



Rangitikei College

20 Bredins Line, Marton 4710, NZ

Towards Higher Things

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We are now over half way through Term One, and with most of the beginning of the year events behind us, we are very much

into the business end of the term.

I would just like to remind everybody about uniform. It concerns me that so much staff time is being used in chasing up uniform infringements, and discussing these with students and their families. These are most often about the smaller, easily controlled items – a wrong cap, non-plain socks, extra jewellery and so on. And non-compliance too often ends up escalating into disciplinary incidents which is so unnecessary. I would remind you that uniform is set by the Board of Trustees, and all staff are required to enforce their policy. These requirements are made very clear at the time of enrolling in the school, and sticking to them is a condition of enrolment.

I know school uniform is a controversial issue, and has been a long time. I am sure that there are a wide range of views within our community, as there probably are on our staff (and among principals). However, decisions have to be made, and our present uniform requirements were prepared by the Board just over two years ago following a period of consultation and a wide consideration of options and opinions.

When worn well and with pride it looks very smart.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tony Booker, Principal

Modelling our School Uniform



NCEA CONGRATULATIONS

Level 1 - Merit Endorsed

Tristan Barnett

Christopher Bennie

Robert Daines

Vincent Green

Ethin Lamb

Tait Whale

Level 1 - Excellence Endorsed

Caleb Goodwin

Level 2 - Merit Endorsed

Declan Galbraith

Petera Kamariera-Hoani

Cynthia Kawana-Mateho

Christina Laki, Riana Pakeho

Ngairé Ann Takimoana

March 2019

Level 2 - Excellence Endorsed

Chelsea Steer

Aaliyah Te Rangi

Catherine Torrie

Kate Wigglesworth

Level 3 - Merit Endorsed

Finlay Carlyon

Alison Edwards

Hannah Poole

Tia Wright

Level 3 - Excellence Endorsed

Jodie Daines

Mary Laki

INTRODUCING...

Jordan Armstrong

Science Teacher



Originally from Lower Hutt, Jordan lives in Marton and studied at both Victoria and Auckland Uni. Cricket, Rugby and Exercise are

his hobbies.

Jordan is enjoying his time at Rangitikei College. There's a great sense of community and everyone is kind and welcoming. His favourite quote: *'Do the Mahi, Get the Treats.'*

Helen Bishop-Curran

English Teacher



Born in England, in 2005 Helen emigrated to New Zealand. When Helen is not teaching she is spending time with her five children,

travelling, going to the beach and reading.

One of the things Helen loves about Rangitikei College already is how helpful and supportive all the staff have been.

Helen lives in Feilding and has teenage twins and older children studying for degrees. Now re-married, Helen has settled in New Zealand, although she cannot get used to a New Zealand summer Christmas and misses the white Christmases of England.

David Pearce
Art Teacher



David has been teaching Art and Design for over 20 years. He is also an external marker and moderator for the Degree and Masters programme at Massey University, EIT and the Learning Connection.

Born in Whanganui, David and his family live in Palmerston North. He is a practising artist who's work explores the construction and maintenance of cultural identities.

He loves the special character and cultural diversity students bring to Rangitikei College. The College has a great sense of community and everyone has been very welcoming and supportive.

His favourite quote is by Picasso: *'Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once they grow up.'*

Bridgette Walters
Mathematics and Science Teacher



Having lived in Auckland for most of her life, Bridgette came to Whanganui two years ago to teach at Whanganui High. She is

married with two young boys and has two cats. Her hobbies include gardening, tramping, sewing, baking, and spending time with her boys and their sports - cricket, football and hockey.

Bridgette has a Master's Degree in structural biology. She has really loved her time here so far. She likes the small town community feel of the place. Everyone has been very welcoming.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Good Fuel Foods has arrived and has been well received by students and staff. The food is fresh, it's healthy and there is plenty of variety.

Good Fuel has a pre order system for all hot foods and sandwiches. Students are encouraged to come to the canteen from 8:10am in the mornings to place and pay for your order then pick up your order at lunch time. Pre orders are a must!

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast club has started up again and runs every school day from 8:00am-8:30am at the Youth Hub on Broadway in Marton. Everyone is welcome, no charge.

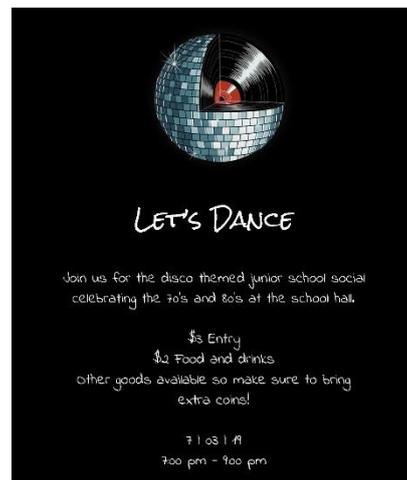


MEDICATION

When a student comes to the office requesting pain killers, office staff will assess the student, give them paracetamol if required and note this on their health record. We do not provide it to students who request it too often. If your child requires regular pain medication this must be supplied by the parent/caregiver, please.

COMING UP

- Class Photos - **7 Mar, 8.30am**
- School Social - **7 Mar, 7pm**
- Whanganui SS Athletics - **13 Mar**
- 10 Ag Field Days trip - **14 Mar**
- Learning Conference - **19/20 Mar**
- Abel Tasman Camp - **24 - 30 Mar**
- GRIP Leadership Day - **1 Apr**
- Work Day - **2 Apr**
- Open Day/Evening - **3 Apr**
- Year 9 Hearing & Vision - **3 Apr**
- Mufti Day - **4 Apr**



FACEBOOK & SCHOOL APP



Thank you for following our Rangitikei College Facebook Page. Make sure you press the **LIKE** button at the top of our College page then you will be kept updated with news and events from school.

More and more are signing up to our **School App** which is **FREE and easy to use**. You can notify us with your child's absence, receive the newsletter, event information and reminders.

It's not too late to set up the App:

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone.
2. Make sure you agree to push notifications.
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search then select your school.