



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

I note this is the first newsletter since returning from Level 4 lockdown in early September.

Although that seems a long time ago, and we are grateful that we have since managed to avoid the challenges being faced further north, it is important to note that we are still operating under severe restrictions that remind us every day that schooling is still far from normal.

To remind you, schools are regarded as being their own 'bubble'. However, once an activity is held that is not considered regular day-to-day instruction, or involves people who are not staff or students, it becomes a 'gathering' and we are limited to maximum numbers of 100. So this means that at this stage, we cannot welcome whānau and visitors onto the school site for events. Hopefully this will change before long, but currently it means that both Senior and Junior Prizegiving's will not be able to go ahead in the way we have come to expect or would hope for. No decisions have been made on these particular events yet, but we will keep you posted and will delay decisions as late as possible.

We are also expecting tighter new regulations on wearing face coverings on all school transport for

those 12 years and over this week. Up until now school transport has been exempt.

Within school there are other limitations we are facing in regards other activities such as school trips, assemblies and examinations. We are complying, but the challenges remain.

Thank you for your support. Be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure the learning of our young people is not affected, and that their wellbeing is being promoted. Please keep doing the good COVID-19 work - support everyone you know to get vaccinated, check in wherever you go, keep people who are unwell at home, and encourage testing. It is hard, but it is working and what we need to do before we can get back to some sort of normal.

Kia maiea tō rā

Tony Booker
Principal

FAREWELL MISS THOMPSON



This week we farewelled

Miss Thompson who has been with the college since 2008.

Miss Thompson was a relieving teacher for the first two years before becoming permanent in 2010. Over this time Miss Thompson taught PE, Health, junior English and Dance. She was responsible for introducing Dance to the school in 2015.

Other roles at different times include Careers Adviser, Dean, Student Leadership Coordinator, Coordinator of New & Beginning teachers, Literacy Coordinator, Student Teachers, Teacher in charge of Sport.

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She even found time to slip out to Massey University, where she was employed as a tutor in their teacher training programmes. Four years ago, Miss Thompson became the Head of Department for PE and Health. We wish you well Miss Thompson in your next venture.

SCHOOL POLICY ON RETURNING ILLEGAL ITEMS

The Board is considering a policy on not returning illegal items seized at school during the school day or on school activities. The policy formally proposes that such items are not returned to students or families - which is in line with the current law. This will only apply to items that it is not legal for students to have at school - such as drugs, alcohol, vaping gear, weapons or dangerous objects, and so on.

It does NOT apply to items that are not allowed at school due to a local school rule but are not in themselves illegal (e.g., non-regulation clothing, cell phones etc) - these will continue to be returned as is now the case.

If you would like to give your opinion on this policy, please contact the Board Secretary, Mrs Maree Marshall (mmarshall@rangitikeicollege.school.nz) by 31 October.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 25 Oct Labour Day Holiday
Wed 27 Oct, 4.30-7pm Building Academy Rooftop Shout
Tue 26 - 29 Oct Assessment Week
Wed 10 Nov, 11.30am-1.20pm Cultural 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

WELCOME MRS KOMENE



Hannah Komene
HoD Health & PE

I was born in Wellington and brought up in Palmerston North. I then ventured south to Christchurch to study. I previously taught at Otaki College, Mahurangi College and, most recently, Waihi College.

We decided to move to Turakina from Waihi Beach to be closer to whanau. I have also spent a few years travelling around the world in between my different teaching positions and love tiki touring around New Zealand.

As you would expect from a PE and Health teacher, I love spending time outdoors especially with friends and family. I am excited about working at Rangitikei College and look forward to exploring the local area.

Christchurch is a current example of socially focussed architectural design and how design and architecture is used as a mechanism to drive social change.



The students explored the central city focusing on how the rebuild partnership with Ngāi Tahu has helped to create a whakapapa of design that connects cultures and communities through deliberate spatial design fostering manaakitanga and inclusion.

Deborah Jorgensen
HoD Technology

key to personal success on an Outward-Bound course, and that after 6 hours of rowing or 20 kilometres of running, when your body gives in, your mind is what keeps you going. I know that I am a very different person to the one I was when I entered my Outward-Bound course. I have a far greater confidence in my ability to lead and I know that I am capable of so much more than I ever realised. Outward Bound has pushed me from my comfort zone into my growth zone every single day, whether through scaling a rock wall, leading my watch through the bush with nothing but a compass and a map, or any of the other challenges we've faced. I am so grateful to have received so much support from my sponsors and school to have been able to go on Outward Bound. It truly was a life changing experience and a once in a lifetime opportunity and has prepared me for whatever challenges come next in my life.

Erin Wigglesworth Year 12



For the past 3 weeks I have been at outward bound. It had its ups and downs but mostly ups Not just mentally but physically as well. I have learnt that your brain plays a big part in what you do. As it could allow you to challenge yourself or take the easy road. There was so much to do like sailing, tramping, high ropes and much more. My favourite would have to be sailing as I met 14 new friends. We worked as a team to sail the boat efficiently. It was a great experience that I will never forget.

Olivia Pickford Year 12

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LEVEL 2 DESIGN STUDENTS VISIT CHRISTCHURCH



During the holidays, Level 2 Design students visited Christchurch to look at the progress of the rebuild.



OUTWARD BOUND

Over the last week of term three and the following holidays I had the opportunity to go on a 21 day Outward Bound course for school leaders in the Manawatu area. The Outward-Bound School of New Zealand is a non-profit organisation based in Anakiwa that runs courses for people of all ages. The purpose of our course was to help us grow as leaders and people to be ready to step into leadership roles within our Kura when we returned home. Over the 21 days we were put through a range of physical and mental challenges, including navigating our way through the bush sailing, living, and sleeping on a cutter for three days, spending two nights alone in the bush on solo, and running a half marathon. While Outward Bound is very physically demanding, the mental challenges were the hardest part of the course for me. We quickly learnt that mental toughness is the

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SPORTS REPORT

Winter sport season at the college has come to an end and we now look to welcome longer evenings and warmer days. We return to Term 4, and we reflect on what has been a successful season for our athletes this winter, but we eagerly look ahead for the summer sport opportunities being offered this term. We can all be proud of how our teams represented Rangitikei College and Marton in both the Palmerston North and Whanganui competitions this past winter. Our student athletes demonstrated respect, endeavour, aroha and perseverance both in competition and during practise. We are so proud of all their achievements.

The girls' hockey team at the college proved all season that they were up for the challenge in the Palmerston North competition only losing two games all season. They were a force to be reckoned with, with a strong attack and a solid defence. The new year 9 additions to the team have only strengthened the group. The team played in the finals at the end of September only to lose to Palmerston North Girls in the final 2 minutes. The girls will farewell three senior stars at the end of the season as they head off to spread their wings. We look forward to welcoming in new players in 2022 so that we can continue to grow girls' hockey at the college. We wish our seniors all the best and hope that hockey will feature in their futures at some stage.



Congratulations to Kerrie, Samantha and Jessica who represented Rangitikei

College as part of the U-15 Manawatu Girls' Hockey team that played in a tournament at the beginning of holidays.

We were pleased to see the revival of a full 11 a-side boy's hockey team at the college. We have a keen group of year 9 boys who made this happen and some senior students who returned to the sport after taking a year or two away. The team dominated in their initial grade and so were put up with the "big boys" after a few convincing wins. The team held their own in the league winning some and losing some close games. Like girls' hockey, we look forward to welcoming some new boys in 2022 to help grow hockey. We are fortunate in Marton to have a pathway for our players to progress from college hockey to the very successful men's team. The team will farewell their two senior leaders on the turf this year, but we know they will continue to have a strong presence in Rangitikei hockey moving on from college and playing with the Marton men.

Netball at the college also has become a top sport at college and our two teams represented the college in the Palmerston North competition. Both teams only lost 2 games all season and continued to move up the grades challenging those teams at the top and proving that they belonged. We know that netball will continue to grow at the college and can't wait to welcome new players next year.

Our Football team travelled to Whanganui each Saturday to play in the inter school competition. Having predominantly junior players we were a young side playing in a senior grade. Regardless of size and age our team represented the college well and again earned their spot in the league. The team thoroughly enjoyed their matches against Whanganui Collegiate and Cullinane and the score went both ways in these games.

The junior basketball team travelled to Whanganui on Friday evenings to play in the Whanganui league and the team improved with each game that was played. Basketball is said to be one of the fastest growing sports in New Zealand and with the plan of a new outdoor basketball court to be completed at the college we know that basketball will continue to be strong here. The students are always playing at the hoop that was installed at the beginning of this year and we can't wait to see them enjoy a full-size court next year.

During lockdown Rangitikei College took part in the Te Araroa Challenge by Sport Whanganui. As a school community we took on the schools in Whanganui to walk the distance of New Zealand. Rangitikei College finished 3rd overall out of 7 schools. It was a solid effort by students, staff and their whanau to complete the challenge. Thank you to all those who contributed to our trek.

There are lots of opportunities for our students to get involved and get active in Term 4. We are looking forward to Touch Rugby, Softball, Volleyball, Rowing, Swimming and Cricket. All codes will be available in the next 8 weeks of term.

There are also other opportunities in the community that are available to our students during the summer months. Rangitikei Athletics Club will be running club nights at Rangitikei College on Monday evenings. Students aged between 3 - 19 years old are welcome to join.

There is the croquet club, bowls club, squash club, cricket club and more that would welcome young players to their game. The opportunities are there for our students, should you wish for more information or contact details for clubs, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Rayner.

Emily Rayner Director of Sport

BUILDING ACADEMY



Despite a delayed start and COVID interruptions, our new Building Academy is thriving! In partnership with AGC Training, selected students have been building a house on site ready for sale at the end of the year. Working on the project for 1-2 days a week, this has been a great opportunity for these students to develop an understanding of working on a worksite as well as earning NCEA and trade credits along the way.

On **Wednesday 27 October** from **4.30-7.00pm** there is a 'roof shout' and sausage sizzle. As well as celebrating progress of the building for those within the programme this will be an opportunity for other students and their parents/caregivers to come and have a look and see what is involved if they are considering entering the academy next year. All are very welcome.



#WHAKAPIRI

#Whakapiri is fast approaching (**23 Nov - 6 Dec**) offering all Year 9 and 10 students the opportunity to experience a variety of activities as they participate in all five two-day events. #Whakapiri is a celebration of 'togetherness'. The events are as follows:

International Sports

Learn about weird and wonderful sports from around the world. Research the most popular games from other countries, learn the rules and then compete! Prize giving will conclude your activities.

Italian Extravaganza/Woodcraft

Using tools and machinery in the workshop, explore ways to create utensils which can be used in the kitchen. Move onto the cooking area where an Italian cooking extravaganza awaits you.

Survivor

Team Building Activities

- Warp Speed
- Knots
- Minefield etc.

Camp Cooking

Raft Building / Raft Race

Kayaking/Games/Canoe Polo

T-Shirt Transformers

Have a go at designing a Logo for #Whakapiri and screen print onto a T-Shirt (Provided). Day 2 - Level up with tie dye exploration or fabric paint to complete your design.

Taniwha Eggs

Fossils, rocks, transitional systems tracts, taniwha, sugar, chocolate, van ride, wind in the hair, maybe some aliens, but rocks, and fossils.

Day 1 - Out and about

Day 2 - Indiana Jones

Mrs Helen Bishop-Curran

Organising Teacher of #Whakapiri

TIHEI RANGITIKEI

At the end of Term 3 we held our own 'Te Wiki o te Reo Māori'. Several house-based activities a BBQ and the Talent Quest was held.



As well as highlighting te reo Māori, it was a day of celebration. Much of this was student-led, sparked by the difficulties in staging (and the eventual cancellation of) the House Haka/Waiata competition.



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