

# RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

**Ruawai**  
COLLEGE  
Respect  
Resilience  
Responsibility

**Term 4 Week 4**  
Friday 11 November 2022

## Upcoming Dates

### Monday 14 November

Y7-Y10 reading exam

### Wednesday 16 November

Year 7 & 8 Boys KiwiTag

### Thursday 17 November

Rural Health Careers Visit

### Friday 18 November

Mixed touch 7&8 Kaikohe

### Monday 21 November

Y7-Y10 Numeracy exam

### Tuesday 22 November

Fast 5 Netball 7&8 + 9&10

Student for a Day

### Thursday 24 November

Novice Badminton 9&10 girls

### Friday 25 November

Teacher's Only Day  
(NCEA ACCORD)

### Monday 28 November

Teacher's Only Day  
(NCEA ACCORD)

### Tuesday 29 November

School Closes at 11.20am  
(P.U.M Meeting)

### Wednesday 30 November

Last day for NCEA Exams

### Friday 2 December

Rainbows End Year 9s  
NCEA Day Year 10s

### Tuesday 6 - Friday 9 December

Activities Week (Years 7- 10)

### Friday 9 December

End of Term 4  
Ruawai College Junior Prizegiving

## PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Mrs Raeleen Harré

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

### Senior Prizegiving

Senior prizegiving was held on Thursday 27 October 2022 and this was another outstanding celebration of achievement and excellence across our senior school. Congratulations to our Year Level DUX's:

Year 11: Lucas Hassall

Year 12: Emma Philips

Year 13: Monique Wrathall

I am delighted to announce our Prefect team for 2023, as pictured below: Taynah Hardy, Emma Ashford, Quinn Gardiner, Deputy Head Prefect Seth Eve-Rumsey, Lucas Hassall, Head Prefect Tahlia Johnson, Head Prefect Emma Philips and Deputy Head Prefect Piper Sterling.

A full list of prize winners at our senior prizegiving will be included in the yearbook and on the school Facebook page. A special congratulations to Emma Philips who was awarded the OUASSA - Otago University Advanced Science scholarship and the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum scholarship for 2023.



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### NCEA Examinations

As we near the commencement of examinations, I encourage all students to assess how they are tracking and utilise their time efficiently for revision and study in preparation. This can be achieved by familiarising yourself with the examination timetable, establishing a space where study can be done with no distractions, setting aside time each evening for practice and study, and getting regular sleep. Whānau, please keep supporting and encouraging them through these next few weeks.

More examination tips are provided further on in this newsletter.



## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

This year senior prizegiving was held on Thursday 27th October 2022. It was good to see a great turnout of whanau and friends of the school. On this day a number of prize winners from Year 11-Year 13 were acknowledged for excelling in sports, in the academic field and in recognition of their social and cultural contributions.

The day also included a number of performances by our students like our Kapa Haka Rōpū, a Tongan dance group, Avalon-Celeste Jackson playing her violin, and Seth Eve-Rumsey singing and playing the acoustic guitar.

Keeping up with our traditions, the Year 13 leavers received the native tree symbolic to the house that the student has been a part of while at Ruawai College.

- Manmeet Sandhu, Deputy Principal



Monique Wrathall



Mokoia Llewellyn



Seth Eve-Rumsey  
Deputy Head Prefect

Tahlia Johnson  
Head Prefect

Emma Phillips  
Head Prefect

Piper Sterling  
Deputy Head Prefect



Tasharna Keogh



Kapa Haka Rōpū





Rawiri Mcllroy



Avalon-Celeste Jackson



Lucas Hassall



Tongan Dance Group



Seth Eve-Rumsey



Baylin Connett

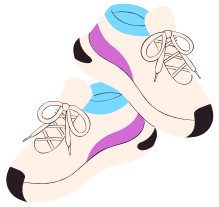


Quinn Gardiner



## CURRICULUM

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION



The Health and Physical Education Department has had some changes of which we would like to inform you about. The first being a change in staff. We welcome Hayley Corfield who is teaching the Year 7 cohort, our new Sports Coordinator, Helena Thompson and myself, now teaching the Year 8 cohort, the modules for Year 9/10 cohort and our Seniors. The Hauora programme for Year 9 and 10 is being taught by Jenny Dallison and Kimberley Rope-Battcher.

There has been an exciting change within the PE programme with the implementation of Modules for the Years 9/10 allowing the students to choose which areas they would like to participate in. Learning Packages have been developed for the seniors which provides them with the choice of doing a full PE course, allowing for subject endorsement, or opting into a term if the subject is supporting their career journey.

There have been many highlights over the year with students attending trips and events that support the modules and shared experiences. The Year 9/10 got to experience the Ninja Warrior course at Jump which tested their strength and resilience. The seniors have participated in many outdoor adventures with Tree Climbing, Surfing, Archery and a Lakes trip for Paddleboarding and Kayaking. They also had the choice to participate in the Tough Guy Gal Challenge, a 6km mud run which tested their endurance. The main highlight was probably the Hillary Outdoors experience which developed leadership skills and team work. The students got to sleep overnight on Mount Ruapehu which was extremely cold but an experience that they will never forget.

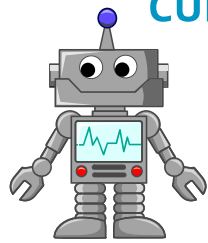
All these events our students participate in and also our PE classes are developing the key competencies in our curriculum. These are Participating and Contributing, Relating to Others, Managing Self, Using Language in a physical education context, and Thinking skills. Many of these skills are what our students need for when they move onto the journey of life. So to our parents, whanau, and community encourage our students to participate, learn and enjoy being a part of a team or being involved in the many sporting activities we offer.

**"Take care of your body, it's the only place you have to live"**

- Kay Smith, HoL Physical Education







## CURRICULUM TECHNOLOGY

Technology is invention by design. With its focus on design thinking, technology education supports students to be innovative, reflective and critical in designing new models, products, software, systems and tools to benefit people while taking account of their impact on cultural, ethical, environmental and economic conditions.

At Ruawai College, Technology is taught through the subjects Digital Technology, Hard Materials Technology and Food and Fabric Technology (which also incorporates Home Economics/Hospitality from the Health Curriculum) All of these subjects are taught from Year 7 to 13.

In 2022 the Junior Modules have enabled the technology department to think outside the square and incorporate some new learning, the modules included Great Outdoors, Wooden Toys, Minecraft and Warmth of Home.

- Jenny Dallison, HoL Technology

Year 9 Fabric Testing - Warmth of Home



Year 8 Game Development



Year 11 - BCATs



Year 9 Sell Sell Sell - Logo Design



Year 9 - Wooden Toys



Year 13 - BCATs



Year 8 - Design your own Healthy Lunches for Schools



Year 11 Digi - Website Design



## KAURI HERITAGE FESTIVAL

On Saturday the 15th of October I took a group of prefects out to the Matakoho Museum to help with the Heritage Festival. It was a special occasion as the Heritage Festival marked 60 years of preserving local history for the Museum.

There were over a thousand visitors recorded at the event which was a great response. Some people were dressed in heritage wear and Steampunk clothing. There were musical acts throughout the day including our very own Seth Eve-Rumsey and his bandmate Aaron Philips.

There were also stalls where local artisans were selling their products and crafts. A working blacksmith was also demonstrating how things used to be done, there was also gum being polished and butter being made. One thing that was a lovely surprise for me was seeing some carved kauri animals that a family friend had made and donated to the museum. She used to let me play with them when I was a small child. I guess that makes me old if my toys are in a museum?

The students were tasked with greeting four busloads of tourists, some of which only spoke German. Other duties included handing out popcorn and cupcakes to visitors to the museum. We got to meet Willow-Jean Prime MP for Northland as well. She has supported the school in the past with the speed submissions for outside our school.

There were also flying blue whales, stingrays and other colourful kites on display. We have received some really positive feedback from the Museum about how wonderful our students were on the day. So well done Piper, Tahlia, Emma A and Emma P for representing the school in your holidays and doing a great job. If you are ever in the area pop into the Museum, there really is something for everyone.

- Kimberley Rope-Battcher, HoL Arts & Languages



## TERM 3 CELEBRATION ASSMBLY



### Keep in Touch!

Ruawai College website: [www.ruawaicollege.school.nz](http://www.ruawaicollege.school.nz) - Phone: 09 439 22 16

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





## SPORTS NEWS

### YEAR 7 & 8 VOLLYFEST WHANGAREI

On Wednesday the 2nd of November a group of Year 7 & 8 boys and girls travelled to Whangarei to compete in the Year 7 & 8 VolleyFest tournament at McKay Stadium. The students played awesome and won all of their games.

It was great to see how skilled our students were.!

- Helena Thompson, Sports Coordinator

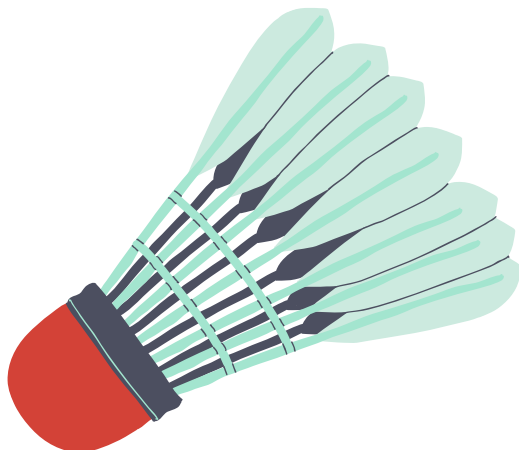


### YEAR 9 & 10 BOYS BADMINTON

On Thursday 3rd of November a group of 8 Year 9 & 10 boys went to the Northland Badminton Centre to play in a Northland secondary school badminton tournament.

We had 2 teams of 4 and the boys won the majority of their games. it was a great day and we have some real talent at our school!

- Helena Thompson, Sports Coordinator



### Ruawai College Value

**Resilience, Manawaroa**

**Try, try and try again**

**Make wise choices**

**Embrace challenges and opportunities**

“  
**IF YOU SEE SOMEONE  
WITHOUT A SMILE TODAY,  
GIVE 'EM YOURS.**

– DOLLY PARTON



## TOP FORM TERM 4

Our annual Top Form was held on Wednesday 19th October. This was an awesome event and determined our final House Winner. Some new activities were added with the wheelbarrow race providing a number of laughs. It was great to see such a positive and competitive spirit demonstrated by all the LA's. The LA winner was T1, but the overall house winner by only a couple of points was Rimu.

- Kay Smith, HoL Physical Education



**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**  
Rimu House



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**  
Totara House



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**  
Kauri House



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.





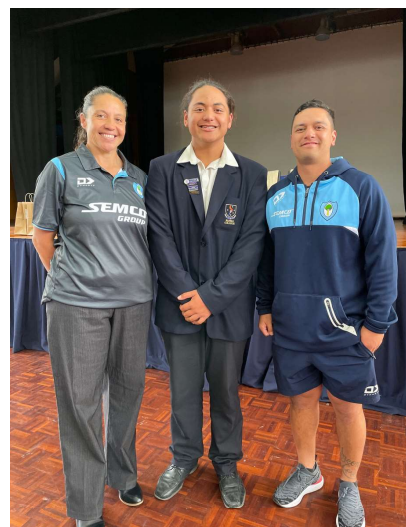
## NORTHLAND RUGBY UNION PRESENTATION

On Wednesday 19 October our kura and a group of Ruawai Primary School students were fortunate to be visited by Bodean Rogers, Northland Rugby's Kauri Coach, and Cheryl Smith (nee Waaka), former Black Fern, a two-time world champion, and Northland Rugby's Women's Lead and Rugby Development Officer.

Cheryl spoke to our students about what it was like to grow up in a small, rural area, and the resilience and responsibility required to make it onto the international rugby stage. This was a fantastic reminder to our students that despite our location and size here in Northland, we are just as capable of achieving greatness.

Cheryl's passion for the sport was evident, and the pair were both engaging, passionate, and inspiring. We greatly appreciate their time spent with our rangatahi. Thank you to Paddy Jackson for organising the visit.

- Tyla O'Sullivan, Principal's PA



## 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

## KI O RAHI KAIKOHE

On Friday 23 September Helena and Piki took a group of 18 students up to Moerewa to compete in the Northland Secondary School's Ki o Rahi tournament.

Ruawai College entered 2 mixed teams - one of our teams took out Division 2 placing 1st and our other team did really well competing against teams that compete nationally.

It was an awesome day had by all!

- Helena Thompson, Sports Coordinator





## CARNIVAL DAY

On Thursday 29 September 2022 we held our Mental Health Awareness Carnival Day - the second year we have run this event. The focus of Mental Health Awareness Week this year was reconnecting with the people and places to support one another in their times of struggle. A number of activities were run with the help of community volunteers and staff to support students in the various activities. Students planted native trees in around the school field, as a way to honour and reconnect to their whenua. Staff and students made a start on painting three new murals, reflecting the school values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility.

Following on from the theme of Carnival Day last year, "Flipping Our Way Through the Day", students and community members were flipping pages, burgers and giant tractor tyres to signify walking alongside those who "carry a heavy load". 150 burgers were made, 1278 book pages were read, and an astounding 8,229 tractor tyre flips were completed over the course of the day.

A special thank you to the Ruawai Volunteer Fire Brigade, Sport Northland, He Maara Hou, the Ruawai Community Church, Ruawai Lions Club, Kaipara Refuse, Kaurilands Skill Centre Trust, Ruawai Primary School, Naumai Marae, Enviroschools and the Kaipara District Council.

- Manmeet Sandhu, Deputy Principal







## STUDENT VOICE

### EMMA ASHFORD - PREFECT 2023

To be selected for a 2023 prefect position is so exciting. I am looking forward to improving and developing many more leadership skills and making new relationships with the students. As a prefect I will put the best interests of Ruawai College first and I will act as a role model for the younger students coming through and demonstrate our 3 values.

## NCEA Tips

NCEA exams started officially on Monday 7 November.

The exam timetable can be found on the NZQA website at the following link:

**<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/national-secondary-examinations-timetable/>**

Student admission slips were issued to students last week which have all the exam sessions they are expected to attend and the time and date for these.

Some study tips include:

1. Get prepared and make a plan
2. Organise your study space
3. Avoid distractions
4. Set Study Goals
5. Look after and reward yourself.

If for any reason your child is unable to attend their exam please can you contact the school office or Jenny Dallison

### StudyIt Forums

StudyIt forums are another resource that can support your students in preparing for their exams in NCEA Levels 1–3 English, Maths or Sciences.

**<https://studyit.govt.nz/>**

Teacher Development Aotearoa is facilitating the StudyIt forums for students to discuss NCEA achievement standards. General study and exam advice, including tips on how to study smart, are also available.

## Ruawai College Value

**Responsibility, Takohanga**

**Follow instructions**

**Be on time and ready to learn**

**Make it right**

**Follow school tikanga**

## ART OF THE MONTH

Year 7 Term 3

Line & Tone





## COMMUNITY

### Board Comment

Wasn't it fabulous to see the school hall bursting with people after so long? What a joy to hear our Ruawai College waiata and solo performances by our talented musicians. Special mention must also be made of the powerful hakas and the colourful, show-stopping Tongan dancers.

We are so lucky at Ruawai College to see our students thrive and this was perfectly displayed by the depth and breadth of academic and sports achievements. So much talent in a small, rural school. I'm sure teachers, parents, whānau, and caregivers in attendance were as impressed and proud as I was.

Best of luck to the senior students who are currently on study leave for their end of year NCEA examinations.

- Angela Robinson, Board Member



### 2022 Board Meeting Dates

6pm | Venue: Board Meeting Room

**Tuesday 6 December 2022**

### Ruawai College Value

**Respect, Whakaute**

**Mahi tahi**

**Use school appropriate language**

**Accept differences**

**Treat people and property well**

## 2022 Start of Year Programme

### **Monday 23 January 2023**

School office open e.g. enrolments, uniform

### **Monday 30 January 2023**

Northland Anniversary Day - observed public holiday, school office closed

### **Tuesday 31 January 2023**

School starts - all school buses running  
8.45am: All Year 12 & 13 student's ONLY

### **Wednesday 1 February 2023**

8.45am: All Prefects, Senior house leaders ( Years 11-13) in attendance ONLY

### **Thursday 2 February 2023**

8.45am: First Day of School for Year 7 students and any new Year 8 & Year 9 students ONLY

8:45am: Manuhiri assemble in car park for Powhiri

9:00am: Powhiri

9:30am - 10:15 am: Whanau/new students meet with their LA

10.15am: Morning Tea

10.35am - 3pm: Peer Support

### **Friday 3 February 2023**

All Year Levels In

8.45am: LA Time

## 2023 Term Dates

### **Term 1**

Tuesday 31 January 2023 - Thursday April 6 2023

### **Term 2**

Monday 24 April 2023 - Friday 30 June 2023

### **Term 3**

Monday 17 July 2023 - Friday 22 September 2023

### **Term 4**

Monday 9 October 2023 - Friday 8 December 2023

## Coaches and Managers 2023

We invite expressions of interest for 2023 Coaches and Managers for Basketball, Netball and Football. Please apply in writing with a brief description of your experience.

Email to Kay Smith [ksmith@ruawaicollege.school.nz](mailto:ksmith@ruawaicollege.school.nz) or drop off at the office.

For any further queries please call 09 439 2216 and speak with Kay.