



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,

Firstly, thank you for adjusting around the late notice given last week to keep different year levels at home for a day. This enabled the school to function more or less as usual for those present each day.

At the time of writing, our capacity to continue to cover classes is on a knife-edge, but I am really hoping we can avoid keeping students at home again. But it does remain a possibility. This week I am at the national principals' conference, and as a school we seem to have got off relatively lightly. One principal I spoke to said that they had been rostering home different year levels since the middle of March and were still doing so.

From some of the larger city schools in particular, who were hard hit in Term One, they are reporting that cases of COVID among students and staff is definitely on the rise again - the 'second wave' is quite real.

This is a reminder to us of the ongoing impact of COVID, and the need not to let our guard down. Although some people with COVID have managed to see it off without too much trouble, others with it continue to get very, very ill. Not to

mention 'long COVID'. We owe it to everyone in our community to do all we can to keep ourselves safe, and to protect others.

I would remind you that wearing face masks is still 'strongly encouraged' at school (and compulsory on school transport), particularly in confined spaces. None of us feel like we've got it - until we've got it, so do we need to take recommended public health precautions. We have been asked to open windows and doors in classrooms, even through the colder months, and to reinforce handwashing protocols as well as masks.

Please do keep your child at home if they are showing any symptoms of winter illnesses. Also, they are required to self-isolate if there is COVID in their household (and they have not had it themselves within the past three months).

The story of COVID in our school has also been about our values - Respect, Endeavour, Aroha and Perseverance. All have been to the fore and must remain so in the time ahead. We shall REAP what we sow.

On another note, last week I received the resignation of **Mrs Michelle Belk** from the school staff, who in several weeks will take up an exciting new opportunity in Whanganui where she now lives. Mrs Belk has been with us since 2014 and has held a number of administrative and staff support roles in the college. Latterly, she has been most responsible for school communications - including this newsletter, SchoolStream and Facebook. She also looks after the administration of enrolments, prizegiving, school reports, Ministry returns and so on.

June 2022

We will miss her hard work, her careful attention to detail, her deep commitment to the school, and her wicked (true!) sense of humour. I thank her for all she has contributed to this school and wish her all the very best in her new role.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tony Booker, Principal

TOI WEARABLE ARTS



Laufanua - Mother Nature. By Claudio Uini, Blessing Tuiloma-Faolataga, Huia Tamihana-Graham, Ah Kee Ah Hong.

This year our IQ group took the opportunity to create for, and enter, the TOI category of SHOWQUEST. This is an evolved version of Stage Challenge.

Akongā could enter as an individual or in small groups. Through the ups and downs of the semester each

group got creative and created a wearable art garment that reflected one of four design briefs. Friday 27 May saw three complete entries venture over to The Regent on Broadway to present their garments in a photoshoot and short catwalk.



Mistress of Evil. By Luci Downes



Head in the Clouds. By Denise Pio

Congratulations to all the participants, it was a fabulous day, and all entries represented the school with pride and creativity. We look forward to getting the results for the regional comp over the next few weeks.

Mrs Vanessa Buerger, HOD of Arts

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Amy, Bradley, Alisia and Dominic all went and helped the local Marton Lions Club recently to put up the flower baskets in the main street. Amy, Alisia and Dominic are all completing service hours to help them towards their silver and gold Duke of Edinburgh award and Bradley is clocking up hours for his Student Volunteer Army. It was great to see our students out and about helping the community.



On the weekend of 13-15 May a group of students from the Duke of Edinburgh IQ group ventured off to the Ruahines to complete their bronze training weekend. This was the students' first experience in the outdoors for their Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and they did extremely well to survive the wind and rain. The students learned about river crossings, compass and map use, how to use camp cookers and where to put up a tent. They were joined by instructors from OTNZ and other DOE students from the Manawatu area.

A huge thank you to **Kent Stemberge** who joined the students for the weekend. The students are looking forward to their next adventure.



Mrs Hannah Komene
HoD of Health and PE

WINTER WARMERS RAFFLE



- 1st Prize** - Trailer Load of wood
- 2nd Prize** - Roast Lamb Pack
- 3rd Prize** - DIY Soup Kit

Tickets are **\$2** each or 3 for **\$5**, available at the school office. The raffle will be drawn on **Friday 10 June** so get in quick! All proceeds go towards the school ball.

REPORTS AND LEARNING CONFERENCES

Semester 1 Reports will be issued at the second learning conferences for 2022. These conferences are scheduled to take place on the afternoon/evening of **14 June** and all day on the **15 June**. More information will follow soon.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



Our athletics team travelled to Victoria Park in Whanganui last week to compete in the Inter-school Cross Country. Rangitikei College was well represented as one of the larger teams at the event. Participation from our students was outstanding. The track was surprisingly dry, considering all the rain we have had of late, and all our runners could be seen by supporters throughout the duration of each lap.

Although our competitors didn't place high over the long distance, they gave it their all and should be extremely proud of their efforts. Everyone was encouraging of each other including those from other age groups and schools. Thank you to **Mr Maher** for driving the van and coming along to support us. Well done everyone!

Year 9 Girls

Charlotte True - 10th
Jordan Van Dijk - 11th

Year 9 Boys

Lucas Stemberge - 6th
Amos Heron

Junior Boys

Toby Hughes - 7th
Kruze Jansen - 8th
Liam Green - 9th
Julius Zuppich - 10th
Connor Sommerville - 11th

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Senior Girls

Kerrie Daines - 10th
Ayesha MacDonald-Rice - 11th

Senior Boys

Jordan Hughes
Kevan Hart
Noah Glasier
Chris Beetham
Mundeane Shepherd
Toby Haxell

Kate Wasson
Acting Sports Director

YEAR 10 SELF DEFENCE COURSE

Last week our Year 10 female students took place in a Self-defence Course for the entire day. This is the third year we have taken up this wonderful opportunity. Some Year 10 feedback shows this course is relevant for our students.

"We learnt how to defend ourselves and get out of tricky situations. We learnt about vulnerable places and the use of voice. We also learnt about the psychology of tricky situations. It was a valuable course and I definitely got something out of it."

Cyria Lowrie-Hetet

"The course was very helpful. It helped us learn how to talk about tricky situations and what are right and wrong situations. We learnt about self-defence moves and the use of our words."

Laelle Galbraith

"The course was really good. Angie was a great presenter; she was super supportive and could see when students had reached their limits."

Evie Thompson

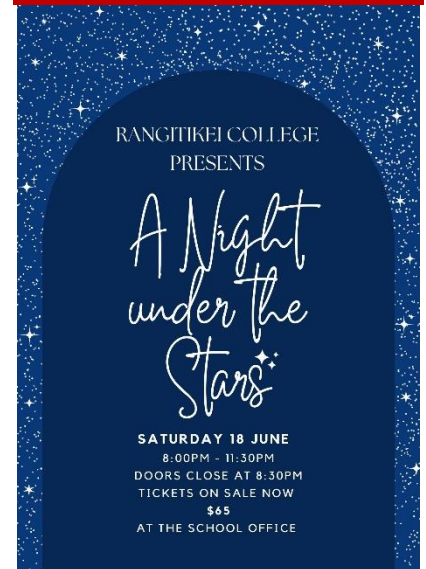
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SCHOOL BALL



Come and join us for
'A Night Under the Stars'!

Venue: Rangitikei School Hall ... not that you will recognise it.

Date: Saturday, 18th June

Time: Doors open at 8:00pm and close at 8:30pm. Event finishes at 11:30pm

Tickets: \$65.00 per person, available for purchase at the school office until Friday, 10th June.

Make sure you pick up and return your permission forms as soon as possible!

Year 11 students can invite 1 guest and Year 12/13 students can invite 2 guests. Attendance of guests not enrolled at our kura will be subject to approval by management.

Dress Code: This is a formal event and appropriate dress code will apply.

Catering: A light supper will be provided.

Security: Will be managed by an approved security team. We look forward to seeing you there!

Senior Ball Committee

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YEAR 10 AGRICULTURE TRIP



On the 23rd of May, my Year 10 Agriculture class went over to AGC in Okoia. At AGC they gave us awesome opportunities to learn and test our skills in fencing, trough work/plumbing, and milking. I enjoyed the opportunity to learn and experience these things like learning how to tie a figure-eight knot and join wires on a fence.

I did find that I need to work on my skills with fencing but overall, I really enjoyed giving it a go. My favourite part would have to be the milking, it was enjoyable to see the animals and gain more knowledge about the milking process. I enjoyed going on this trip and learning more about this career path as it is something I'd like to pursue in the future.

I enjoy farming as it is something I have grown up around. I appreciate all the people organizing this trip and the people on the farm teaching us and helping us.

Samantha Rooke



SENIOR AGRICULTURE TRIP



On Tuesday 10th May, senior Rural Studies and Agribusiness students attended a field trip to the AGC Training Farm in Okoia. At the farm, we were given the opportunity to learn practical skills in fencing, plumbing, herding cattle and milking. It was a hands-on experience and I learnt how to tie various fencing knots, connect a trough to the farm's water supply, give an assessment of an animal's health through a body condition score, and use the equipment in the milking sheds.

My favourite part of the trip was milking the cows and then comparing the taste of store-bought milk to the fresh milk straight from the vat! A more challenging task was learning the various fencing knots. A lot of skill was involved in tying the figure eight knot and it took me a couple of goes to master it. I also had a go at using the stronger fencing wire and noticed that more strength was required to tie the termination knot compared to the far more flexible fencing wire that we had started with!

*Overall, our AGC trip was a great experience that gave me an insight into future pathways available in New Zealand's agricultural sector. I'd like to say a huge thank you to **Peter, Rob, Cassie, Georgia, Koert** and the team at AGC Training for making this trip possible for us.*

Dominic True

HOUSE HAKA/WAIATA COMPETITION AND MATARIKI

Tēnā koutou katoa

This year we have aligned our Haka/Waiata house competition with Matariki Celebration in June. Due to Covid restrictions last year, we were unable to hold our annual Haka / Waiata competition, instead we celebrated Te Wiki o te reo Māori with seniors leading an amazing day full of activities. Now, that we are in the Orange Alert Levels, we can hold our annual Haka / Waiata House Competition this year. With, Matariki and Puanga on the rise we have decided to have our competition in Week 8 of Term 2 and celebrate our day with a hāngi as well. However, we do need whānau support in this area as the school does not have the necessary gears needed to make a hāngi in the ground. In saying that, we are hopeful that whānau will come together and āwhi the kura and their tamaiti. The hāngi will mark our contribution to our students learning more about Matariki and we as a community can use this time to come together and celebrate, reflect, and remember those who we have lost during Covid. If you are able to help / āwhi the kura in any way to ensure our day goes well, please contact **Whaea Sonata** at the school or you can email her skarenasaavedra@rangitikeicollege.school.nz

Whaea Sonata
HOD of Maori

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Monday 6 June Queen's Birthday
Tuesdays 14 June Class Photos
Tuesday 14/Wednesday 15 June Learning Conferences
Fri 17 June NZ Careers Expo Y11-13
Sat 18 June School Ball
Thu 23 June Haka/Waiata competition
Wednesday 6/Thursday 7 July Pasifika Fusion
Friday 8 July End of Term 2

PASIFIKA FUSION 2022

Our AIGA group is back at it, practising weekly for the upcoming Pasifika Fusion 2022. We are so excited that it will be a live performance in front of the judges come week 10, but before that we have a few events:

- **Pasifika Raffle** for two gift baskets. Tickets are on sale now at the school office, **\$2 each or 3 for \$5.**
- **Fiafia Night** is scheduled for **Saturday 2 July 5-8pm** in the school hall. All are welcome to come along and enjoy some delicious kai and be entertained by our pasifika and performing arts community.

All proceeds from these events are to support our Pasifika Group now and in the future. This will also be a dress rehearsal for our AIGA to perform their set before heading to FUSION on **Thursday 7 July**. More information and details to come.

Mrs Vanessa Buerger
HOD of Arts

FIRST AID/HEALTH & SAFETY



Senior Gateway students completed a three-day course over two weeks on the 12th, 13th and 20th of May. Over these three days they were taught about workplace health and safety requirements and how to apply safe work practices in the workplace to meet the Health and Safety requirements many of them will be coming across in their Gateway work placements, and in their future career pathways.

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They were also taught about first aid in the workplace and have a sound understanding of what to do in a range of situations, including how to perform CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) if a patient has no pulse/is not alive when they come across them. Over the three days the fourteen Year 11-13 students and their teacher, Miss Sheree Osgood, who was doing her First Aid revalidation, went through theory and practical scenarios to put their learning in to practice. Many hazards were identified in the part of the school where they did a Health and safety exercise- Mr Booker, our tumuaki, will be informed of these hazards so they can be rectified/sorted.

Students learnt a lot over these busy three school days and one student has already been promised a pay rise at his place of employment as he holds a qualification no others do in his workplace so that was a bonus he was not expecting!



The local provider we used for 2022 for these courses was easy to work with and both students and staff enjoyed his many real-life anecdotes from a long career in providing medical care, which started in the armed forces working in the medical field; many of us also believed Mark when he said we had to wrap up early as Mount Ruapehu had erupted....

A big thank you must be extended towards our Gateway Coordinator, **Mrs Judy Proctor**, who works tirelessly behind the scenes setting

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up these courses, and the varied work placements our Gateway students undertake each year. Some placements could not start until students had completed these courses, so we are grateful the Covid levels changed in Term 1 when they did so we could get these courses done as soon as we could in Term 2.



If you have any questions about Gateway, please do not hesitate to contact **Mrs Proctor** or **Miss Osgood**. We love discussing this senior subject and the potential it offers for the students who have a good idea of the type of work they are seeking after they finish their secondary educations.

Sheree Osgood
Gateway Teacher

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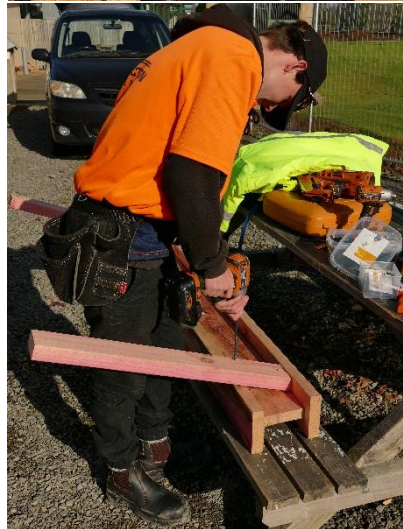
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BUILDING ACADEMY



HOUSE NETBALL COMPETITION



There's been great participation in the house netball competition held in the last couple of weeks during Interval. The finals are this coming Friday. Good luck everyone!

CROSS COUNTRY



Well done to all who participated!

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