



# RUAWAI COLLEGE NEWS

**Ruawai**  
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Respect  
Resilience  
Responsibility

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

## TUMUAKI | PRINCIPAL'S KORERO



Kia ora koutou katoa,

As we finish Term 2 we have so much to look back on and celebrate. Some highlights of this term include:

- A big congratulations to Ben and Matthew Watkins on their placing at the Senior Boys NSS Cross Country
- Well done to the Year 7-8 Mathex team who won 1st place in the Kahui Ako competition
- The leadership shown in the celebration of Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week
- A big thanks to the staff involved in Arts Week

### Matariki

Recently we celebrated Matariki. It is a time to remember those who had passed away during the previous year and a time to rejoice. In a wider sense, it is a time to look back on the things that are important to us, and to look forward to the future with renewed confidence, hope and ambition. Matariki is a time to celebrate new beginnings and set new goals.

Our school values are Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience. We can use Matariki as a time to reflect on how these values have been seen during the term. We can also use this time to reenergise for the second half of the academic year.

### Acting Assistant Principal

Lastly, I would like to thank Ms. Batters for stepping in and supporting the Senior Leadership Team in Terms 1 and 2 as Acting Assistant Principal. Thank you for all the work you do. Ms Batters will return to being our Specialist Classroom Teacher and Year 7-8 Dean. We would like to welcome Mr. Leao onto the Senior Leadership Team, who will be Acting Assistant Principal for Terms 3-4.

Have a restful break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 22 July. Na reira, "Matariki whetu ki te Rangi, Tāngata ora ki te Whenua - Matariki star in the Sky, Humankind's well-being on Earth."

Aidyn Rasmussen, Principal/Tumuaki

**Term 2 Week 10  
Thursday 04 July 2024**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 22 July**

Start of term 3

**Monday 29 July**

Get to Go challenge

**Wednesday 31 July**

Year 9 & 10 3x3 basketball

**Friday 2 August**

Quad Tournament (Rodney College)

**Friday 9 August**

Tough guy, tough girl challenge

**Monday 12 August**

National maths week

**Tuesday 13 August**

Year 7 & 8 basketball

**Wednesday 14 August**

Year 7 & 8 Futsal

**Friday 24 August**

Daffodil day (mufti)  
Beast (BOI) year 12 & 13

**Monday 26 August**

Science fair

**Tuesday 27 August**

Year 7 & 8 Netball

**Friday 30 August**

Year 9/10 Basketball cup

## Arts and Cultural Week 2024

Arts and Cultural Week was celebrated this year with a singing performance by Freedom Anihana-Dunn, a musical performance by Seth Eve-Rumsey, Kiwiana Chalk - where chalk was used to draw a favourite Kiwiana Icon, and lastly origami designs - where prizes were given for the best designs. Karen Exley, Acting Deputy Principal.



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# Arts and Cultural Week 2024



# Blues Leadership Course

On Saturday, June 1st, two of our College students, Taynah Hardy and Lexis Martin got to embark south to the big smoke and attend an "Emerging Leaders" Course run by the Auckland Blues and sponsored by Rugby For Life. The recipients were selected from all over Northland and were nominated by people in their community to attend.

41 students, comprised of Year 11, 12, and 13 alumni from as far north as Te Aupouri down to Wellsford made the drive down State Highway 1 to the Blues HQ in Greenlane.

On arrival, they were greeted by Rob Woodley and Harrison Sanders and treated to a lunch prepared by the Blues Chef before heading around the facility to be shown what it takes to run a Super Rugby Franchise.

During the course they got to explore what leadership looks like, the attributes of great leadership, and how it can be of importance in your life and Community.

They also had the opportunity to ask Northland's own Jordan Lay, Josh Beehre and Hawkes Bay boy Zarn Sullivan some riveting questions in a Q&A session and compete in some team-building activities.

The highlight of the trip...watch the Blues play their final round-robin game at Eden Park against the Chiefs.

An epic trip like this could not be possible without the great support from RFL, the Auckland Blues and all of their support staff...thank you so much for this awesome opportunity for our local tamariki. Paddy Jackson.



# Samoan Language week, June 2024



The 2024 theme for Samoan Language Week was 'Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana'i' – which means “Serve in love for a blessed future”. This theme was prepared by SAASIA - the Association for Aoga amata (Samoan early childhood centers). It was focused on the value of tautua (service) and with this value, it aims to clearly express the significance of service that is founded on love – “Love” is the driving force of service. No matter what service looks like or who is doing it, service is accomplished through the power of love. It was affirming that maintaining the Samoan language in Aotearoa is also achieved through service or tautua - through the Samoan values of alofa (love), fa'aaloalo (respect), and especially in the vā fealofai (respectful relationships) that guide and protect Samoan people. Service begins in the family and continues in schools, villages, churches, communities, and wherever Samoan people are. The ongoing mission, therefore, is the collective preservation of language and identity for Samoan children into the future.

Ruawai College has had another year of great support for the Samoan Language week. It started with an introductory speech and a song item prepared by Mr Peni Leao at the whole School assembly. There were activities throughout the week to celebrate, one of these was teaching students some simple everyday Samoan phrases which they need to practice saying to another person. It ended in a celebratory competition in which they needed to correctly say a word or phrase to Mr Leao in order to get a chocolate.

This concludes the Samoa Language week celebration with a morning tea provided for staff in appreciation of their support.

Peni Leao, Head of Learning - Science.

## Quad Prefect Hui

Each term our student leaders meet with the prefect teams of Dargaville High School, Otamatea High School, and Rodney College as a chance to network and discuss "what's on top" at their kura. Since establishing this termly hui, we have witnessed students build deeper connections with their peers and create a sense of community across the region. Hot topics included university and employment intentions at the end of the year, themes for the upcoming school balls, and finalising a date for the annual quadrangular sports tournament. The tournament will take place on Friday 2 August, hosted this year by Rodney College. Keep an eye out for calls for volunteer coaching and management opportunities on this day.

Tyla O'Sullivan - Senior Leader.



# Gateway 2024

Gateway is an initiative from the Ministry of Education that enables schools to provide senior students with structured workplace learning opportunities and support them in career choices for their futures. Students in the Senior school had the opportunity to complete a Gateway placement this year and were placed in a variety of Vocational pathways. Education was taken outside the classroom and our three core school values respect, responsibility, and resilience were put to the test.

Ruawai College would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity and willingness to accommodate students from Ruawai College for Gateway this year: Snazzi Gifts, Laser Electrical, Twelve Bovine, The Kauri Museum, Kaipara Refuse, Redhill Farms, Dusty Logging, Nola Farms, Northland DHB, Labour Exchange, SCL Mechanical, R S Eng Ltd, Leethal Builders, Autocare Whangārei, Advance Dairy and Pumps, S R Wrathall Welding, Morfett Autos, Ruawai Kindergarten, WOW Hub, D Town Fusion Restaurant, Two Waters Cafe, Frans Jensen, Selwyn Park Primary School, Horniblow Autos, Gumdigger Cafe, C & C Electrical, Dargaville High School, deBruin Accountants, Ruawai Primary School, and Aranga Primary School.

Jenny Dallison - Head of Learning - Technology.





**AWESOME!**



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**school holiday program**

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8:30 - 4:00pm

details & registration

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# Senior Art Trip

The senior Art students visited the Hundertwasser Art Centre and Wairau Māori Art Gallery recently. They investigated the work by contemporary Māori artists and Hundertwasser, and explored the Centre's quirky, undulating environment that aptly represents Hundertwasser's unique perspective on life. Frances Riddell, Head of learning - Art.



'Art means living responsibly. The artist has an obligation to the society

he lives in to warn and look for solutions.' Hundertwasser



**2024 Board Meeting Dates**  
6.00pm

Tuesday 20 August  
Tuesday 17 September  
Tuesday 5 November  
Tuesday 3 December

# Matariki



Matariki this June marked the year that Matahi o te Tau, the Maori New Year, was celebrated with a Public Holiday.

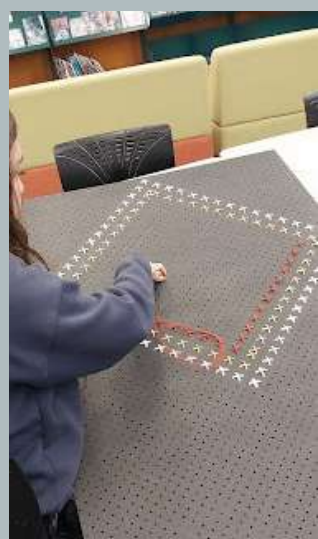
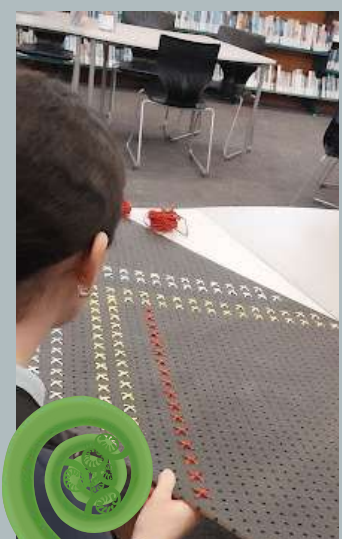
Students could participate in activities in the library this year - Whaea Yvette had competitions running daily with a variety of prizes to be collected. Whaea Naadi also guided students in the library to complete our school tukutuku panels that will hang in the foyer entrance.

The weeks mahi ended with the Senior Kapa Haka members cooking a sausage sizzle for our tamariki and then teaching the whole school waiata and haka, which ended in a haka-off between the tama and kotiro. The video can be enjoyed on the school's FB page.

Manawatia a Matariki ki a koutou katoa nga whanau o Ruawai College. Whaea Eva Pirini.



# Matariki



Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki.  
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi.  
Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te tau.  
Celebrate the rising of Matariki.  
Celebrate the rising of the lord of the sky.  
Celebrate the rising of the New Year.

Aurora, Shiloh, and Kahu working on the school tukutuku panels.

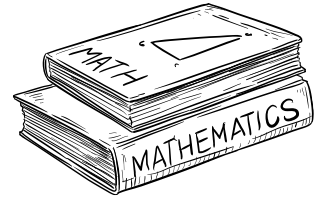
# Year 11 Science trip to Sterling's Bush

As part of the Level 1 Science program, the year 11 Science class went on a field trip to Sterling's Bush in Paparoa. The purpose of the trip was to observe and explore the kauri trees with an interest in kauri dieback. The students learned about wash stations and their purpose. They looked at the bush environment; the type of plants covering the bush floor and the big trees dominating the bush. The students found out that there is very little vegetation covering the ground because of the massive, tall kauri trees towering over them and cutting off access to light. We found out that there was evidence of cattle accessing the bush, through broken fences, which sadly destroyed much smaller plants. Students also observed some dying kauri trees but not able to confirm if it was kauri dieback. Overall it was a good trip where students experienced a kauri forest and what efforts are being made to protect kauri from kauri dieback disease. Peni Leao , Head of Learning - Science.



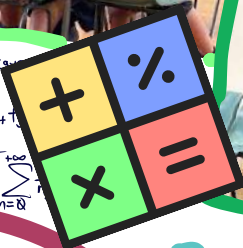
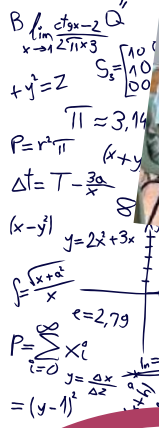
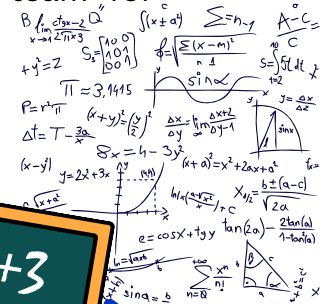
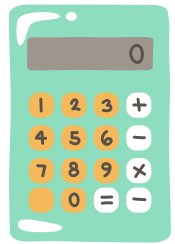
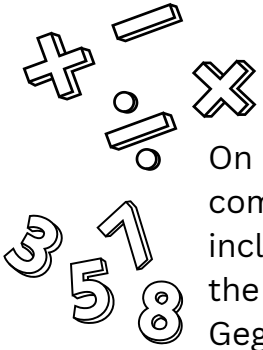


# Mathex 2024



On June 19th, two teams from Ruawai College participated in the Mathex competition hosted by the Northern Wairoa Kāhui Ako. The Year 7 and 8 team included Mahailiaz Sesega, Tara Wrathall, Riley Sefonte, and Willem Oud, while the Year 9 and 10 team comprised Joshua Canztonjos, Maxwell Oud, Rayden Gegera, and Korban Johnson. It was a remarkable day for both teams, who demonstrated impeccable behavior, excellent attitudes, and enthusiastic participation. A heartfelt congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 team for achieving 1st place. Well done, Team Ruawai!

Karen Exley - Acting Deputy Principal.





## Grizzlies Basketball

From the 17th of May, we have had our Senior Boys Basketball team (Grizzlies) playing every Friday night in the Kaipara Secondary School Basketball Competition. They have been traveling around the Kaipara to compete against some challenging schools. Their first game was a bit rocky, but they kept their heads held high and attitude in check. Through out the season the boys have played amazingly and should be so proud of themselves. I was lucky enough to watch their game against Rodney and they played with all their heart - the end score was unfortunate but they still came off with smiles.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to a couple of senior players this season who have played so amazingly this year - Mokoia Llewellyn and Malachi Noho-Poutai, you guys are legends and hope you carry on playing basketball after College.

Well done and a huge thank you to Milly Llewellyn for all her hard work and time she has put into the boys this year. Also a big thank you to the parents that have shown up every week to support the boys, you guys are amazing. Can't wait to see what next season. Hazel Hornell- Sports Coordinator.



## Interhouse Volleyball results

- Best all round Yr 7/8 Boy:** Malachi Devlyn-Cullen
- Best all round Yr 7/8 Girl:** Ashlee Faser
- Most improved Yr 7/8:** Nic-Aeva Henare-Huriwai & Katie Manukau
- Best all round Yr 9/10 Boy:** Rocky White
- Best all round Yr 9/10 Girl:** Lauryn-Hill Llewellyn
- Most improved Y 9/10:** Jahrome Kiro
- Best all round Senior Boy:** Mokia Llewellyn (Trophy)
- Best all round Senior Girl:** Taynah Hardy (Trophy)
- Most improved Senior:** Antonio Tong
- Yr 7/8 Top House:** Rimu
- Yr 9/10 Top House:** Totara
- Senior Top House:** Rimu



# Ruawai College Cross Country

Ruawai College students had an amazing afternoon at the schools annual Cross Country event. The weather held out for us this year, however a lot of the kids were running through the mud. The race began with the Senior and Sub Junior's to lead the pack though the muddy paddocks and over drains. As a spectator all you could see is blue, green and red dots out on the track and completing the course. As the students were crossing the finish line, they had big exhausted smiles on their faces.

At the end of the afternoon it was Totara that was the winning house with Kauri second and Rimu third. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith, Mark, Neville Joass (Wiremu's Dad) and to everyone who helped make the day run smoothly. Hazel Hornell - Sports Coordinator.



## RESULTS



### Junior Boys

- 1st Rian Gate House
- 2nd Korban Johnson
- 3rd Joshua Cantonjos

### Junior Girls

- 1st Kourtney Hawkes
- 2nd Tamara-Lee Hill
- 3rd Shiloh Hepburn-Shaw

### 6km Senior Girl

Angela Kelsall



- Sub Junior Boys
- 1st = Reuben McLaren & Rayden Gegera
- 3rd Jackson Watkins
- Sub Junior Girls
- 1st Charlotte Gatehouse
- 2nd Ashlee Fraser
- 3rd Amber Johnson

### Senior Boys

- 1st Ben Watkins
- 2nd Jayden Bishop
- 3rd Max Tunnicliffe

### Senior Girls

- 1st Tayna Hardy

## 1st Totara

2nd Kauri

3rd Rimu

### Intermediate Boys

- 1st Matthew Watkins
- 2nd Kyle Taylor
- 3rd JZ Llewellyn

### Intermediate Girls

- 1st Alyssa Bishop
- 2nd Molly Dawson
- 3rd Jorja Mannes





# Northern Wairoa Cross Country

The students had an awesome day out at Ropes farm, Te Kopuru. The weather held out for us and we mostly had sunshine. It was great to see the students having a lot of fun throughout the day. We came back with some really impressive results:

- Rayden Gegeera and Reuben McClaren came 1st equal for 12 year boys
- Nate Watkins came 6th place for 12 year boys
- Ashlee Faser came 2nd place for 12-year-old girls
- Jackson Watkins came 3rd place for 11-year-old boys
- Malachi Devlyn-Cullen came 11th for 11-year-old boys.

Well done to them all for giving the track their all. It was good to see that they were all still smiling at the end of the day.

Huge thank you to Carly for accompanying me and driving us to Ropes Farm.  
Hazel Hornell - Sports Coordinator.

## Congratulations



We had an early start to make it up to Kerikeri in time for the Northern Primary School Cross Country. We had a great day even though the boys started with some nervousness. The weather somewhat held out for us, we had a little shower but that didn't put a downer on anyone's mood.

It was great to take our top 3 junior cross country stars to represent our school at that sort of level and come away with some results the boys should be proud of. The boys had a lot of fun even though the track was hard and had a lot of obstacles they all gave it a real good go. It was good to see that they all had smiles on their faces and there were some snoring students on the way home.

A huge well done to Jackson Watkins, Rayden Gegera and Reuben McClaren for all their effort. Hazel Hornell - Sports Coordinator.



## NORTHERN PRIMARY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



# NSS Cross Country

The students had an awesome day at Barge Pack, Whangarei. It was great to see all the students having a lot of fun. We came back with some really impressive results. Huge congratulations to Ben Watkin and Matthew Watkins for their 1st and 2nd place in the Senior Boys 6km category!

And a congratulations to the rest of the kids that did amazingly and were in the top 30 of their races - Ashlee Fraser, Charlotte Gatehouse, Jackson Watkins, Kourtney Hawks, Rayden Gegera, Korben Johnson and Rian Gatehouse. Huge thank you to Carly for driving us over and a big thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came out and supported our students. Hazel Hornell - Sports Coordinator.





# WHĀNAU FOCUS CENTRE

**Dargaville Heartland Service centre and Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville.  
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- 8 August - **155 Community Law** at 10 - 230 pm, walk-in clinic

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- Advocacy
- Parenting Education
- Whānau Support
- Age Concern
- Elder Abuse
- Community Connector



## Creativity of the month:



### TERM 3 SPORTS CALENDAR

Monday 29 July	Get to go challenge
Wednesday 31 July	3x3 basketball year 9 & 10
Friday 2 August	Quad Tournament (Rodney College)
Friday 9 August	Tough guy, Tough girl challenge
Tuesday 13 August	year 7 & 8 basketball
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Friday 23 August	Beast (BOI) year 12 & 13



## Kaipara Kumara Visit

On May 27th, some year eleven students visited Kaipara Kumara. The manager, Anthony, welcomed us and showed us how kumara is grown.

He explained why Kaipara is a great place to grow kumara, saying it's because of the environment, the land, the market, and the people who all help make a successful crop.

We learned that kumara growers take care of the environment by resting paddocks to keep the soil healthy and control diseases.

The students had the chance to tour the production line where kumara was washed, sorted, and packed. The trip's highlight was watching the automatic weighing machine release kumara by weight to be bagged and ready for sale.

A big thank you to Anthony for providing such an engaging experience for us. Also, a special thank you to Jenny Dallison for helping make this trip happen. Tracey Donald - Science and Health.

## Special Assessment Condition (SAC) Volunteers Wanted!

Ruawai College is calling for volunteers to assist approved students who need readers or writers to help them complete assessments.

There is no set date for these assessments, volunteers will be called upon on an as-needed basis.

If you can assist, please contact our Learning Support Coordinator Mrs Fiona Togia at [ftogia@ruawaicollege.school.nz](mailto:ftogia@ruawaicollege.school.nz)

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