



Rangiora High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Rangiora

Newsletter - September 2011

All Blacks Visit RHS

Rangiora High School was very fortunate to welcome All Black captain Richie McCaw and injured All Black number eight Kieran Read to our school on Friday 2 September (our Mid-Term Break Day) for the All Blacks' Rugby World Cup provincial tour.

The visit was a wonderful opportunity for our school's rugby players and supporters to show their support for our national team. Despite the school being closed for Mid-Term Break, there was a large turnout of students and staff.

Prior to their arrival at the school the two high-profile All Blacks signed autographs at the Victoria Park band rotunda in Rangiora.

On the school's playing fields, members of our Girls' and Boys' 1st XV squads and rugby players from other school teams were joined by other Rangiora High School students, some local primary school children and some staff as they chatted, signed autographs, took photographs, and ran some drills.

After leaving the school, the All Blacks were greeted by the Mayor before completing a walkabout on High Street, Rangiora.



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From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa, greetings to parents, caregivers and friends of the school. 2011 has certainly been a very challenging year and Term 3 has been no exception. In August we experienced extreme weather and due to deep snow and treacherous roads found ourselves at home yet again. Even with the constant interruptions to their studies this year, and the ensuing frustration and anxiety such disruption inevitably brings, our students have displayed great resilience and have continued to work consistently to produce excellent results in all spheres.

I am writing this from China. Mrs Andersen and I have travelled here as part of our annual international marketing strategy. We currently have forty international students studying at Rangiora High School from all around the world. Their presence in our school provides unique opportunities for our students to experience diverse languages, study alongside native speakers, and embrace other cultures. The benefit of forging friendships that will last a lifetime can never be underestimated.



Whilst in Beijing we met with agents from the JLL agency and hope to have students from Beijing studying with us in 2012.

As well, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the Global Economic Leaders' Summit (GELS)

in Changchun, hosted by the People's Government of Jilin Province. The benefits of such experiences to our school are tangible, helping us to build cultural awareness and assisting us with the development of innovative curriculum for the 21st century. Changchun has a population of 7,240,000 and is a stark contrast to Rangiora and North Canterbury. A multitude of high-rise towers dominate the urban landscape and it is hard to believe that one alone could effectively accommodate the entire population of Rangiora.



I am hoping that more of our students will want to travel to Asia and to engage with this vibrant region and diverse cultures. In 2012 there will be an opportunity for one of our students to study in Japan on a fully funded academic scholarship. Parents/caregivers or students interested in applying for this opportunity should contact Mrs Andersen immediately.

Our newsletter reflects the myriad of activities available to students and highlights their commitment and enthusiasm. I want to take this opportunity to wish our senior students the best of luck for assessment week; although Mr Kersey would say they won't need luck because they have set realistic goals, studied hard and revised well. Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui.

Peggy Burrows
Principal

Important Dates

- 8 September Junior Public Speaking Competition
- 12 September Senior School Examinations begin
- 12 September Year 10 Camps begin
- 19 September Year 9 Short Courses change
- 21 September PTA Quiz Night and Art Auction
- 22 September BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
- 7 October Year 11-13 Reports issued
- 7 October Term 3 ends
- 24 October Labour Day (Public Holiday)
- 25 October Term 4 begins
- 25 October Junior WinterFest begins
- 27 October BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
- 28 October Junior Workday
- 28 October Year 8 Orientation Day





HILLARY HOUSE

HEAD OF HOUSE Mr N Moyle

DEAN OF HOUSE Mr A Cotter



Hillary House has had a busy end to Term 2 and start to Term 3.

On the last day of Term 2 we had the "Shave Your Lid for a Kid" fundraiser. This fundraiser was organised by Amy Newbury 13HMG and the other student leaders. Fifteen students, four staff, the Mayor of Waimakariri, David Ayers, and the Deputy BOT Chairperson, Warren Newbury shaved all their hair off to raise money for North Canterbury Cancer Support. Warren even went a step further by shaving his moustache off for the first time in 17 years! At the time of writing we have raised nearly \$6,000. This is a great effort and the money goes to children in the North Canterbury area.



On the first Sunday of the holidays we had the annual Hillary climb. This event celebrates the birthday of Sir Edmund Hillary on 20 July 1919. As such we time our climb to the closest weekend date to his birthday. Not deterred by knee deep snow in Arthur's Pass Village, six students, three staff and one parent went up to climb Mt Aicken on an absolutely stunning day. The snow was very deep in the bush and it was nearly midday before we got above the bush line. Some of us pushed on to reach 1700m before our turnaround time. We may not have, to quote Sir Ed, "knocked the bastard off" but we gave it a good nudge with a 1000 metre vertical gain. A much quicker downhill time was made before a lot of tired bodies piled into the van for the trip home.



Our Senior WinterFest teams have had a great tournament. Both teams had great victories; showing excellent teamwork and the desire to fight hard until the end. This was exemplified by the boys' football team who fought back from losing their first game to win the round robin.

Some Hillary students have also been performing very well in sport.

Congratulations to Tahlia Hansen 9HHT who won a silver medal at the World BMX Championships in Denmark in July. Tahlia was the reigning world champion but narrowly lost a hard fought race. This is an outstanding achievement.



Congratulations to Sheldon Pitama 11HCT who has won a three year contract to the Melbourne Storm rugby league club. This contract means Sheldon will attend training camps in Melbourne during the next two years before relocating there in 2014.

Well done on these fantastic achievements.





LYDIARD HOUSE

HEAD OF HOUSE Mr A Drayton

DEAN OF HOUSE Mrs P Graham



Lydiard students have really been busy this term.

We had the annual fun run early this term and the winners were Craig Oliver 11LSO (winning for the third time in three years) in the boys' section and Megan Edward 9LLH who won the girls' trophy. The Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind guide dog programme will benefit immensely from the funds raised by Lydiard students. A great big thank you to all those of you who were sponsors. Next year we are going to adopt a dog with each form class having a dog of their own to support. At a dollar a month per student there will be a dozen dogs and their owners who will benefit from our efforts.

The Senior WinterFest was a great time over lunchtime in the early weeks of the term. The Lydiard senior teams had some close football fixtures.

The Year 10 camps will be under way soon after being postponed in February. No doubt the students will have a great time at the Boyle River. A big thanks to Ms Knight for organizing the camps for all Year 10 students.

Shortly, some Lydiard student will enjoy the annual ski trip to Porter Heights.

The school exams are also about to begin. These will be good preparation for the NZQA exams. With a short period between the start of Term 4 and exams it is crucial that study is carried out in the last weeks of Term 3 and during the school holidays. There are fewer than 20 lessons in each subject for seniors so we really are getting down to the business end of the year.





MANSFIELD HOUSE

HEAD OF HOUSE Mrs M Stephenson

DEAN OF HOUSE Mr A Gebbie

This year has been a phenomenal year for Mansfield. From day one, everybody who has participated and supported Mansfield House has had the "right stuff" for success. Each event on the calendar so far has seen Mansfield keep the lead we gained on House Sports Day. This has made those events all the more exciting for all of us. At the moment we are thinking "Are we going to be able to finish as well as we have started?"

Junior WinterFest is where we ended last term's competition and the Juniors finished extremely well in second place. The netball girls and the mixed male/female team of footballers enjoyed their games, which is, after all, is the main point of the competitions.

Term 3 Senior Winterfest began strongly in the first week with a great win against a spirited Lydiard side in both netball and football. The games against Sheppard followed in the same week with Mansfield seeing even more amazing wins; we were on a roll! Each of the seniors who played, realised that this was their last chance to see Mansfield get as high as possible on the points tally, and the victories of the first week were the start of some great games to follow.

In the next week we met and defeated Ngata, then Rutherford. The game against Hillary had to wait, however, as one of the biggest blizzards to hit Canterbury for years, arrived and postponed the final round for another two weeks. In the end it was another great win to Mansfield in the netball which made it a clean sweep. The boys were not so lucky but played an enthusiastic sixth game. Mansfield won the Senior WinterFest overall which has increased our lead.

The earthquake in Term 1 and the snowstorm in Term 3, have cost us valuable school time, but our students are resilient and I know they will do their best as the senior exams approach; after all the Mansfield motto – "To be the best I am capable of becoming" – is well ingrained in Mansfield hearts.

Life carries on in the school environment with Tournament Week and more assessments for Term 3 Junior Graduation. Seniors in the meantime, have exams to worry about in mid-September. These are an important practice for the external Achievement Standards that they will be sitting in December, and the only time they will have an opportunity to try out their skills in two and three hour exams. This term will also see the Senior Executive applications advertised for 2012 and the interviews carried out. An exciting and forward-looking time for those who will return next year.

From now on, Mansfield success rests with the Juniors in our House. The last event for this term is the Junior Public Speaking competition. Two male and two female juniors from Year Nine and Year Ten will compete against the best speakers from the other five houses for more House points and the chance to win the Public Speaking Cup at Junior Prizegiving.

And so the competition goes on...





NGATA HOUSE

HEAD OF HOUSE Mr R Winson

DEAN OF HOUSE Mrs V Wilkins

Again another disrupted term unfortunately; but at least this time for less destructive reasons. The snow has however interrupted our series of Senior WinterFest games which has been the focus of House competition this term. It has been great to see both football and netball teams have fronted with a large number of players and performing well having won most of their games.

Despite appearances there is more to the House system than competitions; we have recently been taking in subject selection sheets for next year and therefore spending a great deal of time providing individual support and guidance to students making decisions about their future. As universities change their entry criteria and focus we must advise pupils accordingly who are entering Year 13.

Further down the line making our junior students aware of the importance of their decisions and guiding their choices has also been a priority. Although subject selection sheets have already been returned, students should still remember to use the support that is available to them to ensure they are studying the right subjects.

On the fundraising front the Senior Executive are planning a big cupcake drive this week, baking up a storm on Wednesday afternoon and selling them over Thursday and Friday (8-9 September) to students and staff. We will be setting up a stall in A Quad and also selling via a mobile cupcake unit, so please bring your \$2. Profits are going towards our charity, Riding for the Disabled (North Canterbury).

Students wishing to become coaches and volunteers with the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) can pick up an application form from outside the Ngata office or email northcanterburyrda@gmail.com. The RDA is planning to start riding sessions in the spring based at the North Canterbury Community College equine facility, across the road from Rangiora High School.

The Junior Executive is currently gathering teams to put together speeches for the Junior Public Speaking Competition. A male and female student from each of Year 9 and 10 must deliver original speeches in front of judges and an audience of their peers, a nerve racking experience!

Part of the role of the Houses at Rangiora High School is also 'service'. A cup is awarded at the Senior Prizegiving to the House that contributes most significant service to the community. As part of Ngata's service to the school the junior form classes are working with their Social Studies teachers, Mr Winson, Mr Crosson and Mr Sullivan on a native planting project over the next few weeks and into Term 4. As part of the "paper for trees" recycling initiative, Rangiora High School has been given 151 native trees and shrubs to plant. Pupils will be clearing the area behind Gym 3 by the oak grove before planting and mulching the area. A plan has been drawn up by Sondra Harrison, our Science technician, and the plan is supported with finance for bark mulch by the PTA. We hope to continue to target areas of the school to develop in the future years.





RUTHERFORD HOUSE

HEAD OF HOUSE Mr M Williams

DEAN OF HOUSE Mrs S Reed



I cannot believe that we are already in September 2011. The year just gets better and better.

Mid-Year Examinations

Our senior students are about to face the task of sitting for their mid-year examinations. This will be really useful for our seniors as this will give us a gauge of their readiness for the NCEA examinations. I want to wish all seniors the best of luck and I hope they achieve the results and goals they have set for themselves. If students need assistance with exam preparation, please see your form teacher or the staff in the Rutherford office.

House Competition

Our Senior Football and Netball teams finished third overall in the Senior WinterFest and we have improved our overall position to fifth, ahead of Lydiard House. All senior competitions are now completed and our juniors will compete in the Junior Public Speaking Competition on 8 September. Our team for this is as follows:

Lara Woolston 9RMN

Leo Allen 9RMN

Mary Goulding 9RMM

Thomas McLaren 10RNT

Academic

The 2011 Cantamaths Championship was held on Wednesday 24 September at Addington Raceway. Zac Todd 10RNT was the only member of our school to submit an entry. He explored the game of Darts, and calculated areas and probabilities of the dart board. Cantamaths awarded him an 'Excellence' for his work. Zac has made history, as this is the first individual excellence that the school has ever been awarded.

Sport

I also want to pay tribute to all our wonderful young Rutherfordians competing in sport on the national and international stage. We are all very proud of your efforts and we want to wish you all the best for the remainder of the year. An article on these young students appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Service

We completed collections for the following charities this year:

Waimakariri-Ashley Coastguard

Home and Family Society

Salvation Army

These charities have all benefited from your help and support. Thank you so much for all your efforts. Rutherford House facilitated the Foodbank collection on behalf of Rangiora High School. We managed to collect about 1700 items which have been donated to the Rangiora Salvation Army. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this worthy cause. GO THE RUTHERFORD KNIGHTS! GO BLUE!





SHEPPARD HOUSE

HEAD OF HOUSE Ms A Hay

DEAN OF HOUSE Mr K Anderson



Term 3 has been a busy one for Sheppard House so far. There is so much going on at present.

Sport

Term 3 saw the start of Senior WinterFest and Sheppard House just sixteen points behind Mansfield House on the House Leader Board. We went into this competition with high hopes and a fiercely competitive spirit. Our first two football matches ended in disappointing losses but the team's positive attitude saw a draw and a win in the next two games. Our netball team faired a lot better with some nail-biting games and lots of support from the side lines. We won three of the four games played and unfortunately lost in a vigorously fought game against Mansfield. With one round remaining, our hopes of closing the gap on Mansfield have been dashed in this competition but there are many opportunities remaining before the end of the year to reach the top of the board.



Fundraising

One of the goals this year was the much needed replacement of our House sports' tops. Our senior football team was able to take the field looking like professionals in the new tops. Unfortunately, the tops for the girls are on back order and will hopefully be here in time for the Junior SummerFest competitions. To enable us to purchase these tops, we have been selling Sheppard wristbands and holding sausage sizzles. A huge thank you to Wanda and Tony Andrew, parents of Caity Andrew 9SDB, for their kind donation of bread for the sausage sizzles - this was a huge saving for us and enabled us to increase our profits from this fundraiser. Thanks must also go to our senior leaders Sarah, Hannah, Hayley, Bernadine, Erin and Madeleine who braved the icy conditions on Student Achievement Interview Day to work the barbecues. The sausage sizzle we held on the Friday after the 'Big Snow' was a real hit with all of the students and once again, a big thank you to our student leaders for their help with this on what was another very cold day.



Battle of the Bands

Sheppard House will be holding the first ever Battle of the Bands competition at the end of August with excitement mounting to see who the audience will vote as Rangiora High School's best band. Intrigue also surrounds this competition, as we have a mystery 'guest' band who will be performing on the second day of the competition. The proceeds from this event, will be donated to Ronald McDonald House.



Examinations

We are heading into the business end of the year with NCEA examinations looming for our senior students and with our junior students focussing on continuing to strive for distinction in their Junior Graduation results. Mother Nature has not been kind to us this year, but to the credit of many of our students in Sheppard House, they have made the most of the extra study time at home and will reap the rewards of this at the end of the year.



Former Student takes on the World

Sally Gray, the Events Co-ordinator at WorkSkills NZ, has written to Rangiora High School to advise that Mathew Pascoe, who undertook an engineering apprenticeship after leaving Rangiora High School, has been selected to represent New Zealand in his trade (Polymechanics) at WorldSkills London 2011. WorldSkills New Zealand's mission is to challenge New Zealand to achieve world-class standards by demonstrating excellence through workplace skills competitions for young people.

WorldSkills competitions are a bit like a Skills Olympics for young trades men and women, with 50 countries involved and over 1000 competitors, each completing a practical project in their particular skill. Mat was chosen to be part of the New Zealand team after he won the WorldSkills New Zealand National Finals in September 2010. Over the last year, Mat has been training hard and is ready to take on the best of the best from around the world. WorkSkills NZ and Rangiora High School know Mat will acquit himself well on the international stage, and be a credit to all those who have played a part in making him who he is today.



If you would like more information on WorldSkills NZ or how Mat is doing in London, please visit www.worldskills.org.nz.

Anger Management Course

Cool!

It's neat fun and I'm learning stuff!

It's good doing stuff like this with guys.

We're all the same.

These are the words of some of the eight Year 9 and 10 boys involved in an eight week Anger Management Course. Funded by CYF and run by two tutors from Stopping Violence Services (SVS), this course aims to help young people recognise the triggers for their anger, learn to express feelings and respond to criticism in a safe and respectful way, to problem solve co-operatively, and to develop self respect and value for themselves.

An important aspect of the course is the involvement of parents. The boys' group meets for two hours each Monday morning and the parents meet for an hour on a Monday evening.

The parent group is fundamentally an education and support group so that parents can know what their young person is learning and can therefore, with this knowledge support the changes the youth is trying to make at home.

Also there is the opportunity to look at their own processes and with greater insight look at how these are played out in the family system. What changes do they want for their family and how can they move towards making those changes? There is a focus on looking at strategies to strengthen communication within the family.

This is the first time we have run such a course, and we are hopeful that more, not only for boys but also girls, will be possible.

Mrs J Patterson
Head of Guidance

Reduce Bullying Initiative

It has been eight years since our school community was surveyed to provide the data for a very successful Anti-Bullying Programme developed by counsellor, Ellis Moonen.

The re-introduction of the House system provided a further extension of this theme through involvement of student leaders. House assemblies proved an effective vehicle for presenting the message.

However, as with any programme there is always a time for reassessment and revitalisation so 2012 will see the REDUCE BULLYING campaign begin.

At present a planning committee of two Guidance Counsellors, HOD Health, Deputy Principal (Student Services) and the 24/7 Youth Workers are setting in place the necessary processes. The steps to be completed by the end of this year will be:

- A survey of students and staff. This is part of the Wellbeing@School Project run by NZ Council for Educational Research.
- A presentation to the Board of Trustees.
- An evening for parent and community input run by Sharleen Stirling, Safer Schools Co-ordinator from the Waimakariri District Council. This will be held on Monday 31 October in the Rangiora High School Staffroom from 7.00pm to 8.15pm.
- The selection of a Year 9 and a Year 12 student representative from each House.
- The establishment of a permanent committee of a Guidance Counsellor, HOD Health, Deputy Principal (Student Services), two parent representatives, a BOT representative and two students drawn from the House representatives

This new committee will be responsible for the launch of the REDUCE BULLYING initiative in 2012.

Mrs J Patterson
Head of Guidance

Sports Stars

Our school is extremely proud of the drive and motivation the young men and women at Rangiora High School exhibit in excelling in their chosen sport.

Morgan Ashworth 12MKN – Futsal

Morgan made the age group Futsal team for NZ and will soon be off to Brazil to compete.

Jaye Atkin 13HMG – Multi Sport

Jaye has achieved fantastic results in 2011. She placed fifth in the Oceania Under 19 Elite Triathlon. She was the captain of the team competing in Australia. She also placed seventh in the Australian National Secondary Schools' Cross Country Championships. In March she placed second in the National Triathlon Championships.

Kiri Atkin 10RMM – Multi Sport

Kiri placed first in the Canterbury Secondary Schools' 3km Road Race. She placed ninth in the National Cross Country over the same distance. Kiri also placed third in the Intermediate Girls' section of the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Duathlon.

Marnie Block 12SKI – Basketball

Marnie was selected in the NZ Under 19 Koru team which competed in January in Australia.

Tyler Courtney 9RMN – Basketball

Tyler was selected in the NZ Under 15 Koru team which competed in January in Australia.

George Eglesfield 13HMG – Swimming

George has just returned from the NZ Secondary School Championships in Hamilton with three medals. He won Gold in both the 200m freestyle and the 200m butterfly and a Silver medal in 100m butterfly.

Rebecca Gibbs 13HMG – Rifle Shooting

Rebecca was selected for three NZ teams and invited to compete at the Oceania Games later this year.

Max Gill 13HHK – Swimming

Max achieved second in 200m backstroke, second in 1500m freestyle, second in the 4x50m freestyle relay and third in the 4x50m IM relay at the NZ Swimming Division 2 Competition in Rotorua.

Tahlia Hansen 9HHT – BMX

Tahlia Hansen won the Silver medal at the BMX World Championships in Denmark. She went to Denmark with the added pressure of winning back-to-back world titles in the 14 year old age group.

Sarah Hayman 13STH – Netball

Earlier in the year, Sarah was named in the NZ Secondary Schools' Netball team who eventually came second to Australia. Recently Sarah was invited to trial for the Canterbury Tactix Squad along with sister Elizabeth Hayman, a former RHS student.

Jenna Heap 9RBL – Basketball

Jenna has been selected in the NZ Koru team which will go to Australia next year.

Jake Lewis 12RKO – Moto GP

Jake is leaving NZ on the 13 September to compete in the Redbull MotoGP Championships in Spain and France. He will compete against 120 riders from all over the world. If he qualifies in the top fifteen, Jake will gain a full-time contract to race in next year's Redbull World Cup Grandprix.



Jaye Atkin



Kiri Atkin



George Eglesfield



Max Gill



Tahlia Hansen

Craig Oliver 11LSO and Ben Oliver 10LPM – MTB

Craig and Ben Oliver have had a busy and successful Mountain Bike season exceeding their goals. They competed in the MTBNZ Cup series, the National Championships, both the South Island and NZ Secondary School Championships. The highlight for Craig was travelling to Australia to compete in the Oceania MTB Championships. They dominated their fellow competitors by taking out the South Island and NZ Secondary School Championships U14 and U15 titles, gaining 1st and 2nd U17 in the MTBNZ Cup series races and the National Championships. Craig became the Oceania U17 MTB Champion.

James Penrose 11MMS – Go Karting

James won the 2011 Junior Yamaha National Championship.

Jason Smith 11HML – Judo

Jason won the Silver medal in the cadet men 81kg class and the Bronze medal in the Open Weight event.

Michael Smith 9RPW – Judo

Michael won the Gold medal in the Senior Boys' 55kg category at the South Island Championships. He also won the Gold medal in the Open Weight category which won him the Senior Boys' Champion title.

CONTACT US...

If you know of any student who achieved to an outstanding level in any sport, please let us know by emailing wendy.cathcart@rangiorahigh.school.nz.

We are very proud of our students and want to acknowledge their sporting achievements.

Mrs W Cathcart
Sports Co-ordinator



Jenna Heap



Craig Oliver & Ben Oliver



The 1st XV Rugby squad welcome the All Blacks on Friday 2 September



Jake Lewis



Jake Lewis in action (at the right of the photograph)

Tournament Week

Tournament Week was held recently and once again our students can be very proud of their efforts. The Sports Department would like to congratulate all our athletes on the way that they represented the school and our special thanks to the coaches, managers and parents who worked with and supported our teams. Eight sports teams from Rangiora High School competed in various sports and came away with some outstanding results.

Girls' 1st XI Football

Coached by Mr Aaron, the team played extremely well throughout the tournament in Timaru and went into the final unbeaten. The final was a hard fought game which was all tied up at 0-0 at full time forcing the game in to extra time. Jemma Dockerty scored for us putting us 1-0 up and the girls managed to hold Otago Girls' out to finally take out the title. This was a fantastic effort to finish first overall. The team's results were as follows:

Roncalli College	won 6-1
Columba College	won 7-1
South Otago High School	won 5-0
St Andrew's College	won 4-0
Mountainview High School	won 1-0
Otago Girls' High School	won 1-0



Girls' Football 1st XI - Tournament Winners

Girls' Senior A Netball

Our team (coached by Tonya den Baars and Brooke Mullins, managed by Judith Hayman, and mentored by Sharon Woodings) were placed sixteenth overall in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' A grade competition. The tournament was held in Nelson after a last minute change of venue from Christchurch. The team played some outstanding games throughout the week, but were unfortunately hampered by injuries. Sarah Hayman and Lucy Gunn were named in the Tournament team. Well done, girls, on digging deep and giving your all.



Girls' Hockey

The Girls' Hockey Tournament, where our team was coached by Mrs Searle and student Joe Piggot, was held at Nunweek Park in Christchurch. The girls played well and went into their semi-final unbeaten and holding second spot at this stage. Unfortunately we dropped this game against Christchurch Girls' High School 3 who we had beaten convincingly earlier in the week. This resulted in us playing off for third or fourth position.

We won against Burnside High School and finished third overall.

Kodie Kutyn was named our Most Valuable Player for the tournament with Sarah Hinchley outstanding in goal.



Tournament Week *(continued)*

Boys' 1st XI Football

The team travelled down to Ashburton with coach Mr Fahey and Mr Van Voorst, assistant coach. The boys played some outstanding football but unfortunately a tough draw against Otago Boys' in the quarter final saw our only loss of 0-1. This meant our overall result was fifth place, however the team commitment and attitude throughout the entire tournament was commendable with Michael McRae being named as the Tournament Most Valuable Player for our team.

Girls' Senior A Basketball

Coached by Mr Olson, the girls had an awesome tournament earlier on in the season and qualified once again to go to the National Secondary Schools' Basketball tournament. They are the only Canterbury team to achieve this feat six years in a row and competed in Palmerston North during Tournament Week. Alex Svoboda was named in the South Island Secondary Schools' Tournament Team. A report appears elsewhere in this issue.

Boys' Senior A Basketball

Coached by Mr Gebbie and managed by Janelle Crawley, the team played their South Island tournament in Dunedin over the Term 2 holidays. The boys lost their first two matches to Burnside High School and the eventual champion Christchurch Boys' High School which put them in the bottom half of the draw. They then won their next four games to end with a 4 win / 2 loss record and placed thirteenth out of eighteen teams.

Under 15 Boys' Rugby

The team competed in the South Island tournament in Alexandra. The team was put together in two weeks, so we were lacking in team cohesion and experience, but made up for this with a good level of skill. The boys played well in their first three games, winning 40-0 over Central Southland, 43-5 over Greymouth, and 27-12 against St Peter's. We only just lost our last pool game to James Hargest in the last second, 24-26. This qualified us for the semi-final, which we unfortunately lost 10-17 to Menzies College. Congratulations to Joshua Siu who made it into the tournament team.

Girls' Rugby Tens

The tournament was played on Thursday 25 August at Burnside Park on a beautiful day. The squad of 12 was reduced quickly to 10 through injury, so it was a big day for the players. In their pool, they lost two of their games, against Burnside very narrowly, and won against Cashmere. Again, in their semi-final, it was a narrow loss to Middleton in the last minute of the game. This pitted them against Cathedral College where a win gave them eleventh place overall.

Congratulations to all the team members who represented Rangiora High School during Tournament Week. We have many promising young sporting students in our school who show great determination and commitment to their sport. We are very proud of you all. Well done.

Year 9 Enhancement, 2012

This programme will change in 2012 from being class-based to having an individual focus. This means that it will be possible for us to cover a larger number of students and a wider number of skills and talents. Parents will have opportunity to fill in a questionnaire if they want their sons and daughters to be part of the enhancement programme. There will be the same three questionnaires which parents, Year 8 teachers and the students themselves will be able to fill in. These questionnaires will be available:

- on the Rangiora High School website,
- as a hard copy from the RHS office, and
- from the contributing schools' offices.

Netball Umpires

Every week several students give up their time to umpire netball. Thank you to all those girls who are prepared to support our school and teams. We really appreciate your time and effort. Special congratulations to the following umpires who have passed exams this season:

Jess Power – Regional Qualification

Renee Macdonald – Centre Qualification

Rebecca Masters, Brienna Evans and Natasha Commons who have all passed Level 2.

Georgie Rudd, Kayla Nutira, Sam Power and Gabby McKenzie who have all passed Level 1.

Sports Update

Netball

The North Canterbury Netball Competition season has come to an end with 6 of our 14 teams making the semi finals and 4 of these teams making the finals. Congratulations to our Year 9A team (pictured) coached by Adrian Mathews and Stacey Collings for winning 5th grade in a hard fought match against Ohoka 26-23.

Our Year 10 Team 4 coached by Rosey Mulholland and Abbey Taylor had a comfortable final winning 32-9. Well done on winning 9th grade.

Our Year 9C team coached by Fenella Henderson, Hannah Atkin and Sarfia Spark had a battle on their hands in their final and managed to lead up until the last few minutes when Woodend snatched the win 23-20. This was a very exciting final to watch with the girls fighting hard to the end.

Year 9 Team 4 coached by Caitlin Willis and Kasey MacKinnon also had a tight final game on their hands with Fernside taking the win 29-24 in the end.



We were delighted when Sarah Hayman was named in the NZ Secondary Schools Netball team and equally proud when Sarah was recently invited to trial for the Canterbury Tactix Squad. Congratulations, Sarah.

Having fourteen netball teams in this competition would not be possible without commitment from our coaches, managers and supporters. We thank you all for giving your time so generously.

Basketball

We have had nineteen teams playing in the Friday night basketball competition. Again this is a huge undertaking and would not be possible without our senior students and staff giving up their time to coach and referee every week.

Our Boys' Intermediate A team won their division and our Girls' Intermediate A, Year 9A and Year 9B made it to the finals. Our Girls' Senior A beat Cashmere High School in the competition final last Friday night.

Thanks once again to everyone who has supported the students by coaching, managing or supporting a team every week.

Wednesday Sport

Our Girls' Hockey team won their final game in the Wednesday Hockey competition against St Margaret's College 4-0. Well done girls on winning this overall. The final featured another outstanding game from Sarah Hinchley in goal to keep the opposition scoreless.



Girls' A Basketball Team

The Rangiora High School Girls A Basketball team competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Finals in Palmerston North in the last week of August. This competition brings together the best 24 teams in New Zealand for eight games over six days. This is the sixth consecutive year the team has qualified from the South Island for the National Finals.

The Rangiora team was placed in the toughest of the four pools of six teams with only the top two teams from each pool of six advancing to the quarter final stages for the National Championship. The Rangiora High School team had a superb 61-50 win to upset the tournaments 4th seed Napier Girls' and followed that up with comfortable wins against Palmerston North Girls' High and Mana College. A large loss to eventually semi-finalists Hamilton Girls' and a disappointing loss to Auckland Girls' Grammar left the team with a 3 win / 2 loss record after section play and put them in a three way tie for one of the top eight spots in New Zealand with Napier Girls' and Auckland Girls' Grammar. Unfortunately the team lost the three way tie on points count back and were placed in the middle eight section of the draw for the final three days. Although disappointed the team was focussed on continuing to play well and achieve as best they could. In finals play over the last three days the team had a close loss to Mt Albert Grammar by six points and then an even tighter loss in overtime to New Plymouth Girls' before easily accounting for Cashmere High School by 27 points in our last game. This gave Rangiora High School a final placing of 15th in New Zealand. Overall the team was pleased with the placing, knowing they had consistently played very good basketball all week against quality opposition. Overall they won four and lost four games with one of the losses being by six points and the other in overtime. When put in context with other top Christchurch schools, Rangiora High was the highest placed and best performing Christchurch team. The Rangiora High School team of twelve contained seven players eligible for next year's team and so the future looks to be very promising.

On Friday 2 September the team won a tense final against Cashmere in the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Open Girls' Division 1 Grade. Played in front of a vocal crowd, the game was particularly close throughout. The team finally prevailed 65-56 after a poor first half saw the team down by seven points. It was a total team performance in the second half to turn things around with a large number of players making significant contributions. The increased intensity and pressure Rangiora applied in the second half created many turnovers from Cashmere which the team converted into points. The Canterbury title, the school's third in the last five years capped off a very successful and long year for the team.

The team sadly has to say goodbye to captain Hannah Graham after four years in the team and team mates Caitlin Willis, Caitlin Kippenberger, Olivia Gray and Lucy Gunn. These players have made significant contributions to the team on and off the court.

Mr C Olson
Coach



PTA Quiz Night & Art Auction

Wednesday 21 September 2011

7.00pm

Saracens Rugby Clubrooms Ashley Street, Rangiora

This hugely popular event is back. This year we welcome Mr Nick Moyle, Quizmaster Extraordinaire!

Tickets are just \$5.00 per person with teams of 4-6 (maximum)

Tickets are on sale at the school office. There may be door sales on the night.

Tickets are limited, please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Previewing of the artworks is from 4.00pm to 6.00pm with entry via gold coin donation.

Trivia Quiz

Art Auction

Mystery Bottle Auction

Voucher Auction

Raffle Prizes

FUN, FUN, FUN - LOTS OF LAUGHS!

Bar facilities will be available at the Saracens Clubrooms on Ashley Street, Rangiora. Please note, no B.Y.O.

You are also able to pre-order a \$10 platter when you purchase your tickets from the school office. Please note, platter numbers are limited.

Thanks for your support of our school PTA. See you on Wednesday 21 September.

Donations wanted for PTA

During the PTA's Quiz Night and Art Auction we will be holding a "Bottle Auction" and we need donations of bottles (wine, spirits, juice or preserves, etc.) and vouchers over the value of \$5.00 which will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Donations can be left at the school office or telephone Su Jeffcott on 3118888 (extension 5300) to arrange pick-up. Parents (not students!) can deliver donated bottles of alcohol to the school office during school hours.

Please help us make this a night to remember.

Arts On

The school's wearable art competition 'Arts On' will take place in Term 4 this year.

The students have the next five weeks to get creative and place entries for this event.

This year's show will also include a couple of fashion sections. The Ball gown re-showing will allow the Year 13 students the chance to show off their glamorous gowns again. The creative sections will have wearable art made from plastic bottles, foil creatures and more bizarre bras!

The show will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 26 October and will include musical performances and dance acts also.

Tickets are just \$5, available from the school office.

Ms K Knight

Textiles Teacher

The Lighthouse Showcase

Advanced notice of an exciting event on Wednesday 5 October from 7.00pm to 9.30 pm in the Rangiora Baptist Church on East Belt, Rangiora The Lighthouse Showcase is a fundraising concert to raise money for the university fees of our Mongolian scholarship students from the World Vision Lighthouses in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. You are invited to come and hear the wonderful harmonious voices of our Mongolian scholarship students, Burenkhaan and Batbaatar.

The Lighthouse Showcase will star:

- Fiona Pears, the exciting, energetic and creative violinist.
- Ali Harper, the beautiful, very talented cabaret singer and actress.

Also performing from our wider community are:

- Anita Clarke (a former student of Rangiora High School) of the band "Devilish Mary and the Holy Rollers".
- "Vocal Network", a talented barbershop quartet
- A medley by the Dale Hartley Dance School
- Several wonderful school items including Choir, Kapahaka, pianists, dancers, singers, guitarists.

Tickets: Adults \$20 / Students \$10

Family Ticket: \$50 = 2 adults & 2 students

Tickets will be available from the Rangiora High School office and The Gingerbread House in Good Street or via email to helendon.lord@gmail.com

Mrs H Lord

Head of ESOL / Organiser