

Ngā mihinui ki a koutou



**Mihi Whakatau –
Thursday 4 February**

A beautiful morning assisted us in welcoming over 400 new students and staff to our kura.

This year we welcome 349 Year 9s, 13 Year 10s, 27 Year 11s, 12 Year 12s and 13 new Year 13s to Rangiora High School.



We welcome 7 new teaching Staff: Mr Chalmers (PE and Health), Ms Chang (Chinese and ESOL), Ms Izuno (Acting HOF Languages, Japanese), Mr Lahey (Asst. Curriculum Leader, Physics), Ms Hoffmann (Social Studies) and Mr Thomson (Mathematics). We are also welcoming back this week, Ms Duff to the Guidance Department.



It has been the usual busy start to the year with Year 9 transition and peer support days, our Big 'Arvo Out' and the House Sports' Day. It was Great to see the effort and commitment that both staff and students put into making these days such a success.

Māori student numbers

At the 1st of March return there are a total of 177 students who identify as Māori on our roll. 40 Year 9s, 40 Year 10s, 47 Year 11s, 27 Year 12s and 23 Year 13s. Retention is a schoolwide strategic goal, and this is clearly reflected in this data.



Ko Tūāhuriri te tipuna rangatira.
Maungatere tū whakahirahira.
Heke iho ki te awa o Rakahuri.
Ka tau ki Te Ara ki te Mātauranga.

Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi tēnā koutou katoa.
Ki ngā mate huhua o te wā, e au te moe, e au te moe, whakangarotia atu rā.
Ko te hunga mate ki a rātou, ko te hunga ora ki a tātou, tēnā tātou katoa.

The Māori department has hit the ground running for 2016 as we continue to develop the students' knowledge and understanding of te ao Māori. Matua Teina has returned as the kaiako for Māori and Māori Performing Arts and he will be supported by Whaea Leanne, our kaiāwhina.

The Junior Māori classes are focussing on who they are and where they come from for the most part of Term One and the Senior Māori class is looking at influential Māori figures of the past and of today. The key focus for all of the classes is to encourage verbal interaction between all students inside the classroom and outside of the classroom.

The Kapa Haka has begun training for the upcoming Arts Expo towards the end of this term and although the majority of the members are junior students, there is already a strong sense of whanaungatanga within this group. Two students and members of the school haka group, Vaughn Atkins-Percasky (13LRA) and Harlem Tangaroa (10SCH), are also practising and trialling for a senior haka group from Christchurch, Ngā Manu a Tāne. With the aim of performing at the Senior Regional Kapa Haka competition in May. We wish them both well in their pursuit for selection.

There are some notable events coming up including, the Arts Expo, the Manu Kōrero competition and Open Night, where our Māori students will take part and showcase their identity and culture. So keep an ear out for those, closer to the time.
Nō reira kei te hunga e pīkoko ana ki tō tātou reo me ōna tikanga, whāia tonutia te ara ki te mātauranga hei oranga mō tātou katoa.

Nā mātou noa nā,

Te Tari Māori o Te Kura Tuarua o Rangiora

Academic Success – NCEA Results 2015

Congratulations to the following for their outstanding results in last year's NCEA examinations:



Tei Hema who gained **Scholarship in Statistics and Modelling.**

Year 13

Tei Hema – Level 3 Endorsed with Excellence
Ashleigh Connelly - Level 3 Endorsed with Merit
Joshua Ley – Level 3 Endorsed with Merit
Simone Pitama – Level 3 Endorsed with Merit
Tim Unwin – Level 3 Endorsed with Merit



Year 12

Briarly Brown – Level 2 Endorsed with Merit

Year 11

Larissa Narbey-Floyd – Level 1 Endorsed with Excellence

Tahupotiki Collier-Robinson - Level 1 Endorsed with Merit

Nathan Fiu - Level 1 Endorsed with Merit

Tori McLean - Level 1 Endorsed with Merit

Haromi Reid - Level 1 Endorsed with Merit

Ebony-Rose Te Weehi-Wainohu - Level 1 Endorsed with Merit

Congratulations also to these students who gained credits in Level 2 NCEA Te Reo, as Year 10 Students – JJ Gage and Braxton Taua.

At Level 1 overall Māori student achievement was down slightly on the 2014 results.

At Level 1 60% of females achieved Level 1 compared to 47% of boys.

At Level 2 Māori female student achievement was up considerably on the 2014 results with 77% achieving Level 2, compared to 50% of boys.

Overall Level 3 achievement for Māori boys was up considerably with 67% achieving Level 3, but there was a considerable drop in girls achieving Level 3, 42%.

Kia Eke Panuku/ Building on Success – The journey continues – 'Addressing the aspirations of Māori communities by supporting Māori students to achieve their potential'

On January 27th we held our second hui whakarewa, welcoming 24 teachers into our school's journey towards best practice teaching in order to enable academic success for Māori learners. Here they were introduced to Kia Eke Panuku and its underlying principles and values. The day was presented by members of the Strategic Change Team (SCT) and members of last year's cohort. We now have 44 staff (including the lead strategic change team) who will be regularly observed by a member of the SCT. Every observation is followed up by a feedback discussion or 'shadow coaching'. A goal is then co-constructed and the cycle of professional learning continues.

Mel Anderson has been reappointed co-ordinator of the SCT, and Keith Anderson has been appointed as assistant co-ordinator. The other members of the SCT are Jason Fahey (Assistant Curriculum Leader), Mary Himiona (Curriculum Leader), Bruce McMillan (Curriculum Leader), Alison Cleary (Acting Deputy Principal) and Julia Malcolm (Acting Principal).

On the 9th and 10th of March members of the SCT will attend the first regional hui of the year. Sharing practice across schools is an integral part of the journey.



Sporting Successes

Congratulations to the following girls who have been named in the **Te Waipounamu Māori Under 19 team** to compete at Nationals:

Danya Price – Ngati Rauru

Renee Tuhikarama – Ngati Porou

They will travel to Hamilton over Easter Weekend.

Important dates

14th March – invitations will be out shortly for the Year 9 Māori students' lunch. Details to come. It is an opportunity for them to meet and connect with senior Māori students.

17th March is the first **Student Achievement Interview Day (SAID)**. You will be able to book appointments with classroom teachers and form teachers between 10 am and 8pm on this day. A cup of tea will be available in the Whānau Room and this is an opportunity to come in and chat at 11.00am and 5.00pm.

Mihi - Deputy Head Girl, Danya Price

My name is Danya Price, I am Deputy Head girl at Rangiora High School and hope to increase the interest in Māori culture and the use of Māori language, this is one of my goals this year.

I have been involved in Māori Netball with the Under 17s in 2015 when I was selected for the Under 17 Tournament team. This year I have been selected for the Under 19 Te Waipounamu Māori Netball.

I am travelling to Wellington for a NZ Māori Development Camp Sunday March 6th.

I am also hoping to trial for the NZ Māori U19 team this year.

While Julia Malcolm holds the role of Acting Principal, I will be overseeing whānau liaison with her.

Ngā mihi

Alison Cleary

Deputy Principal

