



Rangitikei College

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Towards Higher Things

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora koutou katoa

I would like to talk about attendance.

Regularly attending school really matters. Young people need every opportunity to learn and participate in school.

Attending school is key to setting our young people up for life, as well as being required by law. If your child is under 16 years old, they must go to school every day, unless they are sick. And we are required to enforce that.

If a child or young person stops attending school regularly, it becomes harder for them to stay connected to school friends and teachers, and harder to catch up with work they have missed. Every day matters.

I have been looking into our data. Last year our average attendance rate was just over 80%. This means that for an average student at Rangitikei College they took **one day off a week** - every week, for the whole year! If your child's attendance was better than that, then it means others must be worse. I do not know of any employers who would tolerate that level of absenteeism.

And it gets worse.

From Terms 2-4 last year just 41% of our students attended 9 days a fortnight or better (a 90%+ attendance rate). 90% is the critical tipping point where researchers say educational achievement starts to sharply decline. So nearly two-thirds of our students are 'at risk'

because of not being at school long enough.

So I decided to look at our NCEA results and see if I could see the claimed relationship between attendance and achievement at our school. This is what I found:

- Of those who achieved Level 1 last year, their attendance rate was 88%. Of those who did not achieve Level 1, their attendance was just 67%.
- Or to put it another way, of those who attended class more than 80% of the time, they averaged 93 credits each. Of those in class less than 80% of the time, they only averaged 52 credits (80 needed to pass).
- For Level 2 it was just the same. Those that passed Level 2 attended on average 83% of the time. Those that failed, were only here 69% of the time.
- And if we look at those one in four Year 12 students who attended less than 80% of the time, their average number of credits was just 37 (60 needed to pass Level 2).

The message is totally clear. **To achieve NCEA you need to be at school.** Miss less than one day a fortnight, and you will most likely pass. If you are absent more than this, you are going to seriously struggle.

I am often told by parents that they can't help their children because they don't understand NCEA or what they are doing in class. There is no better way you can help your child than get them to school. All day, every day.

Ad Altiora; Mauri Ora
Tony Booker, Principal

March 2020

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

CORONAVIRUS

You will be aware of the likelihood of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) entering New Zealand, and most likely, our community. The Ministry of Education is very aware of this, and is working closely with the Ministry of Health on their response should it be required. They are keeping all schools informed and have plans should an outbreak of the virus occur here.

At the moment, there is little more we can do as a school. If you wish to find out more, please look at the relevant Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education websites.

NEW SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER

The school's bank account number is now **03 0683 0008502 00**. If you have an existing automatic payment or have us set up as a bill payment payee, could you please update your payments. Our old bank account will remain open while we transition - so rest assured your funds will still be credited to your student account.

If you are making a payment to the school for any reason i.e. sports fees, please include the student's name and if possible their student number as a payment reference.

We welcome regular automatic payments as this helps pay sports fees etc... off over a period of time rather than being a lump sum burden.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Well done to everyone who participated in the House Swimming last month. Congratulations to:

Junior Girls

- 1st Lara Watson
- 2nd Jessica Sutton
- 3rd Zara Shannon

Junior Boys

- 1st Murphy Gunn
- 2nd Phoenix Whiteside
- 3rd Kruze Jansen

Intermediate Girls

- 1st Erin Wigglesworth
- 2nd Olivia Pickford
- 3rd Makayla Severinsen

Intermediate Boys

- 1st Mason Davey
- 2nd Jack Stantiall
- 3rd Jordan Hughes

Senior Girls

- 1st Sharda McKenzie
- 2nd Charly Ward
- 3rd Iri Whakatihi

Senior Boys

- 1st Ethan Watson
- 2nd= Conner Morigan
Charlie Sutton

House Results:

- 1st Ruahine (325 points)
- 2nd Kaweka (253 points)
- 3rd Kaimanawa (247 points)
- 4th Tararua (209 points)

SELF DEFENCE COURSE HELD FOR FEMALE STUDENTS



Rangitikei College in 2020 took up the wonderful opportunity offered to us by Girls' Self Defence Group, Aotearoa, to get our Years 10-13 female students through the well regarded courses they offer.

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Unfortunately, in our society many girls/women will come in to situations where being able to be wahine toa will be necessary. This course allowed our students to work with a wonderful facilitator, Angie Meiklejohn, in five-hour block courses.

The students were taught basic physical and verbal techniques, assertion and boundary setting skills, and offered age appropriate information about issues of abuse for children and young women.

The students who took up this opportunity have thoroughly enjoyed Angie's teaching style and the skills they have been taught. In future years Year 10 female students, and possibly new students, will be offered this opportunity again.

GATEWAY NURSING PLACEMENT



Gateway Student **Charlotte Gardiner** (3rd from right, middle row) attended a Pōwhiri and Introduction day to begin her Nursing placement at MidCentral DHB in Palmerston North.

Gateway Coordinator, Judy Proctor, said the 10 week placements have been organised by Careerforce, the ITO for New Zealand's health and wellbeing sectors and the first time they are being offered at MidCentral Health. Charlotte will have a Nursing placement but other options include Midwifery, Radiology, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, Ward Clerk and Distribution.

Charlotte was supported at the Powhiri by Mrs Proctor, our two Kaiarahi Erin Wihare and Head boy, Te Arawa Ratana.

QUIZ NIGHT

Team entries are coming in fast. Register your team now by contacting the school office.

Bring your friends, bring your minds, come and try to out quiz everyone else. We are looking for the Quiz Masters of 2020. Is that YOU??

There will be no answers for sale, no phone a friend, no help from the audience, this is all on you and your team

PRIZES **BYO**

HOW QUIZ-TASTIC ARE YOU?

\$10 per person. Light supper included in entry fee.

RAFFLES

DATE: Saturday 14th March 2020
LOCATION: Rangitikei College Hall
TIME: Doors open at 5:30pm
Quiz starts 6:00pm
Quiz ends 8:30ish
(this includes a 30 minute half time for supper and maybe some karaoke)

DENMARK FUNDRAISER

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE on (06) 327 024 or email ypaulo@rangitikeicollege.school.nz to REGISTER YOUR TEAM

FOOTWEAR

Please make sure your child wears sneakers/shoes or sandals when they are unable to wear their school shoes. The minimum requirements for Laboratories and Technology rooms are that shoes cover the foot and that sandals have a back strap that is done up. Therefore, scuffs or jandals are not acceptable.



COMING UP

Junior Athletic Standards - **4 Mar**
Year 9-11 Social - **Thu 5 Mar**
House Athletics - **Fri 6 Mar**
Quiz Night - **Sat 14 Mar**
Whanau Advisory Mtg. - **17 Mar**
WSS Athletics - **Wed 18 Mar**
Learning Conferences - **18-19 Mar**
Abel Tasman Camp - **21-29 Mar**
GRIP Leadership - **Tue 24 Mar**
Work Day - **Mon 30 Mar**
Open Day/Evening - **Tue 31 Mar**
Term 1 Ends - **Thu 9 Apr**

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