

# NEWSLETTER



**Ruawai**  
COLLEGE

## Athletic Sports 2025

### Athletics Champions 2025

<b>Sub Junior Girls</b>	Kiriahi Hardy-Kapa
<b>Sub Junior Boys</b>	Phoenix Herbert-Martin
<b>Junior Girls</b>	Charlotte Gatehouse
<b>Junior Boys</b>	Nayte Johnston
<b>Intermediate Girls</b>	Kourtney Hawkes
<b>Intermediate Boys</b>	Ryder Dawson
<b>Senior Girls</b>	Mele Mamahi
<b>Senior Boys</b>	JZ Llewellyn

### Records Broken

#### Matthew Watkins (Senior Boy)

1500m - B. Watkins 4:40:72 (2024)

New Record - 4:36:00

#### Mele Mamahi (Senior Girl)

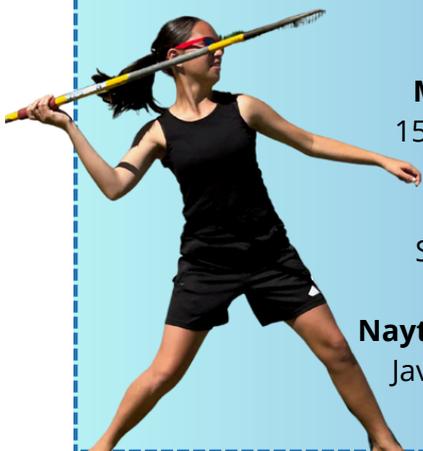
Shot Put - J. Radich 9.92m (1992)

New Record - 10.8m

#### Nayte Johnson (Intermediate Boy)

Javelin - M. Thurston 26.1m (2005)

New Record - 29.3m



## Year 7 - 13 PST Interviews

Student progress reports were issued at the end of term. PST interviews will take place on **Tuesday 6 May 2025, 3:30 pm to 7:45 pm** and **Wednesday 7 May 2025, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. No timetabled classes on Wednesday, please find alternative care arrangements for your child(ren).



Instructions on how to book PSTs via the Skool Loop app

have been emailed home. Please email [pa@ruawaicollege.school.nz](mailto:pa@ruawaicollege.school.nz) if you need assistance over the school holiday break.



## Year 13 Japan Fundraiser

Thanks to Farmlands Dargaville, we're excited to offer a Duck Hunters Raffle — packed with everything you need for the first weekend of duck shooting!

The prize includes a Stoney Creek thermal vest, Red Band gumboots, dog food, a dog bed, coffee, biscuits, and plenty of other great items.

Tickets are \$10 each, please email [pa@ruawaicollege.school.nz](mailto:pa@ruawaicollege.school.nz) to purchase.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 30 April 2025.

Good luck!



## A word from the Principal

Thank you to our RC whānau for a fantastic start to the school year. Over the past 10 weeks, students have immersed themselves into their learning journeys, and embraced a range of exciting opportunities, including launching our Services Academy, our kapa haka rōpū performing at the Tai Tokerau Festival, rolling out our refreshed student recognition system and school-wide co-curricular activities, and celebrating academic and sporting success at school and regional level.

Ngā mihi to those who contributed feedback on our school vision and mission at the Ruawai Festival in early April - your voices are valued and play a vital role in shaping our kura.

We look forward to catching up with whānau at the upcoming PSTs.

Have a safe and restful term holiday break, and we'll see you on Monday, 28 April for the start of Term 2.



  
Aidyn Rasmussen  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Blues Rugby Youth Leadership

Rugby for Life is a Northland-based charitable trust that harnesses the power of rugby to help improve the lives of all Northlanders and their communities.

Thanks to Paddy Jackson, four of our Year 12 students had the opportunity to participate in the Blues Youth Leadership Programme in April. The focus of the weekend was self-leadership, wellbeing, and career readiness - as well as watching Super Rugby!

*"It was a lot of fun attending this course" says Konrad Philips. "We got to meet other people with similar interests to ourselves, and we learnt more about our strengths and weaknesses in the leadership space. It wasn't solely rugby focused, it was for all of us aspiring leaders."*

*Overall, I feel like I have come out of this trip with better knowledge, not only on how to be a good leader, but also how to manage myself better."*



## ASB Polyfest

On April 3, a few of my classmates and our principal, Mr Ras, went on a Year 13 geography trip to Polyfest. ASB Polyfest is an annual cultural festival held in Auckland, that celebrates the diverse cultures of the Pacific.

Despite the rain, we were able to enjoy the event, watching people celebrate and embrace their diverse cultures. It was inspiring to see families and friends come together to proudly represent their schools.

### Finiki Lolohea



## Upcoming Events

**Monday, 28 April**

Start of Term 2

**Tuesday, 6 May & Wednesday, 7 May**

PST Interviews

**Tuesday, 13 May**

RC Board Meeting

**Monday, 2 June**

King's Birthday - School Closed

