



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 koutou,

Winter sports got under way last week, and that has reminded me of how important it is for us to have parents, caregivers and friends of the school involved in our school life. A number of these teams would struggle to run if we did not have willing and committed coaches and managers from outside the school. For their willingness to support the schooling of their children I am hugely grateful.

Research in New Zealand and overseas consistently points to the decline of whānau involvement in school life. We can speculate on the many probably reasons for this, but the research also *overwhelmingly* indicates that young people at all levels do better when parents and caregivers are engaged with the school, feel comfortable being here, and are seen to be working in partnership with the school at different levels.

One of the ways we seek to develop that relationship is through having three Learning Conferences a year and providing time to have reasonable conversations in those. Even when at times it feels as though there is not a lot to learn, what it does is strengthen the partnership, and give a message

that 'this matters', that home and school are on the same page.

One of the key parts of our vision is building a learning community that knows 'no limits'. I continue to be amazed on what our young people achieve that reflects this. Certainly, being in a small rural school in Marton is not the barrier some might think.

However, at other times, I see opportunities that come our way that it would be great to offer our students, but that, unfortunately, we do not have staff expertise or availability to provide. For example, over the holidays I was approached by a teacher from another school who was very keen to see us establish a 'robotics' club at school that builds robots and competes in regional and national competitions.

I know some students would love to be involved with this. Unfortunately, we do not have anyone on staff who can pick this up. So, as an example if you, or somebody you know, could support some of young people in robotics, or any other areas that we currently do not provide, do let me know and we can have a chat about how we can make this happen.

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Ngā mihi nui

Tony Booker, Principal

FAREWELL TO WHAEA SHELLY



Whaea Shelly Hume was farewelled by students and staff at the end of term one after her seventeenth year of teaching at this Kura.

May 2022

Principal, Mr Booker, and close work colleague/friend, Ms Tracey Hawkins, spoke on behalf of staff at her school poroaki. Year 13 student Makayla Vaa also spoke on behalf of students. Common themes came through from all three: Whaea Shelly was very professional, held high expectations of her students and the staff she led as Head of Department of Junior English and Teacher in Charge of Homerooms, met all deadlines well in advance, and was a meticulous planner. She always demonstrated our school's value of aroha towards her students and staff, and she will be remembered fondly by those she taught and worked alongside.

Whaea Shelly was presented with a plant by Head Girl, Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana before students farewelled her with a mighty rendition of our school haka. A few tears were shed in the assembly hall as the students and staff showed their respect and aroha for Whaea Shelly.

Whaea Shelly has taught in many areas since she started here as a Long-Term Reliever in Year 7/8 Technology in 2006. She then became a permanent teacher of English and Junior Drama and has since also taught: Social Studies/Integrated Studies, Mathematics, Tourism, Early Childhood, Gateway, Textiles and Retail, alongside leadership roles as Dean, and in the English and Homeroom departments. Her willingness to teach in so many diverse curriculum areas is a testament to her teaching abilities and flexibility. She was also keen on camping and was camp mum at lots of junior camps over her years here. We hope to see Whaea Shelly back here in a relieving capacity at some stage. We wish her all the best for a fulfilling and happy retirement.

Mrs Sheree Osgood
Assistant Principal

ATTITUDE PRESENTATIONS



Presenter Charlie from Team Attitude

On Tuesday 3rd May all year groups were lucky enough to listen to a presentation by Charlie from Attitude. Attitude is a team of talented communicators who are passionate about the well-being of young people. They travel around New Zealand sharing messages and stories based around Health topics and offer advice and strategies that our tamariki can relate to and perhaps use in their own lives.

The different presentations this year were - Year 9 Hauora, Year 10 Hardwired (Drugs), Year 11 Attitude and Year 12/13 Stress. Each presentation had a different context however they all shared one similar theme - Hauora (Well Being).

Taha Tinana / Physical - Get moving and make healthy choices

Taha Whanau / Social - Don't be afraid to ask for help from someone you trust

Taha Wairua / Spiritual - Know who you are and what's important to you

Taha Hinengaro / Mental and Emotional - Think about your thoughts and keep them positive

"Tough times don't last, tough people do"

Mrs Hannah Komene
HoD of Health and PE

SPORTS' REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2 with winter sports well and truly underway. Netball, Basketball and Football kicked off over the weekend with some great results and positive feedback from

participants. Hockey and Rugby seasons commence in the next couple of weeks.

For the first time we have two teams involved in Smallbore rifle shooting at the local club. The interest in this has been outstanding and participation from students has been fantastic. Thank you to Mr Kingi who is managing the teams.

It's great to see so many of our students involved in sport and representing Rangitikei College. Thank you to all the parents, coaches and supporters for your time and commitment, without you, our students would not have the opportunity to participate.

As Acting Sports Director, whilst Mrs Rayner is on maternity leave, my first week into the role has been great. The support from staff, students and parents has been awesome, and I look forward to my time here at Rangitikei College while Mrs Rayner enjoys her time with the new addition to their family.

Kate Wasson
Acting Sports Director

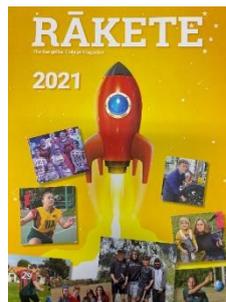


Our new basketball court, at the front of the school is proving to be very popular with students.



The Building Academy worked through the school holidays, making great progress in the good weather.

OTHER NEWS...



The school magazine has arrived, and all students of 2021 are entitled to a FREE copy. You are welcome to collect from the school office between 8am-3.30pm.

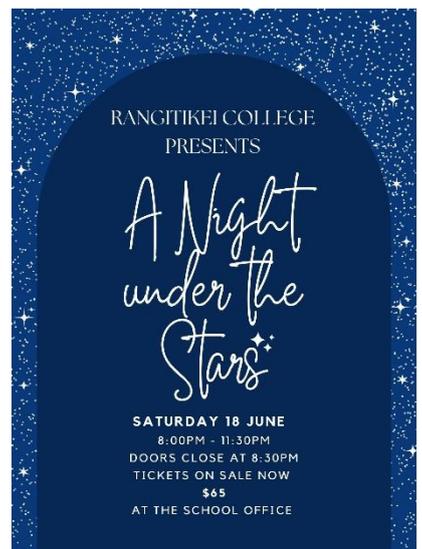
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Senior School Ball - Tickets are available now at the office!

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Tue 17 May Sport Whanganui Cross Country Champs

Wed 18 May Teacher Only Day

Fri 20 May Pink Shirt Day

Tue 31 May Moderation meetings
School finishes early

Mon 6 Jun Queen's Birthday

Tue 14/Wed 15 Jun Learning Conferences

Fri 17 Jun NZ Careers Expo Y11-13

Sat 18 Jun School Ball

Wed 6/Thu 7 Jul Pasifika Fusion

Fri 8 Jul End of Term 2