



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

Ruawai
COLLEGE
Respect
Resilience
Responsibility

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

Term 4 Week 6
Wednesday 15 November
2023

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

**NCEA Accord
Teacher Only Day
Thursday 23
November 2023**

**NO STUDENTS AT
SCHOOL**

Thursday 16 November
Year 9 & 10 Girls
Volleyball Cup

Friday 17 November
Year 7 & 8 Mixed Touch

Tuesday 21 November
Year 7 - 10 Fast 5

Wednesday 22 November
Year 7 - 10 Softball

Tuesday 28 November
Year 7 & 8 Beach
Volleyball

Thursday 30 November
Year 9 & 10 Beach
Volleyball

Friday 01 December
NW Primary School
Athletics

**Monday 04 - Thursday 07
December**
Year 7 - 10 Activities
Week

Friday 08 December
Junior Prizegiving,
11:45am
End of Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré - M,Ed Hons



Prize Givings

Senior prizegiving was a wonderful occasion - congratulations to all of our senior students who were recognised, with special acknowledgement to those students who were awarded DUX of their respective year levels - Alyssa Bishop for Year 11, Lucas Hassall for Year 12 and Emma Philips for Year 13.



Alyssa Bishop



Lucas Hassall



Emma Philips

The event was a recognition of academic, sporting and cultural excellence and for some the combination of seven years of hard work and application in and out of the classroom.

Ruawai College invites all members of our community to our junior prizegiving on Friday 8 December starting at 11:45 am - please be seated by 11.30 am. This ceremony is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the year by acknowledging the success of our Year 7 to 10 students.

Looking Ahead

The 2024-2025 Strategic/Annual Plan will be completed shortly following feedback from the community, staff and students. Feedback placed a real emphasis on reading, writing and mathematics, so Literacy/Numeracy will be one of the main focuses going forward. This is particularly important as we prepare our students for the new Literacy/Numeracy requirements of NCEA. Another focus will be on the teaching/emphasis of our school values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility across all subjects. Community voices indicated they would like to see students leaving Ruawai College as respectful, law-abiding, culturally and socially accepting, resilient, and with integrity.

Welcome to our New Staff Members



Vicky Hilton
Tautoko Support



Laura Blundell
Teacher Aide



Tasmyn Pirini-Marsters
Sports Coordinator

Keep in Touch

Ruawai College Website: www.ruawaicollege.school.nz

Phone: 09 439 2216

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/ruawaicollege

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING



Year 11 Academic Achievement
Overall excellence in Year 11
Alyssa Bishop



Year 12 Academic Achievement
Overall excellence in Year 12
Lucas Hassall



Dux 2023
Emma Philips



Proxime Accesit 2023
Tahlia Johnson



Student of the Year 2023
Recognising the student who most exemplifies the College's core values
Seth Eve Rumsey



The Endeavour Trophy
For an exemplary approach to all aspects of schooling
Piper Sterling



The George Madden Trophy
Recognising the male student displaying the best all-round attitude to school
Lucas Hassall



Kumara Award
Recognising the student/s who received the most number of Kumara certificates in a year
Lucas Hassall



Board of Trustees Student Representative 2022-2023
Emma Philips



The Llewellyn Memorial Trophy
In recognition of the student who has done the most to promote the honour and good name of Ruawai College
Tahlia Johnson



Senior Social Sciences Award
Excellence in the 'Social Sciences' at Year 12
Lucas Hassall



Simpson Gardens Award
Effort in instrumental Music
Seth Eve Rumsey



The Davis Trophy
For excellence in Geographic Fieldwork
Piper Sterling



**History Research Award
[The Scott Family Trophy]**
For excellence in historical inquiry
Emma Philips



**WDFW Trophy
[Women's Division of Federated Farmers]**
Recognising effort and creativity in Hospitality
Emma Ashford



2023 Head Prefect
Emma Philips & Tahlia Johnson



Year 13 Leavers for 2023
Reuben eve-Rumsey, Emma Philips, Eva-Jo Tautari, Tahlia Johnson & Piper Sterling



Raewyn Murphy Memorial Trophy
The Best All Round Y11-Y13 Female Athlete
Piper Sterling



Lee Joynt Memorial Trophy
The Best All Round Y11-Y13 Male Athlete
Ben Watkins



Raewyn Murphy Memorial Trophy
The Best All Round Y11-Y13 Female Athlete
Piper Sterling



Tauria Motuhake Taonga
*Recognising the top Maori student
Sporting and Academic Endeavour*
Emma Ashford



Charlish Award
*Recognising leadership in the Kapa Haka
group (male)*
Raniera Parker



The Aroha Motu Cup
*Recognising leadership in the Kapa Haka
group (female)*
Dylarni Harding



Clarke Pukumahi Taonga
*Recognising the top Maori student for
Academic Endeavour*
Taynah Hardy



Prefect Team for 2024

Seth Eve-Rumsey (*Deputy Head Prefect*), Taynah Hardy (*Head Prefect*), Alyssa Bishop (*Prefect*), Lucas Hassall (*Head Prefect*) & Emma Ashford (*Deputy Head Prefect*)



Head Prefects for 2024

Taynah Hardy & Lucas Hassall



Art of the Month

Art Curriculum

This year the junior art curriculum has focused on the development of practical skills, exploring and using different elements, processes and techniques. Students have been encouraged to develop ideas individually, drawing on different modes of inspiration to create art works.



Students in year 7 & 8 have been drawing inspiration from their cultural heritage and exploring traditional kōwhaiwhai patterns. They have been exploring traditional patterns composing, carving, graffiti techniques and paint techniques. Students are collaboratively working on a large-scale project that celebrates the whakapapa and whanaungatanga of Ruawai College.

Students in year 9 & 10 completed modules looking at a range of artists, recreating and exploring techniques and styles. During the first module, students recreated landscapes taking inspiration from renowned NZ and international artist styles. The second module encompassed students exploring their uniqueness and creating Dennis Olsen fictive portraits in their image. They then developed their ideas in response to experiences and feelings and as they reflected on their own art making to create their final piece.

- Samantha Harrison, Teacher

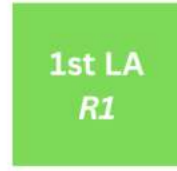
Winter Sports

On Tuesday 19 September, Ruawai College held their Annual Winter Sports Competition. The three school houses (Rimu, Totara and Kauri) competed in four sporting events; Soccer, Kiwi Tag, Volleyball and Fast Five Netball. All of the students participated and played fairly in each event. It was a wonderful day filled with cheers and laughter of friendly competition.

Well done to Rimu for being the winners of the day. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith for another great Winter Sports afternoon. Well done to all the students who participated.



TOP FORM TERM 4



NSSSA Touch Tournament

On Friday 27 October our Year 9 & 10 students attended the NSSSA Touch tournament held at Lindvart Park, Kaikohe. The team played outstanding despite the weather conditions and also managed to win most of their games. Many thanks to Pita Pua for helping out on the day. Well done to those students who participated. Hope to see you all on the field next year!

- Tasmyn Pirini-Marsters, Sport Coordinator



Year 7/8 Mixed Volley-Fest

On Thursday 2 November our Year 7 & 8 students had the opportunity to attend the NSSSA Junior Volley-Fest held in Whangarei. Our students played very well winning 2 out of 3 games showing more confidence each game! Such an awesome day and very proud of the awesome efforts from our students who participated.

- Tasmyn Pirini-Marsters, Sport Coordinator



TERM 4 SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday 7 November	Year 9 & 10 Rippa Rugby
Thursday 9 November	Year 7 & 8 Badminton Mixed Boys & Girls
Friday 10 November	Year 9 & 10 Volleyball Boys
Friday 17 November	Year 7 & 8 Touch Mixed Boys & Girls
Tuesday 21 November	Fast 5 Netball Girls/Mixed Year 7&8 and Year 9&10
Friday 1 December	Northern Wairoa Athletics

School Docs

The school community is invited to review and comment on specific policies and procedures each term. The following policies are up for review this term: Curriculum and Student Achievement, Student Achievement Information/Student Assessment and Achievement, Home Learning, Distance Learning, Religious Instruction/Religious Education and Health Education. Reviews are due to School Docs by Wednesday 20 December 2023.

How To Review:

- 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 "Start your Review" button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- 6 - Select the reviewer type.
- 7 - Enter your name (optional).
- 8 - Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
- 9 - Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit Review".

If you would like a hard copy, please see Tyla in the office.

Year 9 and 10 Badminton

A group of 8 students represented Ruawai College for the Year 9 and 10 Boys Badminton competition. This was a fun event which allowed the students to play many games against other schools. It was great to see the students grow in confidence and improve their skills over the day. Congratulations to Braydon, Bronson, Markus and Zach who came third place overall.

- Kay Smith, Head of Learning PE & Health



Year 7 & 8 Mixed Badminton

On Thursday 9 November, two teams of Year 7 & 8 students attended the NSSSA Badminton tournament held at Northland Badminton Centre, Whangarei. Both teams that participated did extremely well winning most of their single and doubles games. Ruawai College Team 1 placed second overall, well done! Such an enjoyable day and we are very proud of those students who participated!

- Tasmyn Pirini-Marsters, Sport Coordinator



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 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.

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



Mau Rakau

In Terms 3 and 4, we have been doing Mau Rākau with Whaea Awhina. Mau Rākau is a traditional Māori martial art and it has been a privilege to have had the opportunity to learn the ancestral practices and the values of a Māori warrior.

We have learned about the Māori culture and traditions, gained new skills and in the process got a good workout. It has been a great learning experience and our whaea provided a fun learning environment for us to discover what Mau Rākau is all about. I highly recommend Mau Rākau for up-and-coming students to take if given the opportunity. Some of the things I will take with me in my kete from Mau Rākau include:

- The origin of Mau Rākau.
- Māori weaponry.
- Sports, games, and training exercises
- Whakapapa and pepeha.
- Karakia.
- Knowledge, Tikanga, and values
- Stances, positions, strikes, body movements, facial expressions, blocks, and much much more.



Every warrior needs to earn their taiaha and that is the aim of the Mau Rākau as well. Some students have met this goal, which has felt like a great accomplishment.

Mau Rākau is rich in culture and traditional practice. With the introduction of the Aotearoa Histories curriculum and a focus for secondary schools to better understand Mātauranga Māori (knowledge of Māori and traditional concepts) Mau Rākau was introduced. In today's world we use the taiaha to revitalise wellbeing, identity and to foster a sense of belonging in our school.

A big shout out and thank you to Whaea Awhina, for all of the mātauranga that you have shown us and taught us. Thank you for all your mahi.

- Siulolovao Pua, Year 8 Student

Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori

Toku reo toku ohooho
Toku reo toku mapihi maurea
The language is my awakening
The language is the window to my soul
Tīmoti Karetu



Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori was practiced ia ra-everyday, mo te katoa o te wiki-for the entire week, right throughout the kura- school beginning in LA.

The weekly kaupapa-programme saw the things we do in LA everyday being done in Te Reo Maori and this is what it looked like.

Rahina - Monday began with hei whakawhiti korero-conversations using a Maori rubric to build Maori kupu-vocabulary.

Ratu - Tuesday had everyone at warehouse-bingo revisiting Maori numa - numbers.

Raapa - Wednesday had the whare o kura-school houses in competition singing and recording waiata in each LA.

Tutira Mai - Rimu

Tutira Mai - Kauri

Tutira Mai - Totara

Rapaare - Thursday was Pepeha day and koutou katoa-everyone learned the school Pepeha, there were tohu-rewards for anyone brave enough to recite this in LA, at hui a kura-assembly or in class, He mihi nui-congratulations to Mahailiaz, Charlotte and Kahurangi for doing this in Year 7 Te Reo.

Ramere - Friday was whanaungatanga day where a variety of ti ringa ringa - Maori hand games and pastimes were shared with taura-students.

Me mahi tahi tatou mo te oranga o te katoa
We must work together for the good of all

- Eva Pirini, Teacher

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.

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

Uniform - It is a condition of enrolment that wearing the correct school uniform is compulsory. Track pants, hoodies, and coloured shoes are not acceptable. If your child is wearing the incorrect uniform, they must have a signed note from home or an e-mail to their Dean. We acknowledge that there may be times when this occurs, however if there is going to be a delay please work out a timeframe with the school.

Years 7 and 8 - Ms Kirsty Batters
kbatters@ruawaicollege.school.nz
Years 9 & 10 - Ms Kay Smith
ksmith@ruawaicollege.school.nz
Years 11 to 13 - Ms Jenny Dallison
jdallison@ruawaicollege.school.nz

Parent Student Teacher Meetings

On 11th October Parent Student Teacher meetings were held between 9.00am - 4.30pm. The Year 7 - 13 whanau came along to meet subject teachers to gain first hand information on their child's progress thus far in the 2023 academic year.

It was good to see a good turn out of whanau members accompanied by their child. Staff always find these meetings a wonderful opportunity to not only meet with parents but to build a strong network with family members to support the progress of rangitahi. For this round of parent interviews there was 60% attendance which is a very positive way to maintain a strong connection between the school and whanau. Research also suggests that Parent Teacher partnerships help rangitahi to do better at school.

- Manmeet Sandhu, Deputy Principal

Chess Tournament



Results

Junior Division

First place
Konrad Philips

Second place
Morne Erlank

Senior Division

First place
Dylan Blackburn

Second place
Seth Eve-Rumsey

Third Place
Jacob Mussen

The Ruawai Way Respect, Whakaute

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

Board Comment

It was fantastic to be a part of the Ruawai College senior prizegiving held on Thursday 26 October. So many students crossed the stage and received the acknowledgement and recognition that was well deserved after putting in the effort, time, hard work and commitment to their school work and co-curricular activities. There were many performances and they displayed the diversity of our many cultures in the school which were very well received. As board members, we were particularly proud of the number of scholarships that students received which cover a substantial amount of their travel, fees, and living costs as they venture off to many of our universities such as Otago and Auckland.

We look forward to the Junior Prizegiving where once again the talent, skills and academic excellence of our students will be on display.

The school board invites you all to the community farewell for our principal Mrs Raeleen Harré on Thursday 7 December, at 1:30 pm in our school hall. The ceremony will be followed by afternoon tea. This is our opportunity to thank Raeleen and recognise the exemplary work that she has carried out during her time with us.

- Anthony Blundell, Board Chairperson

Positive Quote

*"My success comes from persistence
Me he kawau aro maunga au."*

The Ruawai Way Resilience, Manawaroa

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

2023 Board Meeting Date

6.00pm

Tuesday 5 December



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 provides 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 expectation 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.



RAELEN HARRÉ
RUAWAI COLLEGE FAREWELL

THURSDAY

DEC
07
2023

1:30PM START



Ruawai College - School Hall
4375 State Highway 12, Ruawai 0549



YOU ARE INVITED TO
**RUAWAI
COLLEGE**
JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING
FRIDAY 08 DECEMBER 2023

11:45 AM START | SCHOOL HALL
4375 STATE HIGHWAY 12, RUAWAI 0549