



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

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

Ruawai
COLLEGE
Respect
Resilience
Responsibility

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré - M.Ed.Hons

Term 2 Week 10
Wednesday 28 June

As we come to the end of Term 2 I wish to acknowledge the students and staff who have worked extremely hard to stay focussed on teaching and learning at the Kura. The resilience of our students has been at the fore and the continued dedication of the staff has made the difference.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 17 July
Start of Term 3

Our students can be proud of their achievements this term - be it coming to school, getting involved in winter sport or school groups and most especially what they have achieved in their learning in spite of the many challenges that arose such as severe weather events, illness, road closures, strike action and rostering home to name a few. Thank you whanau for your continued support of our students, the staff and the school - Kāhore taku toa I te toa takitahi, he toa takitini" (We cannot succeed without the support of those around us)

Thursday 20 - Friday 21 July
Gateway Assessment - North Tec

The emergence of Chat GPT and Open AI has been on the horizon for a while now and presents a challenge in terms of how we look to educate and assess our students i.e. in how we deal with a global chatbot that uses artificial intelligence to write assignments.

Sunday 23 - Friday 28 July
OPC - Tongariro National Park

For us as a school it will be how do we ensure our students are developing the skills of original thinking and ensuring that the manner in which we assess our students ensures authenticity. A particular challenge will be how to detect plagiarism as the work is original, but from AI.

Monday 24 - Thursday 27 July
Year 13 Rotorua Trip

What is also concerning is that these programmes can come up with any argument, irrespective of whether it is factual or not. The potential for misinformation is unprecedented and it could be a hard task for students to decipher fiction from non-fiction.

Tuesday 25 July
Senior Boys Basketball

Therefore, the challenge for educators will be thinking about how we can utilise AI to enhance our teaching and learning programmes. The reality is that we have entered a new era of AI, and we need to think about how these programmes will empower our students.

Wednesday 26 July
Celebration Assembly

Thursday 27 July
Senior Girls Basketball

Tuesday 04 August
Year 7&8 Ripfest
Find your Future - Auckland

Wednesday 02 August
Year 7&8 Rugby 7's
Massive Theatre Trip

Friday 04 August
Senior Tough Guy & Girl - Kumeu



Angela Kelsall

Gateway at Ruawai College
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Ben Watkins



Harlow Kapa

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: Ruawai Auto Services, Sarah Burrows Design, The Warehouse Dargaville, Tinopai Primary School, Ruawai Primary School, Northland Rugby League, Dargaville Medical Center, AdFocus, NorthAsh Farms, Morfett Autos, Ruawai Kindergarten, Cameron Philips Cabinet Maker, Te Ha Oranga, Ngunguru Primary School, Atlas Quarries, Ruawai Tyre Shop, Ruawai Four Square, Frans Jansen Farrier, Laser Electrical, DR & BA Engineering, Fencing Specialists, Challenge Ruawai, Snazzi Gifts, Rebekah Underwood, Rorira Farm.

- Jenny Dallison, Senior School Dean



Seth Eve-Rumsey



Tahlia Johnson



Rangi Raukawa



Quinn Gardiner



Bonnie Robinson



Dylan Blackburn

RTL B

In the next few weeks the RTL B (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour - Eric Hansen) will be assessing students who may be eligible for Special Assessment Conditions, called SAC.

This means students are able to have either a reader, writer, computer use, a separate space to sit the external exam and, in some cases, extended time.

You will be notified by Fiona Togia (SENCo, Learning Support) if your young person qualifies and what support they will receive.

Thank you for your continued support of your young people at Ruawai College.

- Fiona Togia, SENCO, Learning Support



Wai Fencing

In this Year's round of Wai Fencing courses run by a team from NRC, 8 of our Year 11 and 12 boys had the opportunity to attend the course as part of their Primary ITO program this year.

The boys were well engaged in the learning of the various skills on offer - these including setting up a fence, tying a figure 8 knot, wire straining and putting up fence posts. These were life skills taught by skilled men and women from NRC and our boys did brilliantly in learning these skills.

On top of learning the skills, our boys were brilliant at showing all of our school values and as a result, two of our boys won spot prizes for best individual post maker Dylan and Ben.

- Peni Leao, Head of Learning Sciences



REMINDER

Appointments - If you wish to catch up with a staff member then by all means please get hold of the office to make an appointment or email the teacher. The office will confirm with the staff member or offer an alternative and they or the staff member will get back to you. Thank you for your support.

Mobile Phone - A reminder that phones should be left at the office on arrival at school and picked up at the end of the day - we have seen a significant drop in 'social media' harm to our students since we implemented this policy. Thank you for your continued support - especially around mental health.

Student appointments during the school day - It is vital that if students leave the school grounds, they must sign out at the Office. If students have medical or other appointments during the day, please can parents or caregivers phone in advance and let us know; you can always leave a message on the after hours answering service. On their return to school, they should go to the Office and sign back in.

Contact Information - Please remember to keep all information up to date. Eg emails, address, contact numbers, emergency contact.

Permission/Consent forms - Please get these in promptly the DAY AFTER the notice goes home.

School Newsletter - The newsletter is available to view on our school website, Skool Loop App and can be picked up at the school office.

Ruawai College Ball 2023

"Down the Rabbit Hole"

Ruawai College held their biennial ball on Friday, May 26th. "Alice in Wonderland: Down the Rabbit Hole" was the theme of the ball. All senior students who attended the ball had a terrific night, with excellent photo opportunities and, of course, everyone enjoyed dancing. The photo booth, which was used for the first time at the Ruawai Ball, was an immense hit.

As seen in the images, the students looked fantastic, and it was tough to predict who would win and wear the sashes. All of year 13 and the prefects did an outstanding job organising the successful ball, from fundraising to decorating the school hall and Photo Bathroom, not to mention their commitment the day after the event to help the school tidy up and organise the resources.

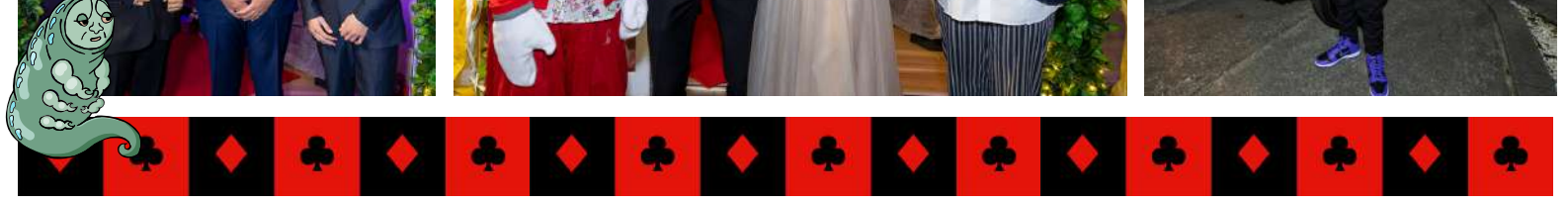
- Manmeet Sandhu, Deputy Principal



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The Ruawai Way Respect, Whakaute

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





King: Gideon Tautari & Queen: Tahlia Johnson



Prince: Lucas Hassall & Princess: Emma Ashford



Beau: Max Tunnicliffe & Belle: Manea Natiso



Best Dressed Couple: Mokoia Llewellyn & Tasharna Keogh



Best Dressed Teacher: Jimmy Bates



Cutest Couple: Hunter Shaw & Dylarni Harding-Andrews





Arts and Cultural Week

During Week 7 of this term we held our annual Arts and Cultural week. The week was filled with fun and engaging activities for the students and on Friday we celebrated with the cumulative event, 'Ruawai's Got Talent'.

During the week students could take part in Karaoke, learn Indian Dance with Ms Kaur, and learn how to cook Rēwana bread with Whaea Eva and Chop Suey with Mr Leao. 'Ruawai's Got Talent' was a wonderful showcase of the talent we have amongst the students. We had singers, cultural dances and performances and our first Wearable Arts section. The grand prize on the day was taken out by Freedom Anihana-Dunn for her vocal performance, accompanied by Mr. Kina Fuimaono on guitar. The runner up this year was Seth Eve-Rumsey for his vocal performance of a Radiohead song. Special awards went to Siulolovau Pua and Kahurangi Hill.

The Wearable arts section was taken out by Tara Wrattal, Kourtney Hawkes and Charlotte Gatehouse for their creation of 'It's what's on the inside that counts'. It was an awesome week and finished so well, all the participants should be so proud of their contribution - we have so much talent at this school and it's wonderful to celebrate this.

- Deborah Steele, Head of Learning Arts

Matariki

Tena tatou e te Whanau,
"Me mahi tahi tatou mo te oranga o te katoa"
Together we work for the well-being of everyone
The proverb reflects one of the principles of Matariki which the school celebrated in conjunction with the Arts & Cultural Festival this term.

The school Learning Assistance classes this year produced display Korowai for their Houses, Kauri, Rimu, and Totara. Students showed pride in creating these in their LA. House LA's also got creative making taonga/personal jewellery, that were treasured and handmade by the iwi, whakakai/earrings, peke n poi / brooches, and generally learning other stories and facts about the season of Matariki.

Celebrated along with the Arts and Cultural Festival made this a full on week of cultural diversity along with the arts to herald the coming of the Maori New Year.

Nga mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa nga whanau o Ruawai College

- Whaea Eva Pirini

Wearable Arts

As part of our Arts & Cultural week at Ruawai College, the students were invited to form groups and design a piece of wearable art. They had to plan their design, and then build it themselves using recycled materials over the course of 4 weeks. It was showcased at Ruawai's Got Talent, with one student from each group modelling their artwork during the show.

All the students did a wonderful job of both designing and making their pieces, and they all showed a huge amount of responsibility committing themselves to this project, giving up their lunch breaks most days. I'm very proud of all of them, and look forward to running this again next year!

- Samantha Harrison, Teacher





Creativity of the Month

The Ruawai Way 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 7-13 should have a chromebook/laptop as part of their learning tool kit. This is helpful when many classes have a blended approach to learning where learning is also available online through the Google Classrooms.

We thank the many parents/caregivers who are supporting their students with their digital learning.

We are hopeful that as the year progresses more students will have their own devices to be prepared and ready for online learning and accessing their work not only at school but at home as well - especially when they are absent. We hope to see a greater uptake in the senior school for devices in particular.

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



Thank You

PST Interviews

Thank you to the many whanau who attended our onsite Parents Student Teacher interviews. We enjoyed the opportunity to be able to connect with you and discuss the progress of your child/ren. These engagements are important for us and we appreciated you making the time to visit.

Positive Quote

"It's not about being the BEST it's about being BETTER than you were yesterday"

REMINDER

Attendance - If students are going to be away for any reason, please contact the school office, either by phone (09 439 2216, 027 268 5313) or via email (admin@ruawaicollege.school.nz). You can also report an absence via our website under the "Contact" tab.

Stationery requirement for Ruawai College - ALL students should have a 1B5 exercise book per subject (Maths: 1E5 Junior school or 1J5 Senior school) plus their chrome book/laptop. All students should have writing materials ie pens, pencils.

How to Access the Ruawai College School Docs:

- Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz
- Click on the "Search for your school" green button on the top right hand side
- Search "Ruawai College"

Both the username and password is ruawai

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 is available to them at the start of Break 2.

Visitors to School - If you need to contact your child throughout the day, send a message or drop something off, then we ask you to contact or visit the office. All schools are governed by Health & Safety regulations and the expectations that all visitors need to report to and sign in at the office. In the event of an emergency we also need to ensure we know who is on the grounds and where. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

The Ruawai Way Resilience, Manawaroa

Try, try and try again
Make wise choices
Embrace challenges and opportunities

Prefect Hui

As head prefects we feel it is important to foster connections between the local schools. On June the 19th we had an opportunity to once again attend a hui with the other head prefects from Rodney, Otamatea and Dargaville high schools. The principals of these schools also met to discuss how the year was going. Through connecting with other leaders we were able to gain new perspectives and insights into the running of different schools. We were also able to share ideas and support other leaders. We look forward to our next catch up in term 3.

- Emma Philips, Head Girl

Flash Fiction Day 2023

Flash fiction is a genre of writing where writers create stories under three hundred words. This might seem simple but crafting the emotional beats, character development and plot of a good story is a challenge when the word count is so limited.

This year was the 11th National Flash Fiction day for New Zealand. This style of writing is celebrated on the 22nd of June—the shortest day of the year. A youth competition open to writers from all around the world is run every year in conjunction with this event.

This year two of my stories, 'Ghosts are Perpetual Motion Machines, Therefore Physicists can't Believe in them' and 'Aim: To Find out if it is Possible to Reach a Velocity at Which the Gravitational Influence of a Smalltown can be Escaped From' made the shortlist of 15 stories from hundreds of entries. Alongside other shortlisted writers from as far afield as Japan and America, I read my short stories on the Flash Frontier youtube channel on the 10th of June as part of the lead up to National Flash Fiction day.

On National Flash Fiction day I was invited by the Whangarei 3.30 Flash Fiction Writers group to read my stories alongside other Northland writers who had made short and long lists for the adult competition. One of my stories, 'Aim: To find out if it is Possible to Reach a Velocity at Which the Gravitational Influence of a Smalltown Can be Escaped from,' was awarded commended (5th) in the international youth competition. I was also awarded the northland branch award for a youth writer.

Being able to represent Ruawai College and Northland internationally for writing was a privilege. My stories will both be published, along with judges' comments, at the end of June in a special edition of the online literary youth journal, Finger Comma Toes.

- Emma Philips, Head Girl



Our Year 7 Voice



Tara Wrathall

What has it been like being a year 7 at Ruawai College so far?

- It has been nice being a year 7 at Ruawai College, because all the teachers have been nice to me and helped me with my learning when needed and I have made a lot of really great friends.

What was your first day like? - My first day was fun because we did lots of activities and I knew some of the seniors. They showed us around the school and did the activities with us, which made us feel welcome and part of the family here at Ruawai College.

What do you think the rest of the year will be like? - It will be fun if things stay the same as they are now.

What are your goals for next year as a year 8? - As a year 8 of Ruawai College, I think it will be different because I'll have different teachers and maybe different classmates, I would also be a little bit older.



Mahailiaz Sesega -

What has it been like being a year 7 at Ruawai College so far?

- The Year has been really good so far because I have had all of my friends from primary school and I have made some new ones. The teachers and staff members have been really helpful and the older students have been really welcoming.

What was your first day like? - On my first day of school I remember meeting the Peer Support Team and them being really nice and friendly. They showed us around the college and introduced us to all the kind teachers.

What do you think the rest of the year will be like? - I think the rest of the year would be good as we have new subjects to learn and different events coming up for the rest of the year.

What are your goals for next year as a year 8? - My goal for next year as a year 8 would be do as much as I can and enjoy my time as a year 8. I hope to make new class friends and have fun in my new classes.

Northern Wairoa Cross Country

On Thursday 1 June Helena and Mrs Rope-Battcher took a group of students to Northern Wairoa Cross Country in Te Kopuru. The weather held out and we got some great results.

- Helena Thompson, Sport Coordinator



The Results -

1st Place 11 Year old Girls
Charlotte Gatehouse

1st place 12 Year Old Girls
Kourtney Hawkes

3rd place 12 Year Old Boys
Rayden Gregera



Year 7 & 8 JMB Netball Team



Basketball News

The Grizzlies

The Grizzlies Senior Boys Basketball team have been playing in a basketball competition that includes surrounding schools Dargaville Highschool, Bream Bay College, Rodney College, Otamatea Highschool, Tauraroa Area School. However they didn't come away with the semi-final win but a valiant effort by our "Grizzlies" nevertheless.

Senior 3x3 Basketball Tournament

On Tuesday 13 June Helena took a boys team and a girls team to the 3x3 Basketball tournament in Whangarei. It was a great day and the students played well. Special thanks to Lovey and Karina the coaches.

- Helena Thompson, Sport Coordinator



Ruawai Community Basketball

Following on from a successful introduction of Community Sports last year, Term 2 brought the exciting new challenge of Community Basketball. The laws of the game had been tweaked to allow skill levels of all ages and genders to compete as well as learn game fundamentals with the emphasis on "Fun".

Every Monday night 6 teams mixed with family members, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, cousins, mums, dads, teenagers and primary school kids all made for a challenging game environment. It did take a few weeks for people to adjust to the rules but as teams developed and navigated their way through the season it was apparent that players could operate inside the new constraints, be competitive and still let beginner "Ballers" and the younger generation play the sport for fun.

Ruawai has always had a solid reputation for its basketball and watching a few of the younger and much older players run up and down the court every Monday night proves that there is still a strong passion for the sport in the Community.

A big "Thank you" goes out to all the people that supported the initiative; the coaches, managers, players and Ruawai College.

Next year it is rumoured there will be a Community Sports Series Trophy up for grabs so if you feel like you have the skills to compete or you just want to give basketball a try, start honing those dribbling skills and jump shots and we'll see you next year.

- Paddy Jackson

TERM 3 SPORTS CALENDAR

Term 3	Inter House Volleyball
Monday 24 - Friday 28 July	OPC
Tuesday 25 July	Senior Boys Basketball
Thursday 27 July	Senior Girls Basketball
Monday 31 July	Year 9 & 10 Get2Go
Tuesday 1 August	Year 7 & 8 RipFest
Wednesday 2 August	Year 7 & 8 Rugby 7's
Friday 4 August	Tough Guy Tough Girl
Wednesday 9 August	Year 7 & 8 Basketball
Thursday 10 August	Year 9 & 10 Kiwi Tag
Tuesday 15 August	Senior Girls Netball
Friday 18 August	Senior Boys Basketball Cup
Tuesday 22 August	Junior Netball
Thursday 24 August	Senior Boys Kiwi Tag
Friday 25 August	Bay of Island SS Beast
Tuesday 5 September	Junior Girls Basketball
Thursday 7 September	Boys and Girls Badminton 9 - 13
Tuesday 12 September	Year 9 & 10 Basketball
Friday 15 September	Ki o Rahi Year 7 - 13
Thursday 21 September	Winter Sports

2023 Board Meeting Date
6.00pm

Tuesday 22 August

Tuesday 19 September

Tuesday 7 November

Tuesday 5 December

REMINDER

Students bringing a Vehicle to School

- Students may drive to school and park in the gym car park, provided they have either a Restricted or Full license. Before bringing a car to school students must provide a copy of their license and complete a permission slip signed by their parent/caregiver. It is at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team whether students have permission to have a vehicle at school. Students are required to hand their keys in to the office on arrival and must travel alone unless they are permitted to carry passengers.

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RUAWAI COLLEGE

2023 YEARBOOK


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Orders must be in by Friday 22 September



The image shows four yearbook covers. From left to right: 1. 2019 cover with 'RUAWAI COLLEGE' and '2019' text. 2. 2020 cover with 'RUAWAI COLLEGE' and '2020' text, featuring a central emblem and the words 'HONESTY RESILIENCE CARING OPEN MINDED INTEGRITY SERVICE PRIDE RESPONSIBILITY TEAMWORK REFLECTIVE'. 3. 2021 cover with 'Ruawai COLLEGE' and '2021' text, featuring a building and the words 'Respect Resilience Responsibility KAURI RIMU TOTARA'. 4. 2022 cover with 'RUAWAI COLLEGE' and 'YEARBOOK 2022' text, featuring a circular emblem with 'Totara Rimu Kauri' and 'KAURI RIMU TOTARA'.



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Ruawai College Term 2 Recap

