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From Julia Malcolm, Acting Principal

Ngā mihinui ki a koutou.

This term started with the excitement of the opening of Rakahuri, our big new, open/modern/flexible learning environment. A lot of work had been done over the holidays to get it ready for Day 1 of the term so that teachers and classes could be gradually introduced to the building. Our 350 plus Year 9s had been working in a new style of learning environment in the six hubs that we had prototyped but to be in the expansive and purpose built building really made it all make sense. Our worries about sound and temperature do have all been allayed as the high tech acoustic treatments kicked in and do what the building was designed for.

Similarly the building's atmosphere is monitored by a computer which adjusts fans, windows and air flow all by itself. On the day of the official opening invited guests, staff and students got to see the building in use with and all were impressed by the not only the look of the building but the connected curriculum that is being taught in it. Many visitors have commented that 'it isn't at all what we thought'. We plan to have a number of open afternoons or weekends when people can come and have a look. At present we have been inundated with requests from schools around New Zealand and so far have had visits from Queenstown, Marlborough, Nelson, Auckland and Christchurch schools.

Hard on the heels of Rakahuri coming to life, was the appointment of our new Principal, Ms Karen Stewart. We are looking forward to formally welcoming her to the school at the start of term 3. She and a group of staff from Marlborough Boys' and Girls' Colleges visited last week and she was able to meet a number of students and staff. Ms Stewart will no doubt find it hard to leave Blenheim where she was appointed as Principal in 2006 having worked her way up through Assistant and Deputy Principal roles at Marlborough Girls, but she is very much looking forward to joining the North Canterbury community. I will return (happily) to my role as Deputy Principal and look forward to introducing Ms Stewart's to the school and community.

There is plenty to read in this newsletter that is worth celebrating and I hope like me, you enjoy basking in the great results that our students are attaining in all aspects of school life. At every school assembly we have welcomed up on stage to congratulate students who are achieving in activities as wide-ranging as Surfing and Chamber Music and we are constantly reminded of what a diverse community we have.

Diversity and difference is something we celebrate and encourage, so I often question why some of our students still persist in bullying others. The impact of bullying is long lasting and while it is hard work to stop bullying, it is and always will be worth the effort. I would love to say ours is a bullying free school, but that would sadly not be true. What is true, is that in our school there are over 1700 'onlookers,' who don't support bullying and who have an important part to play.



Not necessarily with a big heroic gesture, but quite simply in an everyday way, taking the opportunity when it presents itself to say, "Hey that's not OK". The digital world has allowed bullying to take on a whole new and scary persona, and once bullying takes place in that platform, the phrase 'going viral' is exactly what happens. We remind students as often as possible to ask the five THINK questions. Is it True is it Helpful, is it Interesting, is it Necessary, is it Kind? And if the answer is NO, then don't say it, post it, share it, txt it, snapchat it message it, or act on it.

I encourage you to read and discuss the article in this newsletter about the '13 Reasons Why' series. If you don't know about this, then you need to find out. Your children are all talking about it, watching it and forming opinions. It is really important that you are part of this. Parents who have watched the program (right through to the very end, that is key), all say that it has been extremely worthwhile and they realized how important it was that they did this and didn't let their children watch it on their own in the middle of the night, as some are doing.

On a lighter note, congratulations to the many sports' teams who are really stepping up to the challenge each week. It was great to see both the boys' and girls' Hockey team have home games at the new turf on Coldstream Road. In this winter sports' season we have 53 teams playing each week in Badminton, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Netball and Rugby with a further 108 students who through (or despite!) the winter participate and compete regularly in Bowls, Cross Country, Duathlon, Equestrian, Lifesaving, Orienteering, Rifle Shooting, Road Racing, Squash, Swimming and Trampolining. I can never say thank you enough to the many managers, coaches and supporters who make this happen. You are champions. It has been great to see some big wins being notched up each week and some very proud Rangiora High teams building on their success.

I encourage you to get tickets to the school production of High School Musical which opens on June 21st in the Rangiora Town Hall. During one of the Year 8 after school Open Day tours, I took a group into M3 where the cast was rehearsing and I was impressed with how it was looking and sounding, still with three weeks of rehearsal. It promises to be a great show.

We are looking forward to the re-opening of the school hall after being out of commission for a year, most of which due to it being attached to the Rakahuri building site, and for the last month as it has been renovated. It is looking very smart. Maintenance work on the Technology Block is almost complete and we have been lucky that classes have been able to continue there while its weather tightness issues have been remediated. J Block is soon to be demolished (and not a moment too soon!) The next focus is the Recreation Centre which is in need of some big work to the roof, ceiling, floors and exterior cladding. We hope to take the opportunity while repairs are being made to make some improvements which will provide better changing rooms for students, improved PE staff work spaces, a new floor and better viewing areas for spectators. Never a dull moment!

Please ensure your students are coming to and from school in correct uniform. As winter intensifies, we see all sorts of garments being added to uniform. These are often in the form of cotton hoodies, which science will tell us do not cut it! If you need any assistance in getting jerseys or school jackets please contact Mrs Vanessa Wilkins, who looks after uniform and can help out in lots of ways.

A new addition to our uniform choice, is for girls to wear grey charcoal school trousers. These will be available at the Uniform Shop next week. Mrs Wilkins has worked with a group of girls to get to this point and we hope this extra option allows for girls to feel comfortable in what they are wearing.

Julia Malcolm
Acting Principal





From Bev Moore, Commissioner

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you will be aware Term 2 has been an extremely busy time at Rangiora High School. It has been great to have the new building, Rakahuri, occupied with students and staff. Often schools are judged by how modern or flash their facilities are but what really matters is what is happening in the spaces in terms of teaching and learning. It is therefore rewarding to report back that the students are on task and engaged, while also enjoying the new facilities. We are very pleased to note that the building is living up to the architect's assurances that the space is not noisy even when at capacity. As well as the media interest in its opening, the building continues to attract interest from other schools across the country that are keen to see its functionality now that the spaces are being used. Julia Malcolm and the SLT have been busy meeting the many external groups that have visited the school to look at the facility.

One of these was a pre-planned visit from the Combined Marlborough Colleges, which included Karen Stewart, Rangiora High School's new principal. Karen was warmly received and stayed on for morning tea with staff. She was very impressed with the considered and effective planning that went into Rakahuri and with the teaching and learning programmes happening in the space. She appreciated the welcome from the students and staff on the day and also from the members of the local community who have contacted her to congratulate her since her appointment was announced.

Karen will officially start at the school on 17 July using the last week of holidays to come further up to speed with the school and meet key people including Ministry of Education and the Education Review Office staff. She will then spend much of the first week with students and in classrooms.

At the end of June Karen will also join the Senior Leadership Team, Brent Ingram and myself for an in-depth strategic planning session for 2017-18. A key focus will be on how we can address challenges and raise student achievement across the whole school. We have invited a Ministry of Education funded Student Achievement practitioner, who is experienced at working alongside schools, to join us as we look to accelerate student achievement levels at our school.

During the past few months Brent Ingram, educational consultant, has undertaken an in-depth review and analysis of nationally referenced leaver data from the last five years to understand student achievement trends and how RHS compares nationally and with other decile 9 schools across the country. What Brent has found is that while NCEA Level 2 results have tracked upwards over recent years to sit just above the national expectation of 85%, Level 3 pass rates continue to be below the national mean and other similar schools. I acknowledge that there have been improvements in the last couple of years but it remains evident that there are some real challenges around the engagement, retention and achievement of Y13 students and Maori students at Rangiora High School.

At the planning session we will also work through the findings of a review Brent has just completed into the faculties and programmes currently provided to students as we expect there are some positive changes that will lead to increased student engagement.

Brent's work is very informative and comes at the perfect time for the new principal and provides hard data for decisions to be made from. I am very confident that Karen Stewart and the SLT are well placed to make the changes required and that there is scope for some proactive and innovative solutions to achieve our goals of significantly raising achievement and engaging students.

Finally I would like to acknowledge Julia Malcolm's continued efforts as Acting Principal. I know she is looking forward to handing over to Karen and stepping back into her Deputy Principal role alongside the other experienced and capable SLT members but I remain extremely grateful for her agreeing to lead the school during this time. Julia is a wonderfully positive and welcoming face of the school who cares deeply about the students and their families. She is also a perfect ambassador for Rangiora High School at the many sports games and other community events she attends. Thank you, Julia.

All the very best for the remaining weeks of term. 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 - I can be contacted through the school office (telephone 03 3118888) or via email bev.moore@xtra.co.nz.

Wānanga reo

Kia hiwa rā, kia hīwa rā!

Check out some of these photos from our first wānanga reo for 2017! A monthly get together of kai, kōrero and ako! These whānau wānanga reo are pitched for parents, students and staff members of our whare- Te Ara ki te Mātauranga. At the last workshop we looked into correct pronunciation and creation stories, next kaupapa will be around pepeha and mihihihi.



Languages

Rangiora High School has been successful again in the annual Worldwide Language Perfect competition, placing 14th out of 271 New Zealand schools and 3rd in the 100-250 students category out of 58 NZ schools! This language website is used all year long by language students and is an excellent tool to revise vocabulary as well as practise listening, reading and writing skills in their chosen target language.

Year 10 and senior students learning Te Reo Māori, Japanese and French had 10 days to answer as many language questions as possible. Overall, our students answered 670114 questions, earning the school a total of 247708 points! What an achievement!

This year, our top achievers are:

1st place: Lucy Prickett (year 13/French) – 14668 points – Lucy has been our top scorer for the past 3 years!!!

2nd place: Renée Woodward (year 10/Japanese) – 13410 points

3rd place: Holly Warming-Smith (year 10/Japanese) – 10627 points

The language that obtained the most points was Japanese and the class that scored the most was the Year 12/13 French class. All these successful students will be rewarded with a pizza lunch .

Looking forward to next year's competition for even more exciting achievements!



Opening of Rakahuri



Rakahuri



HILLARY

House



The start of Term 2 saw our Year 9 Hillary students occupy Hillary Basecamp, our section of the new Modern Learning Environment building called Rakahuri. The construction of this large space has divided our campus for some time and it is great to have it completed. Year 9 students have been enthusiastic to move into this space, where their core subjects of English, Health, Math, Science, and Social Studies are delivered.

With just one round of the Senior Debating competition left we are in a very good position, poised to take a top three slot overall. Our marvellous team includes, Serenity Bruce, Mikayla Calley, Sarah Calley, Hannah Fowler and Tom Webb. Mikayla has picked up best speaker twice in the competition so far, demonstrating a real flair in delivering powerful rebuttal arguments.

The Junior Winterfest Tournament starts next week with students playing mixed football and netball. It is great to see females being allowed to play in the football again as both in Hillary House and the wider school we have so many talented female football players. I would encourage all students to have a think about any of the events that they wish to participate in, as they are always great fun.

Congratulations go to Josh Neilson (pictured) for playing his tenth game for the Rangiora High School 1st XV Rugby team. Josh earned his cap this weekend with a win against Burnside High School 30-17. All of this coincided with his 16th birthday, making for a fairly memorable day. For a Year 11 player to earn their cap this early in the season, is a clear reflection of his talent.

In other sporting news, this month we feature Elsie McRobb of 9HMLC. Elsie is a keen Basketball player who has recently been awarded an Alloyfold Scholarship with the Canterbury Wildcats. This scholarship sees players aligned with a mentor. In Elsie's case this is Ashleigh Fane, a Point Guard with the Canterbury Wildcats, and a coach for Elsie at North Canterbury Basketball. The scholarship provides apparel, a \$500.00 contribution for the National competitions and training and development camps.

Elsie has played Basketball, predominantly as a point guard, and selection in the Under 15 Waitaha team, which comprises both Canterbury and North Canterbury players, for Elsie this is the highlight of her playing career so far. Basketball training burns much of Elsie's time, but she loves the camaraderie of her team mates and maintains great results in her classes by demonstrating the discipline and organisation that many young sports stars need to excel. Like many young sportspeople Elsie thanks Mum and Dad for the countless hours and kilometres they cover to enable her to participate in Basketball.

Until next time, as always should you have concerns please do not hesitate to contact either Ms Gibson or myself, Mr Sullivan.

Head of House Kerry Sullivan

Dean of House Emma Gibson



LYDIARD

House



Term 2 has started with a bang and all Lydiard Year 9s are now into their new learning areas. Our hub, Huritini is named after a section of Rakahuri by Warren Road, Oxford.

The students have been receptive to their new space and the resources on offer. It also allows all the core subjects to be located in one area with access to the labs in the building too.

We have acknowledged several young future leaders who have stepped up to be monitors in this area to help their teachers and have presented their badges to them – this was also done formally in their House assembly so they were recognized in front of their peers and Lydiard students across the year levels.

We are proud to announce

Hub leaders: Brooklyn Beach, 9LGRP, Taine Gyde 9LGRP, Brooke McCaleb 9LGRP and Max Buckley 9LHRS.

Other students who were not able to be chosen this time are encouraged to grab opportunities that will arise. We are lucky to have so many multi-talented youngsters in our House.

A friendly reminder to aid progress with their learning is for them to use their devices appropriately at correct times in class.

There are exciting competitions this term including the Annual House Fun run for raising money for the Blind Foundation in Week 8, (information is with your child/ren who should be in the process of collecting sponsors and thinking how they could participate), the House quiz for all Year 9,10 and 11 students in week 9, and at the time of this newsletter the Junior Winterfest with soccer and netball competitions vying for House points starting this week. The Debating team have been trying their best and the results will be decided by 9 June. The team have been under the watchful eyes of some very experienced debaters including Tom Hanson, Dylan Buckley, Cameron Page, Logan Kim, Lucy Weddell, Natalie Stevens, Joel Epps and Holly Whittaker.

Some other students who need special mention are:

Blake Grindley – Jones: Competed in Waimakariri sailing champs on 25/26th March – won

Cameron Page: Cameron did brilliantly - He came 2nd in the 2017 South Island Chinese Bridge Competition. He is now off to Wellington in June for the N.Z finals.

Will Kirk: His involvement in drama productions keeps entertaining a range of the community – his talents recently being used in his role as the Telegram boy in “The Sound of Music”.

Dan Racle: He has won the inaugural Bruce Banks Environmental Education award which has only been set up since June 2016. Well done to Dan and all he does in and out of school to raise awareness and lead the House as one of our Captains. I would again like to commend the seniors for all their hard work in helping our house be a success where students can participate and feel they are a valuable asset in what they do.

You make me proud – go Tigers!

Head of House Sabina Reed

Dean of House Jonathan Cowey



MANSFIELD

House



Kia ora Mansfield House Whānau.

Term 2 is half way through and reality is starting to hit, especially for our senior students. Most are working well at achieving their academic and personal goals for the year, and I was most impressed at the last assembly with the number of our students receiving awards for attaining excellence in a chosen standard. This dedication, and focus towards their studies is very encouraging and I am extremely proud of them all.

We have had success in the inter house debating competition taking out wins against Ngata and Hillary with Keighley Robertson taking out overall top speaker on both occasions. Although there are only 3 speakers, the effort being put in behind the scenes is immense. The students that are doing the research and coming up with ideas have been doing an excellent job as has Eliza Burt-Priddy who has been writing and editing numerous speeches in an effort for the participants to have a strong and forceful argument. Junior Winter fest starts very shortly and Mansfield House has been fortunate enough to have a lot of juniors willing to contribute and participate in netball and in football. I know that these students will do themselves and the House proud.

I would like to focus on Samara Singh 13MSTF who represented New Zealand recently at The Sydney Royal Easter show, competing in Stock Handling competitions. Samara got involved with this sport through Rangiora High School and the Agriculture department 3 years ago. Her passion is based around judging and showing quality animals to highlight the New Zealand beef industry. Samara has had an immense amount of success, gaining second in the herdsperson category in Sydney. She was able to attend this show as she won a scholarship for the Murray Grey Youth ambassador at the AMP show in Christchurch. This was from a pool of 30 students from throughout Canterbury. Samara wants to promote and encourage young students to become involved in the cattle industry, allowing individuals from diverse backgrounds to take new path ways that is not necessary the norm in the agricultural sector in New Zealand. Samara has set some lofty goals, aiming to compete and show for some of the biggest studs in New Zealand. I know that with her positive and determined attitude she will achieve this goal.

Mansfield House would like to wish our Dean, Miss Kelsey Kooyman well in her upcoming maternity leave. She has worked tirelessly for the students, whanau and staff of Mansfield house in the past year. Her professionalism and dedication has been an absolute joy to watch and she has made a significant contribution to the lives of those that she has assisted. All the best Kelsey from Mansfield House. Her replacement is Miss Anna Commons, a member of Mansfield House for 4 years, and I am more than confident that she will continue to do an excellent job in her capacity as Dean.

I would just like to remind the Mansfield students that it's only in the dictionary that success comes before work. All the best for the remainder of the term, continue working hard, and reach those goals to allow you more options in the future.

Head of House Andrew Cotter

Dean of House Kelsey Kooyman



NGATA

House



It has been a privilege to be asked back into the House system as Acting Head of House, to look after Ngata House while Mrs. Wilkins has been Acting Deputy Principal. I have been impressed with the calibre of pupils who represent us and this is especially true of the House Executive. These young people are well organized, enthusiastic, reliable and very caring about the House members and the integrity and wellbeing of all in it.

The House extends congratulations to Holly Monopoli from 9NPRK who has been awarded a scholarship from the 2017 Wildcats Basketball Scholarship Programme. Holly, who plays in the U15 age group competition, has been selected by a panel of representative coaches who believe she has the potential to be a future Wildcat. This is a great step-up for Holly and we wish her all the best.

We have recently had Senior Debating and while we did not win our team gave of their best and we took the view that as the majority of our debaters are in Year 13 we needed to look to the future and blood some of our younger senior pupils into the "dark arts" of Debating. These youngsters acquitted themselves very well and will be all the better, in the future, for this experience.

Towards the end of Term 2 is going to be a busy time for us. We have called for applications for Junior House Executives. Again the calibre of our pupils is high and an announcement will be made at our next House Assembly. Coming up we have also Junior Winterfest in week 6, the Quiz for our Juniors and Year 11s and in the beginning of term 3 the Choir competition.

The Year 9s are now in Rakahuri and below are some of their comments regarding this fantastic new building:

"better than the classroom hubs, more breakout rooms"

"surprisingly quiet"

"can get loud in the morning but there are places to go for quiet, but overall an awesome place and I really enjoy it."

"it's great because of the tech and size."

"it is alright."

"overall a good learning space"

"it's a better environment to learn in."

"I like the new furniture and space.."

Year 13s are also in Rakahuri which they use as a study area and below are some of their comments about Rakahuri:

"It's nice and clean. I like the spaces for Year 13."

"I really like the building. It's a really nice, clean useful space. I think it allows for students to get to know each other better."

"I like the building, its spaciousness and we have somewhere to go."

Acting Head of House Pam Bernards

Dean of House Tim Berg



RUTHERFORD

House



Kia ora. Term 2 has been passing by at the usual fast pace and it's hard to believe that we're now into June. A lot has been happening with the students in Rutherford Hub.

Our Year 9's have been enjoying their learning in the new building Rakahuri. It really is amazing. This term we have been connecting around a topic relating to conflict. Connected learning is different from full integration of the curriculum. The main subject areas connect to a topic and bring to it their own slant. For example Social Studies has been looking at the causes and effects of World War One; Maths have been undertaking a Statistical Inquiry into World War One; Science has been looking at the Science behind projectiles [even making catapults], light [we're going to make a periscope like those used in World War One] and the effects of the War on the Human Body [diseases, trench foot, dysentery]. English has been looking at a short film on conflict by Taika Waititi as well as texts such as Romeo and Juliet and a text on the Wairau affray in NZ where conflict is a central theme. Physical Education have been studying invasion games. As you can see, these innovations lead to connections that previously were absent from the junior curriculum. I've included some photos of the students in the new science labs displaying some of their work.

This month's main events in the House Competition have been centered on the Senior Debating Competition. The topics have been really varied and the Student Exec have done a great job in bringing through some students who are new to debating. It's been great to see some Year 11's and 12's putting their hands up for this event and supporting the Year 13's. We are about to start the Junior Winterfest competition. We are looking forward to seeing how this will go. Also this month are the Year 9, 10 and 11 quizzes so we've got fingers crossed for a good showing in this competition as well.

The Student Exec have been planning their fundraiser for St John. At present they are looking at doing a "Zumba" night fundraiser, so it will be great to see how their planning goes for this. We will keep you updated on this. We also support the Salvation Army with the annual can drive, and they have also asked for support with their annual "Toot for Tucker" later in the year.

Winter can often bring a range of uniform related issues for families. We would like to remind parents and caregivers that the easiest way to deal with these is to send a note with your son/ daughter to Mrs Koster or myself so that we can issue a uniform pass.

A reminder that Mrs Koster and I are available to help in many ways if needed and can be contacted through the main office.

Head of House Jonny Sim

Dean of House Gillian Koster



SHEPPARD

House



Tena Koutou katoa

Our nominated charity, Ronald McDonald House held their annual Street Appeal on May 12 and, as is traditional in Sheppard House, we deployed a team of 25 Year 9 students to assist with this massive undertaking. The students worked in pairs and small groups to accept donations from shoppers and passers-by in the High Street. The entire team made a very valuable contribution and raised a considerable sum for this very worthwhile organisation. The students involved are pictured opposite.

I am sure that you will agree that this exactly the kind of contribution we want to see our students making in the public arena. Well done you guys!

Since our visit to Ronald McDonald House in April, we have established a fund raising committee who have been tasked with overseeing the organisation and execution of fund raising events. The committee members are: Blake Benny, Emily Gillman, Berend Oldenberger, Jeni Schdroski and Ellie Thompson.

After much frank discussion, we have decided to channel our energy into two current projects. They are as follows:

Project 1. Quiz Night at Monteiths on 14 August.

Many of you will be familiar with these very popular quizzes as they are an excellent way to get together, raise some money and have a lot of fun as you pit yourself against the trivia elite of Rangiora. I encourage you to organise a team of six and get your tickets from the school office from 24 July.

Project 2 Dinner Raffle. (Date to be confirmed)

We have secured the services of a celebrity chef for the purposes of raffling off their services to cater a dinner for 10 cooked and served in your home. The meal will involve 3 courses and will accompanied by wine and other refreshments. At this stage we are finalising details such as ticket prices and numbers. I can assure you that whoever wins will be in for a real treat. Stay posted!

The annual battle for oratory excellence is well underway and are currently sitting around mid-table after securing 2 wins and 2 losses. This year our team features some new-comers to the competition with Year 11 students Blake Benny, Shannon Smart and Cam Scott being joined by debating stalwart Jordan Haywood of Year 12. The team has worked incredibly well together and I have very much enjoyed the contributions and commitment to this event. Preparing five full debates takes a huge amount of time and energy and it is massive undertaking. This team truly personifies the Ngati Mako fighting spirit. Ka mau te wehi!

We have selected our Junior House Executive for 2017. Ellis Bailey, Jordan Doran, Zoe Miles, Sophie Stephens and Holly Warming Smith have been appointed to support and encourage our students and staff. My congratulations go to these students for this outstanding achievement. I trust that all our students will continue to make the most of their opportunities at school and in their pursuits in the wider community. Heoi anō tāku mō nāiane!

Head of House Keith Anderson

Dean of House Paula Howard



Year 10 Enterprise Trade Fair

This term over 60 Year 10 Enterprise students from the Business and Enterprise Faculty got to finally debut their businesses at the school Trade Fair.

Gym 3 was transformed into a humming market place. The lines were long and the cash was flowing as students and staff alike queued up in the hope of taking home a much coveted fidget spinner, or a tasty mouth wateringly good cupcake. It was easy to see the time and energy the groups had put into not only producing a range of products but also the careful thought placed into how to package and market their ideas. It was exciting to see these future entrepreneurs make their mark on the business world.



Blue Planet

On Saturday 3rd June members and friends of the Blue Planet group went to Tuhaitara Coastal Park and planted trees and shrubs. This was the first planting of our Rangiora High School biota node. Our node has a newly dug pond and a lot of low-lying ground. It is the vision of Greg Byrnes from Tuhaitara that this will become a rich, native habitat that will eventually link up with other nodes in the park to provide a huge and diverse ecosystem of native species.



Geography Year 12 Camp Mt Cook National Park and Tasman Glacier

For the Year 12 Geography camp we went down to the Mt Cook National Park and Tasman Glacier for two nights and three days to gather information on scree slopes and do a zonation study on plants up one of the surrounding mountains, as well as going out on a boat ride across the Tasman Lake and getting up close to the ice bergs and the glacier itself.

Day one consisted of a long steep uphill climb up the Red Tarns track to get a view of a scree slope, and for those who were keen crawling up the scree and collecting data on rock size up the slope. On the second day we had a member of D.O.C take us through the visitor information centre in Mount Cook village and show us a presentation on the formation of the glaciers in the national park. We then went on a walk around the side of Lake Tasman, getting an awesome view of the lake and the surrounding moraine, taking lots of photos and doing sketches to help us later on in the assessment. Finally on the third and last day my group got to go on the boats across the Lake to get a close up view of the Tasman glacier (New Zealand's biggest) and the ice bergs that have fallen off over the past few weeks. From the boat you get a real understanding of how massive the glacier is and the chunks of ice that have broken off it, then the scary part of realising that how far the glacier has retreated over the past few decades. I was amazed at how clear the ancient ice was that was floating in the water and how the lake was a consistent grey colour due to the rock flour that was produced during the process of glacial erosion.

I think all of my class mates and I can agree that the camp was well worth it and made learning about the Canterbury High Country really fun and somewhat easier when you're out there in the field in and amongst the environment and also being able to witness first hand parts of the processes that have been occurring in person rather than just watching videos or reading handouts in class. Something that I also took away from this camp is how much we take for granted the beauty of New Zealand and how we should really be trying to preserve and protect our unique habitats and environments for future generations and it made me really think about global warming after seeing the extent of how far the glacier has retreated over the past few decades.

Luke Drinnan 12GEO



Cameron's News from China

Through the countless opportunities to be immersed in Chinese culture and custom whilst on my trip in the April school holidays, I have been able to form a newfound appreciation for the beauty and diversity of China. For two weeks I, along with other Mandarin-learning students from around the country, journeyed to Wuhan, Beijing and Shanghai, China.

Our first and longest leg of the journey saw us staying at Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) in Wuhan. From the very beginning I feel we were all very much taken aback by the sheer size of the campus - all 1200 acres of it! During our time at HUST, I was very thankful for the opportunities to explore the campus and interact with students - whether this be through playing basketball together, gate-crashing a masquerade ball, or simply conversing with students on their way to and from classes. I was also very fortunate to be appointed representative for the New Zealand group, which saw me give speeches in Mandarin at both the opening ceremony at HUST and whilst at the Confucius Institute World Headquarters in Beijing. This assisted me in gaining contacts with people from HUST, the provincial government and the Confucius Institute - which I know will prove to be invaluable in the near future. I loved the atmosphere and buzz of Wuhan that is just incomparable to Christchurch or New Zealand. Most memorable, however, was my homestay experience with a student from the middle school affiliated with HUST. The student and her family were so accommodating, enthusiastic and kind towards me. Just as this opportunity is such a rarity for us, it is just as special for the family to have a New Zealander as guest - and this excitement and determination to make a great impression was evident through the wonderful experience that they provided me with. Following a meet and greet with the extended family over lunch, the girl and her parents took me first to a Buddhist temple, and then dropped us in the Wuhan CBD where we took a subway downtown to the more cultural sites and shops in the city. In all, through their incredible kindness and determination to give me the best experience of Wuhan as possible, this is a shared experience that I will not forget.

At the end of week one, we said goodbye to HUST and Wuhan as we began our train journey to Beijing. My highlights from this second part of the journey were visiting the Confucius Institute Headquarters, but more so, attending the ANZAC Dawn Service at the New Zealand Embassy. This really was a once in a lifetime opportunity that also allowed me to recognise the strong New Zealand and international presence in Beijing. On our last night in China, we took a ferry cruise along the Huangpu River - giving us the most amazing views of the iconic Shanghai skyline. We also got the chance to explore Nanjing Road; Shanghai's most impressive and branded shopping street. Once again, it is just impossible to compare the grandeur and scale of these places to anything we have exposure to at home. I think we all came to embrace the Chinese culture and gradually became accustomed to the drastic differences in etiquette!

My first-hand experience in China has greatly improved not only my Mandarin ability, but my appreciation and fascination for this largely unexplored, yet important nation that is China. I am forever developing my understanding, intrigue and connection with China, its people, its culture and it's language. Thank you to the Confucius Institute at the University of Canterbury, Hanban and Huazhong University of Science and Technology for this incredible trip.



Farm News

The start of winter has seen a number of changes down on the farm. The transition of 70 new beef cows onto our fodder beet crop for the winter is progressing well. Students were involved in the drenching, vaccinating and weighing process before they were let go on the crop. There will be constant moving of break fences through the winter period for students as they learn about feed allocation and electric fencing systems.

Students also gave the 150 ewes EID tags which enables us to record weights, ages, animal health and a lot of other data about individual animals through our new 'true-test' management system. This information will be readily available to students in the classroom through our 'Farm IQ' database where our intention is to use school farm data in learning about areas such as growth and development, feed allocations and economic benefits of meeting the market demands for premium produce.



Farm Manager Henry Wardell picked up 2nd prize in the Northern A & P Association Cereal Greenfeed competition for his Ryecorn.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

On the weekend of 27/28 May, 2 sheep were found slaughtered on the school Farm and both the full carcasses left behind. This is of grave concern to us and we would appreciate anyone with any knowledge to contact the school by either contacting the school by email admin@rangiorahigh.school.nz or call 03 311 8888.



Teachers from North Canterbury primary schools learning coding on Thursdays in the Digital Technology Department.

From Guidance Department

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

There has been much discussion over the Netflix series '13 Reasons Why'.

This is a very graphic account around the circumstances which lead to the main character taking their own life. This programme was re-classified by NZ Classification office as RP 18....that anyone under 18 should only view it with a parent (adult). Scenes include a very graphic depiction of suicide and also of sexual assault.

We believe a number of our students have been watching this show without adult supervision. This concerns us deeply as we need to ensure the safety of our young people by creating a safe space where these issues can be discussed with extended family or trained professionals.

If you become aware of changes in your son/daughter or they express distress as a result of being exposed to the programme, we encourage you to sit and listen to those concerns. If you feel specialist help is required, please contact your local family GP or the school who will help connect you with their counselling services. Programmes like '13 Reasons Why' underline the following.....

1. You are important!
2. Your body belongs to you – make sure boundaries are clear & your voice is heard, consent is ALWAYS yours to give or withhold
3. Cut people some slack – no friend will ever be perfect. Everyone makes mistakes. Learn to forgive & learn from this.
4. Don't be afraid to love others – Tell people you care about them. You can be honest with good friends
5. People can't help if you don't tell them what's wrong – people are not mind readers. Sharing specific information with someone you trust can 'lighten' your burden
6. We all battle things – what is on the outside might not reflect what is on the inside. We all have our private problems. Be kind.
7. Friends are great – they are brilliant companions but don't always have life experiences and insights you need for really tough decisions. Trustworthy adults do. Share with an adult.
8. Suicide is permanent – Problems are not. Time does heal. There are people who can help.
9. No one is 'better off' without you - Those that matter to you on occasions will not like you but love is unconditional. Suicide is a choice. There are other choices. If they are not immediately apparent, that's a good reason to talk to an adult about your problems.
10. Revenge is not a worthy reason for suicide – This is a lousy life choice. Where does suicide leave your family & friends ?

At the very end of Episode 13, the 'producers' share specific insights into the production of this series and it is recommended that this is also viewed in association with the previous episodes.

University of Canterbury News

Below are some key opportunities for our 2017 students that they are welcome to participate in.

UCMeXL for Pacific students

[11 - 13 July & 3 - 12 October 2017]

UC Open Day [13 July 2017]

See website for further details.

www.canterbury.ac.nz



School Reports Reminder

Around 18 months ago Rangiora High School moved away from twice yearly reporting to 'live reporting'.

Each fortnight updated 'engagement reports' are made available online via the Parent Portal.

As students complete units of work or assessments a grade and comment are available online via the Parent Portal.

We have sought feedback on how parent and whanau community view on this system of reporting. Thank you to those who took the time to complete the recent 'School Report Survey'. This survey will stay live until 13th June.



O M G THEY'RE TEENAGERS ALREADY!

**Do you find yourself worrying that
your teen or tween is not ok?**

Dr Sue Bradshaw, from 298 Youth Health is an expert on teenage and pre-teen behaviour. She'll talk about what's normal and what's not and the signs you need to look out for.

Have your questions answered at this empowering seminar.

Wednesday 21 June - 6.30 to 8.30pm

**Kalapoi High School Cultural Centre Te Kōhiko
85 - 97 Ohoka Road, Kalapoi.**



The Collaborative Trust
For Research and Training in
Youth Health and Development



Student Services Update

Year 13 Ball

Kia ora parents and caregivers,



Rangiora High School's 2017 Year 13 Ball is on Friday 7 July, 7-11pm at the Balmerino Room at Riccarton Racecourse and as always, this event is a particular highlight for the Year 13 cohort. In terms of process, letters for the Ball are available from the student office and ticket sales will be available between 12 - 30 June at a cost of \$75. This has been advertised on the Year 13 Facebook page and within the Notices, so your child will be aware of this and has hopefully brought this home for you to read. Appropriate attendance percentages are a prerequisite for Ball attendance. If a student has more than 44 Explained, Truant or ? (unknown whereabouts) they do not meet the prerequisite and will need to see me as to their attendance.

As always, I have discussed this at length with the students and they are aware of this guideline, having had several weeks to attend to this issue. It is important to note that the Ball is an alcohol and drug free event and all school rules apply. The school is responsible for the Ball itself and any after parties are not supported by the school. Students who bring partners are informed of the rules and expectations by letter with a return form to sign ensuring that all attend have a wonderful night to remember, for all of the right reasons. If you would like more information or support in regards to this matter, please do not hesitate in making school contact with me. Ngā manaakitanga.

Vanessa Wilkins

Acting Deputy Principal – Student Engagement

The Uniform Shop

Parents, don't forget you can order all uniform items from the RHS website using your student's id number as both the login AND the password. Don't worry if you're not sure of the size, we can sort this out when your student comes over to the shop to try on the ordered items.



Winter jerseys are still on sale – get in quick for this great offer.

Usually \$94 now \$69 while stocks last.

Thank you to everyone who shopped with us during the months of April and May - Congratulations to The Higgins Family who have won a \$50 store credit with The Uniform Shop. Opening Hours for Term 2

Mondays 8:00 – 10:00am

Tuesdays 1:20 – 2:20 pm

Wednesdays 1:20 – 2:20pm

Thursdays 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Fridays CLOSED

Saturdays CLOSED

Open - Saturday June 17th

9:30 – 11:30am

Canteen News

Rangiora High School has a canteen for students which is open every school day for breakfast, interval and lunch and provides a wide range of food at realistic prices.

The canteen is open for breakfast from 8.15am to 8.25am each school day morning. Available to purchase are toasted crumpets, toast, flavoured oats, yoghurts, breakfast biscuits, up and go's and more.

Interval and lunch is based around canteen produced food. The variety ranges from apple crumble, macaroni cheese, lasagna, spaghetti bolognese, panini's and bagels to name a few. Wraps, sandwiches, toasted sandwiches, salads, bliss ball are all made on site. Rice balls are available every day. Vegetarian and gluten free options are also available.

Student Services Update

Senior Study

Year 11-13 students all have a range of study periods built into their timetable to support them with the demands of NCEA achievement. In order for you to have discussions with your child in regards to their use of this time, please note the following requirements for each year level:

Year 11 - All Year 11 students have a supervised study lesson each Wednesday during Period 5. Unless your child is participating within a school sport team, all Year 11 students are required to be on site and in class.

Year 12 - All Year 12 students have the following options for their use of Wednesday, Period 5 study and may either:

- a) Participate within a school team sport activity.
- b) Attend a supervised subject specific tutorial with their subject teacher (eg. Year 12 Accounting with Ms McDonald) who will note their attendance via the office.
- c) Parents with children who live in Rangiora that do not travel on a school bus, may write a signed letter or note to give permission for their child to study at home during this period. The signed letter or note must be given to the Dean of House, by your child, who will then issue a pass. With this in place, the Year 12 student must present the pass to the office and must sign out each Wednesday at 2.20pm before they leave the premises. Permission letters in regards to Year 12 study may be signed per term.
- d) For the students who do not meet the above categories, all will be required to attend the Year 12 Career Pathways Seminar held in Rakihuri.

I have recently sent you an email in regards to Year 12 Study, with a permission slip attached. If you would like your child to study from home, and are a resident of Rangiora, please either sign, scan and email your permission slip to me. Or indeed, please sign and return the slip with your child to hand to the Office or myself.

Year 13 INL: Year 13 student undertake a fulltime course of five subject plus a line of Independent Learning (INL). Year 13 students who have INL Period 1 and/or 5 will be marked on their attendance as X which equates to off-site study and may study from home and/or offsite during this time. Students who have INL during periods 2, 3 and 4 are required to be at school and present in their timetabled classroom, working towards assessment and undertaking general academic revision.

As always, conversations with your child as to expectations, behaviour and appropriate conduct are of enormous value and greatly appreciated. As always, if I can support you in any aspect of your child's progress here at school, please do not hesitate in making school contact with me as I am here to assist you.

Vanessa Wilkins

Acting Deputy Principal – Student Engagement

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 Cowev (CWJ) ext: 2102

Mansfield House

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

Dean of House - Kelsey Kooyman (KYK) ext: 2105

Ngata House

Head of House - Pam Bernards (BRP) 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

Rangiora High School PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Monday 28th August 2017

MONTEITH'S BREWERY BAR 75 Victoria St, Rangiora

Report 6pm to 6.15pm for 7pm start

Pizza'n'Pint \$20.00, full menu available

\$10.00 per person, ADMIT ONE, must be 18 years or older

Tickets will be available from the school office from Tuesday 1st August. Limited **tickets**.



RHS PTA QUIZ NIGHT REQUEST

Here is a list of 'basket' themes which staff and care-givers are being asked to contribute to (especially if you can't make it on the night). Please drop these items off at the school office by Tuesday 1 August.

Pamper Pack

Coffee/Tea Break

Pantry Fillers

Gardening Basket

Bathroom Bliss

Cleaning Gods

Hair Affair

Tasty Gourmet

Happy Hour

Mystery Basket

Any vouchers or other items that would be suitable for the raffle table or the 'Silent Auction' would be greatly appreciated.

Mathematics - Examples of Integration with English and Mathematics

The Fall of Imperial Independence

*The Rod/Pole/Perch,
Equally 5.03 metres,
From the 9th Century plowing,
With oxen,*

*For farmers to measure the land,
The length of the acre,
Along with Furlongs,
And chains,*

*To measure how far,
The oxen,
Could plow without a break,
40x4 Rods/Poles/Perches*

*Bur every good thing ends,
A frenchman said,
The Imperial replaced,
With metric instead,*

*Gabriel Mouton was his name,
It spread around the world,
Til Liberia, Myanmar, USA,
The only countries left*

Farm Planning

*Oxen to pull the plow,
The Rod/Pole/Perch to measure,
To plow the acre*

*One furlong upwards
Four Rods/Poles/Perches across,
When the Oxen tire*

Vehicle Passes

Please can I remind you that in order for your child to bring their car to school, they must apply for a Vehicle Pass. These can be obtained from the Student Office and need to be filled out, signed by a parent/caregiver and returned to the office, where I validate them. From this, your child will be issued with a pass. It is important to note that parking in and around the school is difficult at best, with this site seeing the most volume of traffic within North Canterbury during school hours. Your co-operation and consideration for use of the Vehicle Pass really supports our administrative processes and helps us to keep all students safe within our community. With thanks for your ongoing support.

Vanessa Wilkins

Acting Deputy Principal, Student Engagement

Mathematics - Examples of Integration with English and Mathematics

What is a furlong?
It is an imperial
Unit of measure.

You wonder, how long?
Well, one furlong is .8
Of a mile. So...

A furlong is used,
In races a mile up.
Mostly horse races.

A furlong is used in races a mile over,
The horses don't know this,
cos they're just busy winning.

8 furlongs will always make a mile,
But that will pass you by and by
As you sit astride your steed.

The furlong originated from
The US and England,
A size of their fields that the oxen could till without rest

It was an ideal measurement for most,
Until the imperial was toast,
And then the metric barged in and changed everything!

I- wonder how long is a furlong?
M-y poems will give you some ideas.
P-ay attention...
E-ight furlongs will always make a mile.
R-aces are the furlongs employers,
I- still don't know how long a furlong is...
A-ctually, I do!
L-ife tells me that a furlong is 201.168 metres long

F-unny you should ask to know,
U-m, as I happen to be
Researching the furlong
L-isten to me...the furlong
O-riginated from England and the USA
N-oted I hope in your brain, the facts of the furlong
G-ood day!

My unit is a chain
Back from the 19th century
It's not the sort of chain
or your latest accessory
66 feet make a chain
And so does 22 yards
100 links could do the trick
A chain line long of guards!
There are 10 chains in a furlong
And 80 in a mile
If i was told to walk that far
Trust me i wouldn't smile!
In New Zealand and Australia
Many architects used chains
As many of their buildings
Were measured with that way
The chain was discovered in England
By a man called Edmund Gunter
He found a way to measure easier
Just in case you wondered
If you want to know
How long a chain is really?
From stump to stump on a cricket pitch
The length of a chain lies freely
Unfortunately now
We use things like the metric system
So old measurements like chains
And now just said as history
New Zealand used that system
Since 1969
And to this day we still do
But some countries use old time
Countries like Liberia
Myanmar and the USA
Have decided that they want
To keep it the old way
That concludes my poem,
I hope you did enjoy
Or learnt something new
Until next time
Todaloo

Tourism Trip to Hanmer Springs

On Friday 26th May 50 Tourism students took part in a field trip to Hanmer Springs for the day. We first took a tour of the Heritage Hotel complex and facilities that they offer guests, including their luxury suites and extensive grounds. Their marketing manager spoke to students about the importance of good service in the Tourism industry, being presentable and customer focused. The Heritage also offered the opportunity for some students to stay with them for a week and gain some experience working in a big hotel, so later this term this will hopefully be a reality for two of our students who have taken up the offer.

After that we travelled out to the Hanmer Bridge area where students had been offered the opportunity to experience a thrilling jet boat ride or to take things to the next level and bungy jump from the bridge down into the gorge! There were around 30 students who took up the challenge and had an amazing time getting firsthand knowledge of some of the best known iconic New Zealand adventure tourism experiences.



St John Success

In October 2016 Serenity Bruce and Tim Moule were selected to represent the South Island in a squad of 24 at the 2017 St John National Competitions and Youth festival.

Trainings were held almost every weekend in Term 1 preparing for competition. On the 21st of April they travelled up to Wanganui to participate in the first day of the festival. On the Saturday they had a whole day of competition, competing against central and northern region and then prize giving.

Serenity came first place in her individual test and her team came third in drill and second in communication. Tim and his team came second in drill, first in communication and second in team trauma they also got champion team. The whole squad - South Island smashed it and came first overall for the whole competition. These placing are out of the whole of New Zealand so to even place is an amazing achievement let alone to come first.



SPORT ROUNDUP

BMX

Ella Hansen

Ella Hansen competed in the New Zealand BMX National Champs, where she won all her races including her final to the claim NZ #1.

Ella also previously won the Oceania, South Island and Wellington Champs and was 3rd at the North Island champs. Ella also made the New Zealand BMX Development Squad that competed in Australia in January. Following in big sister's footsteps – awesome Ella.



Ashburton 6 hr MTB race

Ryley Eder, James Hurst, Harry Hurst and Mack Pratlley made up the team from Rangiora High School. The boys got 6th out of 14 teams. All in all it was a great day! James and Harry's dad Aaron was the team manager!



Canterbury Swimming Champs

We had 10 students attend the Canterbury Swimming Champs on 4th May at Jellie Park. We had 3 students swimming in the SWD class and had the following results. Samantha May 1st 25m Freestyle, 2nd 25m Backstroke, Emma Symon 1st 25m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Freestyle, Brittany Sherriff 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Backstroke.

Our other swimmers had the following results. Aria Marsh 2nd 14y 50m Butterfly, 8th Open 100m Backstroke, Creagh Oliver, 9th 12-13y 50m Freestyle, 21st Open 100m Breaststroke, Ariella Martin 11th 14y 50m Freestyle, Oscar Burney 7th 14y 50m Freestyle, Jocelyn Blay 4th 14y 100m Freestyle, 8th Open 200m IM, Eugene Dickie 5th 15y 50m Freestyle, 8th Open 100m Butterfly, Harrison Lee, Open 100m Backstroke. Great effort by all swimmers as it is a very tough competition.

Road Race

17 students entered the Canterbury Road Race Champs held at the Canterbury A & P Grounds. Some top 10 results in their division for Jack Flannigan 4th, Calum Law 7th, Connor Patterson 13th, Max Flannigan 15th, Troy Washington (Para) 7th and Bret Genet-Rentoul 8th. Well done to all students who competed and came away with PBs.

Rangiora High School also secured 3rd place overall in the Para Division which is a tremendous achievement by all those students.



SPORT ROUNDUP -RUGBY

1st XV

Round 6 of the UC Championship has come and gone – a successful start to a challenging season is probably a fairly accurate description. 4 wins from 5 pre season matches combined with 5 wins in the 6 UC rounds to date has given us a dream start to the 2017 season. Wins over Waimea, Mid Canterbury, Shirley, St Andrews & Burnside have provided us with a top 3 position on the points table and the Co-ed Shield – played now only between STAC, Burnside & ourselves.

With an experienced squad boasting 12 capped players and well led by captains Fletcher Newell & Jesse Bowring our squad possesses a good mix of players from Year 11 through 13, 8 of the squad are still U16 so we are building some really good depth amongst the school programme. Some big games await us and a first for the RHS rugby programme will be a rare chance to challenge for the Moascar Cup currently held by Nelson Boys College. This trophy is the 1st XV schools version of the Ranfurly Shield and Nelson will not be keen to let it go easily. Further away matches to Marlborough Boys, St Thomas, Chch Boys High and a home game against St Bedes means the next 5 weeks will be challenging and intense as we continue to chase a top 4 end of season position – this year's group of young men have the capability and the belief that we can beat any side if we do what we do well. Having the right mindset remains the key.

Glen Dunseath, Coach



2nd XV

The 2nd XV have started their season well with one win out of two. Playing in the Metro U18 Section II competition we expect to come up against some very good opposition. In saying this the squad are a small but tight knit group who work hard for one another. On top of the local competition the 2nd XV also have an away trip to Murchison to play Marlborough Boys' 2nd XV coming up, as well as a fixture against a visiting Kaikoura 1st XV later in Term 2. With a mix of Year 11s, 12s and 13s the 2nd XV look forward to working hard for one another and being better than before.

Gareth Waldron, Coach

Midweek Rugby

On the Midweek Rugby front, highlights for the Girls' 1st XV have been making the final of the CRFU College Day competition to come up against last year's UC Cup winners CGHS, and a training session with the Crusaders at Rugby Park. They are now into the midweek UC Cup competition with one win out of two games to date.

The two Junior Boys' teams have also had great starts to the season, with the Green team coming 3rd at the inaugural CRFU Junior Boys College Day tournament and both teams having one win apiece in the Green-Gold Shield Challenge games. There has been one trial for the U15 Tournament team, with a second to be played in early July.



SPORT ROUNDUP

Special Olympic Swimming

The Special Olympic Swimming event on 12 April was a first-time competition for some of our Year 9 students. They competed in a range of events and represented Rangiora High School with pride. Troy Washington demonstrated his strength and determination, coming 1st or 2nd in all of his events. Our senior students, Brittany Sherriff, Bret Genet-Rentoul, Voncie Dartnall, April Haig and Emma Symon all performed extremely well, finishing in the top 3 in all their events.

Samantha May, Brittany Sherriff and Emma Symon went on to swim successfully at the Canterbury Secondary School Swimming Champs at the beginning of term.



Canterbury Secondary School Cross Country - Main Stream Support

The Canterbury Secondary School Cross Country, on 30 May was another successful event for our students with disabilities. Outstanding performances came from Troy Washington who came in 7th overall and Brittany Sherriff who was 26th overall and 2nd girl home.



SPORT ROUNDUP



Cross Country

23 students entered the Canterbury Cross Country Champs held at Ascot Golf Course. Congratulations to these students who were in the top 10 in their divisions. Jack Flannigan 5th, Sophie Glover 8th and Troy Washington (Para Overall 7th, Brittany Sherrieff (Para Overall 26th, 2nd girl home). Great effort by all the students who took part with some PBs being gained.

Basketball

Rangiora High School has had 3 students named 2017 Wildcats Basketball Scholarship Programme. 20 students from around Canterbury are named and to have 3 is spectacular.

These young players from the U15 and U17 age groups have been selected by a panel of representative coaches who believe they have the potential to be future Wildcats.

Scholarship Recipients: Riley Harrison, Holly Monopoly, Elsie McRobb – well done girls.



Surfing

Surfing – Tegen's current rankings are:

South Island #1 for U17, U20, & Open Grade and National #5 in U20 & #6 in U17. After

Tegen has also been selected to represent New Zealand in the NZ Junior Team and will be heading to Hyuga in Japan to compete in the 2017 VISSLA ISA World Junior Surfing Championships. Tegen is one of only 2 surfers from the South Island to feature in the team of 12



SISS Athletics

Omitted from last newsletter.

Abbey Ladd Discus U16 Girls - 5th



2017 Sport Captains

Year 10 Enterprise

Each Enterprise class is tasked with going out in the community and interviewing a person who they think is enterprising.

Pictured below is an outstanding presentation from Madi Silcock.



What's On - Term 2

21-24 June 2017	RHS Production " High School Musical" at Rangiora Town Hall
4 July 2017	Blood Service Day
6 July 2017	First Semester Courses End
7 July 2017	Teacher Only Day
7 July 2017	Year 13 Ball

Music

Congratulations to Luci Grigg who has been accepted for a place in the Aroha String Quartet International Music Academy's short course in June. Luci plays the violin and this course gives her a unique opportunity to receive coaching from the current NZSO concertmaster and other NZ Symphony Orchestra members who have formed the Aroha String Quartet. Along with master classes she will also be playing ensemble and chamber music with about 40 other musicians from Australia and China and New Zealand and performing to audiences at the St Andrews Centre in Wellington.



Samara's Success

Congratulations to Samara Singh who recently came second at the Sydney Royal Show in the Herdsperson Competition (among 70 Australian students that had to qualify) in April on a stockmanship (Murray grey cattle). Samara won the Murray Grey Youth Ambassadors Scholarship at the Canterbury A & P Show last year which allowed her to compete at both the Sydney Royal Show and the Wadonga Show in Australia.

ANZAC

Pictured below are pictures take by Aimee McQuillan-Reese (Year 13) of the Rangiora High School ANZAC Ceremony held in our Court of Memories and the Ceremony and Parade held at the Rangiora Cenotaph.



The
Rangiora High School's
Production of



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON STAGE

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie

Wed June 21 - Sat June 24
7pm Rangiora Town Hall

\$15 per Adult

\$12 students and children

Tickets available at the Rangiora High School Office from June 6th

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