



Rangitikei College Life

"Challenging and motivating students for the future"



Principal's Comment

There has been a lot of talk in the media recently about bullying in schools. This is an issue faced by all schools and one which we take very seriously at Rangitikei College. We have procedures to deal with issues of bullying and this must always start with any bullying being reported. Students at the College have plenty of people they can report bullying to, should it occur. Peer Mediators are trained in how to deal with this issue and are often the first port of call for many students. Friends often encourage others to report bullying to staff such as the Group Teacher, Dean or their parents.

Staff at the College treat bullying very seriously and it is something we normally deal with through the use of mediation. Our peer mediators are well versed in this method, as are staff who deal with the issue. The mediation process gives all parties the opportunity



to speak honestly and measures are set to monitor the outcomes that are decided. The aim of all mediation is to stop the bullying.

I am pleased to say that most students respond well to this method and issues in general are not ongoing. However it is something which we need to be constantly vigilant of and parents can also assist us by monitoring electronic devices which are often used by the bullies of today.

If you think your child is being bullied or is bullying others then please contact us at the College and we can assist in sorting the issue out before it grows. By letting others know we can do our best to stop bullying at school.

"Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life, but define yourself."

Harvey Firestone (of tyre fame)

L. Christiansen

Absences

A reminder for parents/guardians to please phone the school (3277024) if your son/daughter is absent for any reason. We have a new phone system and if you push '2' you can leave an absence message on our answer phone.



Uniform

We are concerned that there are a small number of students who constantly push the boundaries with school uniform. A well worn uniform is important to the school as we are rightly or wrongly judged by the local community for how it is seen. It is important that students wear the correct uniform to and from school.

We have set procedures for non-uniform items and the students are fully aware of them. However we often hear that students inform their parents incorrectly about what is acceptable and this can create problems.

Included with this newsletter are the uniform requirements for the College. If parents are unsure they should contact the College before purchasing items. This also relates to dying of hair and piercing - please read the uniform requirements relating to these particular issues to avoid disappointment and wasted money.

Anzac Day



Jardine Gunn and Bronwyn Davison are pictured with the wreath they presented, on behalf of the College community, at the Bulls ANZAC Day dawn ceremony recently.

College Sport

Hockey

The Girls First XI had a good win 4–2 over Nga Tawa last week. The game got off to an exciting start with a goal to Brooke Batley after only one minute. Emily Leighton then scored a goal which was followed by an own-goal to give Rangitikei College a score of 3–1 at half time. The second half was more open and the girls managed to score a goal to Ash Collins with Nga Tawa scoring a final goal to make the final score 4–2.

Player of the day was Shonee Hancock who had a solid game in mid-field. Other players to show out



were goalie Emily Gudopp who had a good game and defended very well, Brooke Batley and Ash Collins were always a danger when in control of the ball. Emily Leighton and Tori Batley worked hard and Vanessa Saunders, Danni and Tyler Sharp defended well.

Football

The Rangitikei College football team had their first game of the season against the top PNBHS Junior team at Marton Park. The game was open and exciting with a total of 12 goals and play moving from one end to the other in both halves. The game was tied at 1–1 after 15 minutes as an early PNBHS goal was matched by a solid header from Taylor Squire. After this the better teamwork of PNBHS saw a flood of goals in the final 20 minutes of the half to make the score 7–1 at halftime.



The second half did not begin any better for the home team when they conceded a goal immediately after the restart. This seemed to awaken their fighting spirit and the rest of the game was much more evenly contested and indeed Rangitikei College were dominant for much of this period.

They managed to score another goal to Taylor Squire and



went close on several other occasions. PNBHS scored twice just before the end of the game to make the final score 10-2.

Players to stand out were Taylor Squire on attack, Luke Pugmire and Jack Johnson linked well on attack. Shannon Oxley also had a great game and on defence Joe Turner and Sam McKay played well.

Students of the Week

Naidene Schneider

always puts 100% into her school work, always arrives on time and is very focused/dedicated to her studies. Overall a great student.



Shontelle Wihare

for always doing her best and being a positive role model in her classes.

Book of The Week

The Blind Side by Michael Lewis



The young man at the centre of this compelling book will one day be among the most highly paid athletes in the National Football League. Michael Oher was one of thirteen children by a crack-addicted mother; he does not know his real name, his father, his birthday or any of those things that children learn at school – such as how to read and write. Nor has he ever touched a football. After being adopted and taken off the mean streets, read what happens to this remarkable young man.

"Now a major motion picture".

Available in the Library now

Term 2 Dates

11	May	School finishes 1.45pm
18	May	Attitude Presentations
25	May	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
25-28	May	Snr Assessment Re-sit Week
4	Jun	TEACHER ONLY DAY
7	Jun	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
11	Jun	Junior Reports issued
15	Jun	Senior Reports issued
16	Jun	Work Day/Taster Day/ Open Evening
17	Jun	School ends 1.20pm Parent-Teacher interviews pm
22	Jun	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
23-25	Jun	Y11 Sport & Rec trip
28	Jun	Music Road show
2	Jul	P5 House Sports TERM 2 ENDS

Term 3 Dates

19 July – 24 September

Term 4 Dates

11 October – 10 December

Early Finish - 11 May



College staff have the opportunity to receive some training from a behavioural expert on Tuesday 11 May.

To facilitate this we have condensed our timetable to enable school to finish at 1.45pm that day (see timetable below).

Students requiring supervision after 1.45pm will be supervised and buses will run at the usual time. If your child requires supervision can you please fill in the form below and return it to the school office no later than 9am on 11 May.

No student should be in town between 2.00–3.05pm.

Tuesday 11 May

PERIOD 1	8.40 – 9.30
PERIOD 2	9.30 – 10.20
Group Time	10.20 – 10.35
Interval	10.35 – 10.55
PERIOD 3	10.55 – 11.45
PERIOD 4	11.45 – 12.35
Lunch	12.35 – 1.00
PERIOD 5	1.00 – 1.45

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My Son/Daughter will require supervision on 11 May.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver: _____

Rangitikei College Uniform

The school uniform is compulsory for all students Years 9 to 13. It must be correctly worn and kept clean and tidy. All pupils' clothing and other property must be clearly and permanently named. Our official uniform is available from Postie Plus in Wanganui or by ordering online from www.schooltex.co.nz or freephone 0800507807.

GIRLS' UNIFORM		SchoolTex Style No.
Skirt	Tartan (Colour TRT011	11818
Trousers - <i>optional</i>	Black polyviscose	33973
Socks	Black ankle or knee-length	
Pantyhose	Black or brown	
BOYS' UNIFORM		
Shorts	Black	6756
Trousers - <i>optional</i>	Black dress polyviscose	6977
Socks	Grey with two green stripes	S6734
FOR BOTH		
Shirt	Grey polo with red and green striped collar	60625
Jersey	Bottle green, with school crest	59722
Shoes	Flat-soled, black leather shoes Black or brown Roman sandals	
PE Uniform	Bottle green and red top (<i>compulsory for Years 9 & 10</i>) Black sports shorts	13664 6683005
DRESS UNIFORM		
Girls	White shirt, poly-cotton, button-up Tartan skirt Bottle green jersey, with school crest Flat-soled, black leather shoes Blazer (<i>preferable but optional</i>)	86983 As above As above Contact school office
Boys	White shirt, long-sleeved, business Black dress polyviscose Bottle green jersey, with school crest Flat-soled, black leather shoes (not sport shoes) School tie Blazer (<i>preferable but optional</i>)	As above As above Contact school office Contact school office
OPTIONAL UNIFORM		
Jacket	School jacket only	702588
Scarf	Woollen, green with red bands	63976
Headwear	School cap with College crest School beanie with College crest	62522 62519
Sports Socks	Bottle green with red band	701891
Jewellery	No jewellery may be worn except a wristwatch and only small, plain gold or silver sleepers or studs are permissible as earrings (only one per ear). No necklaces/taonga to be visible. No other visible piercing is permissible.	
Sunglasses	Prescription only.	
Tattoos	Must not be visible.	
Hair	Natural hair colours only. Any dyed hair must be in natural colours and to a standard acceptable to the College. Hair is to be tidy at all times to a standard acceptable to the College. No extremes in hair design, colour or pattern. If you are intending to change your hairstyle, please check with the school if unsure.	
Boys' facial hair	No visible facial hair - must be clean shaven.	
Girl's make-up	Light natural make-up only. No coloured nail polish.	
Other	Particular Departments may have other uniform requirements due to Health and Safety issues.	

For further uniform details please refer to the Rangitikei College Uniform Policy and Procedure.