

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 whānau

One of the characteristics of well performing schools is their willingness to constantly review and evaluate what they are doing. As far as schools go, vital to this is getting the voice of those who *learn* here (the students), of those who *send* their children here (parents and caregivers), and those who *work* here (teaching and non-teaching staff).

This week you, as whānau, will have been sent by email a link to a specially designed questionnaire from the University of Waikato. This has been described as 'rongohia te hau' that loosely translates as 'listening to the winds of change' - which is a metaphor for seeing where we are at, and where we might need to go.

There are less than 15 short answer questions to complete so it does not take very long to fill in. There is also room for written comments if you wish. Once completed (and all replies are absolutely anonymous) all the information is put together by the university team into a single report that comes back to the school and Board. I am not sure how we will do it yet, but I am very keen to share that feedback with you once we get it, as well as how we intend to respond to it.

So, I would urge you to take the time and provide us with this

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feedback when you can. The survey has to be completed by **Friday 15 May** (next week) so please get it done by then. If you would prefer a hardcopy, or do not have internet access, please let me know and I will ensure you get a hardcopy sent to you. Our young people will be doing the same next week in a similar questionnaire, and staff will also be doing one.

Remember this is all about creating a better and better school; to do so we so much need to hear everyone's voice. All this to achieve our core purpose, 'Ad Altiora | Mauri Ora'!

Ngā mihi nui

Tony Booker, Principal

SPORTS REPORT



The end of Term 1 saw the conclusion of our Touch, Cricket and Volleyball teams. All players can be proud of their achievements throughout the season as they showed great improvement and commitment to their sport.



Winter sport season is now here, and it is all happening on the College turf and back fields as our teams prepare for the season ahead. This year we are excited to share that we will be fielding a boys and girls rugby team, boys and girls hockey, three netball teams, football and a basketball team.



May 2021

Cross Country will take place on **May 12** with the Whanganui Secondary School Championships being held on the **19 May**. This year we have introduced a new category to the event. Students may run as an individual or enter as a team of 4 in our team relay course. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers will travel to Whanganui on the **19 May** to compete against the other secondary schools. Teams included!!

All races will be 4km but students participating as a team will be responsible to run 1km each in their 4km relay course. If students love running and want to compete in both, they can! The individuals head out on the course first with enough time for students to finish their race and then join their friends in the team's category.

The students versus staff volleyball game was played on the last day of school before the break. The staff put up a good fight, however it was the students who came out victorious. That is 2 - 0 for the students this year as they also hold the title for the swimming sports. Way to go students, the staff applaud your efforts.

Emily Rayner

Sport & Recreation Director

NZ HELICOPTER TRAINING ACADEMY WHANGANUI

Year 13 Charly Ward attended a careers expo in Whanganui at the end of last term. She was talking to the NZ Helicopter Training Academy who are based at the Whanganui Aero Club. They provide private and commercial licences. Instructors Dean and Chris offered Charly a free 30-minute trial flight lesson in a helicopter.

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They told one of our teachers attending the expo that Charly was chosen because of her enthusiasm, she asked great questions, Charly was keen to have a go and her birthday was coming up! Well done Charly.



A SPOTLIGHT ON DANCE



HIP HOP started this week on Tuesday 4th May in the School Hall, 3pm-5pm and every Tuesday of Term 2 with Pauline Hirioti.

Another session is available on Wednesdays during IQ Time 11:20am -1:20pm for Term 2.

A permission slip is required to join the HIP HOP sessions. Please bring a change of clothes and a water bottle.

On Friday 14th May in our school hall Rachel Rowe and dancers are hosting some of our local schools in Jazz and Hip-Hop workshops. These workshops will be throughout the day and a great opportunity for all people involved.

On Monday 17th May, 1:45pm-2:45pm our senior dance class are scheduled to visit the Ice Skate Tour at Marton School Hall. This is an opportunity for our students to transfer their skills on the ice.

Also in Week 3, Wednesday 19th May. We have Royal NZ Ballet Workshop from 8:55am-9:55am. They will be working

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



Anna Hagan
Teacher in Charge of Dance

ANZAC DAY



A big thank you to our senior students Denzell Pei, Morna Collie and Harvey Gardner who represented our school at the Marton RSA Dawn and 2pm Anzac Services. They had the important job of reading the Roll of Honour and laying a wreath to remember the local people who had lost their lives serving their country. It was great to see so many of our students showing great respect to the occasion.

PŌWHIRI FOR NEW STAFF



A Pōwhiri was held on the first day back of Term Two. We welcomed our three new staff members to Rangitikei College.

Mrs Alphonsa Antony - Teacher of Science

Mrs Sonata Karena-Saavedra - Head of Department, Te Reo Maori

Mr Lee Rennie - Teacher of Health and Physical Education

ATTITUDE PRESENTATIONS



On Tuesday we had Charlie from Attitude deliver presentations selected for individual year groups.

Yr9 - Hauora

Our wellbeing - physical, mental, spiritual, and social.

Yr10 - Hardwired - Drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. How to assess risks, make positive decisions and deal with peer pressure.

Yr11 - Attitude - Choices

How to get through the hard chapters of life. To grow mental and emotional resilience.

Yr12 - Relationships with Attitude

What to look for in a partner, building a healthy relationship, and dealing with the pain of break-ups.

Yr13 - The Pits - Mental health

The causes and symptoms of common mental health issues such as addictions, grief and depression.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 3 May - Term 2 begins

Mon 10 May, 9am-3pm - Level 2/3 Physics trip

Tue 11 May - Class Photos

Wed 12 May - School Cross Country

Fri 14 May - Senior Art Conference

Mon 17 May - Senior Dance Ice

Skate Tour at Marton School

Mon 17 May, 3.15pm - Kahui Ako in School Library

Wed 19 May - RNZB Dance Workshop for Senior Dance

Wed 19 May - WSS Cross Country

Thu 20 May - Teacher Only Day

Mon 31 May - Assessment Week

Mon 7 Jun - Queen's Birthday