



## 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



Talofa lava

Last Wednesday and Thursday our Pasifika group (Aiga) participated in Pasifika Fusion. This was the regional secondary schools Pacific Festival held at the Regent on Broadway in Palmerston North. Students from the Pacific had the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities in a range of categories including culture, speech, talent, debate, quiz, poetry, essay, drama, cinematography, wearable arts, science and visual arts.

This year the theme was 'Pacific Wellbeing'. The government's 'Lalaga Fou' vision has four goals to foster this - thriving Pacific languages, culture and identity; prosperous Pacific communities; resilient and healthy Pacific peoples; and confident, thriving and resilient Pacific young people. As a college, we fully support these goals and look to play our part in achieving them.

Almost all our Pasifika students are Samoan, and we highly value their rich contribution to our school community. A couple of weeks ago our Samoan group held a Fiafia Night at school where they highlighted their preparations for Pasifika Fusion and took the opportunity to showcase other performers from the school. It was a fabulous three-hour presentation

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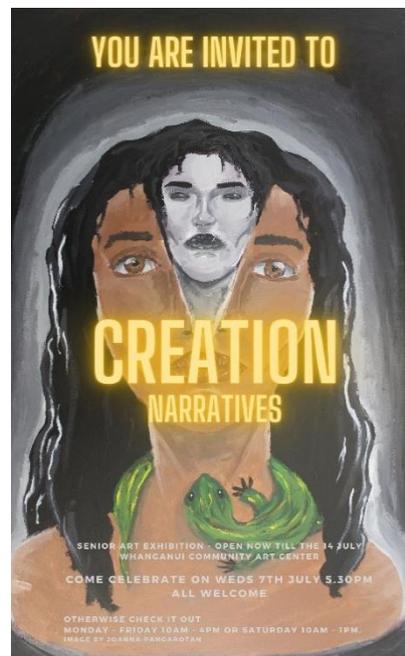
which was fully enjoyed by the several hundred in the audience (who also appreciated the delicious food on offer!).

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many members of the Samoan community who support our young people, and, in the words of our vision, contribute to 'building an engaged, empowered and flourishing learning community' in this place.

Our Samoan Aiga did us proud at the Pasifika Fusion competitions last week. We congratulate them on their commitment and leadership. And special thanks to **Whaea Vanessa** for her organisation, and **Ms Paulo** for the massive support she provided for making this event happen.

Fa'afetai ma ia manuia lava  
**Tony Booker**  
PRINCIPAL

### CREATION MYTHS SENIOR ART EXHIBITION 2021



The first term of this year saw the senior art students investigate the Maori creation story as a fundamental part of our cultural history.

## July 2021

They researched and expressed an aspect or concept that they were interested in from Te Kore - the great void to the creation of the first female who then became Hinenui-Te-Po. Students were able to choose a large format painting or a large format print. Our day trip to Auckland in early term 2 was a highlight as the entire show was structured on the Maori creation narrative. Toi Tu Toi Ora-Contemporary Maori Art illustrated the power of Maori narrative and its role in our unique cultural tapestry and art world.

This year the Level 2 & 3 Art's students exhibit their work alongside students from Whanganui High School at the **Whanganui Community Arts centre**. The show titled **Creation Narratives** is already up, the opening evening will be **5.30pm Wednesday, 7th July**. All friends and whanau are welcome. The show runs till the **14 July** and opening hours are **Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm** and **Saturday 10am - 1pm**. If you are in Whanganui, go along and check it out.

**Vanessa Buerger**  
HOD Arts



Please note - The 2021 Rangitikei Youth Awards event has now been moved to Friday 8 July.

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## LEVEL 2 SPORT SCIENCE CAMP IN WELLINGTON



Earlier in June our Year 12 Sport Science class went on a camp to Wellington. The purpose of our camp was to combine the concepts of whakatakototia (planning and organising), kotahitanga (working together) and haumarutanga (risk management) to plan a fun, safe and learning-filled camp. We got to watch the Hurricanes final super rugby game of the season, try out the Adrenalin Forest high ropes course, go swimming, bowling and ice skating and bond as a group. We are so grateful to **Miss Thompson** and **Miss Aitken** for giving up their weekend to come with us and Miss Thompson's parents for letting us stay with them.

**Erin Wigglesworth**  
Year 12



## PREFECT EVENING

On Tuesday night, our Prefect team headed to Cullinane college for the second termly Prefect's evening of the year. The night consisted of fun activities and team building games that built a bond between all the prefect teams from high schools in the Rangitikei/ Whanganui area.

We talked about similarities and differences within our roles and laughed at shared experiences even though we are all from different

schools. We enjoyed drinks (juice) and helped ourselves to Subway which Cullinane kindly provided for us all. The evening was a time to step back from our roles and enjoy a more casual and entertaining night.



To end the event, we all came together to personally reflect on our time so far being prefects and head prefects. It was a fantastic evening, and everyone had a great time.

**Jade Gray**  
Year 13 Prefect

## LEARNING CONFERENCES

A big thank you to everyone who attended the second learning conferences held on the 29th and 30th of June. This time around the focus was on academic progress in semester one and preparing for semester two. If for some reason you have missed your conference, please contact the school office or the ACM teacher to make an appointment as soon as possible. We believe in the importance of attending these as a way for whanau to remain engaged and to support their akonga.

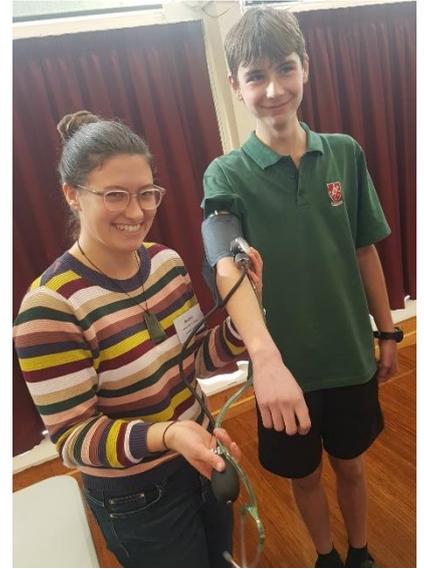
**Tanya Sherborne**  
Co-Director of Academic Mentoring

## WHANGANUI CAREERS ROAD TRIPS

Several of our rangitahi took the opportunity to attend the first of two Vocational Road Trips organised by Rangitikei District Council, Mahi Tahī and Ngāti Apa.

We learnt about the Te Kotuku Hauora, Te Puna ETE, Researching, Forestry, Taonga Takaro and Meridian Cadetships. After a

yummy lunch and chat with James Towers, from Mahi Tahī Rangitikei Employment Program, we headed to the Rangitikei District Council to be greeted by the Mayor, Andy Watson. It was awesome to hear how valuable the community of Marton is and how it will be growing in the future. Some of the employees came to talk to us about how they got into their various jobs they have with the Council. It was a great day.



Another fantastic career event happened at Rangitikei College. We had some awesome tertiary health students visiting our school to talk to us about making sure we complete our secondary education and perhaps pursue one of the many rewarding careers in rural health. This initiative is called the Rural Health Promotions Program and the tertiary students who came are members of the rural health student network, Students of Rural Health Aotearoa (SoRHA).



Many of the tertiary students are from rural backgrounds themselves so could relate to us and were highly motivated to encourage us to realise that we can gain a tertiary qualification and, most importantly, become one of the many health professionals we so badly need in our rural communities.

The third careers trip held in Whanganui was another fantastic experience. Manahi Cribb from Awa FM was the Master of Ceremonies for the day, and he was a great encourager. We learnt about Navy Cadets, mastered the teamwork tasks that Sport Whanganui set us, nailed the beep test, realised that it is not just about looking good in a uniform and became part of the Comm's team for the Civil Defence. The kai was awesome too! A big thank you to all the people involved in organising this, especially our own **Mrs Proctor** and **Miss Paulo** for helping **Mrs Graham** get us on the road.

**Michelle Graham**  
**Vocational Pathways**

## SPORTS REPORT

It has been another successful month of sport at the College. Our students continue to play on the court and turf with respect, aroha and perseverance. They are continuing to endeavor for sporting success and for all their efforts we are tremendously proud.

Well done to our Netball girls who continue to dominate their grades. Both teams sit at the top of their table and continue to work hard at training to maintain their spot at the top.

Girls Hockey continues to battle in the top three spots in their grade. It is a close competition between the top three teams and our girls are neck and neck with Dannevirke for 2nd place. Boys Hockey has had some very close losses this month.

Our junior players are well supported by our senior leaders, and we know that it is only a matter of time until we start to see the scoreboard reflect all the hard work, they are putting in.

Our Junior Basketball team came back from Whanganui at the end of June with a winner's grin. The team won 45-28 against Whanganui High School B. Mr. John says the team is growing in confidence and getting more aggressive with driving to the basket.

The Footballers continue to improve and impress. Their most recent game against Collegiate resulted in a 3-1 victory. Collegiate were a great fun and fair team. Our players implemented many of the passing drills that Mrs. Rayner has been putting them through at practice. Turns out practise makes perfect!

Rangitikei College is on a mission to revive rugby for our students. It had been our hope this year to launch a 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. 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 sport.

We have been in discussion with Whanganui Rugby and have taken onboard their "Game On" approach. The Game On rules state we can play a team depending on our numbers. This means that if numbers restrict us to playing 10 a side, then we are still able to compete and our enthusiastic, committed students will not miss out on their entire rugby season.

It is our hope that in time and with this ability to structure our teams around a Game On attitude that we will be able to grow our rugby program and eventually compete in a 15 a side game. Rugby has now been added as an IQ subject for those boys who are keen to develop their skills and represent the College in the Whanganui competition.

Our year nine rowing girls have recruited a new Coxswain for their team. Hunter Shannon has put his hand up to steer the girls up the river. After weeks of learning the strokes in separate boats accompanied by experienced rowers, the Rangitikei Quad headed down the river together in June. We are very fortunate to be supported by Aramoho Rowing Club. The club has generously lent us two erg machines so that our students can get in some extra training throughout the winter months.



The Rangitikei College Fun Run/Walk Series wrapped up on the last Sunday in June. Thank you to all those participants who came out and supported the event each Sunday. We loved hosting the community on the College field and are looking forward to another series in warmer weather. A big thank you to New World Marton for their continued support of our college events.

School holidays are just around the corner. Athletes enjoy the break and take some time out from sport to recharge those batteries as we head into the second half of the sporting year.

**Emily Rayner**  
**Sport & Recreation Director**

## HOUSE COMPETITION

This month Ruahine hosted the inter house competition and chose football as their sport. Well done to all students who came out and played or supported their fellow students. Ruahine were victorious in the competition claiming first place, Kaweka in second, Tararua in third and Kaimanawa in fourth place.



Blueberry Farm Manager Tony explaining the operation of the Blueberry Farm.

## SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST



Congratulations to **Jessamy Cottis** on her 1<sup>st</sup> place win at the Whanganui Regional finals of Smokefree Rockquest, Solo/Duo category. Also, well done to **Aviy Cruz**, **Bronson Belk**, and **Liam Green** on a great performance. All students represented our school well and demonstrated our three pouwhenua with pride.

**Ayden Hancy**  
TIC of Music

## VOCATIONAL ROAD TRIPS



**Markaia** with Beekeeper Angela. Te Hou Farms have 550 beehives which make 11-13 tons of Manuka Honey a year. Beehives are colour coded so bees can find their way back out of the blueberry tunnels, back to the same beehive.

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**Paeroa** with her brother and ex-student **Hunia** who works in the 22 tunnel houses growing blueberries.

**Judy Proctor**  
Gateway

## SENIOR SCHOOL BALL



The Rangitikei College Ball was held on Saturday 26th June. The students spent the evening in an Enchanted Forest, with over 3000 fairy lights. A big thank you to the year 13 Ball Committee for their ideas and preparation in making this event a success.

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**Deborah Jorgensen**  
Year 12/13 Dean

## PASIFIKA FUSION



It was a cold early start for 11 students and their teacher, **Whaea Vanessa** and assistant **Miss Paulo**, at the annual Pasifika Fusion competition held at the Regent in Palmerston North last month. Also joining them were their tutors **Mary Laki** and **Tavita** and former student, **Tia Wright**.

**Maddi Marriner** and **Denise Pio** were entered in the cultural performance held at midday, and two group items were selected by judges to be performed later at the evening concert, which they did with the same energy as they put into their earlier performances.



Our girls performed beautifully, and it all came together on the night. The weeks and months of practice and fundraising culminated into a fantastic day and evening.

**Yvonna Paulo**

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

**Wed 7 Jul, 5.30pm** Open evening of Creation Narratives at the Whanganui Community Arts Centre  
**Wed 7-14 July** Creation Narratives  
**Fri 9 Jul** Last day of Term 2

**Mon 26 Jul** Term 3 begins

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