



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,

Last month the school Board approved the Annual Plan for the year. This document does not include all

the things we aim to do this year, but it does highlight some key areas that we are paying particular attention to.

For 2022, the Board and senior leadership team have decided to focus on the following goals.

1. To increase student participation and engagement in all aspects of school life.

This is about continuing to strengthen our distinctive school culture based on our pouwhenua (purpose, values and vision). Students doing more in the college strengthens their sense of ownership and engagement with the school as well as their wellbeing. To achieve this, we are going to:

- Increase student opportunities to participate in co-curricular activities and events in and out of school
- Increase participation in school House activities and competitions
- Consciously expand opportunities to develop student leadership and to respond to student voice at all levels

2. To increase average levels of attendance at all levels

Our biggest predictor of NCEA success is attendance at school. Those at school 90% of the time (i.e., not absent more than one day a fortnight) are almost certain to achieve Levels 1 and 2. Attendance rates have taken a hit since the onset of COVID, but we cannot let that be an excuse. Under-attendance leads to under-achievement, and students being robbed of opportunities when they leave school.

- Introduce tighter monitoring and more rapid responses from staff to absences
- Seek additional resources to engage directly with families regarding at-risk absenteeism
- Develop distance learning opportunities for dealing with COVID or other longer-term absences

3. To increase the proportion of school leavers with NCEA Level 2 and Level 3

We have now lifted our NCEA rates to on or about national averages. However, we would like every school leaver to have at least Level 2 as that opens up future doorways that are otherwise much harder to enter. Since 2020, we have had a much higher proportion of students leaving school through the year, mainly to employment. This is great in the short-term, but for some of them, it may have been better if they delayed their exit just a little longer until they had completed their NCEA qualification.

4. To create opportunities for cultural revitalisation and develop localised curriculum.

There is an increased, and proper emphasis on developing localised curriculum. This is about creating curriculum that reflects the area our people are located in, and that is most relevant to them.

April 2022

This increases engagement and makes what is learned in school more relevant. We have come a long way down this path but there is more to be done.

Alongside this is providing opportunities to promote the relationship between both Treaty partners. And this means more understanding of each other. And it means that current inequities that exist are overcome.

This is a good time to remind everyone that Board elections are in August this year. The Board has a potentially big impact on the school, and this year a number of long-term members are standing down. If you are interested, please look out for nominations in a few months, or in the meantime talk to one of the existing Board members or myself to learn more about it.

Noho ora mai
Tony Booker, Principal

EASTER RAFFLE



Our senior biology students are fundraising for their trip to Wellington Zoo. Tickets available at the office - **\$2 each or 3 for \$5.**

2022 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Thu 14 Apr	End of Term 1
Mon 2 May	Term 2 begins
Fri 8 Jul	End of Term 2
Mon 25 Jul	Term 3 begins
Fri 30 Sep	End of Term 3
Mon 17 Oct	Term 4 begins
Thu 8 Dec	End of Term 4

CELEBRATING OUR ATHLETE'S SUCCESS



We are very proud of **Amy Gust** who had been selected to represent Manawatu-Whanganui at the National Croquet Tournament held on March 26,27 in Morrinsville. Amy won 11 of her 15 games on the weekend earning her 2nd place overall and the Silver Star. Only playing the game for the past two years Amy has shown that hard work, commitment and discipline return great rewards. Well done Amy, we continue to look forward to watching you shine in the Croquet circuit.



Congratulations to **Jessica Sutton** who won the Rangitikei Squash Open Tournament over the weekend of March 19, 20. Jessica has been playing for the club for a few years and has been perfecting her game each week with the league series that the club offers. Up against players all older than her, Jessica won her three games making her the Rangitikei Squash Open winner in her grade. A title that she has retained from the previous year. Well done Jess!

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SPORTS' REPORT

Term 1 has been a very busy and successful active term for our students at Rangitikei College. When the sporting season was initially launched there was a lot of speculation that the term activities would not be able to go ahead due to Covid restrictions. We are fortunate to be part of an organisation like *Sport Whanganui* who understand the benefits of active recreation for our students. It is because of their perseverance and policy that many of our activities could be enjoyed, and business could continue as "normal."

This term our vans were leaving the school grounds on most evenings shuttling students to their games and after school activities. It's safe to say that our students are certainly taking up the challenge of trying something new and embracing all options provided here at school.



Archery was the standout activity with two nights needing to be offered due to a high level of interest. On Monday and Thursday evenings 41 students travelled over to Whanganui to be instructed by the Marangai Archery Club. We are so grateful for the support from the club who went above and beyond even catering to our students with some afternoon tea. We are working with the club to continue to offer Archery sessions later in the year. The club will most likely resume in Term 4 when the fine weather returns and is open to all levels and year groups.



For the past four weeks 15 golfers have been playing a round at Marton Golf Club perfecting their swing and attempting to lower their handicaps. Our novice golfers have really taken to the sport and commented on how "relaxing" it can be after a busy day at school. Nothing beats getting some fresh air on a sunny afternoon with friends. The Marton Golf Club have provided these sessions with their own club members giving instruction along the way. We are grateful for their patience and assistance. The course will host the Secondary School Golf Championships in Term 2 and we are hopeful our golfers will enjoy some home course advantages! It's important to note also that the Golf Club offers year-round memberships to junior players for only \$50.00 a year! A great incentive for our students to keep golfing year-round.



Term 1 volleyball has ended with another successful season for our three teams. The teams travelled to Whanganui on Wednesday evenings and showed great improvement week on week.

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The volleyball court at school continues to be popular during break time and with the installation of a new net and investigations underway to install a new outdoor court, we know that the sport will only continue to grow in popularity among our students. It's exciting to watch our students gain confidence by engaging with the activity in a relaxed environment.

The constant use of the volleyball court has certainly assisted in the growth and development of many of our players and I know that over the year we will continue to see great progress preparing them all for the Term 4 competition.



At the beginning of the month the College was represented at the New Zealand Secondary School Rowing Championships that were held at Lake Karapiro. **Samantha Rooke** and **Robyn Van Dijk** travelled north to compete under the guidance of Aramoho Rowing Club who the college has partnered with in delivering the rowing program. With their first day of racing upset by rough weather conditions they persevered into the second day and the girls placed 4th in their heat and 8th overall out of 14 boats. This is an INCREDIBLE accomplishment for two girls who have dedicated their summer and after school time to rowing. Rowing will continue to be an option for our students as we hope to build its profile amongst our young athletes.



A successfully run Athletics Day mid-month created the opportunity for 12 of our students to travel to Whanganui to compete in the Whanganui Secondary School Athletics Championships. The event was held under strict covid protection framework rules, so we were fortunate to still be able to compete.

Congratulations to the following students who represented the College: Deborah Pio, Denise Pio, Niva Manulua Lafi, Shontaye Sanson, Charlotte True, Hayden Stead, Harley Cole, Charlie Kumeroa-Raiti, Kruze Jansen, Oliver Stantiall and Jayden Heap. A special mention to those students who brought home podium placings with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place titles.

- Deborah Pio**
- Denise Pio**
- Niva Manulua Lafi**
- Oliver Stantiall**
- Harley Cole**
- Hayden Stead**
- Charlie Kumeroa Rati**

A reminder regarding the vaccine passport mandate.

All children and young people, regardless of their vaccination status, can participate in school-organised teams and groups, or as an individual representing the school in a competition or event. This applies whether on or off the school site, and to registered schools only.

The winter months will see the following sports being made available to our students: Girls' Hockey, Boys' Hockey, Girls' Netball, Co-ed Football, Boys' Basketball, Boys' Rugby, Squash and Smallbore Target Shooting. It is not too late to get a permission form and sign up to be part of these teams. Cross Country will also be run in the second week of Term 2. Spend some time over the holidays getting out for a walk or jog and get ready to earn some valuable points for your house!

I wish all our students the best of luck these coming months as I take some time away from college on maternity leave. I warmly welcome **Kate Wasson** to the position in my absence. Kate comes to the role with heaps of experience and enthusiasm having been in the position back in 2005 for a few years. A graduate of Rangitikei College and a sporting enthusiast, I know the College will only continue to flourish under her care.

Emily Rayner
Director of Sport



NCEA RESULTS 2021

On Monday 28 March Year 12 and 13 students were acknowledged for gaining their 2021 NCEA qualifications and received badges in a school assembly.

In order to gain **NCEA Level 1** students needed to gain 10 Literacy credits, 10 Numeracy credits and 80 Level 1 credits in total. To gain Level 1 with Merit 50 or more credits need to be at Merit or Excellence level. To gain Level 1 with Excellence 50 or more credits are gained at Excellence level.

2021 Level 1 Achieved

Indiia Archer
Logan Bell
Logan Burgess
Joshua Clapham
Brodie Cleaver
Harley Cole
Shelby Combridge
Jessamy Cottis
Kelsea Cullis
Bailey Frost
Jacob Gibbons
Noah Glasier
Jacob Harris
Makayla Harris
Kevan Hart
Jayden Hartley
Tahliyah Hati
Patrice Kururangi
Kalarah Lewis-Clarke
Ayesha MacDonald-Rice
Niva Manulua Lafi
Noah Palmer
Marcus Paltridge
Deborah Pio
Harvey Robin-Wolland
Zara Shannon
Tahlia Simeon
Myah Smith-Loader
Bailey Udy
Claudia Uini
Talie Vaa
Phoenix Whiteside
Thomas Whitton
Bradley Wirihana-Tawake

2021 Level 1 Merit Endorsed

Alec-Zelda Alderson
Chris Beetham
Owen Evans

Amy Gust
Joanna Pangarotan
Ben Stead
Harley Whitford

2021 Level 1 Excellence Endorsed

Cole Anderson
Kerrie Daines
Alisia Stoian
Tsinjin Tahau

To gain NCEA Level 2 the level 1 requirements are needed, and then at least 60 credits at Level 2 or 3. For Level 2 Merit Endorsement students need 50 or more credits at Merit or Excellence level, and for Excellence 50 or more Excellence credits were required.

2021 Level 2 Achieved

Melanie Beagley
Lisa Cruywagen
Lucas Dutra
Alaric Galbraith
Zoe Hayward
Jordan Hughes
Joseph Kumeroa
Eseta Leupolu
Maddi Marriner
Mii Ngaata
Crystal Nicholson
Joanna Pangarotan
Jack Reader
Makayla Severinsen
Claudia Uini
Makayla Vaa
Alana Wragg

2021 Level 2 Merit Endorsed

Mikayla Allison
Harvey Gardner
Katherine Hine
Waiatatia Ratana-Karehana

2021 Level 2 Excellence Endorsed

Erin Wigglesworth

Congratulations to our students who worked hard in another unsettled school year and gained their NCEA qualifications. They can order their certificates through their NZQA login page, and we encourage them to do so.

Students sitting external exams in 2022 for NCEA were given a copy of the exam timetable in recent Deans' assemblies.

2022 internal results are starting to come through at the end of this busy first term. Whanau can check results through parent portal. Any questions about NCEA can be directed to your child's academic mentor, their dean, or Principal's Nominee, Sheree Osgood.

Sheree Osgood
Principal's Nominee

ANZAC DAY - MONDAY 25 APRIL

We encourage all students to attend an ANZAC service and ask that you represent our school by wearing tidy/clean uniform. We will be participating at the Dawn Parade, Memorial Hall and the 2pm service at the Cenotaph, Marton Park. Please look out for our prefect team and other members of school so we can attend together.

LEST WE FORGET



IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Thu 14 Apr End of Term 1
Fri 15 Apr Good Friday
Mon 25 Apr ANZAC Day
Mon 2 May Term 2 begins
Tue 3 May Attitude Presentations
Wed 11 May Cross Country
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