



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

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Respect
Resilience
Responsibility

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

Term 4 Week 10
Wednesday 14
December 2023

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Term Dates 2024

Term One:
Tuesday 30 January -
Friday 12 April 2024

Term Two:
Monday 29 April -
Friday 5 July 2024

Term Three:
Monday 22 July -
Friday 27 September
2024

Term Four:
Monday 14 October -
Wednesday 11
December 2024

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré - M,Ed Hons



Junior prize giving was a wonderful occasion. Congratulations to all students who were recognised for their hard work, effort, time and commitment to their studies. We recognise our Dux of the following year levels - Year 7: Tara Wrathall, Year 8: Rayden Gegera, Year 9: Zoey Kirk (absent), Year 10: Konrad Philips.



Tara Wrathall



Rayden Gegera



Konrad Philips

The 2023 Yearbook publication is yet another example of the many interesting, exciting and wonderful activities that have happened throughout the year at Ruawai College. I wish to acknowledge the work carried out by our editor Hazel in putting the year book together. She has done an incredible job alongside the many contributions of articles from staff and students.

NCEA EXAMS

It was great to see our students coming into school during the exam period seeking extra support from teachers in preparation for the exams. For those that attended they were punctual, well dressed in their school uniform and gave it their 'all'. Thank you whanau for your support in getting the students to their exams on time and a huge thank you to our students for your commitment to your educational success.

Preparation for 2024

Whilst students have started their summer break, a number of staff continue to work to prepare for the new school year. Towards the end of January I encourage families to talk to students to prepare for the new school year. The expectation is that students arrive prepared and organised for school and most importantly with a positive attitude and mindset to be successful in whatever they choose to do at school.

Farewell

We say farewell to two long standing members of staff - with a combined total of 16 years of service to our school. Our wonderful, fantastic Deputy Principal Meeta Sandhu who is going offshore to a leadership position in a Melbourne school and to the lovely and kind hearted Kimberley Rope- Battcher who has a newly built art studio to get her hands messy in. They have put their hearts and souls into our school - our beautiful children, their work ethic is absolutely unquestionable, their kindness and warmth goes without saying - they have made a tremendous difference to the lives of many here - we appreciate you and have so much aroha for both of you. Go well, take care haere ra. I bid farewell to Ruawai College. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve. "Ko te Tamaiti te Pūtake o te Kaupapa" - "The child is at the heart of the matter". For me, this whakatauki sums up the way that I have tried to lead and hopefully to have made a difference for our young people as they seek to realise the potential they truly have in leaving their footprint on the world. I leave with heartfelt memories and aroha for the place that I have called home for the past 7-plus years. Thank you so much for the care and kindness you gave to me and my family during our time here. Thank you to our amazing rangatahi - thank you to an outstanding staff - thank you to a supportive board and finally thank you to the community for your trust and faith in this wonderful school.

Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te Tau Hou. Have a safe and happy break.



The gift of love, the gift of peace, and the gift of happiness - may all these be yours. Wishing you a season full of light and laughter. Stay safe and we hope to see you all in the New Year. Merry Christmas to you all.



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JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING



Tara Wrathall
Year 7 DUX



Rayden Gegera
Year 8 DUX



Konrad Philips
Year 10 DUX



Molly Dawson
Linda Sheehan Memorial
Award



Korban Johnson
Kumara Award (RC Values)
Junior School



Maxwell Oud
Kumara Award (RC Values)
Middle School



Zach Sterling
Swimming Champion
Intermediate Boys



Matthew Watkins
Cross Country Champion
Junior Boys
L Joyce Trophy
*The best all-round Junior Athlete in
Year 7-10*



Kourtney Hawkes
Cross Country & Athletic Champion
Sub Junior Girls



Hayley Mannes
DVS Science Fair Award



Tamara-Lee Hill
Athletic Champion
Junior Girls



Hayley Mannes
Kaipara District Council I
Environmental Award



Nate Watkins
Swimming Champion
Sub Junior Boys



Miley Simpson
Junior Netball
Fair Play Award



Rorie Davies
Junior Netball
Most Improved Player



Christian Tautari
Boys Basketball
Fair Play Award



Indian Dance Group
Jorja Mannes, Amber Johnson &
Harpreet Kaur



Performance
Jeantea Moore



Tongan Dance Group
Siulolovao Pua

REMINDER

School Uniform - You can find the school uniform list on our school website - www.ruawaicollege.school.nz. We appreciate all your support ensuring that your children arrive at school in the correct uniform. We know that getting all the uniform items can be a costly exercise, but it is greatly appreciated by everyone here. A reminder that the uniform shop here at school is available for all uniform items.

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.

BYOD in School

BYOD Device - Chromebook (Running Chrome OS)

Minimum Specification:

- 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

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

Happy Holidays

MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2024

SCHOOL OFFICE OPEN

UNIFORMS, ENROLMENT

AND ALL INQUIRIES

Spring into Spring & stay in the loop with our school app



- ✓ Events ✓ Notices ✓ Push Notifications
- ✓ Newsletters ✓ Permissions Slips ✓ Contacts
- ✓ Absentees ✓ Parent Teacher Interviews



Simple free download:

In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



Northern Wairoa Athletics

On Friday 1 December, 5 students from Year 7&8 had the opportunity to represent Ruawai College at Northern Wairoa Athletics. Congratulations to Charlotte Gatehouse, Ashlee Fraser, Rayden Gegera, Nayte Johnston and Nate Watkins who all did very well and even had some placings! Thank you to those students and their families for coming out and supporting them throughout the day.

Ashlee had impressive results in High Jump with a jump of 1.30 metres for the 11 year old girls.

- Tasmyn Pirini-Marsters, Sport Coordinator



Fast Five Netball

On Tuesday 21 November, 2 teams from Year 7/8 and 9/10 attended the NSSSA Fast Five Netball Tournament held in Whangarei. With this being a festival day, both teams had the opportunity to play against many schools. Both teams did well on the court winning the majority of their 8 games! Well done to the students that participated and showed teamwork, thank you for your efforts. Also, thank you to Sade for helping out with coaching and umpiring! Really appreciate it. Hope to see everyone back out on the court next year!

- Tasmyn Pirini-Marsters, Sport Coordinator



NSSSA Year 9/10 Outdoor Volley-Fest

On Thursday 30 November, 2 teams of Year 9 & 10 students attended the NSSSA Outdoor Volley-Fest tournament held in Whangarei. Well done to everyone who had participated! Both teams did exceptionally well with one team coming 1st overall in their pool and the other team coming 3rd in their pool. Our students had the opportunity to play against many schools such as Dargaville High School, Bream Bay College, Rodney College, Whangarei Girls' High School & Whangarei Boys High School. This was such a fun experience for our students and I hope to plan another sporting trip like this in the future!

- Tasmyn Pirini-Marsters, Sport Coordinator



2024 TERM 1 SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday 9 February	Top Form
Friday 23 February	Athletics
Friday 1 March	Senior Touch
Monday 4 March	Swimming
Friday 8 March	Mountain Biking
Friday 15 March	NSS Athletics
Tuesday 26 March	Senior Boys Volleyball Cup
Thursday 28 March	Senior Girls Volleyball Cup
Thursday 4th April	NSS Swimming

Mr Four Eyes Foundation - Free Vision Testing

On the 14th and 15th of February 2024, the optometrist from the Mr Four Eyes Foundation will be in Dargaville to deliver free advanced vision testing at the Dargaville Medical Centre. These appointments are 30 to 40 minutes, and if needed, glasses will be provided free of charge. No referrals are required. If you are concerned about your child's vision, or current glasses, you are eligible. Appointments can be made by calling the Dargaville Medical Centre and asking for an appointment with the optometrist on one of these dates.

Positive Quote

*"Perseverance pays off
Me he manawa piharau."*

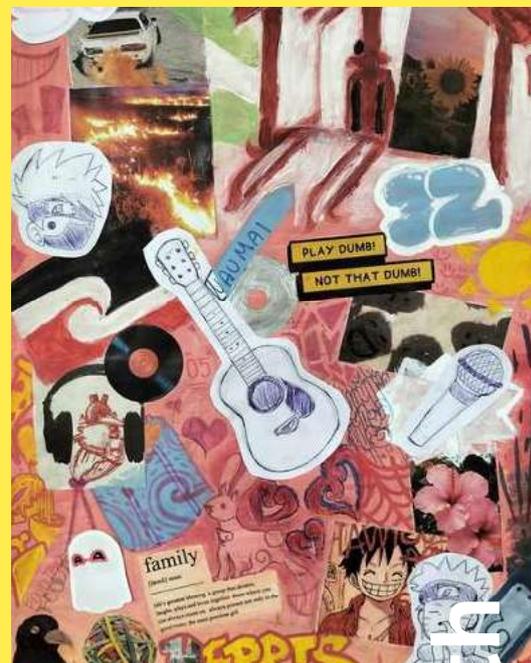
The Ruawai Way Responsibility, Takohanga

Follow instructions
Be on time and ready to learn
Make it right
Follow school tikanga



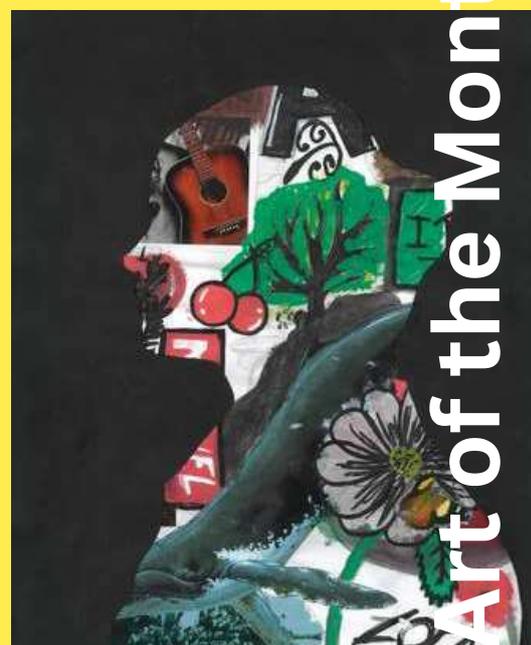
The Ruawai Way Resilience, Manawaroa

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



The Ruawai Way Respect, Whakaute

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



Art of the Month

Coaches and Managers 2024

We invite expressions of interest for Coaches and Managers for Basketball, Netball and Football for 2024. Please apply in writing with a brief description of your experience.

Email to Kay Smith ksmith@ruawaicollege.school.nz or Tasmyn Pirini-Marsters sport@ruawaicollege.school.nz or drop off into the office.



Te Mahau

Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable



KAIPARA

Term 1, 2024

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm

Hub Venue	Dates
Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	Wednesday, 28 February Wednesday, 3 April

2024 Board Meeting Date

6.00pm

Term One

Tuesday 27 February 2024

Tuesday 26 March 2024

Term Two

Tuesday 28 May 2024

Tuesday 25 June 2024

Term Three

Tuesday 20 August 2024

Tuesday 17 September 2024

Term Four

Tuesday 5 November 2024

Tuesday 3 December 2024

Start of the Year Programme 2024

Week 0

Monday 22 - Friday 26 January:

- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform

Week 1

Monday 29 January:

Northland Anniversary Day - school closed

Tuesday 30 January:

- *Start of Term 1 2024*
- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform
- Year 9 - 13 course confirmation (for students who did not confirm this in 2023)

Wednesday 31 January

- *School buses running from this date onwards*
- School office open, e.g. enrolments, uniform
- All Year 12 and 13 students are in for Peer Support/Leadership training (full day)

Thursday 1 February

- The first day of school for all Year 7 students (please wear your school uniform and assemble at the front gate)
- School powhiri at 9:00 am. Whānau/school community welcome to attend
- Peer Support programme

Friday 2 February

- All Year levels in from this date onwards in correct school uniform

Week 2

Monday 5 February

- Regular timetabled school day for all Year levels

Tuesday 6 February

- *Waitangi Day - School Closed*

Wednesday 7 - Friday 9 February

- Regular timetabled school day for all Year levels



2024 Recap

