

# 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



Kia ora tatou

We are now well into the year and school routines have become well established. On the whole most Year 9s have made a very smooth start, and an excellent start to college life.

### NCEA and attendance

Our provisional NCEA results are out and show a significant improvement over 2019. Given the circumstances of last year, this is particularly pleasing to see, and reflects not only the work of our young people, but the extra resourcing put in by the school to enable catchups to be made, and additional mentoring offered.

One of the glaring points to note in the statistics was the relationship between attendance and achievement. The Ministry regard 90% (one day's absence every ten days), as a baseline for satisfactory attendance at school. This is not a figure they have plucked out of thin air - research shows a sharp decline in achievement once absences increase more than one day every two weeks.

We have seen it too.

For example, of the Year 11 students who were with us all year last year, and whose were away less than one day a week,

(not even the critical 90% mark), all except one achieved NCEA Level One. On the other hand, only one in three of those here less than 80% of the time passed.

In Year 13, it was the same. Of our 16 students who gained Level 3, all had attendance rates above 80%.

So, the message is clear - get to school, stay at school, and you will pass.

### Property developments

The new Basketball hoop installed a couple of weeks ago is getting plenty of use, and the first stage of us providing more lunchtime activities. Before winter we are expecting work to begin on the new full sized basketball course to be build alongside the turf.

The site for the new Building Academy is almost ready to go, and hopefully it will not be too long before we see our first house being constructed there.

And to top it off, we expect the exterior repaint to begin within the next few weeks.

### Healthy Lunches in Schools programme

We are still committed to providing free lunches to all students from Term Two. However, we have not yet got to the position of finding anyone willing to be employed to oversee a team to plan and make these. If you know of someone who may be interested, please let **Mrs Maree Marshall**, our Business Manager, know as soon as possible and we can arrange an informal meeting to discuss what is required.

### Haere ra Ms Aomarere

I want to add my best wishes to **Ms Aomarere** on completing 26 years teaching service to the college, beginning in 1995. She has devoted almost her whole teaching career to the students of Rangitikei and has certainly been the mainstay of Chemistry teaching in the school for some time - although of course she has held many other roles also.



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On behalf of the five principals, she served under here, I thank her for her vast contribution to teaching and learning at our kura.



Ngā mihi nui

**Tony Booker, Principal**

## THIS COMING FRIDAY



Dress up in bright colours if you wish as there will be spot prizes throughout the night.

## CAN YOU HELP?



An IQ group is making hampers for parents with new-born babies that may be struggling.

These free hampers will include items such as nappies, booties, beanies and blankets. If you have wool, knitting needles, patterns you can contribute, could you please drop them into our school office. Thank you in advance.



## Sports Report

It is great to see so many students taking the opportunity to get involved representing Rangitikei College in sport. February saw the launch of the Rangitikei Cricket team, Girls Touch team and three Volleyball teams. We are so proud of our students already for their participation and eagerness to get out there and play.

### SWIMMING SPORTS

The students did a terrific job at the Swim Sports day and enjoyed our freshly painted pool. It was close, but the teachers accepted defeat in the student teacher race. Well done Year 13's on your nail-biting win. Winners of the house swim sports will travel to Whanganui to represent the College in the Whanganui Secondary Swimming Competition. Good luck to all swimmers involved.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> XI CRICKET

The Rangitikei College 1st XI had their first game for the season against Whanganui High School in a T20 match. They were soundly beaten by a much more experienced High School XI. They showed some good signs with the highlight being an excellent all-round performance by **Jacob Harris**. The team have learned a lot from the experience and are looking forward to their next game against Cullinane College.

### GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY



The Girls Touch team has been combined with Nga Tawa. Neither school had enough players to form a team of their own but felt it was important to get our kids playing, with the hope of increasing numbers in the future. The girls have gelled together well, and it was wonderful to see them working as a team. They played a talented Feilding High School and were beaten in the heat. We look forward to seeing our girls' understanding of the game grow and know that by the end of the season that they will be a force to be reckoned with!

### VOLLEYBALL



Our Volleyball teams travelled to Whanganui on Wednesday to compete in the Secondary Schools competition. It was our first game, and the students were learning proper rotation on the court and the importance of communicating! Both Junior teams played hard and can be proud of their tied games. Congratulations to our Senior team who returned home to Marton with a win under their belts. Lots of work still to be done but **Ms. Paulo** and **Mrs. Rayner** are both so proud of our students.

### HOUSE ATHLETICS



House Athletics was a hot day for all, but our students participated and cheered on their peers with great sportsmanlike enthusiasm. Congratulations to all winners and to **Olivia Pickford** for setting a new shot-put school record in the Senior Girls division. Olivia has broken the

record from 1969 throwing 10.40 m and now holds the Intermediate and Senior girls' records. Students who won their event will travel to Whanganui to represent Rangitikei College and compete in the Whanganui Secondary Athletics Championships on **March 17 at Cooks Gardens**.



### NETBALL

Our Netball teams are already in action starting their pre-season training. Pre-season training is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings followed by a refuelling breakfast before the start of school. It is not too late to get your permission forms in and join the team! Students can collect permission forms for winter sports from the office or **Mrs. Rayner**.

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

### IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

**Thu 11 Mar** John Parsons Cyber Safety  
**Fri 12 Mar** Health Careers' Day  
**Wed 17 Mar** WSS Athletics  
**Fri 19 Mar** Y11-13 Ag Quest Challenge  
**Mon 22-26 Mar** L3 Sport Science - Abel Tasman  
**Tue 23 Mar** Year 9 Vision & Hearing Testing  
**Fri 26 Mar** Jnr Careers Expo Yr9/10  
**Mon 29 Mar** Yr10 Female Self-defence  
**Fri 2 Mar** Good Friday  
**Mon 5 Apr** Easter Monday  
**Tue 6 Apr** Easter Tuesday  
**Fri 16 Apr** Last day of Term 1