



Rangitikei College

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Towards Higher Things



Principal's Comment

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou,
tēnā koutou katoa.

It has been great to see the success of some of our sports teams as the winter competitions wrap up for the season. The Boys' First XI Hockey lost in a thrilling shootout with Freyberg High School First XI after three periods of extra time. And the A Netball side also made the final of the Secondary Schools Senior 1 Grade in Palmerston North narrowly losing to Tu Toa. And our other teams have also performed very creditably through the season.

I would like to see more young people involved in some sort of sport. As well as its benefits in terms of physical fitness, there are huge advantages in terms of developing resilience, teamwork and general wellbeing. And we have some fantastic facilities at the college.

Unfortunately, organised sport nationwide is on the decline. And figures I have recently seen on secondary school sport in the local region bear this out. Last year's Sport Whanganui census indicates that Netball, Rugby, and Football are facing significant drops in numbers. On the other hand, sports played midweek, such as Hockey, Basketball, Waka Ama and Volleyball are growing, or at least holding their own.

It has become quite clear to me that one of the barriers to participation is the cost. With two or three students at school, and them playing summer and winter sport, a family could be faced with fees of hundreds and hundreds of dollars.

Consequently, the Board of Trustees have decided that from 2019, Year 9 students will not have to pay any fees.

September 2018

From 2019, Year 9 students will be FEES-FREE



Being a Year 9 student at Rangitikei College will be **totally 'Fees-Free'**. No subject fees, no sports fees, no workbooks, no voluntary donations.

This is a bold move by our Board. No other high school in the region has made this commitment. And it is a recognition that families and whānau face significant expenses in bringing up teenagers, and schools should not be adding to that burden.

We want our school life to be as welcoming and as easy to join in as we can make it. We can do it.

Ngā mihi nui

Tony Booker
PRINCIPAL

Early Bird Enrolment Special



Enrol with Rangitikei College before **November 1 2018** and you will go into the draw to receive one of our brand new school jackets, valued at \$70.00. Enrolment packs are available from the school office or can be posted out. To make an appointment, have a tour and meet our principal, please phone **06 327 7024**.

Please note that the School Jacket will be issued once the winning student commences at Rangitikei College in 2019.



"The heart of the community, building strong relationships, ensuring it is a centre of educational excellence"

Matthews' Go Karts



The need for speed and an interest in design has prompted two Rangitikei College students to create their own custom-built Go Kart.

Year 11 and 12 students Matthew Johnston and Matthew Ehlers have been working on this project throughout the year. The two Matthews have produced a wonderful machine

and their dedication to this project has involved many hours and involved lots of support.

The project commenced last year in Term Three under the guidance and support of the College's DVC and Engineering teacher - Mrs Jorgensen. Weltec Porirua have provided workshop and tutor time and thanks must go to Graham Carson and Phil Mudgway from the Engineering Department for their time and expertise. The Go Kart now only needs a seatbelt, battery box for the light, and horn, with the final touch being a spray paint in the school colours.

The machine will be completed in time for the Wellington Regional Race Day held on Saturday 8 September in Porirua at Whitireia Campus and the students hope to be successful enough to compete in the EVelocity Nationals on Saturday 24 November, held in Christchurch.

Matthew Johnston says he has learned from this experience that, 'You can do anything that you put your mind to.'

The two students are racing next weekend. Show up and show your support if you are able.

Health Consultation

Congratulations to Bonnie Pidwell who won our Health Consultation Survey New World voucher. Thanks to all those who completed this survey, it confirms that our Health programmes are covering the content our community wants, as well as giving us some next steps for what to add.

Denmark Trip

In the icy grips of a NZ winter it is timely to remember an old Scandinavian saying: "Det finnes ikke darlig vaer, bare darlig klaer" which, translated in English means 'There is no bad weather, only bad clothes'. Layering is all important, as staff and 7 students of Rangitikei College will discover when they head off on their overseas Denmark Trip.

Led by the College's DVC teacher (Design and Visual Communication) Mrs Jorgensen, the main purpose of the trip will be for the group to experience key examples of architecture and design. The country is renowned for modern and postmodern design and, visiting in October, the buildings will be displayed beautifully against a background of fall colours of Denmark in Autumn.

The cost per person is \$3000. The trip has involved many months of careful preparation and vigorous fundraising by way of raffles, food sales, a Danish mid-winter Christmas dinner and the recent very successful casino evening. If you would like to support the Group to reach their goal or require further information, please contact Mrs Jorgensen at the College on 06 3277 024.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students to visit a country that prides itself on happiness, equality and environmental consciousness - the very measures that are equally important for New Zealanders, the country will be gorgeous with its bustling streets and shimmering lights as the Group will be visiting during its Halloween season.



Homework Club

A reminder that Homework Club takes place in the library every **Tuesday from 3-5pm**. Students are welcome and encouraged to make the most of this time.

Congratulations

Junior Football - After a long season of hard work our Junior Football team ended their season on a high by winning the Champions League Cup. This is a great result for a team that generally had to play with less than 11 players each Saturday and no reserves. **Congratulations** to all players and support people involved.



Stacey-ann Selby-Lye had her first fight in Palmerston North last month and won by unanimous decision. Stacey-ann is now the 2018 Manawatu under 64kg youth novice female champ.



Onyx Lye competed at the Central North Island Championship and won his match. Onyx is now 2018 Auckland Champ, Manawatu Champ, Central North Island Champ Golden Gloves Champ and ANZAC Champ. He's in Auckland for his last tournament before he heads to Christchurch in October to compete at the 2018 National Champs.

Charlie Sutton was selected for the U15 Whanganui Boys' Rep Hockey Team and travels to Dunedin for tournament in the upcoming holidays. Charlie also plays for the Marton Mens' Hockey Team and received the Players Choice Award and Most Improved player.



Congratulations everyone on these outstanding achievements.

Student Council

Ngaire-Ann is proudly showing off a new collapsible wheelchair for helping students with injuries or who aren't feeling well. It was purchased by the student council thanks to Jodie Daines who made the proposal and to students participating in Work Day. Student Council is always looking for ideas for how they can make our school a better place and are open to proposals for big ideas! Although we hope this is one purchase we won't have to use too often!



Student Council cont.

Student Council had the privilege of presenting the



money we raised for Ronald McDonald house to the big man himself. Alex Craig went into Bulls McDonalds and met with the owner Dan and Ronald McDonald. We explained that we chose Ronald McDonald House after some students helped collect money for them earlier in the

year. Alex presented the information about the mufti day to the school earlier in the term, and his bravery in talking to the whole school meant he got the honour of handing over the cheque on behalf of the students. It was an awesome chance to show a local business that supports us regularly how our students can come together to support a good cause, so thank you McDonald Bulls for having us!

Careers

On Friday 24th of August we had Sergeant Rangī Reweti, regional recruiter with the NZ Defence Forces, talk about careers with the Army, Navy and Air Force. Over 40 students turned up to this talk, and all seemed very interested in the various opportunities the NZ Defence Force can offer. For those interested in a career in the NZ Defence Force, Sergeant Rangī recommended that students have their level 2 or 3 NCEA. If you would like further information, please visit the NZ Defence Force website (<http://www.nzdf.mil.nz/>) or contact Mr Sanson.



Secondary Schools Winter Tournament

Our Boy's Hockey team are currently at tournament in Levin for one week to compete against 15 other hockey teams. They have been fortunate through fundraising and the generosity of sponsors not only to help towards their funds, but with new uniforms and training t-shirts, they are certainly set to look the part and represent the College well.

Gateway

Our Level 3 Gateway and STAR students had a 2-day Leadership Course. They covered 3 unit standards which gave them each 9 Level 3 credits.



Arts' Showcase Thu 6 Sep, 6-7pm

Come along and support our Dance, Drama and Music students who will be showcasing their talents in this upcoming performance. We look forward to seeing you there.

Senior Assessment Week Mon 10 - Thu 13 Sep

Students should be well into their study for their upcoming exams. Students, please remember to check the timetable and let Ms Osgood know straight away if you have any clashes. Students have been given assessment week timetables (electronic or paper) from their mentors. Please encourage your child/ren to put in the required effort to gain the outcomes they want/need.

Moderation Afternoon Thu 13 Sep

School will close early for Juniors. Another notice will come home early next week.

Sports Team Photos Wed 19 Sep

This takes place on the morning of the above date. Please bring your team playing socks, cricket whites etc. Playing strips will be issued on the day.

Haka/Waiata Competition Wed 19 Sep, 2pm

Our annual event will take place in the school hall. We look forward to seeing family and friends to support and encourage each house as they perform.

Learning Conferences #3

Tue 25 Sep from 3:45pm and all day Wed 26 Sep.

Learning Conference #3 is for family, students and their academic mentor to go over option selection and look at how your son/daughter is tracking towards their goals and achievements. Year 10, 11 and 12 students will look at their NCEA option choices for 2019 and Year 9 students will be selecting their Year 10 options for 2019.

A 40min booking can be made closer to the time and parents/caregivers will be advised on how to go about this.

The meeting is compulsory for all students and is strongly recommended that parents/caregivers also attend.

The school is off timetable all day on Wednesday 26 Sep. This process is incredibly beneficial to the progress of our learners and we strongly urge you to be part of the process.

More details will follow at a later date.

Week 7	
Sun 2 - Fri 7 Sep	Boys' Hockey Tournament - Levin
Thu 6 Sep	6-7pm, Arts' Showcase
Week 8	
Mon 10 - Thu 13 Sep	Senior Assessment Week
Thu 13 Sep	Moderation Afternoon
Week 9	
Wed 19 Sep	Sport Team Photos - am
Wed 19 Sep	House Haka/Waiata Competition 2pm in School Hall
Thu 20 Sep	Year 11 Sport Science Day Trip
Week 10	
Tue 25 Sep	Year 13 Sport Science Golf Day
Tue 25 Sep	Learning Conferences #3, 3.45pm
Wed 26 Sep	Learning Conferences #3 No regular classes.
Fri 28 Sep	End of Term 3
Term 4: Mon 15 Oct - Fri 7 Dec	