

Rangitikei College

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora whānau

As I write this I am at the annual Secondary Principals' Conference in Blenheim and have snuck out to get this written. These events are excellent opportunities for professional development, but also to give the chance to stand back and reflect on issues that are most important for our schools, and to provide the rare chance to network and swap note with other principals.

It always strikes me that for all the differences in our schools – where we are located, the size and ethnic make-up of our students, the communities from which we come - just how similar are the questions we are facing.

What is coming up on top this time are issues around student behaviour, particularly in Years 9 and 10. Vaping is a major public health concern, and schools everywhere are struggling to deal with this effectively. Widening socio-economic disparities lead to uneven access to educational opportunity, and results in too many young people turning up to school, for whatever reason, not prepared for learning. The impact of digital technology on learning and mental health and wellbeing is a regular but remains a huge challenge to address.

However, there are many positive developments too, that become too easy to overlook. The connections between school and industry are becoming much stronger and the options available to transition young people from school to work or further training are becoming more seamless and accessible. I found out that the number of building apprentices in New Zealand has doubled between January last year and now. Several serious initiatives are under way to get to the root causes of the gaps between Māori and Pākehā achievement. And changes to NCEA, the way the Ministry of Education will operate, and a 'refreshed curriculum' all offer hope over the next few years.

In the face of so much change - both challenges and opportunities - I am grateful that Rangitikei College has a strong vision to guide us through decisions ahead: 'Building an engaged, empowered, and flourishing learning community that knows no limits, and where we honour ourselves, each other, and the world around us.'

Ngā mihi nui

Tony Booker, Principal

INTRODUCING...

Alphonsa Antony - Science Teacher



I was born in Dubai, brought up in Kerala, South India and have been living in Hamilton, New Zealand for the past 2 years. Now I live in Marton with my husband and our three children.

I completed my Master of Education from University of Waikato while working as a reliever at Melville High School, Hamilton.



June 2021

I am passionate about teaching and looking forward to widening my experience by working in collaboration with the school community at Rangitikei College.

Lee Rennie - Health and PE Teacher



Tena koutou katoa,

He uri no Te Atihaunui a Pāparangi, me Ngāti Tūwharetoa

ahau, Ko Lee Rennie tōku ingoa. He mihi rangimārie ki a koutou, te whānau whanui o tō tātou kura, tēnā koutou katoa.

I am very pleased to have taken over Mrs Bould's Physical Ed and Health classes, while she takes parental leave. He whare tapu te wahine e! I have a teenage daughter, Māia who currently attends college, in Wellington.

I have recently returned to the role after some decades away. After years teaching at Kāpiti College, working with the education service at the Waiōuru Army Museum, and time in Japan, I am grateful for the chance to reconnect with old friends and whanau, locally. I grew up in Turakina and went to college in Whanganui before heading off to study at the University of Canterbury.

I enjoy supporting a wide range of past times, and activities. I aim to help our young people at Rangitikei College to take opportunities to enjoy the benefits of physical activity on their hauora, and the health of our families, and our wider Rangitikei community.

Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au.
Tihei Mauriora!

Sonata Karena-Saavedra - HOD of Te Reo Maori



Ngā whakamoemiti
kia Ihoa o ngā
mano, Matua,
Tama, Wairua Tapu
me ngā Anahera
Pono me te
Māngai. Tatu iho ki

ngā tuākana wairua, Arepa, Omeka,
Piriwiritua, Hamuera ko te Māngai
kei roto hei tautoko mai, aianeī ake
nei ... Aē

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā
karangatanga maha, tēnā koutou
katoa.

I moe ā Pene Hone Kaihe Karena i a
Mēri Aperahama, ā i puta mai ko
Dave Rewhepaōa 'Dinner Gong'
Karena. Ko Pohutiare, ko Ngāti Kuri,
ko Te Aupouri, ko Ngāti Whatua
oku waewae i te taha o tōku matua.

I moe ā Te Kōtuku Te Hihiko 'Joe'
Rawhiti i a Te Oiroa 'Kaaterama' Te
Moho, ā, i puta mai ko Mataara
Tuhono Rawhiti. Ko Ngāti waewae,
Ko Ngatitutumoho, ko
Tūrangitukua, ko Ngāti Tūwharetoa
ōku waewae i te taha o tōku
whaea.

Ko Ratana Paa taku kainga tipu, ko
Ratana Paa hoki taku waahi kainga.

I am a life-long servant and
member of the Ratana Takutai
Moana Koea (Choir) for now 36
years. My father, Dave Karena was
the kaiako for Ratana Koea and
became the second Head of all
Koea under the Ratana Church,
since Te Urumanao Ngapaki
Ratana, Tahu Potiki Wiremu
Ratana's wife.

My hobbies are MC for events and
occasions such as weddings, 21st
birthdays, local talent quests,
national and local gatherings such
as our annual 25th January
celebrations and Waitangi
celebrations.

I also enjoy performing Kapahaka
for social gatherings, whānau, and
non-competitive occasions. Also, I
enjoy entertaining with live music,
and gigging with live bands.

SPORTS REPORT

Term 2 sport is now in full swing
with our winter teams. The college
vans leave school in both directions
some days from Marton, as our
teams compete in the Palmerston
North and Whanganui Secondary
School competitions. We are
grateful for the assistance from all
the staff and parents who make it
possible for our students to play.

The school cross country event took
place on the 12 of May. It was great
to see the students participating
and giving the new format of the
competition a go. This year we
introduced a team event where
students formed a team of four and
they each had to complete one lap.
We think this was a success and will
be an event that we run each year
at cross country. Twelve runners
who placed at our school event
then went on to compete at the
Whanganui Secondary School Cross
Country Championships. Well done
to all runners. The students ran
hard and can be very proud of their
efforts. There were excellent
displays of sportsmanship by our
entire team. Mrs. Rayner is very
proud.

Rangitikei College Netball is off to a
cracking season. Both our Senior
(Whero) and Junior (Kakariki)
teams have risen to the top of the
table in their respective divisions.
The girls have been endeavouring
to win their grades, and under the
leadership of **Mrs. Cameron** can be
sure they will only continue to gain
strength as the season progresses.
Congratulations to the following
students selected for Netball Reps:

U14 Development Team

Jessica Sutton

Cyria Lowrie - Hetet

U14 Team

Te Ao Marama Te Momo-Smith

U16 Development Team

Mahinarangi Manuel

U16 Team

Rachel Rowe

The hockey teams travelled to
Palmerston North at the end of
May to watch the Black Sticks
men's and women's teams face off
against Australia. Our players were
impressed by the skill, displayed by
both the men and women, and we
are sure it will not be long until we
see a few fancy moves from our
college players on the turf. The girls
continue to lead their competition
being undefeated this
season. They continue to work
hard with **Mrs. Sutton** on and off
the field and are busy fundraising
for when they head off to Stratford
to compete in tournament week.
The boys' team has been moved up
after winning convincingly in their
grade. We hope this move will
challenge our players, and it will
ultimately require them to play
better hockey throughout the
season.



Football is underway, and with the
help of community coach **Andres
Aukes** our players are being put
through their drills and games with
precision. The team is in the senior
division in Whanganui and are
holding their own.



The Junior Basketball team takes to the court under the instruction of **Mr. John**. The team is improving, and it shows on the court. The boys are very committed to their sport. It is great to see the players at school shooting hoops in their spare time at lunch and on the weekends. The basketball net has been a huge hit amongst all our students and the wider Marton community.

The College hosted its first game of rugby since 2018 in May. The team faced a strong, well drilled and disciplined Cullinane side. **Mr Heap, Mr. Maher** and **Mr. Kingi** kept our boys' positive throughout the entire game and players returned to the field each quarter keen for more. The team's perseverance was admirable, and the players should be proud of how they represented the College. We look forward to the season ahead as it gets underway in week 6.

Richie McCaw was once quoted saying "I don't believe in magic; I believe in hard work." It is evident that our students are working hard this season in their sport and making the magic happen on the court and pitch together.

Emily Rayner - Director of Sport and Active Recreation

FUN RUN/WALK

SUNDAYS 2:00 PM
MAY 30 - JUNE 27
COLLEGE FIELD

**RANGITIKEI
COLLEGE
FUN RUN/WALK SERIES**



**RUN/WALK
WITH YOUR FAMILY**
 BUSINESS HOUSE RELAY
 CONTACT EMILY RAYNER
ERAYNER@RANGITIKEICOLLEGE.SCHOOL.NZ

TEA/COFFEE
 AFTERWARDS
 SUPPLIED BY
 NEW WORLD MARTON
 GIRLS HOCKEY
 FUNDRAISER
 FOOD FOR SALE

Get ready to get moving! Bring the whanau and stay for a cuppa after you complete a lap. The Rangitikei College Fun Run/Walk Series is open to all fitness levels and ages and no registration required. Go at your own pace, we know fitness is more fun with friends. Stay up to-date with info about each Sunday via the Facebook event page.

SENIOR ART TRIPS

On the **5th of May**, 12 senior art students flew to Auckland at 7.30am. We were off to Toi o Tamaki the Auckland Art Gallery to immerse ourselves in the landmark exhibition Toi Tu Toi Ora curated by Nigel Borell. This show is a beast and brings together over 300 contemporary artworks, by over 110 Maori artists. The show spans decades of art making and speaks to a Maori centric world view. Nothing like this has been seen before and we could not pass up the opportunity for our creative students to see it.

We then went into Britomart where we marvelled at Shane Cottons whenua pots on a three-story building and other outdoor sculpture, then walked to the Auckland gallery. We spent hours there looking and searching for our artist models and favourite pieces. The students were set on a scavenger hunt to find certain images and concepts, there was simply so much to see, the entire gallery, for the first time was FULL of contemporary Maori art. We were lucky enough to tag onto the back of a guided tour by Nigel Borell himself and by the end of that we were over stimulated to say the least and spinning from all the art.

We went to Spark Arena where the world-famous touring exhibit, Van Gogh Alive was on show. What good fortune, this simply could not be missed. After going deep into Te Kore and Te Po we were now transported to the Netherlands and Paris, through the vivid and

emotive brush strokes of Van Gogh. This experience was multi-sensory and all encompassing, what a way to finish the day. We were well and truly full of inspiration. A whirlwind of a trip, from Te Kore to Europe in 12 hours. We flew back at 7.30pm.



On the **14th of May** L1, L2 & L3 Art students ventured to Palmerston North's Regent Theatre for *Untitled - Creative Futures Conference 2021*, it is like an arts career day. It was a fantastic day with some exceptional guest speakers from the arts sector including Rachel Rakena; film, photography and director of Mana Moana, to Cracked Ink; Whanganui's Si Omer mural artist extraordinaire. Each speaker talked about how they came to be a "professional creative" and how they make a living from their practice. It is not all glamorous but takes determination, creativity and grit to create your own unique world to live in, where art and creativity take centre stage. It reminds us that the world can be seen and experienced in so many varying ways, why close ourselves off to a mere conventional few?

The theme was *the thinking behind the art* and many speakers talked of the importance to do regularly even when unmotivated, building your discipline and to PLAY, to explore and experiment. This is something that our students often think they do not have the time for, and maybe they are right. To make for the love and enjoyment of making is a rare space to find in today's busy lives, we must encourage our students to find it where and when they can. You never know creating magic might become your life.

Whaea Vanessa - HOD of Art

BUSY MONTH FOR SENIOR DANCE

Ice Skate Tour - Our senior dance class took to the ice at the Skate Tour held at Marton School. This was an opportunity for our students to transfer their skills on the ice.

Jazz & Hip Hop with local primary schools - Four of our dance students hosted five local primary schools to teach them Jazz and Hip-Hop routines. The hall was buzzing with lots of enthusiastic students, all with lots of smiles and having loads of fun, taking up this wonderful opportunity.

RNZB Dance Workshop - Dance students had the Royal NZ Ballet Workshop visit last month.



Dance Educator, Kristie Mortimer worked alongside our senior dance class with a highlight on their current Ballet performance Giselle, which is touring New Zealand now. This was another great NCEA learning opportunity for our students to experience dance styles they would not normally try themselves.

Anna Hagan - Dance Teacher

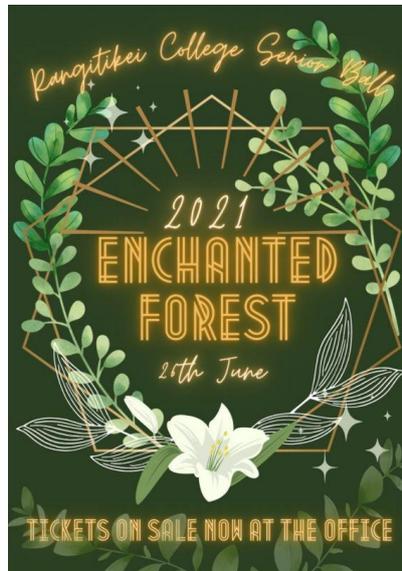
SENIOR SCHOOL BALL

The annual Rangitikei College Ball will be held in the school hall on **Saturday 26th June**. The theme of the ball this year will be 'Enchanted Forest' and will be open for any Year 11, 12 or 13 students of Rangitikei College to attend. Doors open at **7.00pm** and are closed for entry at **7.30pm** sharp. The night finishes at **10.30pm**. The ticket price is **\$60** per person. Tickets will be sold Monday to Friday at the main office. Ticket sales will cease approximately one week before the ball.

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We look forward to the Ball being a positive school event and one of the highlights of the year. A lot of effort is put into making it a success and we appreciate your support. If you have any questions regarding the school ball, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mrs Jorgensen (Year 12/13 Dean) and Year 13 Ball Committee



IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 7 Jun Queen's Birthday
Fri 11-Sun 13 Jun L2 Sport Science Camp in Wellington
Fri 18 Jun Semester 1 ends
Mon 21 Jun Semester 2 begins
Thu 24 Jun Arts Showcase
Sat 26 Jun School Ball
Sat 26 June Rock Quest
Tue 29 Jun, 3.30-8pm Conferences
Wed 30 Jun Conferences-no school for students
Wed 30 Jun-Thu 1 Jul Pasifika Fusion
Tue 6 Jul Year 9 Vision & Hearing
Thu 8 July Talent Quest
Fri 9 Jul Last day of Term 2

COMMUNITY FIREWOOD DONATION PROJECT

We recently asked for nominations of deserving local families or an organisation, for dry pine that we could gift to our local community. Thank you to those who took the time to nominate. A member of staff and students delivered the firewood, unloaded and stacked it for two deserving local recipients.

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MARTON COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

15 June 2021 | 10am - 3pm
Te Poho o Tuariki
85 Henderson Line, Marton



This clinic is especially for:

- Frontline Healthcare Workers
- All those who have underlying health conditions and their whānau who live with them.
- Māori and Pasifika kaumātua aged 50+ years and their whānau who live with them

Appointments are essential.
Please call 0800 202 004 to schedule your COVID-19 vaccine.



AWARDS EVENING
THU 8 JULY 2021

JOHN TURKINGTON FORESTRY

Youth Awards 2021
RANGITIKEI

AWARD CATEGORIES

- ★ FORTUNA FOREST PRODUCTS - Youth In Employment
- ★ MARTON ROTARY - Leadership
- ★ FORTUNA FOREST PRODUCTS - Youth Group
- ★ RIVER VALLEY - Eco Warrior
- ★ HAUTAPU PINE - Youth In Sport
- ★ THE DOWNS GROUP - Giving Back
- ★ NEW WORLD MARTON - Youth For Youth
- ★ NCEA WAIRARAPEA - Youth In Achievement
- ★ BJW MOTORS - Change Maker
- ★ RANGITIKEI ANGLICAN PARISH - Wairua for Well-being

AraTaiohi Youth Week
WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER

NOMINATIONS CLOSE - 23 JUNE

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TALENT QUEST 2021

HEATS TO TAKE PLACE
WEEK 6 - 8

FINALE - JULY 8TH

All Talents Welcome!

SIGN UP WITH MISS HAWKINS, MR HANCY OR MRS BISHOP-CURRAN

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