansive, pristine grounds and facilities.

All classrooms have been refurbished and outdoor spaces have been modernised to be adaptable for both recreation, teaching, and learning. This community-focused approach to an Open Day was an opportunity to showcase our facility and celebrate an "Innovative Curriculum".

The day featured the college's partnerships with our community. There were activities for young children, from bouncy castles to giant Jenga. There were interactive science and technology exhibits where all attendees could make toys, cook food and dive deeply into Physics, Chemistry, and Agricultural experiments and activities. Music was a feature, students and He Mara Hau brought an upbeat, energised aspect to a well-rounded, inclusive, and informative experience.

The tours of the school, led by prefects, and the school's young ambassadors were running every 30 minutes and were at capacity from start to finish. It was a lovely day and very enjoyable to have the community enjoying what the school has to offer.

Special thanks to our partners: Sport Northland, EnviroSchools, He Maara Hau, North Fuels, Ruawai Four Square and Ruawai Lions Club.

Extra special thanks to all the teachers and students who made the day so wonderful.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



Dennis Smith (left) won 1st place which was a \$150.00 Ruawai Four Square voucher and load of firewood donated by Lions. Jim Simpson (right) won 2nd place which was a \$100.00 Ruawai Four Square voucher.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday 3 August to kick off Term 3 with positivity and energy, Ruawai College had its Celebration Assembly. This is a way to celebrate student success in a supportive environment.

There was much to celebrate including sporting, academic, and cultural successes. Congratulations to all students awarded certificates. A special congratulations goes out to Ben Watkins for his outstanding sporting achievements. Lucas Sadler also received the first ever Mana Tangata Commitment Award.

Keep up the good work. Kia kaha Ruawai!

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



School Policy Review

Ruawai College encourages our school community to participate in our termly policy review process.

How To Review School Policies?

1. Visit the website: <https://ruawaicollege.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (ruawai) and password (ruawai)
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed
4. Read the policy
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page
6. Select the reviewer type
7. Enter your name (optional)
8. Submit your ratings and comments

If you'd like a hard copy of the review form, please contact our board secretary, Miss Tyla O'Sullivan at pa@ruawaicollege.school.nz

Reviews close on the last day of Term 3, Friday 30 September 2022.

UNIFORM



Our expectation at Ruawai College is that our students wear the correct uniform at/to school and on trips whether they be sporting, curriculum or cultural.

We know you also have the same standards for our students, that they wear their uniform with pride and that it is neat and tidy. Please support this kaupapa with your child/ren - we require an email, phone call, text or note for the times that your child may not be in/have the correct uniform.

We have available strong pairs of black shoes which students can use whilst waiting to purchase/repair footwear. Our school uniform is available from the school office for purchase. The non wearing of the correct school uniform does not have an infinite time frame - so please speak with us if there are issues with not having the correct uniform. Track pants are not part of the school uniform.

CHESS CLUB

On Wednesday 10 August, Ruawai College Chess Club held its first session. The club meets every Wednesday in the Library to play and practice, learn strategies and the rules. This group is run by Mr. Crisp and myself and anyone who would like to play can turn up on the day.



Towards the end of Term 3, we will hold a tournament and winners from the tournament will have the opportunity to compete in the Northland Champs in Kerikeri in November.

Anyone who is interested in playing, whether you are new to the sport or a seasoned player, is welcome to come to the library next Wednesday and join in!

- Samantha Harrison - Librarian



SAE MUSIC PRODUCTION COURSE

On Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 July, I attended a workshop at the SAE music college in Auckland about audio production. Over the span of the two days, we learned about recording techniques, EQ, and using recording software.

There were a number of attendees, all from different music backgrounds, and all with different levels of expertise, which was good to see as it brought a bunch of different styles and moods to the tracks we recorded, which ranged in style from modern hip hop, to alternative, to metal.

I particularly enjoyed recording and mixing a full kit for the metal track. Overall I feel that I learned a great deal from this trip, and I would like to thank Ruawai College for making it possible for me to go, as well as thanking SAE for teaching us well and giving us access to their facilities.

- Seth Eve-Rumsey, Year 11



NCEA Staff Accord Days

This year the Ministry set aside 4 staff accord days to support the implementation of changes to NCEA over the next few years.

For more information around the changes please go to the following website:

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/what-ncea-change-programme>

Please put these dates in to your calendar as they are the remaining staff only NCEA Staff Accord dates for the remainder of this year:

Tuesday 30 August

Friday 25 November

Monday 26 November

Ruawai College Value

Responsibility, Takohanga

Follow instructions

Be on time and ready to learn

Make it right

Follow school tikanga



DIGITAL LEARNING

A reminder that we are a digital school and all students in Year 9-13 should have a chromebook/laptop. We thank the many parents and caregivers who are supporting their students with their digital learning.

EXCEL TOUR WORKSHOPS AND PERFORMANCE

On Thursday 10 August, Ruawai College and Ruawai Primary students were lucky enough to have the EXCEL school of performing arts put on a show. This show was awesome and the performers were energetic and engaging.

Prior to the show, Ruawai College students were given the opportunity to be involved in workshops with the EXCEL crew. There were music, songwriting, dance, and drama workshops. Our students were very lucky to be given this opportunity as not every school is afforded this privilege.

Ruawai College wishes to thank EXCEL and express our gratitude. We look forward to continued opportunities to work together in the future.

- Jay Warren, Assistant Principal



ART OF THE MONTH

Emma Phillips - Year 12





COMMUNITY Board Comment



Tena koutou katoa,

First off, a huge welcome back to our principal Mrs. Raeleen Harré who has returned from her Term 2 sabbatical. Mrs. Harre is very excited to be back and has hit the ground running in Term 3. In Mrs. Harre's absence, Dr. Manmeet Sandhu did very well in the role of Acting Principal. Thank you, Dr. Sandhu.

It was great to see six community members put their names forward for the upcoming triennial election for parent-elected board members. This is only the second time there has been an actual election vote since 2010, with the last vote election being in 2016. It is very healthy to have a voting election, as it gives the school community every opportunity to have their say on who should be representing them at a governance level at Ruawai College. While there are only four positions available for parent-elected members at Ruawai College, a board can co-opt new members at any time during their 3-year term. All eligible parent voters will have received their voting paper for the elections, please return these either by post or hand delivered to our Returning Officer, Miss Tyla O'Sullivan in the school's front office. Voting papers are due by election day, Wednesday 7 September 2022, no later than 4:00 pm.

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the current board to thank an outgoing parent-elected member, Aleida Spoelstra. Aleida has been a much-valued member of the school board since 2014. Aleida is a great listener and always contributed to a very high level - whether this was at meetings or the other responsibilities that come with the role of being a board member. Above all else, Aleida has always been a very loyal Ruawai College supporter and will be dearly missed.

Aleida's last board meeting is on Tuesday 23 August 2022, which coincides with the last meeting for the current board. The first board meeting for the new board is scheduled for Tuesday 27 September 2022.

Ngā mihi nui,

- Anthony Blundell, Chairperson

Ruawai College Value

Resilience, Manawaroa

Try, try and try again

Make wise choices

Embrace challenges and opportunities

RUAWAI COLLEGE

**PARENT
BOARD
MEMBER
ELECTIONS**

**VOTING PAPERS ARE DUE TO THE
RETURNING OFFICER BY**

WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2022, 4:00PM

2022 6pm Board Meeting Dates

6pm | Venue: Board Meeting Room

Tuesday 27 September 2022

Tuesday 8 November 2022

Tuesday 6 December 2022

**Ruawai College is closed for
instruction on the following days this
term**

**Tuesday 30th August 2022 & Monday 19th September 2022:
Professional Development Staff Only Days**