



Ruawaro Combined School

Information Booklet 2025



Kia Ngatahi ki ako - Learning together-

RUAWARO COMBINED SCHOOL 2022

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Meets twice a term (Dates TBA)

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Term Dates 2025

- Term 1** **Monday 3rd February – 11th April**
Public Holiday: Waitangi Day - Thursday 6th February
Teacher Only Day: Friday 7th February
- Term 2** **Monday 28th April – Friday 27th June**
Public Holidays: King's Birthday – Monday 2nd June
Matariki – Friday 20th June
- Term 3** **Monday 14th July – Friday 19th September**
Report Meetings (no school for students) – Friday 18th July
- Term 4** **Monday 6th October – TBA**
Public Holiday: Monday 27th October

Cluster Events 2025

Please note, these dates are subject to change.

Event	Date	Where	Who
Swimming Sports	Friday 28 th February	Glen Massey School	Years 4 – 8 students
Winter Sports	Friday 30 th May	Te Akau Complex	Years 4 - 8 students
Cross Country	Friday 15 th August	Waikaretu School	Whole School
Speeches	Wednesday 17 th September	Waingaro School	Senior Speech Winners only
Junior Games	Friday 7 th November	Ruawaro School	Years 1-3 (plus Ruawaro Seniors)
Athletics	Friday 28 th November	Glen Massey School	Years 4 - 8

School Hours:

School begins: 9.00 am
Morning Tea: 10:10 – 10:30
Play Break: 11:40 – 11:55
Lunch: 1:00 – 1:40
School Finishes: 3:00pm

School hours may alter under special circumstances (Start and finish times will remain the same)

School Donations

The school does not ask for donations as the BOT has opted into the Ministry of Education Donations Scheme. Parents may be asked to fund direct costs for consumables.

Absence Notification

You must inform us of any absences prior to 9am. Please send a ClassDojo message to your child's classroom Teacher, a text to **027 4266706** (**no voice messages please**) or use the Skool Loop App.

If you wish to take your child away, on holiday, during term time, you must discuss this with the Principal.

After School

School finishes at 3pm and all students (not travelling on the school bus) must be picked up by 3:15pm unless by prior arrangement.

All students travelling home by bus are checked on by the duty teacher.

Please advise the school office or classroom teacher if children are not travelling home in the usual way (i.e. being picked up or going home with someone else).

Stationery

All stationery requirements are available at school. Students will be issued with all necessary stationery early in Term One or upon enrolment and invoices will then be sent home. In order to keep costs as low as possible, teachers do check which stationery students have from the previous year wherever possible.

New Enrolments

Parents enrolling a 5 year old for the first time are required to present a Birth Certificate and Immunisation Record. All enrolments are done through the office. Ruawaro Combined School encourages prospective pupils to make at least two or three visits prior to their 5th birthday, so that they can become familiar with the School environment, teachers, pupils and school routines. Times for these visits can be arranged by contacting the school office.

Scholastic Book Club

Students have the opportunity to buy good books at a reasonable price through the Scholastic Book Club. This offer is available twice a term and a catalogue will be sent home with each child. There is no obligation to buy. Please send order forms and money in named envelopes. You may also purchase online following the instructions in the catalogue. All orders will be delivered to school.

Duffy Books

Thanks to generous sponsorship from Genesis Energy, Ruawaro Combined School is a Duffy School. Students select two books in each of the first 3 terms which are theirs to keep. These books will be sent home in the last week of Term or following a Duffy role model assembly.

Communication

The school will keep you informed and updated on all school activities via Newsletters, Class Dojo, Skool Loop, our school website (currently under redevelopment). Your child's Teacher can assist you in accessing these.

Medical Information and Family Matters

Please notify us if your child has an allergy, health condition or if there is a family situation we should know about. A medical form **must** be completed yearly. Confidentiality is maintained at your request. If your child requires medication to be kept at school, please label carefully with instructions.

Year 7 and 8 - Technology Programme

Specialist Technology Programme for Years 7 and 8 are provided at Huntly Primary School to which our senior children are transported fortnightly. There is an annual fee to cover materials which will be included on your child's stationery list.

Programmes taken are: Woodwork, Sewing, Cooking, Robotics, Photography

Lessons are held every 2nd Tuesday morning and children are taken by a staff member to and from the Centre leaving school at 8:45am and returning by 1:00pm. For Health and Safety reasons, children are required to wear fully enclosed shoes for Technology. Students who do not have the required footwear will remain at Ruawaro Combined School for the morning.

School Uniform

The school uniform, which all children are required to wear, consists of a t-shirt (short sleeve) and for colder weather a polar fleece vest and a polar fleece long sleeved jacket. These items can be purchased through school. Please contact the office for a price list

The remainder of our uniform items which consist of black (or navy) pants, shorts or skorts, will need to be purchased by parents as we do not source these from our supplier.

At various times there may also be some second-hand items available for purchase – please ask.

For safety reasons, we discourage the wearing of jewellery. Students with pierced ears are asked to only wear stud type earrings and long hair is to be tied up. A copy of our uniform policy is available at the school office.

Sunhats: All students are required to wear a sunhat in Terms 1 and 4. These must be a bucket style hat but can be of any colour.

Zero Waste

We are a Zero Waste School and as such encourage students to be aware of their responsibilities around "rubbish" disposal. We recycle paper and cardboard for which we get credits for trees through the Paper for Trees Scheme.

As a 'zero waste' school, we encourage students to bring all food items in washable or reusable containers to cut down on paper and plastic waste. All rubbish (including yoghurt pottles and fruit cups) are to be taken home. We recommend providing your child with a small ziplock bag for these to go in.

Weetbix in Schools

Thanks to Sanitarium and Fonterra, we are able to provide Weetbix and milk for any students who ask for it.

Personal Property

The Board of Trustees and staff accept no responsibility in the case of loss or damage to valuables or articles brought to school. While all reasonable care is taken and efforts made to find lost property, the responsibility rests with the owner. We prefer children to keep small toys and playthings at home - many are alike, they are difficult to name, can be easily lost and may be a distraction to others.

School Lunches

We are a part of the Ka Ora Ka Ako programme. Every student is provided with lunch at no cost to the whanau. Students will need to bring food for morning tea and we also recommend they bring extra food to be eaten at lunch time alongside the provided meal.

Payments to school.

You are able to make any payments to the school using Online banking into the school account: 12- 3454-0066614-00

Or alternatively cash payments and Eftpos is available through the school office.

Education Outside the Classroom

As part of the school programme, day visits, camps, or sports days are undertaken by the school throughout the year. These are a valuable extension of the school curriculum. Parent help on such excursions is essential and any offers of transport or supervision at these times are greatly appreciated.

Parents will be notified of any events well beforehand so please check carefully for notices regarding these as they will contain important information and organisation details.

Policies:

All school policies can be found on the link below:

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: ruawaro

Password: bainroad

Our Vision:

Cooperation, Commitment, Growth



Mission Statement:

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At Ruawaro Combined School we are committed to supporting and empowering:

Confident, lifelong learners who can problem solve independently and collaboratively.

A Ruqwaro Combined Student is...

A PROBLEM SOLVER

MOTIVATED

A STRATEGIC
LIFELONG LEARNER

CONFIDENT

ABLE TO SET GOALS

A LEADER

A GOOD
COMMUNICATOR

A CREATIVE THINKER

A SELF MANAGER

EQUIPPED WITH KNOWLEDGE AND
SKILLS FOR FUTURE CAREERS

A RISK TAKER

PROUD

CONSIDERATE

HEALTHY AND HAPPY

RESPECTFUL

ABLE TO HAVE HIGH
EXPECTATIONS

AWARE OF THE
ENVIRONMENT

CURIOUS



Notes: