



# **Rangiora High School**

*Te Kura Tuarua o Rangiora*

## **Newsletter - December 2010**



### ***Head Students for 2011***

Congratulations to our new Head Students for 2011 (from left):

Michael McRae	Head Boy
Nick Deerson	Deputy Head Boy
Renée McDonald	Head Girl
Amanda Clinton	Deputy Head Girl

***Best wishes for the holiday season  
from Rangiora High School***

## From the Acting Principal



Nga mihi nui ki a koutou. This final newsletter signals the end of a very busy year for students and staff. There have been some terrific highs with students excelling academically, in sports, cultural and leadership activities, as varied as you can imagine.

Our students truly have so many opportunities to discover or develop their talents while at Rangiora High School. This term our Grass Kart team who designed, built and raced a grass kart again took out the top placings, while another group came second in the IPENZ design competition having developed a land yacht from scratch. These two competitions demonstrate that students can challenge themselves in ways well beyond their imaginings.

This term alone has seen a number of House competitions, namely the Junior Summerfest in Touch and Volleyball, Junior Quiz and Junior Graduation Programme. The House competition has been a closely fought affair this year and the House leader board has had to be adjusted more times than ever to reflect the changing placings.

I am pleased to announce that Ngata has taken the Inter-House Cup while Sheppard has won the House Cup for Service. While winning always feel good, it is the taking part that is best and it has been great to see the enthusiasm on the field, court or stage and the support from the spectators. The Service Cup was particularly hard to choose and I would like to congratulate and thank all students who have involved themselves in fundraising or giving service to the school and community. While many like to make assumptions about young people based on those they see up the street not portraying the school in a positive light, it is clear to us that many of our students really want to make a difference by helping others.

At Year 13 Graduation and the Senior and Junior Prizegivings we had great cause to be proud. The academic achievements of our students continues to rise and a number of our students have had success in their applications for scholarships to tertiary institutions.

My congratulations go to William Dieckermann who was named Dux of the School. William has excelled in all his subjects and has won two scholarships to Canterbury University. He is a wonderful ambassador for our school.

At Year 13 Graduation we also presented our four new Head Students for 2011:

Renée McDonald	Head Girl
Michael McRae	Head Boy
Amanda Clinton	Deputy Head Girl
Nick Deerson	Deputy Head Boy

Once again it was difficult to choose from the 22 students who applied. We are certainly reaping the benefits of the leadership opportunities that the House system has afforded us.

Our 2010 Head Students have been an outstanding group and set a new benchmark for those who follow in their footsteps. My thanks and best wishes go to Florence Loader, Robert Vincent, Samantha Keeling and Josh Moore. It has been extremely rewarding working with you and you have certainly left your mark at Rangiora High School.

To our hardworking Board of Trustees, our outstanding four Head Students, the Senior Leadership Team, Heads and Deans of House, Heads of Departments, coaches, managers, our House Executives, our support staff who keep us functioning, parents and caregivers and the community groups and businesses that support the school in so many ways – **thank you**.

A number of staff leave us at the end of the year. A school and its staff really are like a family so it is with heartfelt good wishes that we farewell them and thank them for all they have given their students and the school community. Best wishes to Susan Briggs (Burnside High School), Christy Mathewson (Papanui High School), Nicky Geldard (maternity leave), Cynthia Anderson (NZQA) and Pam Bernards (glorious retirement). Pam has worked here for 32 years and we are in her debt. She has taught over 3000 students in this time and coached many others in as many sports as you can think of.

Finally I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Good luck to those students who have left us for the “real world”. Thousands have left school before you and survived to tell the tale! We hope you always keep a piece of Rangiora High School in your hearts.

To those returning, we look forward to the challenges and achievements that 2011 will bring.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui.

Julia Malcolm  
**Acting Principal**



## HILLARY

**HEAD OF HOUSE** Mr N Moyle

**DEAN OF HOUSE** Mr A Cotter

Hillary House has had a great year. We have finished the House Competition in third place. Our House leaders for 2010 have done a tremendous job across the whole year. These six students – Penny Page, Forrest Munro, Kerriann Gardner, Jessica Ross, Rose Sutherland and Carenn Nakanishi – have worked together and been involved in everything. They have certainly kept to the seven principles of Hillary House – Humility, Initiative, Life Experience, Loyalty, Achievement, Respect and You Can Do It.

The student leaders for Hillary House in 2011 are Amy Newbury, Catherine Mackintosh, Daisuke Yokoyama, Caitlin Willis, Thomas Zahner and Hayley Fisher. These six all have great ideas on how Hillary House can keep moving up the House points table.

We would like to thank all the staff involved in Hillary House this year. They have been tremendous in their enthusiasm and have fully supported Hillary House all year.

We want to wish all the students of Hillary House the very best for the festive season. Perhaps a few of you may even go and climb a mountain over the summer holidays. To quote Sir Edmund Hillary: "This is what really counts – not just achieving things... but the advantage you have taken of your opportunities and the opportunities you have created."



## LYDIARD

**HEAD OF HOUSE** Mr D Palmer

**DEAN OF HOUSE** Mrs P Graham

With the year coming to an end, Lydiard House is saying farewell to some superb young men and women as they head off to universities and polytechnics within New Zealand and in the case of Sam Hinds, being interviewed for Cambridge University in England. Others are off to employment opportunities. Staff will miss these students. We are excited by how far they will go.

We congratulate this year's Dux of the School, William Dieckermann (at far right), and this year's Proxime Accessit (runner-up), Sam Hinds (at right). Lydiard House is very proud of both of you.

We also farewell two long-standing and much loved staff members. Pam Bernards is off to retirement and travel. Christy Matthewson leaves us to work at Papanui High School.

The student leaders of 2010 pass their roles on to the next cohort of students. Our House Captains for 2011 are Rachael Godfrey and Chelsea Williams. They will be supported by our House Executive team who are Peter Donaldson, Katy Hediger, Erana Cuttriss and Susannah Dunham. The junior leaders for 2011 will be led by Harry Vincent who has done a magnificent job in 2010.

As we reflect on the year it's time to think about others in the community and be thankful for what we have. We wish you all a fantastic holiday break.





## MANSFIELD

**HEAD OF HOUSE** Mrs M Stephenson

**DEAN OF HOUSE** Mr A Drayton

Our senior students have left to sit their exams and all of Mansfield House wishes them well. It's up to the juniors now to keep up Mansfield's high standards. This term has been a great one for our juniors – but the fun really started last term with our junior public speakers who achieved a great second place in the House public speaking competition at the end of Term 3. Our Year 9 representatives were Lauren Racle and Connor Mackinnon; the Year 10 representatives were Hannah Fortune and Justis Atkins. They each had to prepare a speech of about three minutes and speak in front of approximately one hundred of their peers and a judge. The topics were varied, and on top of their great efforts, Connor Mackinnon was voted the best Year 9 speaker with the topic "Why I don't want to be a millionaire."

Term 4 provided the last chance to raise our House points score. Junior Summerfest got underway. Inside Gym 1 our volleyballers were off to a great start with initial wins, but some strong competition followed from some of the other Houses. The volleyballers finished a creditable third in the round robin competition. Out on the field our touch players were going really well. Game after game went our way and unbelievably, we won the competition. The junior quiz teams fronted bravely to strong competition. This was the last competition of the year, making it our last chance to get our points up. We had teams from 9MRN, 9MGE, 10MLD, and 10MSN. After a tough fight our 9MGE team came fourth and our 10MSN team came sixth. This put us into a creditable fourth place as our final end of year total.



## NGATA

**HEAD OF HOUSE** Mr R Winson

**DEAN OF HOUSE** Mrs V Wilkins

As the year starts to wind down it has been great to see that our students are still very much committed to success. Our junior students achieved a highly credible third place overall in the Junior Summerfest, competing in volleyball and touch. A first for our senior academic report performance and solid performances in the Junior Graduation Programme points and Junior Quiz Competition, means Ngata House has taken out the House Cup for the fourth time in six years. Well done! We recently farewelled our Senior students at our House Assembly. This allowed us to celebrate their achievements over the last five years and hear about the range of future endeavours that they are pursuing. Amongst many pupils heading to university and tertiary study we should also congratulate Holly Tullett on gaining an internship position with the Hon. Clayton Cosgrove, MP, for 2011. This opportunity has arisen from her work during Youth MP week earlier in the year. In addition, Chris Schuyt has recently gained a place on the hotly contested Media course at CPIT next year, his valuable contribution to our 48 Hour Film entry for Ngata House shows the talent he will take with him. We must also not forget our Year 11's and 12's whose successes we celebrated at the Senior Prizegiving too. It was great to see Ngata House students shining in the academic and sporting forum once again. It has also been super to see that 24 of our juniors have achieved the Junior Graduation Programme with Distinction this year out of just over 100 pupils in total. To achieve over 85% is a great achievement and shows dedication and commitment over the whole academic year. Well done!





## RUTHERFORD

**HEAD OF HOUSE** Mrs S Reed

**DEAN OF HOUSE** Mr M Williams

2010 has been a fantastic year for all Rutherfordians, we have continued persevering with all competitions and made it a battle at times for placings on the House Points Table. As I write this we are still in a position to vie for 2nd place – the Junior Quiz and Junior Graduation Programme will determine our final position. Go blue!

When we reflect on this year it is amazing how much we have done as a House: Neonatal fundraiser (\$1000 raised), Plunket street appeal at night/afternoon, Waimakariri fund-raiser (sausage sizzle for Open Night with Lydiard), Gold Street Family Appeal over 2 days approx \$1900 dollars raised by RHS mainly Rutherford students, Foodbank organisation for 2010 (over 1500 items donated), Community service – painted BMX club rooms in Rangiora, pool fundraising party for Dudley, Junior Debating organising, Open Night student leaders and guides, Year 8 Orientation Day helpers, Peer Support trainers and helpers, ANZAC service helpers, academic assembly presenters assisting the Academic Dean, Arts On participators, Kaiapoi community help post-earthquake relief help by several students of Rutherford, House choir involvement (73 students), and sports referees and coaching.

Have a safe Christmas holiday and a good start to 2011. Come back full of energy and keep striving for your best. Thanks from Mrs Reed and Mr Williams for making this year a super one!



## SHEPPARD

**HEAD OF HOUSE** Ms A Hay

**DEAN OF HOUSE** Mr K Anderson

House Captain Carina Maclennan and Deputy Captain James Tillman share their thoughts as their time at school: "We can't believe that the past five years have flown by. Over the years we have made great friends and built good relationships with our teachers. Being a part of Sheppard made it easier to fit into a big school. We have really enjoyed the different activities that have been offered by the House system – from Big Day Out, Sports Day to the choir and the sponsored row. Being given the opportunity to become House Captains was really exciting. We enjoyed setting up activities and supporting other students. The highlights for us were winning all of the relays on Sports Day, having the biggest student participation in our choir than we have ever had and the amazing amount we raised for the Mayoral Relief Fund. As leaders, it was so good to see everyone working so well together on Big Day Out, getting to know each other and working with other form classes. Being House Captains has been a huge honour and we have learned a lot of leadership and management skills that will benefit us throughout our lives. It is really sad to think that five years are over and to all of our younger Sheppard students - if you are thinking your school years will go slowly, you are wrong, as it flies by and before you know it, you are sitting at your final House assembly and saying farewell to teachers who have helped you succeed and grow. Our final words of advice are that we encourage you to get involved now so that in five years time you are not looking back and regretting that you left it too late. We encourage all of the Sheppard students to keep working hard for our House and we wish you all the best for the future.



## Year 13 Service and Academic Prizelist for 2010

Lions Club of Rangiora Trophy Service to the School and the Community		Luke Hawkins-Belliss
Koru Trophy Outstanding Involvement and Commitment to Rangiora High School		Hamish Ainsley
Rangiora Freemasons' Citizenship Award Service to the School		Sasha Cheng
Norriss Cup Service to the School		Carenn Nakanishi
Taonga whakapono (shared) The student who has contributed most to kaupapa Maori within school	Staanakaalicia Tiki Tiki-Andrews Guilford	
Taonga whakapono (shared) The student who has contributed most to kaupapa Maori within school		Tanisha Haumu
Rangiora High School Cup Mayor of Waimakariri District Prize for Leadership and Service to the School Deputy Head Boy		Joshua Moore
Rangiora High School Cup Mayor of Waimakariri District Prize for Leadership and Service to the School Deputy Head Girl		Samantha Keeling
Alexa Andrews Cup Mayor of Waimakariri District Prize for Leadership and Service to the School Head Girl		Florence Loader
Beattie Cup Mayor of Waimakariri District Prize for Leadership and Service to the School Head Boy		Robert Vincent
Rangiora High School Centenary Cup for Public Speaking		Sarah Connolly
Spurr Trophy for Contribution to Environmental Education		Emma Woods
Rotary Club Cup	Senior Debating	Sarah Connolly
Rotary Club Cup	Senior Debating	Ryan Reed
Rotary Club Cup	Senior Debating	William Dieckermann
Trade Tools Prize	Excellence in Engineering	Ryan Candy
Cobden-Cox Cup	Senior Economics	William Dieckermann
Torlesse Travel Cup	Year 13 Drama	Ciaran Searle
Torlesse Travel Cup	Year 13 Health	Sophie Lange
Torlesse Travel Cup	Year 13 Health	Rosemary Stephen
Fuji Xerox Cup	Year 13 Digital Technologies	Harris Pirie
Rangiora High School Prize	Excellence in Senior Writing	Sasha Cheng
John Reynolds Cup	Year 13 English	Sarah Connolly

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Rangiora New World Cup	Year 13 Home Economics	Kerriann Gardner
Denise Hider Cup	First in Year 13 Calculus	Samuel Hinds
Torlesse Travel Cup	Year 13 Visual Arts	Amy Sheppard
Torlesse Travel Cup	Year 13 Languages	William Dieckermann
Sportsworld North Canterbury Cup	Year 13 Physical Education	Stephanie De Hamel
Sportsworld North Canterbury Cup (shared)	Year 13 Physical Education	Samantha Keeling
Avon City Ford Trophy	Excellence in Automotive Engineering	Luke Hawkins-Bellis
Mike Keen Memorial Cup	Excellence in Senior Technology	Jed Williams
Natcoll Prize	Design Technology	Ryan Reed
International Award		Harris Pirie
Overall Achievement in Year 13 by International Student		Ji Won Jeon
Davis Cup		
All round Academic & Sporting Excellence in Year 13		Owain John
Galloway Memorial Cup		
Excellence in Year 13 Humanities		Ciaran Searle
Helmore Bowron and Scott Prize		
Most Outstanding Student studying Arts or Law at University		William Dieckermann
J F & D J C Moffat Scholarship		
Most Outstanding Boy Studying Science at University		Owain John
J F & D J C Moffat Scholarship		
Most Outstanding Girl studying Science at University		Emma Woods
Mainpower Prize		
Year 13 Physics and Mathematics		Ryan Reed
Cruickshank Prize		
Excellence in Senior Biology in Year 13		Emma Woods
Cresswell Memorial Cup		
Excellence in Year 13 Sciences		Owain John
RHS Education Trust Scholarship		
Maori Student Studying at Tertiary Level		Kerriann Gardiner
Lamb & Hayward Scholarship		
Academic performance, leadership, service and cultural or sporting achievement		Emma Woods
Macintosh Cup		
Proxime Accessit		Samuel Hinds
William and Ina Cartwright Trophy		
Dux of the School		William Dieckermann



**Year 13 Graduation supreme award winners with SLT (from left):** Sam Hinds (Proxime Accessit), Chris Quigley (Deputy Principal), Julia Malcolm (Acting Principal), Brian Hays (Deputy Principal), William Dieckermann (Dux of the School), Steve Kersey (Academic Dean), Scott Wright (Deputy Principal).

## ***School-Links***

Please register with School-Links if you have not already done so. You can register with School-links for free. It's an excellent way to keep track of student attendance and school information.

We have found School-links to be an invaluable means of communication with our community this year, particularly during the forced closure of the school after the Canterbury earthquake.

With School-Links you can:

- Receive text and email alerts for all general communications such as school closures or in the event of an emergency
- Book parent/teacher interviews online
- Receive text and email alerts if your student has not turned up at school
- Receive newsletters and general notices online
- Notify the school of your student's absence 24/7

Registration is free and easy to do. You can register at [www.school-links.org.nz](http://www.school-links.org.nz)

Any queries, please phone our Attendance Officer, Mrs Leigh Bolton, on 03 311 8888 (extension 2160) before the school office closes on 14 December, or when the office re-opens on Monday 24 January.

Once registered it is important to regularly check your details are correct by clicking on the My Profile link. Thank you for your support as we seek to continually improve our attendance monitoring processes.

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