



## 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

This will be the final newsletter of the year and focuses on our senior school end of school year activities. These have been severely disrupted by COVID restrictions and the need to keep people safe. This particularly affects how many people can fit into our Hall and retain the required social distancing. Therefore, we have had to make decisions that change the way we have traditionally run these events.

- **Arts and Sports Prizegiving, Wednesday 10 November**

This is a new ceremony and celebrates achievement through the year in sport and creative arts. This will be a whole school event, but unfortunately will not be open to families and the general public.

- **Year 13 Leavers' Assembly, Tuesday 16 November**

This is when the school honours its Year 13 graduates, and the Year 13s present the school with their 'legacy gift', as well as receive their Leavers' Certificate and package. Again, this is only open for students at the school.

- **Year 13s final day, Wednesday 17 November – 'Class of 2017 Big Day Out'**

For Year 9-12s, this is normal school up until the end of Period 2 (10.55). Then they will watch the concert put on by Year 13s and join them in a BBQ at school. Students will go home shortly after 12.00. Year 13s arrive at the school at 10.00am to prepare for the performance and BBQ. Year 11-13s will return to school approximately 1.30pm to prepare and participate in the Senior Prizegiving ceremony.

- **Senior Prizegiving, Wednesday 17 November**

This event has been the most severely impacted by restrictions on gatherings and the need to keep visitors 1 metre apart. This event will be held in the afternoon, beginning at **2.00pm**.

Unfortunately, because of limited space, only whānau of Year 13 students (maximum 4 per student) can be invited. An invitation will go out shortly and tickets issued on a 'first in, first served' basis.

- **Year 13 Leavers' Dinner, Thursday 18 November**

This will be held in Marton and is organised by the Year 13 leavers. A maximum of 100 can attend.

I know restrictions on attendance will be a real disappointment for many people. Especially so with the new look graduation week where we were looking to make this time a period of celebrating achievement and honouring our

## November 2021

leavers in a way that is more reflective of our vision and values. However, there is much we can be grateful for, and we need to hang on to that.

Thank you for supporting your children and the school through the challenging aspects of this year. I have been impressed with the resilience shown by our young people, and we have worked hard to minimise the level of disruption and to promote, in the words of our vision, a learning community that is 'engaged, empowered and flourishing'. Let's end the year well.

Ngā mihi nui  
Tony Booker *Principal*

### EARLY BIRD ENROLMENT

Enrol before **Tuesday 30 November 2021** and go into the draw to receive a FREE School Jacket and Hat. Enrolment packs are available from the school office or can be posted out. To make an appointment, have a tour and meet our principal, please phone **06 327 7024**.

### #WHAKAPIRI

A letter will come home this week along with permission slips for our junior students doing #Whakapiri. We require both permission slips to be filled in and returned to ensure students can go off site for the relevant activities. The return date for the signed permission slips is **Wednesday 10th November**.

### IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

**Wed 10 Nov, 11.30am-1.20pm** Arts and Sports Prize Giving  
**Wed 17 Nov** Last day for seniors  
**Wed 17 Nov** Senior Prizegiving  
**Thu 18 - Fri 19 Nov** Junior Exams  
**Mon 22 Nov** NZQA begins  
**Tue 23 Nov - 6 Dec** #Whakapiri  
**Thu 9 Dec** Junior Prizegiving and last day of school year

## DANCE NZ MADE



Our Hip Hop and Contemporary teams represented Rangitikei College in the Dance New Zealand Made competition held last month at the Regent in Palmerston North.

In the open team category, our contemporary team 'Dream' came first! Throughout the day the girls' attended workshops and were nominated for receiving a "golden ticket". At the end of the day the names were picked out and **Tahlia Simeon** and **Rachel Rowe** received golden tickets which now entitles them to eight dance workshops and a chance to perform later in November. A further 10 girls will be selected and win \$1,000 towards their dancing in 2022.

The students who attended this day gave each dance opportunity their absolute all and should be extremely proud of themselves.

A huge thank you to Whaea Vanessa for our new dance T-shirts. We absolutely loved them!

**Leah Viles** *Dance Teacher*

## FAREWELL TO MISS VILES



On Friday we farewelled our Dance teacher **Miss Leah Viles**. Although

she was only here a short time, she made a lasting impression. An experienced dance teacher and emerging secondary school teacher she focused her attention on the senior students who were committed to attending Dance NZ Made.

Miss Viles is taking up an HOD position at Freyberg Highschool and we wish her all the best for her future. We are sure this will not be the last we see of her and her dancing talent.

**Vanessa Buerger** *HOD Arts*

## SPORTS REPORT

With summer fast approaching there are lots of opportunities available to our students to stay engaged and active over the summer holidays. With a range of clubs in Marton there is becoming little need to head out of town for our sporting fix.

Newly launched in Marton is the Rangitikei Athletics Club. Hosted on our very own Rangitikei College grounds the club caters to children aged 3 - 19 years old. Children of all abilities are welcome to attend and give the sport a go on Monday nights starting at 5:00 pm. A sausage sizzle is provided each club night by a local organisation or school so there is no need to worry about dinner for the hungry athletes! Contact Mrs. Rayner for more details or visit the Rangitikei Athletics Club Facebook page for more information.

To some families this may not be a surprise, but did you know there is a 50m indoor pool in Marton! Located just down the road from the school the pool is a great place to cool off over the summer or get some extra lengths in, in preparation for the school swimming competition. We are also excited that Rangitikei College will be starting up their own swim club in the new year. More details

will be available soon but if your child is interested in learning to swim and wanting to gain confidence in the water, please contact Mrs. Rayner for more details.

Marton Saracens Cricket Club have just partnered with Rangitikei College in developing a pathway for our cricketers to continue playing after the school season. Junior Cricket in Marton is growing rapidly amongst the younger primary school levels. Children aged between Year 3-6 can participate in the Kiwi Cricket Super Smash that takes place on Friday evenings at Centennial Park. Our year 9's and 10's are welcome to play in the Junior cricket league with games on Saturdays. There are options for all ages, girls and boys. Contact Kent Stenbridge 027 249 3469 for more details.

The Marton Croquet Club visited our Year 9 PE classes early in November to give the students a small taste of the game. It was great to see all students giving the new sport a go. The club is located on Tutaenui Road and is always open to new members. Students and parents are welcome to swing by and check out the ground or contact Lyn Johnson 027 240 7844 for more details.

If your child is looking for activities to stay busy in Marton over the summer contact Mrs. Rayner for more club details and options. We may even be able to start our own club at college for whatever interests are out there!

**Emily Rayner** *Director of Sport*



*Our Softball team had their first game in Whanganui this week.*