



Rangitikei College

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Towards Higher Things

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Tēnā koutou,
tēnā koutou,
tēnā koutou
katoa.

As I write this,
we are in the
last few days of

#whakapiri, a new initiative to ensure the last few weeks of the year provide Year 9 and 10 students with activities that not only add serious learning, but provide something different and are a lot of fun. Feedback from students has been very positive, and I would like to acknowledge staff who were prepared to step outside the box to make this happen - especially **Helen Bishop-Curran** and **Michelle Graham** who have taken overall responsibility for establishing and organising the programme.

For some time now my focus has been on next year and what we are calling the '2020 Reset'. You have probably already heard of the revised vision statement which will guide our direction, and the strengthened values of Respect, Endeavour, Aroha and Perseverance - or 'REAP'. This refocus has already steered us towards making a number of decisions next year that will affect the way we do things.

Next year, there will be major changes to our **student leadership** programmes, and also a reinvigoration of the **House competition**. We are changing the way we promote **positive behaviour** in classrooms, and respond to behaviour that does not meet our expectations. Classrooms

are becoming **phone-free** to better focus on learning.

And we have opted into the government's **Donation Scheme** which means that the school will not ask you for any fees or for any donations in 2020 to support the delivery of the curriculum. This means no charges for required workbooks or materials, no charges for classroom trips, no requests for school donations, no subject fees. Education will be free - by the letter of the law and by the spirit of the law - at Rangitikei College next year. The only exceptions to this will be for overnight camps (where a request for a donation may be asked for but not demanded) or for extra-curricular activities like sport.

Finally, you should notice a few changes in property next year also. The Board have approved a new **outdoor Basketball court** which will be laid alongside the current turf, and plans are well down the track for building the new **Performing Arts** facility. And hopefully our new exterior **repaint** will get underway also.

I would like to acknowledge several staff leaving us at the end of this year. **Jamie Sanson**, teacher of Digital Technology, has accepted a position at Cullinane College next year and will be moving on after four years here. We were very grateful that we have had someone of his experience and understanding to progress our digital technology developments over this period. As a school community, we also acknowledge the tragic passing of his baby daughter, Evie-Grace, in recent weeks. E aroha nui atu ana ki a koutou i tēnei wā.

Jordan Armstrong, teacher of Science and Biology, joined us on a

December 2019

one-year contract at the start of the year and is returning to his Wellington roots. I thank him for his contribution both inside and outside the classroom.

Finally, **Caroline Withey**, one of our teacher aides since the beginning of 2017 and currently on parental leave, is also moving on. Her positive and cheerful contribution to the Learning Support area will be missed.

Ngā mihi o te wā me te Tau Hou. I wish you all the compliments of the season.

Tony Booker, Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Junior Tabloids - **Thu 5 Dec**
Year 13 Leavers' Dinner - **Thu 5 Dec**
Junior Prizegiving - **Fri 6 Dec, 10am**
Last day of school year - **Fri 6 Dec**

2020 Starting Dates:

2020 Enrolments - **Tue 21-Fri 24 Jan**
Used Uniform Sale - **Wed 22, Thu 23 Jan & Fri 24, 10.30am-1.30pm**

Term 1 Begins:

Year 11-13 **Mon 27 Jan, 10am-2pm**
Year 10-13 **Tue 28 Jan, 8.40am-3pm**
Year 9-13 **Wed 29 Jan, 9am Pōwhiri**
Year 13 Camp - **Mon 3 - Thu 6 Feb**
Year 9/13 Day - **Fri 7 Feb**

CONGRATULATIONS



2019 Dux - **Catherine Torrie**
2019 Proxime Accessit - **Petera Kamariera-Hoani**



2020 Head Boy - **Te Arawa Ratana**
2020 Head Girl - **Deloris Manulua Lafi**

JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Friday 6th December, 10am

A warm invitation is given to family and friends to attend and help celebrate the success of our students in Year 9 and 10.

Please note - school will finish for the year around midday. Junior End of Year Reports will be issued at the conclusion of Prizegiving. We hope you can join us on this special occasion.

College Trust Christmas Raffle CHILDRENS PLAY HOUSE



Tickets are available from the school office. **\$2 each or 3 for \$5.** It will be drawn on the 16th Dec with the winner announced in the District Monitor on the 19th Dec.

NCEA & JUNIOR EXAMS

NCEA exams are continuing successfully without any problems so far. A wide range of subjects have been sat by various students. The major change this year has been the successful completion of digital examinations. Students studying History and Social Studies have all opted to complete their examinations on chromebooks with their work being sent instantly to NZQA for marking. Feedback from students that completed digital examinations has been positive so we look forward to this becoming more popular in the future.

THANK YOU!



A special thank you to Linda Harris and the Walters family who have donated \$500 to Rangitikei College through listing and selling their house with Linda Harris of Property Brokers. Thank you!

SUNSMART

As the warmer weather approaches we encourage your child to wear sunscreen to protect them throughout the day. The school does provide sunscreen for all outdoor classes and activities. We have bucket hats (\$7.50) and school caps (\$10) available for purchase from the school office and recommend your child wears one to be sun smart.

2020 ENROLMENTS

It's not too late to enrol. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office or phone us on **06 327 7024** to have one sent out. Appointments can be made with the principal to have a tour of the school. To arrange an appointment admin@rangitikeicollege.school.nz

FUNDRAISING FOR 2020 INTERNATIONAL TRIPS



Students at the Marton market day fundraising towards one of the international school trips happening in 2020. The trips include Denmark to study architecture and design, Cambodia to develop student leadership through community service and cultural enrichment, and Paris, France for a highland dance competition.

The students had a successful day selling mussel fritters, chop suey, frybread, and danish pastries.

TEXTBOOK/UNIFORM PLEA

We would really appreciate the return of any school textbooks, library books and sports' uniform before the end of the week. As you can appreciate these items are expensive, and sometimes difficult to replace. Thank you in advance.

USED UNIFORM SALE

A used-uniform sale will be held at the College from **Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 January** between the hours of **10.30am - 1:30pm**. Items for sale on your behalf may be dropped at the College office before Friday 6th December 2019 or on Tuesday 21 January 2020.