



# RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS



Term 4 Week 8  
Wed 6 Dec 2017

## Term Dates 2018

### Term 1

Tues 30 Jan – Fri 13 April

### Term 2

Mon 30 April – Fri 6 July

### Term 3

Mon 23 July – Fri 28 Sept

### Term 4

Mon 15 Oct – Tues 11 Dec

## PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Raeleen Harré – M.Ed (Hons)

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

This year has flown by and what a time it has been – learning, celebration, fun and a sense of purpose.

As we draw to a close of the school year it is a time to reflect upon the significant support that the school has received.

Thank you to our Ruawai College whanau and community for the many ways that you have helped us this year – we look forward to your ongoing support of the College in 2018.

The holidays are a time to relax and enjoy spending time with friends and family. I wish all students and staff a safe and relaxing holiday. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all school families a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.



## Junior Prizegiving 2017

Ruawai College invites all members of the community to join us for our Junior Prizegiving held on Thursday 7 December at 12:00pm – please be seated by 11:45am.

This celebration is a great way to end our school year, acknowledging and celebrating the success of our Year 7 – 10 students.

Please note, this is the last day of school for the 2017 school year.

## Start of Year Programme 2018

### Monday 22 January 2018

- School office is open for enrolments, uniform purchases and general queries

### Tuesday 23 January 2018

- Peer Support Training – Year 13 students only

### Wednesday 24 January 2018

- Peer Support Training – Year 13 students only

### Thursday 25 January 2018

- Gateway First Aid Course, 8:45am to 4:30pm – Year 12 and selected Year 11 & 13 students
- Senior course and timetable confirmations, 9:00am to 11:00am – All Senior students

### Friday 26 January 2018

- Teacher Only Day – No students

### Monday 29 January 2018

- Auckland Anniversary Day – No school

### Tuesday 30 January 2018

- Peer Support, 8:45am start in the Hall – Year 7 & 13 students and all other new students to Ruawai College.  
Buses will be running on Tuesday 30 January

### Wednesday 31 January 2018

- All Year 7 – 13 students
- Powhiri to welcome new students, 9:00am
- Top Form competition, 1:30pm start – Whanau and friends welcome to attend

### Thursday 1 February 2018

- Normal timetabled school day for all Year levels
- Gateway Course – Year 11 and 12 students

### Friday 2 February 2018

- Normal timetabled school day for all Year levels
- Gateway Course – Year 11 and 12 students

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*To inspire students to be lifelong learners, to be respectful, to be resilient, to be responsible citizens*

## YEAR 9 CAMP

### DAY ONE

On Tuesday 21 November the Year 9 cohort packed up and prepared to leave for Mangawhai.

Before we set off we announced our four groups and got stuck into our first group challenge – design your flag!



We had "The Native Bushes", "Snausages", "You Caught Me Red-Handed" and "ABADZ" – the diversity of the flags was awesome.

Packed and ready, we headed off to beautiful Mangawhai.

The facilities at Campbell Park Christian Camp are wonderful and it wasn't long before we were settled in.

The second challenge was the confidence course located on site. There was a seven foot high wall to get over, a three wire bridge to cross and a rope swing to contend with. The students had to work together to complete the course – which they all did!

### DAY TWO

On Wednesday we all set off for the Mangawhai Clifftop Walk, an approximate 5km hike of moderately steep terrain.



The weather was perfect and the views were more than worth it. The students performed a hearty haka at the top, led strong by Makana Rawaho.

Once we had made it down we needed to wait for the tide to go out so challenge number 3 was to create a 'rock person'. Our judges for this challenge was a group of tourists who were very impressed with the creativity of our students.

Once the tide was right we rock hopped back to the sand and made our way back to camp.

Challenge number 4 was 'plastic bag fashion'. Students received two large plastic bags, one blunt pair of scissors and rubber bands – some very interesting concepts were displayed to say the least.

### DAY THREE

On Thursday we met the Aotearoa Surf and Paddle boarding team at sunny Mangawhai Heads where the group learnt to surf and paddleboard.



## YEAR 9 CAMP *continued...*

While watching the initial stages of the lesson I noticed something just out of the back of the breakers, a fin. And after a few nervous moments I realised it was in fact a pod of dolphins surfing alongside our students.

The team at Aotearoa were very impressed with both the behaviour and skill set displayed by our kids.

After another beautiful and tiring day we headed back to our temporary home. On the last night we were joined by Mrs Raeleen Harré and Ms Amanda King for dinner and the students took full advantage of the waterside.

The group hosted a talent show as their final challenge for the week which was very much a variety show.

### DAY FOUR

Friday was pack up day for our weary students and supervisors. We took advantage of an incoming tide and swam at the estuary before we headed back to Ruawai College.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the amazing team of supervisors who accompanied myself and the Year 9 class: Moustached medic Mr Sean McDonnell, camp mother Mrs Bronwyn Holt, red team supervisor who led his team to challenge victory Mr Scott Wallace, the O'Sullivan sisters who brought energy laughs Holli and Tyla and Miss Laura Blundell who took time out of her university holidays to spend two days with us. Without these volunteers camp wouldn't go ahead and I sincerely appreciate your support.

And finally, thanks to the Year 9 class of 2017, you made my time with you fun as you displayed your school values and made the most out of all experiences.

- Kimberley Rope, Middle School Dean



## SPORTS NEWS

### Important Sports Information

On Wednesday 31 January all students will attend their first House meetings of the year, at

these meetings entries for Swimming Sports will be submitted. Top Form, our first interhouse event will be held later this afternoon at 1:30pm, whanau and friends are welcome to attend.

Our annual school Swimming Sports will be held Friday 9 February with our champion swimmers determined at this event progressing on to South Zone Swimming Sports on Monday 19 February and Northland Secondary School Swimming Sports on Thursday 22 February.

Our school Athletics Day event will be held Friday 23 February with South Zone Athletics taking place Tuesday 6 March, followed by Northland Secondary School Athletics on Thursday 15 March.

Netball at Ruawai College will be structured differently from 2018 onwards. Trials for the season will be held on Tuesday 6 March and Thursday 8 March at 3:00pm (dates to be confirmed). The cost for the season is \$80.00. These fees need to be paid in full by the 2<sup>nd</sup> trial date. A meeting regarding netball will be held early Term 1 and a letter will go home with all interested students. Any expressions of interest for coaches please contact Mr Lance Panoho at the school office.

## YEAR 7 & 8 ACTIVITIES WEEK

The Year 7 & 8 classes participated in an activities week at school during the week of Year 9 Camp. Our focus for the week was around service and giving back to the community.



Students participated in the following activities throughout the week:

Mornings were spent immersed in the Māori culture, learning our fantastic school haka and playing kapa haka games.

All students were involved in painting a large mural based around the myth of the 'Five Brothers' designed by Mr Keanu Marychurch-Townsend. The mural will be displayed here at school from the beginning of 2018.

Students were passionate about our stop bank clean up. We walked to Raupo Wharf and collected all of the rubbish we could find.



Our Enviroschool group completed a rubbish audit on return and discovered that we had prevented over 55kgs of rubbish from potentially entering our harbour!

Groups cleaned up and prepared our school vegetable gardens with Miss Kirsty Batters to get ready for an exciting year of propagation and planting next year.

# YEAR 7 & 8 ACTIVITIES

## WEEK *continued...*

We had fun making bird feeders to attract native birds to our school grounds, thanks to Mrs Sue Matthews. The students also had a visit from an ASB Get Wise facilitator. They were taught to use money wisely; save some, spend some. Every afternoon the students enjoyed playing Ki o Rahi, long ball and softball with our Year 10 students and Ms Kay Smith, finishing off with a dip in the pool.



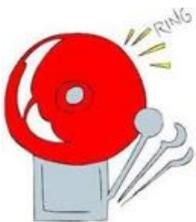
A huge thank you to all that made this special week possible.

- Marsha Finlay, Year 7 & 8 Week Coordinator

# SENIOR ARTWORK



## IMPORTANT NOTICE



### Bell Times 2018

Bell times for 2018 have changed. Please note students will now be "walking into learning", with no morning registration time. First period will be starting at 8:45am.

<b>Lesson 1</b>	8:45am – 9:45am	60 minutes
<b>Lesson 2</b>	9:45am – 10:45am	60 minutes
<b>Break 1</b>	10:45am – 11:05am	20 minutes
<b>Lesson 3</b>	11:05am – 12:00pm	55 minutes
<b>Lesson 4</b>	12:00pm – 12:55pm	55 minutes
<b>Break 2</b>	12:55pm – 1:45pm	50 minutes
<b>LA Time</b>	1:45pm – 2:05pm	20 minutes
<b>Lesson 5</b>	2:05pm – 3:00pm	55 minutes



Pictured left to right: Keegan Redward (Year 11), Shaye Fenton (Year 11), Stacey Blythen (Year 12) and Amelia White-Fotu (Year 12)