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RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Mrs Raeleen Harré

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

Term 3 Week 10

Wednesday 28 September 2022

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 29 September

Carnival Day

Friday 30 September

End of Term 3

Monday 17 October

Start of Term 4

Wednesday 19 October

Top Form

Monday 24 October

Labour Day - No School

Thursday 27 October

Ruawai College Senior Prizegiving

Wednesday 2 November

Years 7 & 8 Volleyfest Whangarei

Thursday 3 November

Boys Badminton Years 9 & 10

Friday 4 November

Touch Years 9 & 10 Kaikohe

Tuesday 8 November

Vollyfest Girls 9 & 10 Whangarei

Wednesday 9 November

Vollyfest Boys 9 & 10 Whangarei

Friday 25 November

Teacher's Only Day
(NCEA ACCORD)

Monday 28 November

Teacher's Only Day
(NCEA ACCORD)

Tuesday 29 November - Friday 2 December

Activities Week (Years 7-10)

Friday 9 December

End of Term 4
Ruawai College Junior Prizegiving

New Long-Term Strategy for COVID-19:

New Zealand has moved to a new, long-term approach to COVID-19. These changes have been made based on public health advice and reflect high levels of immunity and declining case numbers across New Zealand. As a school, we will continue to follow recommended public health measures as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows, and, most importantly, staying home and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms/are sick. Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our community.

Attendance:

With the new long term strategy for COVID-19 there are increased nationwide campaigns to encourage all young people to improve their attendance at school. Here in Northland is the "Let's Get to School - Tai Tokerau" campaign. Ruawai College was recently filmed as part of this campaign and we will let you know when the footage is available to be viewed. If you do have concerns or need support to get your young person to school, please get in touch with an LA teacher, Dean, or support person here at school who can help.

Farewells:

I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Aleida Spolestra for her huge contribution to our school as a member of the board. She served our school, students and the community with dedication, effort, commitment and loyalty. Her top priority has always been the welfare of our students, their achievement, and well-being. A person of integrity, Aleida will be missed. We also say thank you to Baylin Connett, student representative on the Board for his service over the past year.

We bid farewell to Jay Warren and his family who are heading off to Central America - San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Jay is going over as Head of School for Escuela Internacional Sampedrana. This is an exciting time for them all, a wonderful opportunity and great experiences lie ahead. We wish the family well and safe travels.

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day

As you will be aware, New Zealand marked the passing of Queen Elizabeth II with a public holiday on Monday 26 September 2022 - we acknowledge a life of service and dedication.

Thank you:

Thank you whānau for supporting our students to be in school, to be on time, to be in uniform and to be focused and settled in their learning. This partnership of effort and shared values will support our students to become the inspiring global citizens we know they can be. We thank our teachers and support staff for their mahi this term. Their efforts for our students is truly appreciated. Look after one another - continue to be kind - have a safe and relaxing break.

WORLD VISION NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL AWARDS

Head Prefects Pita Pua and Tahlia Johnson are pictured with two regional awards from World Vision New Zealand, presented by Schools Partnership Manager Mr. Quincy Filiga.

Ruawai College was awarded an Educational Partner Award, for deepening students' understanding of global citizenship through the World Vision 40 Hour Famine, and the Whanaungatanga Award for celebrating new partnerships with World Vision.

- Meeta Sandhu, Deputy Principal





CURRICULUM SOCIAL SCIENCES

This year in social sciences, students have learnt about our environments; social, cultural, natural, and how these environments interact to create changes and impacts. We have been out in the school garden, out in the community and had guest speakers in at the school to contribute to our involvement as sustainable citizens. Our exploration of sustainability has also included studies that consider social and cultural sustainability. We have looked at the impacts of colonisation, the online societies that have impacted our place in the world and the way we engage as both local and global citizens. Some of our modules have had a strong environmental focus to consider our role as stewards of the earth and how we impact the environment.

In one module, we considered environment protection, pest control, conservation of indigenous plants and animals and climate change. In another module, we looked at this relationship from another lens, considering how the earth impacts people, especially in times of natural disaster. Extreme natural events: volcanoes, floods, tsunamis, earthquakes, typhoons, hurricanes and cyclones have all impacted or devastated communities and lives. We explored examples and discussed how the reaction of local and global people and organisations in times of crisis can restore these communities.

Other modules took an anthropological approach, considering the ways that the choices of people in positions of power have impacted families, cultures and communities. We considered the ethical responsibilities of those in positions of power and the acts that can be taken to strengthen cultural sustainability both here in Aotearoa and abroad.

Although social science has focused on local histories and environments, we have applied these learnings to consider our place as global citizens. We also considered that we can live and engage in multiple communities at a given time thanks to the developments with the internet, technology and social media. We discussed how we can safely navigate our overlapping societies, and be critical online citizens. We expanded on our learning as active citizens throughout this year, facilitating school community events such as carnival day and the Matariki festival. The event planning and management involved careful consideration, combining our understanding of environmental, organisational, and social demands.

- Amanda McMillan, Social Science Teacher



RUAWAI COLLEGE SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2022

1:00PM START

- ALL WELCOME -



AGRICULTURE LEVEL 1 TRIP

Our Year 11 AG Hort class took part in the PPC skills course which was facilitated by NRC in Whangarei. The students learned first hand the expert skills and knowledge required to control the pests here in Northland but also, more specifically, in the Kaipara region. The skills learnt included how to dispatch live pests, possum fur plucking, skinning and setting up traps. They also gained specific knowledge of different pests in NZ and Northland, and how to set up traps to target these pest species.

Students also learned about the different types of traps that are available and the type of pest each trap is specifically designed for. Overall it was a great trip, the students enjoyed it and learned a lot from it and they will use this knowledge to practice trapping and dispatching pests, especially possums, to support the vision of a pest free Northland or so they can start their own business if they want to.

- Peni Leao, HoL Science



YES TRADEFAIR

Early one foggy Saturday morning, four exceptional students and one bleary eyed teacher set off at 5:30am for The Old Packhouse Market in Kerikeri, to attend the Young Enterprise Scheme annual Trade Fair. Eighty Northland YES companies from numerous secondary schools brought their products to sell to the general public.

The Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) is an experiential programme where Year 12 and 13 students in New Zealand set up and run a real business. Each YES company creates their own product or service and brings this to market.

Tautari Boards took their amazing chopping boards and serving platters made from bamboo offcuts to sell while The Mix Up brought their delicious baking premixes sold in beautiful reusable jars. Both companies worked together to make the day successful selling for everyone. There are a limited number of boards and premixes available for sale. Contact the school office.

- Davena Latto, Teacher in Charge of YES

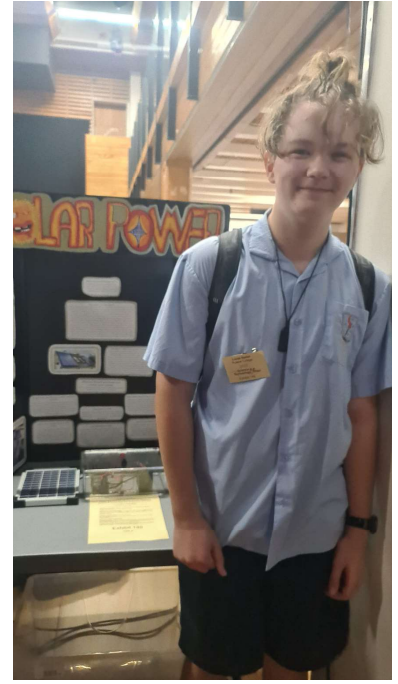
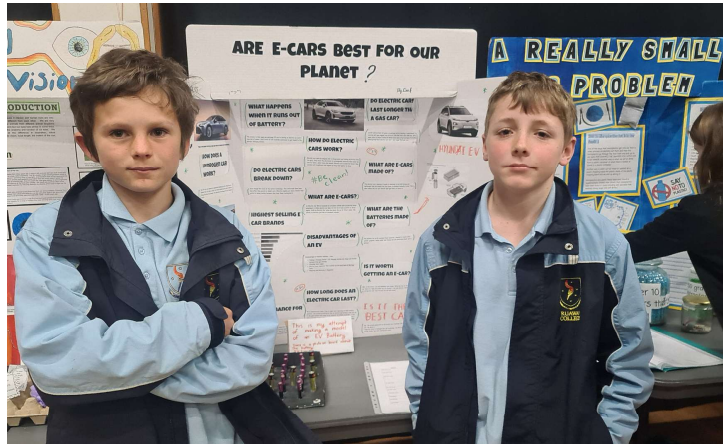


SCIENCE FAIR

The trip to the Science Fair in Whangarei was a really informative one for the students who represented us. We enjoyed setting up and the bag of goodies that was given to each entrant at the start.

We then had a chance to wander around and see, read and interact with all the other exhibits. The range of projects was immense and it was a huge learning curve for our students to see the depth of scientific research that had been done by students at their age level. We enjoyed seeing a smoothie made in a blender, attached to a bicycle and run by pedal power!

- Fiona Togia, SENCO



SCHOOL SOCIAL

On the 7 September, from 7 - 9pm, the prefects held a school social. The theme was Heroes VS Villains. It was a great turn out and everyone was having a great time dancing to the music. Plenty of lollies, drinks and glow sticks were sold during the night. There was also a photo booth for anyone to take pictures. I would like to thank all the seniors that helped set up the hall for this event and I look forward to next year's school social.

- Piper Sterling, Year 12





SPORTS NEWS

NSS 7&8 Basketball Whangarei

On Wednesday 24 August, a group of Year 7 & 8 basketballers headed up State Highway 12 bound for Whangarei to compete in a Northland Secondary Schools Tournament. On arrival the team headed straight to the new Kensington Outdoor Basketball Court for some quick drills and a warm-up, which proved to be a vital preparation tool going into the day. The team took the court against Excellere College and hit the hardwood running, scoring some great team goals through quick ball movement and court vision. Game 2 against Tauraroa Area School also started the same way with all players having a contribution to both defense and offence which again proved too strong for the opposition. Heading into the playoff rounds with two reasonably comprehensive wins, the team was ready for the next challenge and it just so happened to come earlier than expected. Due to a change in the draw the top two teams from each pool would play off in a sudden death final.



Otamatea College had finished a fairy-tale run winning all 3 of their games and looked set to continue their winning ways. Straight from the start, the young Ruawai team proved they were there to play, hustling for every point. Otamatea, not wanting to relinquish the reputation of being "The Team" to beat, went on a scoring surge just before half time and went into the break leading by just a single point. While the players caught their breath, a quick discussion was had on the tactics they would deploy in order to come out victorious, and so, as the starting five took to the court to begin the 2nd half they had a clear vision of the task ahead. When the whistle blew to restart the game, the duel continued with neither school wanting to back down and it was very clear that it was going to come down to key moments. As the saying goes, "Offence makes headlines, Defense wins games". Unfortunately, Otamatea couldn't capitalise on their scoring opportunities late in the game due to some resolute defense and consequently handed the win to Ruawai College.

A massive thank you goes out to Sport Northland for organising the Basketball Festival, Kay Smith and Helena Thompson for the hard work behind the scenes, the Back2Basics Program, Kaipara Basketball and all the coaches involved in developing the skills for our Ruawai students and of course the team, for their exceptional behaviour both on and off the court and for being such great ambassadors of Ruawai College and of the game of Basketball.

- Paddy Jackson, Sports Coach



Ukraine

On the 15th of March Ruawai College held a rally day in support of the millions of people displaced by the war in Ukraine. The rally was a success and the school was able to raise a significant amount of money for the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. The rally was held in the school hall and was attended by a large number of students and staff. The rally was a success and the school was able to raise a significant amount of money for the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.

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



Mufti Days

Pink Shirt Day



RUAWAI COLLEGE RAISED \$3600 FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION OF NEW ZEALAND

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EPRO8 Challenge

The EPRO8 Challenge is an extra-curricular science and engineering competition. Every year over 20,000 students from throughout New Zealand take part.

Students participate in a series of events held within their school and then at the school. These events are designed to promote science and engineering throughout New Zealand.

Our students from Year 7-10 participated again this year in the EPRO8 Challenge and we were very proud of the results they achieved. They had a great time and did a lot of hard work. Congratulations to all the hard working students who participated.

- Patsy Lacey, Head of Learning Sciences



Ruawai College AquaBots

On Tuesday the 15th of April, 8 students from year 8 and 9 travelled to Whangarei to compete in the regional Aquabots competition. We had two teams made up of three students each, Benji and The Beavers.

Competitions in The Beavers the playing field in the intermediate category for a sea of hard work and fun practice in preparation for the final competition.

- Graham Hutchings, Year 9



NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 31 August, Korban, Reuben and Rayden competed in the Northland Primary School's Cross Country at Barge Park in Whangarei. The boys ran hard and left nothing in the tank. Well done!

- Helena Thompson, Sports Coordinator



Ruawai College Triennial Board Election Results

Congratulations to the following successful candidates who make up the new Ruawai College Board, taking office from Wednesday 14 September 2022:

Parent Board Members:

- Jo Forsythe
- Anthony Blundell
- Luke Oud
- Angela Robinson

Staff Board Member:

- Manmeet Sandhu

Student Board Member:

- Lucas Sadler



YEAR 9 & 10 BASKETBALL WHANGAREI

On Tuesday 20 September, Paddy Jackson and I took seven Year 9 & 10 boys over to Whangarei to compete in a basketball tournament. The boys did well and it was awesome to see them play some great basketball.

We came away with a 3rd place in Division 2. It was a day enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Paddy for being an awesome coach.

- Helena Thompson, Sports Coordinator



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NSS SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL WHANGAREI

On Friday 19 August, a team of 8 senior boys went over to the Kensington Mackay Stadium in Whangarei to compete in the NSS Senior Boys Basketball tournament.

It was an enjoyable day with some tough competition and it was great to witness the talent we have in Northland. Our boys played 4 great games - I was proud that they worked together as a team and never gave up.

- Helena Thompson, Sports Coordinator



WINTER SPORTS

On Wednesday the 14 September 2022, our annual interhouse winter sports event was held. There were four different sports: fast five, volleyball, touch and soccer.

Everyone enjoyed their time competing against one another and it was great to see a lot of participation happening. I would like to thank Ms. Smith for organizing this event so that we could have some fun.

- Piper Sterling, Year 12



TERM 4 SPORTS CALENDER

Date	Event/Sports
Wednesday 19 October	Ruawai College Top Form
Thursday 27 October	Kiwi Tag Year 7 & 8 Mixed
Wednesday 2 November	Volleyfest Year 7 & 8 Mixed and Boys
Thursday 3 November	Badminton Year 7 & 8 Boys
Friday 4 November	Touch Year 9 & 10 Mixed
Tuesday 8 November	Volleyfest Year 9 & 10 Girls
Wednesday 9 November	Volleyfest Year 9 & 10 Boys
Thursday 10 November	Badminton Year 7 & 8 Boys & Girls
Friday 18 November	Touch Year 7 & 8 Mixed
Tuesday 22 November	Fast Five Netball Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10 Mixed

INTER HOUSE BASKETBALL

This term at Ruawai College for interhouse we got to play basketball and the house leaders of Totara were the ones setting it all up.

We saw good communication and good organisation from all of the leaders that were there and all round we all were having fun together.

- Quinn Gardiner, Totara House Leader



1st
Totara



2nd
Kauri



3rd
Rimu

BASKETBALL UPDATE: FROM THE COACH

'Well, what a wonderful way to finish the season. Last week was a win 73/49, and last night another win 49/37.

There were some hurdles in between, but they proved with some refocus that they really are an outstanding team.

On the agenda for the team to further their love for the sport are:

- * Holiday basketball development programs
- * Social tournaments
- * Basketball trial opportunities

Well done team. Excited for 2023.

- Lovey (Marilyn Llewellyn)



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.





COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TE PETIHANA REO MĀORI

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 2022 was extra special as 14 September marked the 50th anniversary of the Māori Language Petition. This event led to many of the kaupapa we have today, including Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Here at Ruawai College, we celebrated this important milestone by all going outside our classrooms at noon and shouting Tihei wa Mauri Ora (Behold, there is life). This was timed to coincide with the national celebration.

During the week, we had an art competition running, games of pukana held, poi making, and kapahaka presentations, all led by the students. Also, the PE department was playing kia o rahi on our newly refurbished field, along with the Sport Northland crew.

- Kimberley Rope-Battcher, HoL Arts & Languages

Ko taku reo taku ohoho, ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria
(My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul)
This is a whakatauki closely associated with language revitalisation



NCEA Examinations

Term 3 for our senior students is often the culmination of fine tuning the acquisition of their credits and task completion of assessments. The term has been hectic and while many of our students are looking forward to the break, I wish to acknowledge those staff who will be back at school to assist senior students with their work around NCEA credits or extra assistance with preparations for their external examinations. This reflects their commitment to the achievement and success of our students.

This year's NCEA exams start on **Monday 7 November** and will finish on **Friday 2 December**. Morning exams start at 9:30 am and afternoon exams at 2:00 pm. Students should arrive 30 minutes before their exam. Students who arrive more than 30 minutes after the start of the exam will not be able to sit their exam. Students must wear their proper school uniform.

All senior students, except those who are not doing external exams, will be given their Admission Slip. This sets out the date and time of their exams. This is not a copy. It must be bought for every exam. They will not be allowed to sit their exams without it. If they lose their slip they must see Ms Dallison well before the exam. On the reverse of the admission slip is more information about the exams and exam rules.

Preparation for NCEA requires being aware of the examination timetable, establishing a quiet study space with no distractions, getting regular sleep, eating healthy and nutritious food and making use of the lunchtime/after school tutorials that teachers offer.

MATHS WEEK/ MATHEX

One of the best weeks of the year, in my opinion, is Maths Week. Students encounter mathematics in a fun way with this year's spotlight being on basic facts.

Our LA competitions were Connect 4 based on addition, and Bingo with the game boards having the answers to multiplication questions. On Friday the new school "currency", was the correct answers to questions given by our academic prefects, Emma Phillips and Pita Pua. In exchange for the correct answers, students received a juice.

Our amazing school staff were treated to morning tea by the Mathematics Department to thank them for their support and hard work.

The highlight of the week is always Mathex. Mathex is a challenging and fast-paced mathematics contest where teams made up of 4 with at least one senior, middle, and junior student. Teams compete against each other to answer questions as quickly as possible and gain the most points. This year's winning house was Kauri and they were awarded the Maths Week trophy in assembly on Wednesday.

- Davena Latto, HoL Mathematics & Statistics



NETSAFE PARENTS TOOLKIT

The Netsafe's Parent Toolkit Resource is a helpful device as you navigate the internet world with your child/children. It can be found at:

<https://netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit/>

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TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Recently, we celebrated the annual Tongan Language Week at Ruawai College and I was so happy to embrace my culture. Throughout the week, my siblings and I decided to wear our Tongan attire to school to showcase our traditional clothing and we also taught some common words in Tongan to the teachers and students.

On 7 September, Rangī, Siu and I performed two Tongan performances for Ruawai College which is one of my most memorable moments at this school. Malo Aupito Ruawai College for allowing me to celebrate this special week with you all.

- Pita Pua, Head Prefect



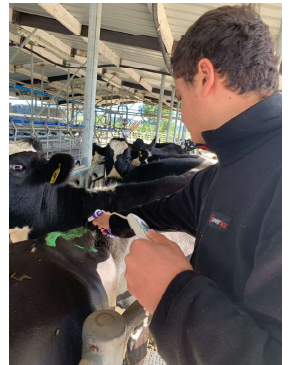
STUDENT VOICE PRIMARY ITO



Primary ITO Trades Academy is a programme designed to give students from all backgrounds an insight into the agricultural industry. Throughout the course I have done water work, attaching pipes, taps and hooking up troughs for stock. We also learn a lot around fencing, replacing posts, wires and tying knots. As well as stock work, we have had the opportunity to drench stock, vaccinate both cows and sheep and dock some lambs.

I have been a part of this programme for the past two years so I am able to gain the NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills at the end of this year. I have enjoyed being able to further my understanding of farming, animals and the new experiences I've been a part of. Throughout the last two years I have learnt a number of skills from fencing and waterwork to livestock handling and health. Thanks to my tutor, Tracey, I have been given opportunities that I may not have been able to do without Primary ITO. I would recommend this programme to anyone that has any interest in agriculture and is willing to learn more.

- Monique Wrathall, Year 13



WRITERS FEST AUCKLAND

On Thursday the 25th of August a group of students attended the Auckland Writers Festival. This was an eye-opening day of lectures from top New Zealand and international writers. First we listened to Femi Faduga– a british young adult sci-fi author– talk about world-building and how physics informed his debut book, *The Upper World*. His unique perspective on how real world physics equations led him to write a story about fantastical time travel taught us that inspiration can come from anywhere.



Anne Kays graced the stage next, discussing her book *In Our Own Backyard*. This session was very informative on the history of the springbok tour and the effect it had on families and relationships in New Zealand. It was interesting to hear how she blended the non-fiction events with the fictional characters in her book. After lunch, we witnessed an exciting debate between two poets and a playwright on the best form of poetry. This was by far the funniest section, with Victor Rodgers and Amy Mcdaid sharing hilarious free verse and dialogue poems. I would recommend any students check out their work as it is heartfelt and relatable. The audience decided Dialogue poem was the winning form, though I retain a soft spot for a sonnet.

The final session we attended was with award winning poet and Journalist Mohamed Hassan. For all of us this was our first time seeing slam poetry performed. His poems were insightful and poignant. Discussing identity and the bias against muslims in the media, Hassan's talk was the highlight of the day for me. Overall I hope this festival has inspired more Ruawai College students to take up a pen and write a poem or story, after all– as we learnt– if you don't tell your story, someone else will.

- Emma Phillips, Prefect

FLASH FICTION WRITING

This year National Flash Fiction Day took place on 19 June. I was privileged to be part of this year's celebrations. Flash fiction is a piece of creative writing of 300 words or less. I have been writing flash fiction since 2020 and decided to enter a number of the competitions run this year. The Whangarei Library and 3.30 flash fiction group ran a competition with two youth categories, flash fiction (under 300 words) and micro fiction (under 100 words). I was runner up and winner in the micro category and winner of the flash category for the northland region. My stories can be read at <https://www.wdc.govt.nz/library/Connect/Craft-and-hobby-groups/Creative-writing-competition-2022-winners>.

I also entered the National Flash Fiction Day Youth competition run by the Fingers Comma Toes magazine. This was open to national and international entrants. One of my stories was included in the shortlist of the top twenty entries. It can be read at <https://fingerscommatoes.wordpress.com/nffd-youth/>. Following this success I was invited to participate in the youth writers panel for the national flash fiction day live streamed festival. I spoke with 6 other young writers about the craft and unique challenges of flash fiction as a medium. The video can be found on the Flash Frontier Youtube page.

Overall I feel extremely privileged to have had the opportunity to have my writing published online and to be able to communicate with others who share my passion for writing. I hope more students from Ruawai College feel inspired to take up creative writing.

- Emma Phillips, Prefect



DAFFODIL DAY

In support of Daffodil Day, we held a yellow shirt mufti day. Daffodil Day symbolises hope for all those New Zealanders affected by cancer. As a school, we raised \$151, and thanks to Kaipara Kumara matching our \$151, we were able to donate \$302 to the Cancer Society of New Zealand. Cancer Society of New Zealand is the leading organisation dedicated to reducing the incidence of cancer and ensuring the best cancer care for everyone in New Zealand. They are the leading cancer patient advocate in New Zealand, providing a voice on all kinds of issues affecting cancer detection and treatment.

- Tahlia Johnson, Head Prefect



ART OF THE MONTH

Emma Phillips - Year 12





AUGUST LIBRARY COMPETITION

During August, the library ran its first monthly competition. The purpose of these competitions are to get the students into the library and involved with books.

The competition for August was to design a book cover for a real or imaginary book. We had 10 entries which was a great turn out and it was wonderful to see all the creative entries from the students.

Our winner was Siulolovao Pua, with her book cover for her book she imagined called "Dreams are Possible".

- Samantha Harrison, Librarian



BUS SAFETY

Bus safety - 3:00pm - 3:15pm. In response to the rising volume of traffic, both vehicles and humans, the college has actioned procedures in how bus students and pedestrians manage themselves at this time of the day.

At 3:00pm, our first 3 buses line up outside the school in the same order each day and students who travel on these busses: Dargaville, Parahi, Okahu, Te Kowhai make their way directly to their bus. Students who are on the Matakoho, Dargaville and Toka Toka buses wait in a designated area outside H-Block, with the Bus Duty Teacher.

Any student who needs to cross over the state highway to the parking and pick up area must also wait in the designated area. Once the last 3 buses have parked safely the Bus Duty Teacher brings the remaining students to the bus bay. Bus students make their way to their respective bus, and all the other students are crossed safely by the Bus Duty Teacher.

If parents are picking their child up after school, please be aware that there is a wait time of about 5 - 7 minutes before students are crossed over the road to the parking area. We respectfully request that any adults at the college at this time also wait and cross with the students, as this reduces the amount of foot traffic crossing the road and allows a better flow of vehicle traffic.

CHESS TOURNAMENT 2022

During Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 3, a chess tournament was held to find the best chess player at Ruawai College. We had fantastic involvement from the students, including many new faces playing alongside our seasoned elites.

The competition came down to a duel between Phoenix (Year 12) and Reuben (Year 7), and it was a great game to watch! Congratulations to Phoenix who held on to take out first prize and to everyone else who was involved.

- Samantha Harrison, Librarian

Ruawai College Value

Responsibility, Takohanga

Follow instructions

Be on time and ready to learn

Make it right

Follow school tikanga



NEW STAFF TO RUAWAI COLLEGE

HAYLEY CAULEFIELD

Has joined us for 3 days a week until the end of the year. She is working predominantly in the junior school.



MARY JANE MARSH

Has also joined us until the end of the year. She is part of the Create & Relate programme which has a focus on being present particularly during break times to interact with students, to get involved in their activities, and to create activities.



Ruawai College Value

Resilience, Manawaroa

Try, try and try again

Make wise choices

Embrace challenges and opportunities

HELENA THOMPSON

Kia ora tātou, my name is Helena Thompson and I have started as the new Sports Coordinator at Ruawai College. Having attended Ruawai College myself I feel privileged to be able to now work here. For myself growing up, sport made a hugely positive impact on my life and contributed to who I am today and I would love to help make that same positive impact on others. So I look forward to my new role within the school and supporting your children through sport.

Ngā mihi, Helena.



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

NOTICES

Derived Grades

Derived grade exams were held from the 22nd to 26th August. These exams are held as under certain circumstances you can apply for a derived grade if you are unable to attend an external exam. This could include temporary illness, injury, trauma or a serious event occurring just before or during the examinations

If your child thinks they are eligible for a derived grade they must get an application form from Ms Dallison or you can download it from the NZQA website (www.nzqa.govt.nz). If you miss an exam because you are unwell, you must get a doctor to complete Section B of the form. For more information, please contact Ms Dallison.



RIDING FOR THE DISABLED (WHANGAREI)

Riding for the Disabled (Whangarei) are seeking a large (16+ hand) and sturdy horse for their young adults. The horse would need to be around 20 and of a quiet nature, as there can be loud noises and distractions around the area we ride in.

RDA is a charity and it would be appreciated if the horse was a donation.

Please contact:

Fiona Togia

(ftogia@ruawaicollege.school.nz)

09 439 2216

OR Lyndsay Attwood (RDA Manager)

027 451 5547

Ruawai College Value

Respect, Whakaute

Mahi tahi

Use school appropriate language

Accept differences

Treat people and property well

Junior Health Classes

Year 8 students will be covering pubertal change and the Year 9 and 10 students will be participating in Health classes that cover Contraception (and STI's for Year 10).

These classes will involve the different types of contraceptives, how to access these, using a condom and also assertiveness skills within a relationship.



VOLUNTEER WITH US
Tono mai hei kaitūao

We are recruiting now

Have you ever wanted to be more involved in your community, learn new skills and help those in need? Well now is your time.

Ruawai Volunteer Fire Brigade is recruiting and we want you!

Want to know more about what it takes to be a volunteer?

Join us at our

RECRUITMENT NIGHT

2nd & 4th Monday - 7pm

Ruawai Fire Station

contact: kevin.evans@fireandemergency.nz

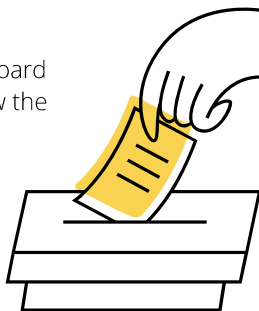


If you can't make it, and you still want to join visit:
fireandemergency.nz/volunteer

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the newly elected Ruawai College Board Members: Luke, Manmeet and Lucas. Please see below the complete list of board members:

Parent Representatives: Jo Forsythe, Luke Oud, Angela Robinson, and Anthony Blundell
Staff Representative: Manmeet Sandhu
Student Representative: Lucas Sadler
Principal: Raeleen Harre



The first meeting for the new Board was held on Tuesday 27th September 2022. At the first meeting, I was fortunate enough to be elected Board Chairperson and Jo Forsyth Vice Chairperson. These positions are voted in by the full Board, with Parent Representatives required to fill both roles.

Board Comment

While it was "democratically healthy" that there was an election for the Parent Representative positions on the Ruawai College Board, it was still extremely disappointing that only a little over 27% of the eligible parent voters actually voted.

In all communities, particularly small rural ones like Ruawai and surrounds, it is their local education facilities that form the heart of the community. To have Ruawai Kindergarten, Ruawai Primary School and Ruawai College close together forming our very own "educational hub", is outstanding and a real asset to the area. In the 26 years I have been living back in Ruawai, it has been fantastic to watch so many of the community's children progress through their Kindergarten and Primary School years, then finish off with their secondary education at Ruawai College.

With Ruawai College at the heart of our community, it relies heavily on the community's support for its very existence. Ruawai College can offer many courses, and although small in size, can measure up to larger schools in the area and afar. The smaller whanau size is beneficial in many ways, such as the curriculum offered. Ruawai College has spent time looking at ways that the curriculum can be changed to suit our learners better and motivate them to want to achieve the best results possible.

> The junior school has a cross-curricula focus taught through a homeroom environment and the teachers go to the students. The topics include enviro schools and sustainability in the Kaipara area and passion projects.

> The middle school group can design their own individual personalized modules, which change every term. These modules consist of the three core subjects of Literacy, Numeracy, and Science, along with a range of other subjects. The students have compulsory requirements to ensure they get the best learning outcomes, but they choose what term these happen.

> The senior cohort has individual learning packages to provide them with the options they need to follow their selected pathway.

We trust that everyone has some valuable time with whanau and friends over the 3rd term break!

Nga mihi nui

- Anthony Blundell, Chairperson

2022 Board Meeting Dates

6pm | Venue: Board Meeting Room

Tuesday 8 November 2022

Tuesday 6 December 2022



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.
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How to Access the Ruawai College School Docs documentation:

1. Go to 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**

Keep in Touch!

Ruawai College website: www.ruawaicollege.school.nz - Phone: 09 439 22 16

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