



RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

Ruawai
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Respect
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Responsibility

Term 1 Week 10
Friday 12 April
2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 29 April
Start of Term 2

Thursday 2 - Friday 3 May
Project Pest Control Skills
Workshop, Kai Iwi Lakes

Tuesday 7 May
Gateway Hazard & Risk
Management

Thursday 9 May
PST Interviews

Friday 10 May
Literacy Interhouse Quiz

Monday 13 May
Science Roadshow Trip

Tuesday 14 May
Writers Festival
NSS Year 7 & 8 Turbo Touch

Thursday 16 May
NSS Senior Turbo Touch

Friday 17 May
Pink Shirt Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 21 May
NSS Year 9 & 10 Turbo
Touch

Wednesday 22 May
Year 13 Waitangi trip

Thursday 23 May
NSS Senior Boys Basketball
Qualifier

Friday 24 May
NSS Senior Girls Basketball
Qualifier

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

PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Aidyn Rasmussen

Kia ora koutou katoa

The end of my first term at Ruawai College is a time for some reflection. We have an amazing school of great young people with whānau who are keen to see their tamariki succeed. Students at Ruawai College have a strong sense of belonging underpinned by our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, which I see demonstrated on a daily basis. We continue to see our learners excel in all areas of the school.

Te Taitokerau

Our Kapa Haka group has been tirelessly working towards the Te Taitokerau Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Festival in Week 11. I want to congratulate all taura involved, it is amazing to see our students flourish at Ruawai College. I would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers that were involved and helped to prepare the group going into this festival. Ngā mihi.

New Bell Times for Term 2

From Term 2 we have slightly adjusted our class times. This is to better meet the Secondary Teachers Collective Agreement. There will be no change to the start or end of the school day. Please check social media for the new class times.

With the first term complete it is essential that students return to school after the break, refreshed and ready to drive toward achieving their academic goals. Have a great break, we will see you next term.

Junior Oceania Cup Representatives

From Friday 8 to Sunday 10 March 2024, Ruawai College students Charlotte Gatehouse and Tamara-Lee Hill were called upon to compete in the Junior Oceania Cup - an international tag football competition in Auckland. Charlotte played for the Under 13s Mixed Grade Aotearoa Māori team and Tamara-Lee for the Under 16s. The three-day tournament was played against a variety of heritage nations such as Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, American Samoa, Fiji, Tokelau, and the heritage nations of Australia.

Charlotte's team placed 4th in their grade, and Tamara-Lee was recognised with a medal for her hard work and dedication to the team by showing up to every training, maintaining her fitness, and being an overall asset to her team.



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NCEA Endorsements 2023

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Merit and Excellence endorsements for their NCEA subjects and certificates last year.

Emma Philips - NCEA Level 3 Certificate endorsed with Excellence. Physics, History, and English subjects endorsed with Merit, and Media Studies and Mathematics subjects endorsed with Excellence. Emma was also the recipient of a History Scholarship.

Tahlia Johnson - NCEA Level 3 Certificate endorsed with Merit, and a Merit subject endorsement for Geography.

Lucas Hassall (pictured) - NCEA Level 2 Certificate endorsed with Merit, and a Merit subject endorsement for Social Sciences and Science.

Seth Eve-Rumsey (pictured) - NCEA Level 2 Certificate endorsed with Merit.

Emma Ashford - NCEA Level 2 Physical Education subject endorsed with Excellence.

Lexis Martin (pictured) - NCEA Level 1 Physical Education subject endorsed with Merit.



First Aid Course

On 18 March, some of the seniors had a First Aid course. In this course we covered important skills like CPR, what to do with certain medications, what to do in emergency situations, treating wounds e.t.c.

Our course instructor, Mark, taught us about most medical conditions and how they should be treated and then we did some practical assessments.



In our practicals we had to pair up with a partner, someone played unconscious and the other was the first aider. We were then asked to demonstrate what we would do in a real life situation. We did this by firstly clearing their airway, checking for breathing, and putting them in a recovery position, and then switching. I personally am really grateful to have this experience, knowing first aid is really important and I'm glad that we were able to partake in this course.

-Nina Partridge, Year 12 Student



The Ruawai Way Responsibility, Takohanga

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

Northland Field Days

Congratulations to our Senior Students who did a fantastic job of Community Service at the Northland Field Days. And just in time for the photo, were our Primary ITO students who were also spending the day at the Field Days.

- Karen Exley, Acting Deputy Principal



Year 13 Moving On

On the 12th March, some Ruawai College Year 13 students (combined with Dargaville High School students) attended 'Moving On Day'. Moving On Day is an opportunity for students to meet with outside tertiary providers who speak to them about the various courses that are on offer at their institutions. Providers came from Auckland University of Technology, Victoria University, University of Otago, Waikato University, University of Auckland, Massey University and Northtec. There was also a session on Budgeting as well as a general university overview - student loans, entry point system, scholarships etc. Pictured are 3 of our students that attended on this day: Dylan Blackburn, Jacob Musson and Seth Evermusey.

- Karen Exley, Acting Deputy Principal



Senior Touch

On Friday 1st March, we took a team of senior students to compete in the Northland Secondary Schools Touch Tournament held at Lindvart Park, Kaikohe. The team played against many schools such as Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kaikohe, Tauraroa Area School, Whangarei Girls' High School and Panguru. With their heads held high, our students placed 7th overall in the mixed grade. Well done to those students who had participated! A lot of teamwork was shown and overall was an awesome day.

- Tasmyn Pirini-Marsters, Sports Coordinator



Sporting Recognition

Congratulations to Year 11 student Matthew Watkins who competed in the Bay Radiology NZ School Champs 2024 triathlon in Tauranga on Thursday 21 March 2024. Matthew competed in the Under 16 male category and placed an impressive 17th place overall. 7.18 minutes to complete his 500m swim, 21.23 minutes for the 12km bike, and finishing the 3.75km run in 14.45 minutes. This overall time was 45.45 minutes. An exceptional effort Matthew, well done!



Congratulations to Year 11 student Christian Tautari on receiving the Ray Huriwaka Scholarship for 2024, provided by the Kaipara Basketball Association. This scholarship is valued up to \$1,000, and is awarded to up and coming committed basketball players who intend to compete at representative level.



Volleyball News

Senior Girls Volleyball

On Thursday 28th March, our senior girls team went over to compete in the Senior Girls Volley-Cup Tournament held in Whangarei. Well done to those students who had attended. Our girls came 2nd in their pool which had them finish 7th= overall with Kaikohe Christian School.

Senior Boys Volleyball

On Tuesday 26th March, our senior boys team attended the Senior Boys Volley-Cup Tournament held in Whangarei. Great effort from our boys coming 2nd in their pool and finishing 7th= overall. Well done to those students who attended.

- Tasmyn Pirini-Marsters, Sports Coordinator



Inter-house Badminton

Year 7 & 8 Champions
 Girl - Winter Tua-Taipō
 Boy - Mahailiaz Sesega

Year 9 & 10 Champions
 Girl - Lauryn-Hill Llewellyn
 Boy - Teylan Te Kawa-Tawhai

Senior Champions
 Girl - Sapphire Harris
 Boy - Brayden Johnson

Winning House - Rimu
 2nd - Totara
 3rd - Kauri



TERM 2 SPORTS CALENDAR

Wednesday 8 May	Midweek Football
Thursday 23 May	Senior Boys Basketball Qualifier
Tuesday 28 May	Mixed Volleyball
Friday 31 May	Cross Country
Thursday 13 June	Northland Primary Cross Country
Tuesday 25 June	NSS Cross Country

Whakatauki

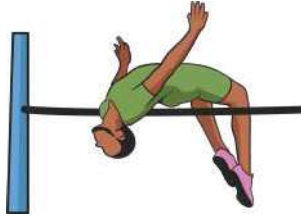
*“Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou
 Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing”*

Northland Secondary Schools Athletics

On Friday 15th March we took 10 students to represent Ruawai College in the annual Northland Secondary Schools Athletics held at Trigg Arena, Kensington Whangarei. Our students did extremely well, with the majority of them placing in their events!

Well done to these students who represented our school:

- Nayte Johnston
- Ryder Dawson
- Antonio Tong
- Brayden Johnson
- JZ Llewellyn
- Matthew Watkins
- Ben Watkins
- Lexis Martin
- Jayden Bishop
- Mele Mamahi



Congratulations to these students who placed in the following events:

- Ryder Dawson: 2nd Junior Boys 200m
- Antonio Tong: 2nd Intermediate Boys Triple Jump
- JZ Llewellyn: 1st Intermediate Boys Triple Jump
- Matthew Watkins: 1st Intermediate Boys 1500m / 1st Intermediate Boys 3000m
- Ben Watkins: 1st Senior Boys 1500m / 2nd Senior Boys 3000m
- Lexis Martin: 1st Senior Boys Shot Put
- Mele Mamahi: 2nd Senior Girls Shot Put / 2nd Senior Girls Javelin



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

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

The Ruawai Way Resilience, Manawaroa

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

Bookings for Parent-Student-Teacher (PST) interviews are open for Years 7 - 13. Interviews will be held on Thursday 9 May 2024, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm in the school hall. School is closed for instruction on this day. Please make alternative care arrangements for your child(ren). Children are to attend PST interviews with their parents/caregivers.

Parents/caregivers, please check your emails on instructions on how to make a booking via the Skool Loop app.

BOOKINGS FOR PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS ARE NOW OPEN!

THURSDAY 9 MAY 2024



BOOK VIA THE SKOOL LOOP APP



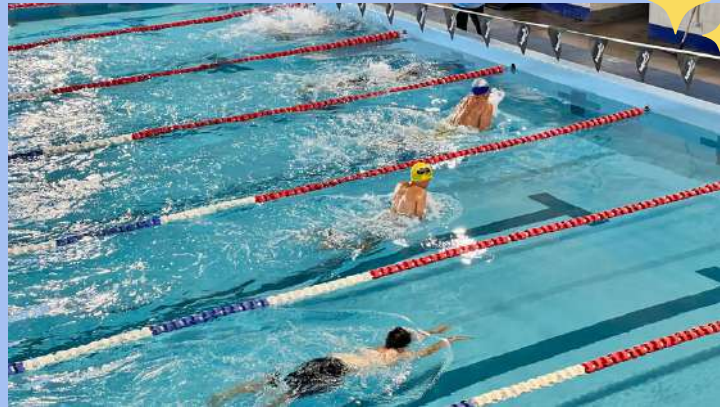
Swimming News



Northland Secondary Schools Swimming

On Thursday 4th April, 7 students represented Ruawai College in this year's Northland Secondary School Swimming. What an awesome day it was for everyone! Well done to these following students who attended:

- Alyssa Bishop
- Rian Gatehouse
- Brayden Johnson
- Korban Johnson
- Zach Sterling
- Ben Watkins
- Matthew Watkins



Northern Wairoa Swimming

Charlotte Gatehouse

- 2nd 12 year old girls 25m Breaststroke
- 2nd Year 7&8 4X4 Medley Relay

Ashlee Fraser

- 3rd 12 year old girls 25m Backstroke
- 2nd Year 7&8 4X4 Medley Relay



South Zone Swimming

11 Year Old Boys Medley

- 2nd Jackson Watkins

Freestyle

- 3rd Jackson Watkins

Breaststroke

- 2nd Jackson Watkins

11 Year Old Girls

Freestyle

- 1st Leah Hick

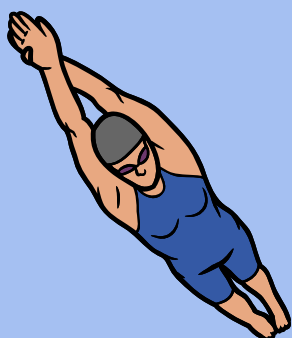
12 Year Old Girls

Medley

- 2nd Ashlee Fraser
- 3rd Charlotte Gatehouse

Freestyle

- 2nd Tara Wrathall
- 3rd Georgia-Leigh Hau



Leadership Through League (Kiwitag)

On the 3rd April, our year 12 & 13 P.E class had a great opportunity to run and organise a leadership through league kiwitag festival, to help support us with our NCEA achievement standards. The year 12 & 13 students held weekly coaching at Ruawai Primary to build skills and knowledge of kiwitag to prepare them for the upcoming tournament.

The kiwitag festival for 2024 was an amazing success. There were 15 teams in total from the following schools. Dargaville, Wellsford, Te kopuru, Otamatea, Ruawai primary and Ruawai college. All teams had loads of fun, were very competitive and keen to get out there and give it their all.

The whole experience was very new and challenging at times, but our senior P.E team with the help of Cori and Mrs Smith, we made it work and everything ran smoothly which was a great learning experience for us all.

- Taynah Hardy, Head Girl



The Ruawai Way Respect, Whakaute

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



Ruawai College Easter Hunt



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Year 11 Waka Ama

The year 11 P.E class did waka ama on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Thursday 21st of March to help with one of our assignments on hauora at lake Waikare. We all felt nervous for every morning of waka ama. Waka ama was a fun challenge for us.

It was a fun experience. A big thank you to Mrs Smith and our waka ama tutors, Moana and Hoare.

- The Year 11 P.E class



Grizzly Cubs

Congratulations to our U14's "Grizzly Cubs" basketball team for winning their final game tonight to conclude the 7-week "Kaipara Youth League" tournament, facilitated by Kaipara Basketball Association.

The team played Fusion at Otamatea High School and came away with an impressive 54-20 win, securing them third place for their grade.

Well done to the team and coach Milly Llewellyn for your mahi.



Swimming Sports

Ruawai College held its annual Swimming Sports on Monday 4th March. Despite the weather, those students who participated did a fantastic job! Well done to our champions who swam and set such a high standard of swimming. It is great to see students breaking records from as far back as 1997. Congratulations to the overall winning house, Kauri followed by Totara in second place and Rimu coming third. A huge thank you to the staff and whanau involved with timekeeping, recording and most importantly for coming to support our students! What an awesome turn out and we look forward to next year's event.

Swimming Champions

Sub Junior Girls
Charlotte Gatehouse

Intermediate Girls
Alyssa Bishop

Sub Junior Boys
Jackson Watkins

Intermediate Boys
Matthew Watkins

Junior Girls
Ashlee Fraser

Senior Girls
Taynah Hardy

Junior Boys
Korban Johnson

Senior Boys
Ben Watkins

Records

Zach Sterling (Intermediate Boy)
25m Freestyle - 13.65 Taylor Blythen 2013 - new time 13.25

Matthew Watkins (Intermediate Boy)
100m Freestyle - Zach Sterling 2023 1:09:45 - new time 1:06.12
50m Freestyle - Zach Sterling 2023 30.31 - new time 29.58

Brayden Johnson (Intermediate Boy)
25m Butterfly - Ben Watkins 2021 16:19 - new time 15:00

Ben Watkins (Senior Boy)
25m Butterfly - B Littler 1997 15:89 - new time 15.47



Blues Experience

On Saturday 23 March, Ruawai College students Charlotte Gatehouse, Katie Manukau, Kymani Hardy, Kahurangi Hill, Nayte Johnson and Ryder McCollum headed to Auckland on a "chance of a lifetime" trip. The "Blues Experience" package was donated by Amber Wood and Eddie Bellas to the Rugby For Life Foundation, a Northland not-for-profit organisation that is committed to making Northland rugby sustainable.

On arrival at Blues HQ, students were given a quick briefing of the day ahead. They proceeded to the team conference room where tour guides spoke to the Blues' club values, cultural aspects of the environment, and certain features of the building that encompass elements of Auckland and the wider northern region. Students were taken through the facility, from the conference room, through to medical and physio support, and stopped at the nutrition station where all the players refuel after each session. The students were allowed to go onto the field and of course through the gym, which was a big hit.

The tour concluded with lunch provided by the Blues before heading off to the accommodation at Te Papa Rugby Club.

Later in the afternoon, a bus picked the group up and headed to Eden Park to watch the Women's Blues Aupiki play Matatu - the curtain raiser for the Blues vs. Crusaders clash. Students greeted the Blues bus on arrival and high-five the players as they entered the stadium, and as a bonus were also permitted to join the Blues on the field and perform the Guard of Honour as the players emerged from the tunnel.

Thank you to the Rugby For Life Operations Manager Clark Lewis for the planning, and Paddy Jackson, Karauna Manukau, and Karey Pulman for their support in looking after the Northern Wairoa players while on the trip.



Welcome!

This site contains
Ruawai College's
Policies and Procedures
along with useful checklists and forms.

Term 1 Policies for Review

Due Friday 12 April 2024

- Te Titiri o Waitangi
- Board Responsibility
- Parent Involvement
- Communicating with Parents
- Community Conduct Expectations
- Documentation and Self-Review
- School Planning and Reporting
- Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement
- Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices



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OUR SCHOOL POLICIES!

Kapa Haka Roopu

Our kapa haka roopu performed their bracket at assembly in preparation for the Tai Tokerau Festival at Ōkaihau College. We saw only a glimpse of the hard work, dedication, and mana these students hold in this space.

Thank you Whaea Eva Pirini, Awhina Allen, Sade Langdon, Harata "Rocky" Roberts, Ebony Pirini-Edwards, MJ Marsh, Zander Ashby, Kelvin Welsh, Kinania Fuimaono, and whānau of our roopu for your work behind the scenes to allow our rangitahi this opportunity.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini
Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many



Board Comment

Kia ora,

Wow, we are at the end of Term 1 2024! Schools are required to develop 10 Year Property Plans (10YPPs) to ensure that their school is well maintained and the physical environment supports teaching and learning, within the budgets provided by the Ministry of Education. The 10YPP sets out the property work to be completed over a 10 year timeframe. The Board uses their School Charter, Condition Assessment data, School Evaluation of the Physical Environment (SEPE) data and other inputs to inform the 10YPP. We are entering a new and exciting phase with the draft 2024 - 2029 10YPP well on its way to being finished. The aim of the 10YPP is to:

- Prioritise health and safety work that ensures the health and safety of building and site occupants, and essential infrastructure work that ensures the integrity and structure of the site and buildings.
- Plan for maintenance work, and modernising learning spaces.
- Request additional capital funding, if needed, and identify potential changes in roll numbers.

I trust everyone manages to make time for catching up with whānau and friends over the term break.

Tena kotou katoa,

- Anthony Blundell, Board Chairperson



Mobile Phones: Mobile 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.

Permission and Consent Form: Please return promptly the **DAY AFTER** the notice goes home.

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.

2024 Board Meeting Date

6.00pm

Tuesday 23 May

Tuesday 27 June

Tuesday 22 August

Tuesday 19 September

Tuesday 7 November

Tuesday 5 December



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Term 2 & 3 2024

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Term 1 Recap

