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From Karen Stewart, Principal

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

I would like to thank Julia Malcolm, the Strategic Leadership team, staff, students and the Rangiora High School community for the very warm welcome that I have received since arriving at the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting our young people and staff, working with senior leaders and more recently the members of the community reference group.

I feel privileged to have joined the Rangiora High School community at such an exciting time. Rakahuri and the connected curriculum are providing new learning opportunities for year 9. Work is underway in terms of developing the prototype hubs for 2018 year 10s and the thinking behind their learning programmes. Planning has also begun on the redevelopment of the sports' grounds, courts and gyms. At the end of this major project, our students will be learning in a state of the art facility. These exciting property developments are designed to support and strengthen the opportunities provided through the learning programmes on offer here at Rangiora High School.

Term 3 has been a busy term. This newsletter showcases the many achievements of Rangiora High School students and the activities they have been involved in. Term 3 is also a key term for our senior students. For students in years 11-13 these next weeks are crucial. Not only are many students completing their internal assessments, they are also preparing for the external examinations. It is also an important time for students in our junior school where they are consolidating their learning. Key in supporting our young people to achieve is the partnership between home and school.

Professor John Hattie's research shows that parent /whānau involvement in their child's learning has a positive effect. Improvements in engagement with learning, behaviour, and attendance, lead to improved academic achievement. Other research suggests that parental involvement changes when their daughter or son enters secondary school, with parents becoming less involved. Some parents feel that it is too long since they went to secondary school, that they don't understand enough about today's learning programmes; or that their child is old enough to take full responsibility for their own learning.

We are committed to further developing our relationship with parents and whānau and will be looking to provide useful and meaningful opportunities to strengthen links with families. As part of this ongoing commitment we are looking to supplement our newsletters with special focus shorter bulletins to ensure you have access to the information that you need when you need it.



From Karen Stewart, Principal

Another initiative was this term's Course Selection evening which was designed to support students and their families in their decision making about next year's options. We have had feedback from students and parents that this was worthwhile and so will be looking to provide other information sessions as relevant throughout the year. Please let us know at any time if you have suggestions for improving any aspect of home-school communication.

As you may be aware the KAMAR parent portal (<https://rangiora.mystudent.school.nz>) enables you to review your daughter/son's academic progress for the year. I would encourage you to regularly review these goals with your daughter/son. While we will continue to monitor your son/daughter's progress, please do not hesitate to contact his/her subject teacher(s) or Form Teacher if you have any concerns or questions about his/her progress.

The following are other resources, including information on homework tips and study advice, that you might find useful as you have conversations with your son/daughter about their progress towards their goals.

- The Ministry of Education website, which is full of practical advice (<https://parents.education.govt.nz>.)
- If you want to know more about the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA), the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), provides information specifically written for parents and whānau (<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/audience-pages/parents>).
- Alternatively you may want to look at Studyit (<http://www.studyit.org.nz/>)
- Or you could watch episode two of the Nigel Latta's TV One series (<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/nigel-latta>). Nigel Latta not only explains how NCEA works, he explains how learning programmes have changed.

A handbook for parents, whā au and caregivers has recently been published that brings together information about universal health and education services, making it easier for you to find the information about the services available. The Ministry of Education has also asked all schools to let parents and whānau know where to find information to support the mental health and wellbeing of their children. You can find links to organisations you can contact for help and advice on the Ministry of Education's website at www.parents.education.govt.nz/mental-health. Do not hesitate to contact the pastoral care team here at Rangiora High School, one of the Guidance Counsellors Heads of House or Deans if you have any concerns about your son or daughter.

I look forward to meeting more of our parents, caregivers, whānau and community over the coming weeks and months around the school and on the side lines of sports events or at the many wonderful cultural and extra-curricular activities our students participate in.

Karen Stewart

Tumuaki





From Bev Moore, Commissioner

Dear parents/caregivers,

Kia ora koutou.

It's been a busy term for Rangiora High School students and staff. As you'll know at this time of year in secondary schools there is a buzz as information evenings are held, new enrolments are received, next year's subject choices are made, and students complete assessments, compete in sports' finals and study for exams. Thanks to our staff for the extra time that they put in during these last months of the school year both preparing our students for their assessments and exams and welcoming next year's families into our school.

On the subject of welcoming people into the school, it has been great to see the welcome that Karen Stewart received from the school and community during her first few weeks in the role. I can confirm she is very quickly coming up to speed and putting her focus into the areas that will make the greatest difference to Rangiora High School students and their achievement.

You may also have seen an announcement by the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust (NCSRT) over the weekend that they are relocating to new premises in Rangiora. Rangiora High School has been a part of the NCSRT since the trust was established in 1986 as a successful and innovative community/school partnership to provide opportunities for sport and recreation in North Canterbury. This has proven to be very successful with high numbers of students from local schools as well as Rangiora High School, sport clubs and the wider community benefitting and we will continue to work closely with NCSRT who will continue to operate from the gym at East Belt until December.

We are currently investigating several options to use this space in the future as well as significantly upgrading the school's sport facilities to provide students, and our community, with greater access to high quality gymnasium spaces, courts and fields. These projects could happen at the same time as the Ministry of Education's work next year to maximise efficiency and reduce costs as we take advantage of this opportunity. I will keep you informed once plans have been firmed up.

In other areas of governance, along with staff, students and community members of the reference group, I am continuing to work with Michael Rondel at BDO and an investment advisor to further develop the school's investment strategy. There have been two meetings in the past month and the work is progressing well. This will safeguard the school's long-term financial strength while also ensuring that the financial resources of the school are used to the best benefit of students now and into the future. We will update you further on this in the coming months.

In mid-late September the Ministry of Education will be undertaking an interim review of the statutory intervention with the annual review scheduled for late February 2018 to assess the school's readiness to return to self-governance. The decision to return to self-governance rests with the Minister's Office and you will be advised as soon as possible when this happens as this will be a significant and very positive milestone for the school. The elections will be run by a returning officer, as is standard practice in schools.

In the meantime, although we do not know the time frame, it's never too early to start thinking ahead about whether someone you know (including yourself) has a good mix of skills and might be interested in standing for the new Board of Trustees. This will be a rewarding opportunity to be part of the team that oversees the strategic direction of Rangiora High School to ensure that it delivers excellent educational outcomes for its students now and into the future. The new Board of Trustees will be well supported by New Zealand School Trustees Association who are experienced in providing targeted training and assistance to new school boards.

I will be in touch either later in the term or at the beginning of Term 4 with further updates. As always, we welcome strong communication links with parents and caregivers. If you have any questions or feedback about any aspect of the school please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher, any member of the Strategic Leadership Team or me. If you have any questions about anything in this letter, I can be contacted through the school office (telephone 03 3118888) or via email bev.moore@xtra.co.nz.

Kind regards Bev Moore

Commissioner

Peter Allen

Rangiora High School was saddened to hear of the death of Peter Allen on 30 August.

Peter was the Principal of Rangiora High School from 1990 to 2002.

Peter led our school with strength, integrity and kindness.

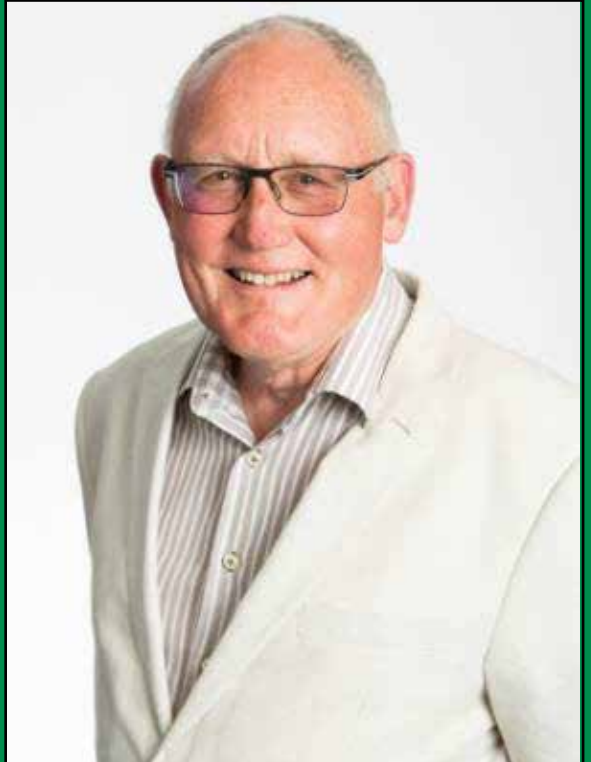
He introduced strong pastoral care systems, including the Peer Support Programme; he took a leading role in the promotion of a bicultural approach to education with the establishment of the whānau class and the building of the whare; and he shared his love of the outdoors through his attendance on many school camps and with his work on the North Canterbury Alpine Trust, the governing body of the Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre.

In addition to his leadership of our school at a time of major change in education following the introduction of Tomorrow's Schools in 1989, Peter was involved at a national level with the introduction of NCEA which was launched at Rangiora High School in November 1998.

Peter's passing is a sad loss for the education community nationally.

His wisdom, his enthusiasm and his passion for young people, for education, and for his community will be sadly missed.

Our thoughts are with Helen and the family at this sad time. Kua hinga te tōtara i Te Waonui a Tāne.



A line of Principals in a photo from 1990: Mr J Moffatt (1949-1963), Mr T Penny (1964-1978), Principal's Secretary Miss D Cate, Mr C Macintosh (1978-1989) and Mr P Allen (1990-2002).

HILLARY

House



As we start to head towards the business end of the year we are still in the running for the House Cup for 2017, the coveted trophy of the House Competition, which we have never won. The mighty Hillary team have had mixed success in recent weeks; in the Senior WinterFest Competition, competing in Netball and Mixed Football we are on track for a top the placing which will contribute valuable points towards our goal. Unfortunately The Choir Competition just did not go our way, coming sixth. It was however so much fun and an awesome spectacle to see the students rehearsing and watch the progress that they made. The two chosen songs that they had were 'I Want You Back' by the Jackson Five, and the Waiata, 'He Honore'. A special thanks must be made to all those students involved, and to Mikayla Calley, Hannah Fortune and Caitlyn Stevenson for leading this campaign.

The last six weeks of school have been testing times for many, with winter illnesses both affecting students and staff. Whilst occasional absences will have little impact on a student's overall progress, repeated or prolonged absences can be a different story. Where a student at home is capable of doing some work or keeping pace with material covered in classes they miss this should be done to minimise the adverse effects of their absence. That said, there are of course times where complete bed rest is the best cure, again, in these circumstances courses can be adjusted and material reduced to the bare minimum to provide the student with the essential information for assessment purposes. In either circumstance making contact with the Pastoral team is essential, so they can liaise with teachers and co-ordinate work as required. It is also worth remembering where students are missing assessment opportunities medical certificates are required in most circumstances.

With School Examinations coming up in the next few weeks it is natural some students will start to feel the pressure. Preparation is the key to keeping things in perspective. Students should be revising materials regularly and ensuring they are as best prepared as possible for these exams, as they are exceptionally important if derived grades are required as a result of a student being ill or adversely affected by significant events when they are sitting the end of year NCEA examinations. For students who are not as well prepared, targeting specific example questions can be useful to build confidence and a reminder that allowing sufficient time for revision is required before exams so the same thing does not happen at the end of the year.

Congratulations go to Elsie Mc Robb, a Year 9 student for her selection in the Girls' A Basketball Team. Elsie is pictured alongside a life size cutout of Steven Adams, a Centrex for Oklahoma City Thunder.

As always Miss Gibson and I are available in the Hillary Office should you need our assistance.

Head of House Kerry Sullivan

Dean of House Emma Gibson



LYDIARD

House



It's proving to be an eventful term - camps for some senior courses assessment work, House Choir, Senior WinterFest and FilmFest. Watch this space for all the imminent results.

I am thrilled to see so many involved in this year's House choir – at the moment we have approximately 30 students who are taking part this year, with a lovely mixture of young men and women from the juniors and seniors. I am pleased to see several Year 9s taking up the challenge and commend them for stepping up to involve themselves in House competitions.

The Senior WinterFest finally started due to weather delays. The teams are trying their best and I am pleased to see a lovely range of year groups involved in this too. The extra excitement was some of our Football girls being allowed to play this time around in these competitions.

On another note we are still collecting money for the LAP IT UP, many of you still need to get onto this please. There is a group of students who have been very selfless and donated \$120 from their band event to this cause, Band Eliptic – Jacob Patchett, Rhiannon Hewett, Sophia Ambrose and Stratas Sotogi - we are so humbled by this gesture and thank you for all your outstanding efforts. Watch this space for their ongoing performances and talent.

- *"We are Eliptic, we've been together for about a year now, and regularly practise once a week. We are made up of Sophia Ambrose our lead singer, pianist and rhythm guitarist, Jacob Patchett on lead guitar, Rhiannon Hewett on bass and Stratas Sotogi our drummer.*
- *We have only been together for about a year, but that doesn't mean we're can't put on a good show. Recently we've had a busy gig schedule with three performances within two weeks!*
- *Our goals for next year are Smokefree rockquest, expanding our repertoire and even an EP.*

Looking forward to seeing you at our concerts (look out for the blue posters)."

Another student that I would like to acknowledge is Eleanor Brock in Year 11. She has a talent for karate.

- *"Senpai Eleanor Brock started training at seido karate in 2009, when she was 7 years old. In the 8 years of training, she has been awarded many trophies, medals and earned the title "shodan senpai" in the December of 2015, along with her older brother, George Brock who is a former Rangiora High School student. Eleanor wiped the youth tournament in 2014, winning all the categories she could enter: Kata, Team Kata, Shiai and Kumite. She has also recently competed in an international Seido Karate tournament in Nagoya, Japan. She placed 4th, which was an amazing achievement for her. "*

Mr Cowey and myself always look forward to celebrating your successes, big or small, so be proud of what you achieve, let us know so we can brag about you too! Have a great rest of Term 3 and let us move up the House ladder in the competition stakes. Go Tigers!

Head of House Sabina Reed

Dean of House Jonathan Cowey



MANSFIELD

House



Kia Ora Mansfield Whānau

Term 3 is nearly half way through and for the seniors in the House, it is time to think about the upcoming internal examinations. They should all be aware of what is expected of them and all should be aiming to do their very best as you never know what Mother Nature will conjure up in November. Mansfield students should now be studying hard to achieve the results that they deserve. Wacky Week has been and gone with a marvelous array of costumes and outfits. It never fails to amaze me the ingenuity and creativity.

On Friday, 25 August, over 40 students from Mansfield house participated in the inter House Choir competition. There was a lot of practices, a lot of angst and a lot of planning, and eventually they produced two excellent songs. One being "The Greatest" by Sia and the other a Waiata of the classic 'Hare-ruia'. I was so impressed with the dedication and commitment of all the students and was very proud with the third placing that they achieved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bev Sue-Tang who was our House Choir master. She did a fantastic job and I know all the students appreciated her professionalism and knowledge of music.

The House competition continues this week with Senior WinterFest. We have had good numbers wanting to participate and contribute and we thus far have had some success. As with all things this competition has been disrupted by the elements of poor weather, but this has not deterred the students from fronting and doing the best for the house. The 48 hour Film Festival also occurs over the weekend of the 8-9, September and I would encourage students who have a drama inkling to see a member of the House executive and take part in this fantastic event. The end production of this effort to produce a film is top quality.

I would like to highlight in this newsletter Kate Campbell from 13MSTF. She is a wonderful young woman and an excellent small bore rifle shot, who recently shot an outstanding 100.7 on her first ever shoot for New Zealand. This dedication and commitment in her chosen sport has seen her recently named in the New Zealand Juniors' and South Island Womens' Smallbore Rifle Shooting Team. She became involved in the sport through school and then joined the West Eyreton club as she saw it as a natural progression from the hunting that she had done with her father. She would encourage all young woman to have a go. It is a sport that both girls and boys have an equal opportunity, as all you need is a steady hand, and nerves of steel.

Finally all the best for the remainder of the Term Mansfield students and whānau. Remember the efforts that you put in now will pay dividends in November and January.

Head of House Andrew Cotter

Acting Dean of House Anna Commons



NGATA

House



Spring is fast approaching and at the time of writing this Newsletter, we are heading into Week 6 of Term 3, which is just astounding! This term has been one of importance in regards to planning, choice and preparation. Many of our Year 13 cohort have been preparing for their transition to tertiary study with Scholarship and Halls of Residence Applications, which are now completed and are in the process of asking their teachers to give testaments for their Leaver Profiles. This time of year for this group of students, in particular, is a very busy, exciting and often daunting time, with huge change ahead. Despite the uncertainty of what lies before them in 2018, it gives me great pride to see our senior students rise to the challenge of NCEA Level 3 and understand that time presses; School Examination Week in Week 9 and NCEA Externals in November are imminent and there is little time for complacency, which most understand.

1 September, 2017 sees the Parent Portal, Student Choices option file close in preparation for 2018 timetables, so it is now urgent that parents and caregivers note that this is undertaken before the deadline. Mr Berg and I are here to support you in any aspect of transitional steps for next year, so please do not hesitate in making contact with us so that we can help you.

In terms of inter-House Competitions, this term has seen a very lengthy period of our Senior WinterFest Competition draw out and indeed, it is with hope that Week 6 will see this conclude. The current unsettled, very wet weather has put pressure on the pitches, causing delays. So it is with great hope that we can all continue with this extremely exciting event. Despite the delays of WinterFest, our inaugural and highly anticipated House Choir Competition was held on Friday 25 August, and as always, the standard of performance with both a popular song choice and waiata was absolutely stunning. It is always a really difficult job to determine places and I certainly did not envy the judges in terms of making the decision for this year's choirs. Ngata House Choir came fifth with our sister House Lydiard awarded first place – all six House performances were just beautiful with no major hiccups or flaws and I am just so grateful and proud of our fantastic Ngata Choir Team for their commitment, hours of practice under the leadership of our Choir Mistress Miss Alberts and sportsmanship – our students really do Never Give Up Aspiring To Achieve, which is what Ngata House values stand for and all members were hugely supportive of their competitors which was just lovely to see. Mr Berg and I are very privileged to be surrounded by such fantastic students, parents, caregivers and whanau, and we are always at hand to support you in any matter. If you require any support with your child, please do not hesitate in making contact with us.

Head of House Vanessa Wilkins

Dean of House Tim Berg



RUTHERFORD

House



Kia ora. August has passed at a frantic pace and the Rutherford students have had a busy action packed month with House Choir, Senior WinterFest and our annual fundraiser to help the Salvation Army all occupying our time.

Our fundraiser for the Salvation Army consists of Rutherford students running a mufti day to collect grocery items for the local Salvation Army food bank. The student executive wanted to raise the profile of the event this year and invited the local Salvation Army Captains into the Principal's assemblies to help explain the need for the food bank in our community. The fundraiser went well and as the photo shows we gathered a really good range of grocery items, which was really appreciated. We thank the school community for their generous support of this event.

Senior WinterFest has been going well despite the fact that it has been so rain affected. At the time of writing this, Rutherford was lying first equal from two rounds and looking forward eagerly to finishing this competition strongly. Our Football boys appear to be the dark horses and their form is looking good, whilst the girls are competing well in the Netball.

House Choir each year is always a big event with 120 points up for grabs. We spent hours practising at lunchtimes and form times for the event. This year the school introduced a Waiata to be sung as well as one other song of choice. Uia was our waiata and 'Slice of Heaven' was our song choice. The thing I like about the House Choir is that it really brings a group together as they go from struggling to get to grips with the song and music to slowly mastering the art of performance. Our group this year was ably led by Shannon Fortune, Lauren Reid and Tara Hurley. The leaders did a wonderful job running rehearsals and organizing costumes. During the performance week we could feel that things were starting to fall into place and by the time the competition came around we were ready and eager to do our best. We finished second on the day which was a terrific result with Lydiard House taking out the top honours: congratulations to them. We're really looking forward to see how the term will round out with Winterfest result still to come in and 48 Hour FilmFest still to take place.

Recently we sent three Rutherford students to the Christ's College Leadership day. Harry Skirrow, Maegan Dowling and Tom Lindsay all attended the day. "I was fortunate enough to attend the Emerging Leaders' Conference which is run by the Sir Peter Blake Trust. Year 12 students from several Canterbury schools attended the leadership day. The morning session consisted of different speakers including Tim Cope, Jake Bailey, Bernice Mene and Adam Hall who all spoke about significant times in their lives. The afternoon involved workshops with influential New Zealand leaders. It was a worthwhile day and I am grateful for the opportunity."

Head of House Jonny Sim

Dean of House Gillian Koster



SHEPPARD

House



Tēnā Koutou katoa

Tēna koutou ka toa. Ngā mihi nui. It is my great pleasure to provide you with the latest news from Ngati mako - the House of the Shark.

At our most recent school assembly it was very heartening to hear no fewer than 42 of our senior students acknowledged for receiving Excellence grades in NCEA assessments this term. This represents the pinnacle of academic achievement and demonstrates that our students are achieving to their potential across a range of subjects. I imagine we have many others who are gaining Merit and Achieved grades as they strive well done to all of you who are achieving so well and taking your studies seriously.

WinterFest has, ironically, been hampered by wintery weather conditions. At the time of writing we have completed just two rounds due to the inclemency of the conditions. The good news however, is that we currently sit in first equal position on the table. Our netball team has put in two brilliant performances beating Mansfield and Lydiard and our intrepid Footballers have managed a loss to Mansfield and a draw against Lydiard. All of the games have been well supported by both players and spectators. I look forward to our remaining fixtures and encourage all Sheppard students to get out and support our teams.

The inaugural Sheppard Quiz was held August 14 at Monteith's Rangiora. After rather slow ticket sales in the weeks preceding the event, it was hugely rewarding that on the night we sold out all 12 tables. There was a fierce battle for cerebral supremacy but at the end of the day it was the "Five Good Shepherds" who took the title. It transpires that the Five Good Shepherds are also known as the Strategic Leadership Team, so well done to Mrs Cleary, Ms Malcolm, Mr Quigley, Ms Stewart and Mr Wright. The night raised \$750.00 which will go towards our nominated charity Ronald McDonald House.

Our next major fund raising venture is the Dinner Party Raffle (see advertisement in this issue of the Newsletter). This initiative has demanded a huge amount of work from a team of students and staff who have been involved in a massive logistical exercise getting this off the ground. My thanks go to Mrs Wendy Wright and our Fundraising committee of Blake Benny, Ellie Thompson, Jeni Schdroski, Emily Gillman, Berend Oldenburger. I am sure that whoever wins this sumptuous dinner catered by a team of local celebrities will be in for a gastronomic treat.

The annual Choir Competition took place on Friday 25 August. Choir is the marquee event of the cultural house programme and this year we amassed a choir of over 50 songsters ably led by Danielle Robins and Noellalee Taua with conducting duties being undertaken by Ms Chrissie Glover. We performed with great passion and were definitely the loudest choir. The standard was exceptionally high and we can be proud of our 4th placing. On behalf of Dean of House Mrs Paula Howard and all of our Wonderful Form teachers – Kia Kaha Ngati mako.

Naku Noa Nā.

Head of House Keith Anderson

Dean of House Paula Howard



Business Challenge

It has been another exciting term for our Year 10 Enterprise classes. This term over three consecutive days we ran our 7th BP Business Challenge. On Tuesday, 15 August 60 year 10 students assembled in the Library to take part in the 3 day challenge.

This challenges students to form a business for 3 days, and culminates in them presenting their business plan to a group of judges at the end of the third day. The judges included local members of our council and business people. Troy Bilbrough, Leanne Newsome, Val Tones, Stuart Morris and Tessa Keeling. Troy Bilbrough and Stuart Morris are ex-students who studied Commerce at Rangiora High School and have gone on to successful business ventures. Stuart owns and operates Ray White Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Pegasus. Troy is the owner of Bacon Bros which is currently number one on Trip Advisor for restaurants in Christchurch. It was great to welcome them back as judges!

All of the judges were really impressed with the high quality of presentations, and the creative ideas of all of the groups. The group that won had a 'buzz' and a real enthusiasm for their product. They were passionate about their idea and conveyed that to all of the judges.

The winning team were the Safe Brace – who invented and marketed a safe bracelet to find missing trampers and hikers.

All of the students really enjoyed the three day experience. It was a 'taste' of real business, visualising an idea, identifying their target market and competition and thinking through the finances that surround their idea.

Most importantly the students had FUN and really enjoyed the experience.

Rangiora High School are very honoured that the YE Trust run this event with our Year 10 students. They find the students at Rangiora High School both enthusiastic, innovative and mature.

Paula McDonald

Head of Faculty – Business and Enterprise



Business Challenge

Report from Faith Beattie – Winning CEO

Our group consisted of a CEO (Faith Beattie), Co-CEO (Ruby Barnes), Finance Manager (Hank Derrik), Co-Production Managers (Caitlin Horne and Rachael McInnes) and Strategy Manager (Cate Johnson).

Our product was designed to help find people that get lost. It's a bracelet with a tracking chip and can find you at anytime with a scanner. The first day we decided what our product would be and built on that. Over the next day we added to our product to make it better and more helpful. We found out how many we could produce in a year and how much it would cost to create. The third day we set up for the interviews.

The overall experience was amazing and really opened my eyes to the world of business. My team learnt so much and it was an extremely helpful experience



Kahurangi Māori Dance Theatre Performance



The Kahurangi Māori Dance Theatre visited the school on the Tuesday, 1 August and performed for an audience of students from Senior Drama and Te Reo Māori classes. Following their Matariki themed performance students had another hour of working with the performers. The high energy performance was inspiring and the power and energy from the five performers was quite amazing.

Kia mau te wehi!

Blue Planet

In mid-August, the Blue Planet envirogroup held an event where we gave away sustainable smoothies - for free! All of the fruit we used had been rescued by Satisfy Food Rescue and donated to us. The event was a way for us to raise awareness regarding food waste and to advocate for new younger members. Looking at the stats, you'd be disgusted: up to a third of our food ends up in landfills. We will be holding this event again in the last week of term. Besides this, we've also been holding a few lunchtime talks around topics that concern us and our environment. These talks have concluded for this term, but more will be happening in term four - watch this space.



Reviews and Feedback

Thank you to the 23 parents who responded to the Year 9 Connected Ako Feedback survey, and to the parent and whānau who also gave feedback to Year 9 Form Teachers on Student Interview Day.

One repeated question was 'Where does my daughter/son 'sit' in terms of levels?' and also 'What do the levels mean?'

The diagram at right is taken from the New Zealand Curriculum (2007). You will see that there is not an 'exact' line up between year levels and curriculum levels. A student in Year 9 should be working at the top end of Level 4, but could also be working at Level 5 and sometimes at Level 6, depending on the subject and the objective that is being assessed.

We are also currently reviewing our reporting procedures. If you did not reply to the Report Survey earlier this year and wish to share your thoughts around the current reporting model, please email me directly.

Newsflash: Excited to report our highest ever turnout at Student Interviews, 1040 parents. We will also be reviewing this process shortly.

Deputy Principal Dynamic Curriculum

Alison Cleary

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International Department

The International Department welcomed sixteen new students from France, Germany, Denmark, Japan, Thailand and Korea in Term 3. The students participated in a three day orientation programme which included a trip to Rubicon Valley where they participated in a farm show, enjoyed a “kiwi” morning tea and took a jet boat ride.

We also welcomed two groups of Chinese students from Shanghai and Wuhan province. The students enjoyed a mixed programme of school activities and visiting local tourist attractions in the Canterbury region.



International Department

We have fifteen students heading off to enjoy five days of adventure on the West Coast in week 9. They are looking forward to visiting Punakaiki, walking up to the Franz Josef Glacier, going tramping and river kayaking.

Thank you so much to all the staff, students and home stay families who continue to make our international students feel welcomed, supported and help them integrate into the school community.



Languages



We recently celebrated International Languages Week at Rangiora High School. We decorated the school and staffroom and held various activities throughout the week to celebrate language learning in our school.

Languages are a great way to introduce students to new cultures, foster a deeper understanding and greater acceptance of differences, and help prepare them to be global citizens. During the week languages classes and staff wore badges showing what language they are learning or speak to highlight users of other languages.

We also had a cake decorating competition with prizes. There were some yummy creations.

Mikayla and Emily spoke at assemblies about their amazing school trip to Japan last year, and the staff showed off their general knowledge with quizzes at staff briefing.

Cantamath Competition

Congratulations to Hugo Carey, John-Luke Fenn, Zach Roberts and Thomas Steadman for their fourth place in the Christchurch Cantamath Competition. For the second year in a row, the boys did the school proud, in a very tight and close fought race where they just missed out on third place by being the second team to correctly complete seventeen very challenging questions.

The competition consists of twenty questions run over thirty minutes. There were fifty-five Year 10 teams from all over Christchurch competing including the school's second team consisting of Josh Campbell, Elloise Jackson, Ethan McLachlan and Josh Prager. In the Year 9 competition, the two Rangiora High School teams performed well with the pressure and pace on the night.

The members of these teams were Emily Andersen, Brooklyn Beach, James Constable, Oliver Hillson-Barratt, Brooke McCaleb, Chase McLaren, Johnny Parris, and Janae Pettigrew.



Muscle Car Madness \$800 Donation

Anyone who has lived in Rangiora for more than a few years will have heard of "Muscle Car Madness", an event which has run successfully annually for over twenty five years at the A&P Showgrounds. Craig Steere, the inspiration behind the concept, has been also involved in the music scene in Christchurch for many years. This year, he was keen to donate some of the proceeds to the musicians at Rangiora High School to use for any project they chose to. The handover of the money took place recently, and Ms Karen Stewart, our new Principal, was delighted to accept the cheque for \$800.00 from Marty Rodrigues, another organizer of "Muscle Car Madness."

The Music Department has decided to spend the money to build performance opportunities for our many musicians. Casual Fridays, inaugurated by Ang Reeves our singing teacher, augments the performance programmes already in place. Performing in Casual Friday gives students that all-important performance experience on a regular basis. To date, four Casual Fridays have taken place over Terms 1 and 2. The next Casual Friday will take place on Friday, 4 August from 7p.m. Unlike previous Casual Fridays, this one will take place in the recently refurbished school hall.



Sheppard House Dinner Party Raffle



All Proceeds
Go To Ronald
McDonald
House

Win!
A three course dinner party
for eight, cooked and
served in your home by
celebrity guests.
Food and beverages

\$10
Per Ticket

Guidance News

Secondary school is an exciting and at times challenging time for adolescents and for their parents.

An important role of school guidance counsellors is to listen to and support students at a time in their lives when the influence of their peer group is growing significantly. Counsellors work to support adolescents to feel OK about who they are even if they don't fit others' expectations, and also to support parents and caregivers.

For parents, the period of adolescence can be murky territory. There is so much that you might not be able to control. It is about respect, responsibilities and boundaries. There needs to be robust conversations around parental concerns, but these conversations need to be reciprocal and respectful, where parents express their concerns while also listening to their son or daughter. And hopefully all conversations are motivated by love.

Our teens need to be alongside adults who believe in them and genuinely care. They need to have someone in their lives who believes in them. This helps them develop their resilience.

Teenagers think with their emotions and they need these emotions validated.

What does this mean for parents?

If the aim is getting kids to think, sometimes it's important to bite your tongue and express empathy for how they are feeling about a certain issue. That can help you get alongside your teenager rather than positioning yourself against them.

Try to avoid arguments and roll with resistance asking them how important a particular issue is to them. Show an interest in what they are saying and how they might handle any discrepancies there might be between any differences in opinion.

Teenagers are all so wildly and wonderfully different; for some, the teenage years can be a time of struggle. Some teenagers struggle with a sense of belonging and connectedness. Some can feel isolated, anxious and depressed.

How do we get alongside our kids when the going gets tough or our kids seem to be shutting us out? It might seem old-fashioned, but a good starting place is the dining room table, eating together, talking and listening to each other – without technology. Or a simple thing like chatting in the car together, or while doing the dishes.

It's about having conversations that build trust and respect. It's about listening and responding rather than just going in with an agenda. Try to have some conversations that are light-hearted rather than always getting bogged down in problem-saturated talk and to think about a time when you were able to connect, where you enjoyed being together – it is never too late to tap into that.

Kay Henson, on behalf of the Guidance Team at Rangiora High School

School Voluntary Donations

I would like to thank all those parents and caregivers who have paid the school the voluntary donations this year.

These donations go a long way to help fund extra-curricular equipment and supports sport and cultural activities and the purchase of extra resources such as library books.

I encourage you to make this contribution to your child's school if you have not already.

Thank you. We appreciate your support of Rangiora High School.

Val Tones

Executive Officer



Student Services

Uniform

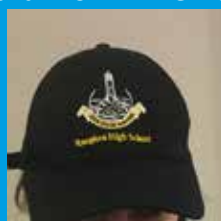
A few bits of uniform news. We have just signed off on a new cap which will be available soon. It is black with the school's monogram embroidered on it. The material of the current green cap fades badly and our supplier, the Uniform Group, cannot source a green fabric that has better UV qualities. The new cap is black, UV resistant and looks smart.

Girls' trousers in all sizes are now available from the Uniform Shop. These can be worn by any year level.

A reminder about SOCKS. They are plain black. We are getting a bit tired of having conversations about socks and their various logos when we would much rather be talking to students about other, more interesting things. Some might say who cares about what logo is on a sock? We are trying to maintain a standard of tidiness in the uniform and sticking to the uniform code is our best way of keeping to the high standard which most students reach every day.

Please feel free to contact me by phone 033118888 or email mmj@rangiorahigh.school.nz if I can help you with hardship issues around uniform. We have lots of ways to help.

Julia Malcolm
Deputy Principal



Uniform Shop

OPEN HOURS | Term 3 - School days (24 Jul - 28 Sept)

DAY	OPENING HOURS
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Mondays	8.00am - 10.00am
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Tuesdays	1.20pm - 2.20pm
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Wednesdays	1.20pm - 2.20pm
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Thursdays	3.00pm - 5.00pm
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Fridays	CLOSED
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Saturdays	CLOSED unless stated below
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*Hours may be subject to change.

The shop will be closed on Public Holidays and Teacher only days.

OPEN HOURS | October School Holidays

DAY	DATE	OPENING HOURS
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Wednesday	11 October 2017	9.00am - 3.30pm
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Thursday	12 October 2017	9.00am - 3.30pm
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Friday	13 October 2017	9.00am - 3.30pm
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Saturday	14 October 2017	9.00am - 12.30pm
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The Pastoral Team

Each of the six Houses is headed by a pastoral team comprising of a Head of House and Dean of House. The pastoral teams are here to support you with any matter relating to your child's progress and are always very keen to work together with parents and caregivers for positive outcomes. If you would like to make contact with your child's pastoral team, for an appointment or for any general queries, please note their contact details as below:

For all email contact with your pastoral team, please note that their cypher should be attached to our High School email address. For example: slk@rangiorahigh.school.nz

Hillary House

Head of House - Kerry Sullivan (SLK) ext: 2101

Dean of House - Emma Gibson (GBE) ext: 2100

Lydiard House

Head of House - Sabina Reed (RDS) ext: 2103

Dean of House - Jonathan Cowey (CWJ) ext: 2102

Mansfield House

Head of House - Andrew Cotter (CTA) ext: 2104

Acting Dean of House - Anna Commons(CMA) ext: 2105

Ngata House

Head of House - Vanessa Wilkins (WLV) ext: 2107

Dean of House - Tim Berg (BRT) ext: 2106

Rutherford House

Head of House - Jonny Sim (SMJ) ext: 2108

Dean of House - Gillian Koster (KSG) ext: 2109

Sheppard House

Head of House - Keith Anderson (ADK) ext: 2111

Dean of House - Paula Howard (HWP) ext: 2110



Sports News

Netball

The South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Netball Tournament was held at Hagley Park during the second week of the school holidays in atrocious weather conditions

Our teams kept their spirits up and were well supported by their coaches, managers and parents

Unfortunately some play was cancelled on the last day due to snow. Our teams both achieved great results with our Year 10 A team finishing 9th equal and our Year 9A team 5th equal

Well done girls.



Sport News

Orienteering

Dominic Cleary attended the NZSS Orienteering champs in Wairarapa during the holidays. Dominic competed in really bad weather conditions in the Senior Boys' Division and achieved an outstanding 8th placing in the Sprint event and 11th placing in the Long event out of a field of 50 competitors.

Congratulations Dom.

Swimming

Eugene Dickie competed in the South Island Swimming champs in Blenheim during the holidays and achieved some fantastic results as follows and is heading to NZ Secondary School Champs in September

2nd in 200m butterfly open grade final.

3rd in the 50m backstroke open final.

Congratulations Eugene.

Marlborough Boys' College Football Exchange

This term Rangiora High School hosted three football teams from Marlborough Boys' College.

The boys were billeted with families and competed the next day in three games of football against our 1st X1, 2nd X1 and Junior boys' teams.

Marlborough Boys' were playing at strength taking out all three games before enjoying a shared lunch and returning to Marlborough.



Duathlon

Ethan McLachlan and Jacob Turner competed in the Canterbury Secondary School Duathlon and Ethan finished 2nd Jacob was just pipped on the line and came in 4th, Ethan was 5th overall and Jacob 12th out of 25 boys in all age groups. Well done both boys a great effort



SPORTS NEWS

Football

Macey Fraser and Gabbie Rennie have been selected in the NZ U17 Football squad which travelled to Samoa to compete in the OFC U16 Womens' Championship in August.

An outstanding selection for our football girls – well done.

The New Zealand team won this tournament and this now qualifies the team for the U17 World Cup in Uruguay in 2018.



Rifle Shooting

Congratulations to Kate Campbell who competed in a postal shoot against Great Britain.

Kate shot for the NZ Junior Smallbore team and the NZ Smallbore Womens' team at the weekend and is now part of the NZ Wider squad for Smallbore Rifle Shooting.



THANK YOU

SCHICK have kindly sponsored a free razor to all our Year 12 boys - all 176 of them.

SCHICK are the sponsors of the NZ Secondary School Basketball Tournament, so a big thanks to them.

Athletes Foot have kindly sponsored funds for sport equipment as part of the reward system for RHS purchases from their stores.



Rugby

With all competitions except the U15 now finished, RHS Rugby is reflecting on a hugely successful season.

The 1st XV has had a season of record success, becoming holders of the Crusaders' Co-Ed School Challenge Shield for 2017 and with a best ever finish at 7th on the UC Championship table competing in the Plate semi-finals, with a narrow last-minute loss to eventual Plate winners, St Thomas's.

Competing in the Metro U18 competition for the second year, the 2nd XV were in Section II and had very close games all season with not much separating the top four. They met the eventual section winners CBHS 7th XV in the semi-finals, narrowly losing 22-17.

On the back of their second place in the annual College Day tournament at the start of the season, the Girls' 1st XV competed in the Premier grade of the UC Cup and had a challenging season with strong opposition every week, a highlight being a win against eventual finalists Burnside-Rangi. In an exciting first, Brittany O'Kane has been talent ID-ed to trial for the NZ 7s.

Both Junior Boys' teams made semi-finals of the Junior Boys' competition, with the Green team going through to play Lincoln in a hard-fought final which Lincoln took out.

Next week the U15 team travel to Greymouth to compete in the South Island Junior Rugby tournament. With both the MBC and Ashburton Exchanges having been cancelled this year, the U15 had their first pre-tournament game last week, playing Christ's College U15B on Upper and getting a good win 34-12.

There were a large number of RHS Rugby players selected for North Canterbury teams, many of whom are now representing Canterbury Country in their respective age groups.

RHS Rugby is also enjoying following the progress of ex-players Kaylee Tavendale and Nigel Gibb, both of whom are representing Canterbury

Congratulations to George Prain who was selected in the Crusaders' Junior Knights team which travelled to Wellington to play the curtain raiser game for the Super Rugby Hurricanes vs Crusaders match.

Off the field the 1st XV billeted TBHS 1st XV on their way north to Nelson to play Nelson College.



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Equestrian

On Saturday, 26 of August, Rangiora High School had two teams that competed at the Canterbury Interschool One Day Event at McLean's Island. This was a successful day with all of our competitors completing the three phases of Dressage, Cross Country and Showjumping strongly. RHS Gold finished 5th overall with RHS Green following closely behind at 7th in Canterbury. Many of the students also were individually placed in their classes.

RHS Gold team - Millie Chamberlain, Maiya Jolliffe, Georgia Williams and Toby Orr.

RHS Green team - Jordan Dunlop, Kate Mahan, Brooke Adams and Emma Husband.

This was Millie Chamberlain's final Equestrian competition for Rangiora High School. She has been a consistent and dedicated member of Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping teams throughout her school years. Millie displayed an enormous amount of skill and balance to recover her seat during her Showjumping round – in doing this she ensured that her team kept their 5th placing in Canterbury.

A huge thank you to Kirsty Pierson and parents of competitors for your time, support and expertise on the day, and leading up to the event. It is greatly appreciated.



Rangiora High School Colours & Oak Criteria

RHS Colours & Oak Applications are open. Please go to our school website to apply under Co-Curricular.

Awarding of colours remains at the discretion of the Colours Committee.

Cultural Colours Criteria

In order for students of Rangiora High School to be eligible to receive Cultural Colours you must have:

Made a significant contribution to one or more major school based cultural event in two or more calendar years.

Major school based cultural events include but are not limited to:

- Kapahaka
- Orchestra
- Manu Korero
- Public Speaking
- School Choir
- School Production
- Shakespeare Festival
- Stage Challenge
- Theatre Sports

A significant contribution means you have:

- Taken a leading role in your performance discipline.
- Attended regularly throughout an extended rehearsal and preparation schedule.
- Been reliable and committed throughout rehearsal and performance.
- Performed to a high standard as determined by the professional judgement of the Teacher In Charge.

*House Choir Competition does not count as a major cultural event

Sport Colours Criteria

Criteria for students of Rangiora High School to be eligible to receive Sport Colours

- Competed in a merit selected Senior A sports team for at least two years
- Individual sports students will be considered for colours if they have competed at the highest Secondary School level in Canterbury for a minimum of 2 years.
- Students who are National Representatives as an individual should apply.

Oak Criteria

Oak Awards are considered for students who represent New Zealand at the highest age group level or holds a current individual National Title and where possible represented Rangiora High School.

Oak Awards are not awarded for NZ Development teams.

Return of Sport Uniform

All winter sports teams that have finished their season must return uniform to the Sports Office now. Thanks.

Please can these be washed.



Year 13 Wacky Week



Choir Competition

