



## RANGITIKEI COLLEGE

Building an engaged, empowered, and flourishing learning community that knows no limits, and where we honour ourselves, each other, and the world around us.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora whānau

This week has been Netsafety Week. The past year has shown us the importance of connectivity, but we are also hearing regularly about how the positive power of the internet can also be manipulated to cause harm. Netsafe, NZ's independent online safety organisation, reports their research that in the past year, one in five teenagers and one in 10 adults were harmed by something they experienced online. And most weeks we hear through the media about online scams

Schools are not immune from this, and at Rangitikei College we regularly spend time with students encouraging them to manage their online lives safely and become responsible 'digital citizens'. We do this by actively promoting Netsafe's key guidelines:

- **Keep it positive.** Always respect others online and communicate in a constructive way. Do not create or publish content that is indecent, threatening or offensive.
- **Protect privacy.** Do not disclose sensitive personal information about yourself or another person in any digital communication. This includes sharing passwords, accessing devices or online sites belonging to others without

consent and taking screenshots and sharing this content without consent.

- **Act cautiously.** Anything you post or do online can influence what people think of you. Likewise, always think carefully about whether the information you see online is true. If you are unsure of something talk to a teacher.
- **Avoid online bullying.** Creating or forwarding content that is harmful, inappropriate or hurtful is never okay at any time, and may breach the Harmful Digital Communications Act. If you are harassing people by sending multiple messages this is also considered online bullying and is unacceptable.
- **Be security smart.** Keep personal information safe and secure by using strong passwords and not sharing them with others. This includes not accessing devices or online sites belonging to others without consent, nor taking screenshots and on-sharing their personal content without their knowledge and permission.
- **Check consent.** Before downloading software to the school network or onto devices, seek permission. Interfering with the school systems, digital technologies, equipment/network or the online security of another person is never okay at any time.
- **Recognise others work.** Follow copyright and intellectual property requirements by attributing references, images, text, audio and video appropriately.

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- **Respect the rights of others.** Only record and share video, photo or audio content if the people in it know it has been taken and have provided their consent.
- **Seek help.** Sometimes you or someone you know will feel unsafe or come across inappropriate or hurtful online content and behaviours. If this happens talk to a trusted adult about what can be done or contact Netsafe directly.

Netsafe has an excellent website ([netsafe.org.nz](https://netsafe.org.nz)) with resources useful to young people and whānau to assist them in protecting themselves online. I recommend it.

We have also recently invested in our network to increase the quality of our filtering and monitoring online.

Ngā mihi nui

*Tony Booker, Principal*

### TALENT QUEST

Talent Quest rehearsals and workshops will begin in week 3, under the professional gaze of Mr Hancy and Miss Hawkins. To date we have sixteen acts, the good news is we still have room for more. So, what are you waiting for? If you have not signed up don't be shy-**do it now**. The Finale will take place in week 5. Earn points for your house and share your talent with our school community. This is your time to shine. Queries or questions? Catch up with Emma or Leymar.

### BUTTONS AND ZIPS

If you have any spare zips and buttons that our Junior Technology Textiles programme could use, then we would be most grateful. Please drop into the school office. Thank you in advance.

## BUILDING ACADEMY



AGC Training Building Academy is now on site at school. This involves 9 of our senior students on either 1 or 2 days a week to build a house from start to finish. We look forward to sharing the progress with you.

## SPORTS REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope that our athletes had a restful break over the school holidays. A few teams decided to take the opportunity to squeeze in some extra training over the break. It's exciting to see that our students are driven and motivated to succeed in their winter seasons. For many teams there are only a few games left of their season. Well done so far to all. It's already been a successful season for our college teams.



What can be more inspiring than seeing New Zealanders compete on the world stage at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Our rowing team had the privilege of travelling over to Whanganui to cheer on the New Zealand team as they raced for gold in the singles skull and women's 8 finals. Aramoho Rowing Club has

produced four local Olympic rowers, three of which were old girls of Nga Tawa. The club has had a strong rowing pedigree, and our students are so fortunate to be under their instruction. I imagine that 10 years ago when the Nga Tawa Rowing program began, their three students would only dream of representing New Zealand at the Olympics. They endeavoured and persevered and made their own dreams come true this year.

With the commencement of Term 3 we are yet again launching our new dance initiative. We were fortunate enough to secure over \$8000.00 worth of funding from Sport Whanganui to launch a new dance program for our rangatahi. Pauline Hiroti from the Movement Collective tutors our students in Hip Hop. Pauline comes with an extensive resume and a wealth of knowledge including a PhD in Hip Hop. These classes are provided FREE to our students on Tuesday evenings between 3 – 5 p.m. and during IQ time on a Wednesday. New students are always welcome to join. This is an incredible opportunity for our dancers to extend their own abilities and knowledge.

It had been our hope this year to launch a rugby program for our U-15 Boys, however due to a lack of numbers and commitment from our students we were unable to fully launch the program at the beginning of the rugby season and therefore had to withdraw from the Whanganui competition. We are committed to developing a culture within our school in which we expect our students to participate in and we will not stray from our own school values of Respect, Endeavor, Aroha and Perseverance in the process of achieving the desired outcome in rugby. Mr. Maher has been taking an IQ group to focus on the core skills of rugby and has now extended training to after school. It has been heartening to see the group of students who

have regularly been attending training. With the support from families, we can bring rugby back to college grounds. Let's work together in supporting our boys to play a game that as a nation we are so proud of.

There are still a few sporting opportunities to come this school year. Badminton is set to launch on August 13 with volleyball and cricket resuming their seasons in Term 4. A swim club has started on Monday evenings and will continue for the rest of the year. We are looking forward to launching rugby 7's as well as providing new opportunities for students to try croquet and lawn bowls in Term 4.

I am always interested in hearing from families should they have a sport that their child is keen to participate in but there has not been the opportunity to. Let's work together to provide an environment where our children can be inspired and motivated through activity and movement.

*Emily Rayner-Director of Sport*

## SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Year 9 and 10's will be undertaking Relationship and Sexuality Education this term. A letter is coming home with more specifics on the topics we will teach this year. If you wish to remove your child from the unit, or from sections of the unit, please contact Mr Booker immediately so that alternative learning arrangements can be made.

*Aletia Thompson-HoD Health & PE*

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

**Mon 9 Aug** Covid Vaccination #1  
**Fri 13 Aug** Mathex  
**Fri 20 Aug** Workday  
Kahui Ako Teachers Only Day  
Victoria Uni Open Day  
**Fri 27 Aug** Talent Quest  
**Thu 3 Sep** Covid Vaccination #2