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From Julia Malcolm, Acting Principal

Ngā mihinui ki a koutou.

This is my last newsletter article in the role of Acting Principal as next term Ms Karen Stewart will step into the role of Principal. The Strategic Leadership team and I spent a very fruitful planning day with her last week looking at our Annual Plan for the school and the targets and aims which sit within that. Our focus remains firmly on Engagement, Achievement, Retention, and Transition – and looking at how we design learning which motivates students, allows them to direct their learning, gives them opportunities to achieve in all senses of the word, and keeps them in school so that they get maximum benefit from the education system. The final step of course is getting them to a place where they have choices for the future and a clear pathway for their transition to further study or employment.

There is plenty to celebrate in this newsletter. 'High School Musical' provided audiences with a great spectacle and it was a shining example of our students' talent. It is always uplifting to see students take the stage, some for the first time whilst others are seasoned performers. Mounting a school production is a huge undertaking and so I congratulate the staff and students in the cast and crew for their commitment. The theme song of the show "We're All in This Together" certainly rang true for all involved.

Similarly our sports' teams continue to impress and prove that Rangiora High School can foot it with the best. The boys' 1st XV rugby team is giving us plenty of excitement with wins against St Thomas, St Bede's, St Andrew's, and Shirley Boys' High School. Their recent fundraiser night showed that our school community values sport and the associated benefits it brings. At present we have 52 teams playing competitive winter sports which is mind boggling, and further reinforces the need to ensure that we have facilities that can cater for the numbers of participants and range of sports on offer. I was impressed by two teams last week who offered players to the opposition – one in junior girls' basketball where the opposition were short a player, and the other in 2nd XV rugby against Cheviot/Kaikoura to help give that team a boost.

Inter-House WinterFest and Quiz competitions were completed last week and you will be able to read about the consequent changes in the leaderboard. Whenever I run into ex-students around and about, their first question is 'Who's winning the House Competition?' It is great to see that the House competition continues to inspire students to take part, compete and have fun doing so.

The school continues to have a steady stream of visitors to Rakahuri, from all over and from both primary and secondary sectors. These teachers and school leaders are interested in Rakahuri as a building and also what is happening inside it, in terms of teaching and learning. There is certainly some interesting 'passion projects' nearing completion and I am looking forward to seeing the Year 9 classes present their work.



From Julia Malcolm, Acting Principal

One of the enjoyable aspects of being a Principal is the examples of student work that are either brought to my office, shared digitally or I get invited to come and see. This last term I have been blown away by the depth in terms of thinking and the creative and professional presentation of students' work. Level 2 Media Studies students' music videos are a recent example and I spent a couple of hours with their teacher who was so proud showing me their work. I know that this is happening in all faculty areas. Learning and how we assess it looks a whole lot different these days and it is pretty exciting for our students to be using technology to make this process a whole lot more relevant, accessible, and meaningful for both them and their teacher.

An example of this is our two speakers at Manu Korero, the regional Māori Speech Competitions. Ariana Winikerei and Hinemoa Carroll, Year 11 students who spoke in the Senior Māori and English sections respectively, both have earned Level 2 credits for their speeches. Congratulations to them both for standing in this fierce competition and representing the school with such pride and passion.

In the holiday break and as we move into winter with a vengeance, can I encourage you to take stock of your son's/daughter's uniform. Most of our students wear their uniform with pride and they look fantastic. I know that some will argue that it shouldn't matter what cap or socks a student is wearing, or that they wear hoodies, but the fact is we have a uniform, with a number of options and choices to suit all. Wearing it well is part of our school culture. Not wearing it well, is saying, "I don't care" and that is not our culture. A few basics that we would appreciate your support with as we deal with 1733 students:

- Socks are plain black
- Shoes are polishable 'leather' black or brown (clean ones would be a bonus!)
- Hats are school caps or school beanies
- Hoodies are NOT uniform
- If you need some help buying uniform, please be in touch as we can definitely help out

Last week at Manu Korero, where almost every school in Canterbury was represented, I have to say, among the 600 students there, our uniform looked superb on the 30 students there representing us. Let's all aim to be like that, all the time. It's a habit of mind that may seem trivial, but shows allegiance, loyalty, pride, and mana.

So in closing, this week is a short one with students finishing on Thursday. All staff will be at school on Friday attending professional development sessions throughout the day. Friday night is the Year 13 Ball which is always eagerly anticipated, a pleasure to attend, and a highlight of the school calendar.

I wish the students happy holidays, and I hope they go into the break with a good half year to look back on. For me I am looking forward to the break (quite a lot actually!) and resuming my position as Deputy Principal next term. It has been a privilege to sit in this role for the past two years and I hope you feel, as I do, that the school is in good heart.

Kia toa, kia kaha, kia manawanui.

Julia Malcolm
Acting Principal





From Bev Moore, Commissioner

As Term 2 comes to a close it is time to give a collective heartfelt thanks to Julia Malcolm for her stellar efforts over the past two years as Acting Principal. As you will know the role and timing came with its challenges, but Rangiora High School has been very fortunate to have Julia's steady hand leading the school throughout this time. Julia has been a committed and compassionate leader, and well supported by a very capable Strategic Leadership Team. It has been a privilege to work closely with Julia and the SLT. Along with the day-to-day management of the school, as Acting Principal, Julia has fostered very strong relationships with our contributing schools to make the transition to high school seamless and enjoyable. She has also provided valuable input into the new Rangiora Community of Learning (COL). At the heart of all of Julia's decision making has been the students and staff, and this is evident in how much she is respected by both.

I know that Julia is looking forward to stepping back into her Deputy Principal role but I also know that Karen Stewart, our new Principal, is keen to continue drawing on Julia's expertise as she transitions into her new role.

Karen Stewart will officially begin as Principal in the middle of the holidays spending time getting to know the school and our systems and meeting Ministry of Education staff so that she will have the first week dedicated to meeting and getting to know the students and their aspirations for the school. There will be a formal welcome to her on Tuesday 25 July involving student leaders, students from each form class, members of the local community and a group from Marlborough Girls' College.

Last week Karen joined Julia, the SLT, Brent Ingram (our educational consultant), and me for a full-day intensive strategic planning session. We discussed the major review of faculties and teaching programmes and the achievement targets through to 2019. These targets will be on the school website next term. It was useful for everyone to spend time thinking critically about current practices and focusing on how these can be strengthened to lead to better achievement outcomes for each student. The day was incredibly useful and future-focused, ensuring everyone is fully committed to the direction we are taking at the school.

With Karen's appointment, Brent's role comes to an end. I would like to record my appreciation to Brent for providing Rangiora High School with extremely valuable analysis around student achievement data, barriers and successes. This work sits at the very core of the school's role and provides the data and base for improving student achievement. To continue this work we are fortunate to have secured the services of a Ministry-funded student achievement practitioner. Karen will update you on the outcomes of this important work during the next twelve months.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a great break from school routines. I know that many of our students and staff are fighting winter colds so the holidays are a much needed time for rest and recuperation at this time of year. They are also busy times for students and staff as they prepare for the demands of Term 3. I hope that you are all able to take some time to create some family memories and enjoy a break from the normal school routines.

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.

All the very best.

Bev Moore
Commissioner

Deputy Head Boy Speech from Assembly

Perserverance

In primary school I had a teacher called Mr Jeffries. He's a lovely old fella with not a lot hair. He loves his math, his football and his pater tennis. Mr Jeffries has left a mark on me because of what he taught me about our word of the week, perseverance. I'd often come up to him saying "Mr Jeffries, I can't do this". Every time without fail he would correct me. "No Joel, you can't do it yet". Those simple words have stuck with me for years now. They have taught me that any goal is achievable, no matter how insurmountable it may seem. If you are willing to push through hardship and failure, success will come, that is what perseverance is all about. It's about remaining steadfast through difficult times and coming out the other side a better you.



Success isn't handed out on a platter, anyone who has reached the top of their game has had to drive through hard times and bounce back from failure. Abraham Lincoln was defeated in eight elections before he was elected as President, Dr Seuss' first book was rejected by 27 different publishers and Michael Jordan didn't get picked for his high school basketball team. What would have happened if they quit the first time they failed? Would Lincoln have freed the slaves? Would Seuss have become the most successful children's writer ever? Would Michael Jordan have become one of the greatest sportsmen of all time? No. These great people all prove that it doesn't matter how many times you get knocked down, what matters is how many times you can get up. So keep working try again, maybe even fail again, the difference is you'll fail better than before. You will make progress and success will follow.

So next time you get knocked down, don't say "I can't do this", say "I can't do this yet". Whether that's when you're studying for your next maths assessment, no matter how hard it is, playing through the last ten minutes on the sports' field, no matter how knackered you are, or learning that dance routine for the school production, no matter how complicated it may seem, work on it, keep pushing, keep persevering. Because when you finally achieve your goal, it'll be all the sweeter knowing of all the hard work that you put in to get there. I'll leave you with the words of a wee blue fish named Dory, "When life gets you down, just keep swimming, just keep swimming, just keep swimming".

'Chinese Bridge' Speech Competition

Cameron Page has recently competed in the 'Chinese Bridge' speech competition. The Chinese Bridge is a world renowned international speaking contest where every year, tens of thousands of foreign students studying Mandarin compete around the globe.

The competition consists of three components; a four minute Chinese speech, followed by a question and answer section, as well as a Chinese talent performance. After confidently progressing through the Canterbury and South Island rounds, Cameron journeyed to Wellington in June to compete in the national final - where he placed third equal in New Zealand.

He has now been awarded a full scholarship to travel to China in October as one of the four New Zealand representatives competing in the world finals.

University of Canterbury Open Day

UC Open Day - 13 July 2017

See website for further details.

www.canterbury.ac.nz



What's on in Terms 2-3

Thursday 6 July	Last Day for Term 2
Friday 7 July	Teacher Only Day
Friday 7 July	Year 13 Ball
Monday 24 July	First Day of Term 3
Monday 31 July	Ashburton Sports' Exchange
Thursday 10 August	SAID Day
Monday 18 September	Senior School Examinations Begin

High School Musical

The last two terms have been hectic, hard work, rewarding and extremely exciting! In preparation for Rangiora High School's production, 'High School Musical'. Over 90 students and 20 staff have given their time and effort to create an outstanding show. The show was a sellout with a full house for three of the four performances, allowing the students to show their talents off to large audiences at a time. The jocks, the dancers, ensemble and leads came together with the crew and teachers to pull it all off; as our favourite song says, "We're all in this together". As student producer, I had an awesome time working with everyone. Through it I was absorbed in a new learning experience, built so many new friendships and managed to learn all the words to every 'High School Musical' song in the show. Of course these experiences don't come around every day, so I, along with the cast are extremely grateful to those who made it all possible. Bella and Ryan, thank you for your efforts; it's not easy juggling school and production. To Ms McDonald, Mr Anderson, Mrs Reeves, Mrs Robertson, Mr McMillan, Mrs Mullan, Ms Brown, Mrs McMillan and Mr Orr and many other staff who willingly gave their time and expertise - you are the reason why students can have the full experience that we did, so here's a very big wildcat thank you to you all!!

Keighley Robertson - Student Producer



High School Musical



Putting on 'High School Musical' has been a truly rewarding and unforgettable experience. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with such a cohesive, dedicated and talented group of students and staff. I am sure that everyone involved has gained something from their experience and that it will be one of the enduring memories they take away from Rangiora High School. My thanks and congratulations go to the entire Wildcat Team. What Team?

Keith Anderson - Director

HILLARY

House



As Term Two draws to a close Hillary House can reflect on what has been a very successful term for us collectively and for many of the individuals in our House. Our House motto, a quote from Sir Edmund Hillary "It's not the mountain we conquer but ourselves" rings true for many of our students as they tackle the challenges of their busy school and personal lives.

The inter-House Competition has provided opportunities for students to compete in three competitions. These were Senior Debating, Junior WinterFest and the Year Level Quiz Competitions. Our Senior Debaters battled it out and won the event outright. Our Junior WinterFest, which consisted of Girls' Netball and Boys' Football played well but against strong opposition the best we could manage was fourth. Perhaps the final blow of the term came in the Year 9, 10 and 11 Inter-house Quiz Competition, where we placed fifth in each year level for the event. This has meant that overall Hillary is now in third place, 1.5 points behind Rutherford in second place and 21.5 points behind Mansfield in first place. Our strong work from the start of the year keeps us in contention but we will need to consolidate some higher placings in the remainder of the events this year if we are to have a shot at winning the competition. Coming up early in Term 3 we have the Choir competition, FilmFest and Senior WinterFest.

Our Year 13 Student Leaders continue to do an amazing job and we are very appreciative of the time and commitment they have given us as a House. Continuing with our leaders, in the final week of Term 2, three Hillary students, Serenity Bruce, Ella Gorton and Hannah Powell, attended the Christ's College annual Emerging Leaders' Conference, a one day event for Year 12 students from schools throughout Canterbury. As with other years, a line-up of inspiring and successful speakers and workshop presenters allowed students to consider what leadership means to them, and to reflect on ways to develop their own personal skills.

At this stage of the academic year, our senior students have just 14 weeks left and the juniors have 19 weeks left. For both groups live assessment feedback reporting provides valuable feedback for students from their teachers on how they are progressing. Significant progress and value can be added in Term 3 even where a student has fallen behind, but that action must be started soon before time runs out and it is too late.

To both staff and students thank you for your efforts in the first half of this year and I hope that wherever you find yourself and whatever you are doing, you manage to get some time to relax and unwind after a very busy term.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact Ms Gibson or myself in the Hillary Office.

Kerry Sullivan

Head of House Kerry Sullivan

Dean of House Emma Gibson



LYDIARD

House



It is with delight that we can celebrate much success in our house this term. The Executive team has been actively modifying the Fun Run now called "Lap it Up" which was designed to allow all abilities of students to be able to participate.

The weather was great and some students were really outstanding in what they accomplished. Three students who deserve special mention are: Dylan Russell, Holly Prickett (both Year 9) and Zoe Loffhagen (Year 12) who collectively completed 53 laps.

As the fundraising is handed in to the office and is collated we will notify the community and the Blind Foundation of the totals for this year's efforts. The minimum \$10 or donation that we asked per student is hopefully feasible. We are celebrating the official naming of 'our' puppy "Jasper". I found out on Tuesday that Jasper was also the name of the dog that initially gave Lydiard house the idea of completing a 3km run that we used to do. This run was done as a tribute to a dog called Jasper who helped his owner get to work each day who was unfortunately run over on duty. Amazing to think our students came up independently of a name with links they were not aware of – a lovely coincidence really to have such a historic link.

On another note we have had much success with 11 students from our House being involved in the school production. Their team work and dedication has made it a huge success with the rest of their peers from the other houses.

Another student Luci Grigg has had great success with her music. She has been selected to play for the Aroha String Quartet international music academy short course and having the opportunity to play an ensemble and chamber music with about 40 other musicians from Australia, Japan and New Zealand at the St Andrew's Centre in Wellington.

"Hi, I'm Luci Grigg, a Year 11 at RHS, and I've been playing the violin for around 7 years. Recently, the school told me about a chamber music workshop that four members of the NZ Symphony Orchestra are running in Wellington in August. I applied and got accepted!, which is a huge honour. It's quite a big step, because people from Australia and Japan are also coming, but it will be so much fun! If you are thinking about learning to play an instrument, then do it! It is an awesome experience and provides so many opportunities. :)"

Another student, James Charlton recently competed in boxing in Timaru – watch this space for his progress. He told me that he has only recently started competitive boxing, having started boxing for fun.

"I was nervous about getting in the ring but I was more nervous about making the weight class. I needed to lose 1.5 kg in 12 hours but lost 2 kg, so I was happy about that. I lost the fight to a split decision but it was a cool experience and I'm look forward to my next match coming up in July – James Charlton 9LGRP"

Keep trying your personal best and work towards your aspirations. Go Tigers!

Sabina Reed

Head of House Sabina Reed

Dean of House Jonathan Cowey



MANSFIELD

House



Kia Ora Mansfield whānau

Term Two is nearly complete and it has been an extremely busy one, for the students and staff of Mansfield House.

Rakahuri the new modern learning environment was opened early in the term and our Year 9 students have been enjoying learning in this new space. The staff have also been modifying their programmes to meet the needs of the students, and I know that these staff are now implementing some wonderful learning activities to meet the needs of 21st century learners.

We welcomed Miss Anna Commons as our Dean at the start of week seven with the departure of Miss Kooyman on maternity leave. She was already established in Mansfield House, but since taking up the role has made a real effort to visit form classes, to talk students about their future and has assisted students in her capacity as pastoral leader. Miss Commons has started in her role very well and I would encourage students, parents and whānau to introduce yourself to her. She is there to assist your children and put in place programmes to help in their development.

WinterFest has been and gone for the juniors of Mansfield House. We had large numbers contribute for both the Netball and, with this year girls able to play, Football. We came a credible third in this competition losing only one game of Football to a very good Sheppard side. Our Netballers never shirked in their endeavour and had some very good wins. It was so pleasing to see three Year 9 girls putting their heart and soul into the Football, participating fully and enjoying themselves immensely. I would like to thank the House executive for their contribution made to the successful running of this event. They organized the teams, got the Mansfield team kit ready, and were out there in strong numbers supporting and encouraging the younger members of the House to do well. A big thank you also to the student referees who enabled the event to happen. They did an awesome job, at a very busy time of the year for them.

We have also had the Year 9, 10 and 11 Quiz take place in the previous week. Our students represented the House extremely well, with some satisfying results and some great placings. These students should feel proud of the contribution that they have made to the House and pleased with what they achieved.

Mansfield House is still managing to hold onto first place on the House leaderboard, but it is getting very congested with four Houses within 50 points of each other. I would encourage students to participate in the upcoming events of Choir and 48 hour FilmFest, as all have talents which just need sometimes to be explored and utilized.

Finally enjoy a well-earned break, come back for Term 3 with an enthusiastic attitude, and remember organization is the key to success.

Kia kaha.

Andrew Cotter

Head of House Andrew Cotter

Dean of House Kelsey Kooyman



NGATA

House



Kia ora Ngata whānau

It's extraordinary to think that at the time of writing this newsletter, we are fast approaching the end of the term and are mid-way through the year. Term 2 has been a term of change for Ngata House, not only in terms of our place on the leaderboard, but in terms of leadership personnel and change. Starting off the term in a reasonably steady fourth place, the Junior WinterFest teams played valiantly, however, both the Netball and Football teams suffered at the hands of several losses. Coupled with defeat during the Junior Quiz, and scoring second place at the Year 11 Quiz, we are languishing in a current sixth place. However, not to be deterred, the Ngata Executive Team and fellow students are already rallying to ensure that the upcoming Term 3 events of Senior WinterFest, House Choir and 48 Hour FlimFest are well planned and practice for the events are underway. We in Ngata House take pride in our mantra of 'Never Give up Aspiring To Achieve' and this is something that is valued by us as a family, and a mantra that I am personally very proud of and try to abide to.

Being back in the Head of House position is a great honor and I can wholeheartedly say that I am so very pleased to be working with and for all within this House. My return has reminded me of how special our students are and what a pleasure they are to work with. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mr Cotter for his tireless work during Terms 3 and 4 of 2016, and give my great thanks to Mrs Bernards for her steadfast work ethic during Terms 1 and 2 for this year. Both Acting Heads of House have done a great job in ensuring that the House and its students were well supported and I am grateful for all of their support over the last year.

Term 3 could be considered as a term of change with students embarking on their transition from junior to senior school, planning for their course and study options and, for our Year 13 cohort, planning for tertiary study, the workplace and beyond. Mr Berg and I are here to support you with any questions that you might have as to these matters and are here to help you and your child plan for every eventuality in regards to this very important time. Our doors are always open and we welcome your inquiries, with a view to meeting with you to discuss your child's options at this time. Student Achievement Interview Day will be on Thursday 10 August from 10.00am until 8.00pm and this would be a very good opportunity to meet with both of us to discuss any concerns that you might have at this time.

As stated, it is so lovely to be back in the fold and I am so very thrilled to be working with and for you.

Ngā manaakitanga.

Vanessa Wilkins

Head of House Vanessa Wilkins

Dean of House Tim Berg



RUTHERFORD

House



Kia ora. It's hard to believe that Term 2 has come to an end. It always seems to be one of the busiest times of the year.

The House Competition has seen some excellent contests this term. As reported last term, our performances in Senior Debating helped to lift us up into fourth place overall and as I write this we've just finished the Junior WinterFest competition and the Year 9, 10 and 11 Quizzes. Our teams have had some amazing results and this has helped to lift us into second place. Junior WinterFest was particularly exciting and we finished second in this. In the Netball, our junior girls went through the whole competition unbeaten. It was great to see both Year 9 and 10 players combining so well as a team. This year we decided to trial girls playing in the Football teams. This was in response to student requests for this to happen. Our Football team put together some solid results, and with more time together may have picked up some more wins.

Term 3 is a very busy one for the House competition. We start off with the Senior WinterFest in the early weeks of Term 3 and then we have "the big one" - House Choir. 48 hour FilmFest also takes place in Term 3, so it's sure to be a very fast-paced term for our students. I really would encourage as many people as possible to give House Choir a go. It's a unique experience: one where a group really does come together as a team and the bonds created through the experience of performing together are really strong. This year we have two songs to perform, one of which must be a waiata. The Student Executive has already been planning in earnest for this event, so look out for rehearsal times in the daily notices.

Term 3 has some other important milestones to look out for. Thursday 10 August is SAID day, and the main focus of this day will be on pathways at and beyond school. Subject selection for 2018 will be an important outcome of this process. More information on SAID day will be communicated later. Also in Term 3 are the school examinations. These occur in week 9 of the term [the week commencing 18 September]. Add to this the fact that many subjects still have a significant amount of internal assessment to do, you can see that Term 3 will be hectic.

A reminder that if students are feeling that things are "too hectic", there is a wonderful pastoral team on hand to help. The pastoral team consists of form teachers, the House Dean, the Head of House and Guidance and there's always someone there to help with any problems. A reminder too that Term 3 is still a winter month and keeping warm is a priority. If you need any help or assistance with uniform, please let us know. Have a great break and see you back in Term 3.

Jonny Sim

Head of House Jonny Sim

Dean of House Gillian Koster



SHEPPARD

House



Tena koutou katoa.

Welcome to July - and for those of you who like to accumulate arcane facts about months of the year, did you know that seven US presidents have died in July, which is more than any other month.

We began week 9 of Term 2 languishing in sixth place on the House Points Table, and while it's not all about winning, it's fair to say that we were feeling a little bit hoha about affairs. The great news is that we begin week 10 in fourth place! This leap up the table can be attributed to the stunning sporting skills of our Junior WinterFest teams and the cerebral stylings of our academic quizzers.

Junior WinterFest proved to be a real boon for us with both of our teams performing exceptionally well and taking the title for 2017.

Our Football team was made up of a mix of Year 9 and 10 students and this year, for the first time ever, girls were permitted to play in the competition. The team got off to a great start with a 6-1 win against Rutherford. Our next fixture was against Hillary and once again we played an exciting brand of Football. The Hillary defence proved to be impregnable, and in the dying seconds they snuck one past us to take the match 1-0. We returned to form against Ngata with a solid 2-0 win before downing the previously unbeaten Mansfield team 6-0. With the final round looming we needed a win against Lydiard. The team once again delivered taking out this crucial fixture 4-0.

The Sheppard Netball team was equally impressive. We came up against the star-studded Rutherford team in the first round and went down 35-10. This result did not deter the girls who bounced back strongly against Hillary and snuck a 17-14 win. The next match saw the girls in dominant form, beating Ngata 20-8. Round 4 pitted us against Mansfield and the team continued their winning ways with a well-crafted 18-8 victory. The pivotal final round was a must win for the Sheppard girls and they were well up for it with a 21-9 win against Lydiard. Throughout the competition, the girls proved to be a cohesive and spirited unit.

The academic Quizzes took place on Friday 30 June and with 90 House points up for grabs we really needed to make the most of our opportunities. The Year 10 Quiz began proceedings and after an hour of academic rigour, it was the Sheppard team who took maximum points for the second year running.

Year 9 followed and our quizzers felt just short of first place finishing in a highly commendable second equal position.

The final quiz involved our Year 11 cohort who repeated their heroics from 2016 by winning the title.

I am sure that I speak for all staff and students in Sheppard House as I congratulate and thank the students who participated so well in these events. I trust that we will continue to work together well as we face our next challenges. Bring on Choir!

Keith Anderson

Head of House Keith Anderson

Dean of House Paula Howard



Languages

The senior Japanese students attended the annual NCEA Japan day at the University of Canterbury on Thursday 8 June. This event is held every year with the aim of gathering students studying Japanese from around Canterbury to improve their Japanese skills, familiarise them with the achievement standards and increase their cultural knowledge. This year was the fifth annual event with 15 schools and around 370 students taking part, making it the biggest event for Japanese language education in New Zealand. The day began in the large lecture theatre with a talk by internet marketing pioneer, Tim Williams, on his encounters and experiences in Japan, as well as the skills required for the rapidly changing world. The students were divided into groups based on their year level and headed off for the first of three language sessions. The focus for the Year 11's was communication and they had lots of fun singing songs, playing games and using their Japanese to express themselves in whatever way they could. The Year 12's found out more about the Japanese culture while the Year 13's gained valuable hints and tips about the end of year exams. Everyone enjoyed experiencing different teachers' styles, making new friends and hearing about studying Japanese at UC from the university student volunteers. A highlight of the day was the Japanese bread provided for morning tea. In the afternoon we were treated to a taiko drum performance and participated in the all-schools' dance performance. Rangiora High School will star in the Koi dance video so check us out when it is released! We had such a great time and are looking forward to participating again next year!



International News

Katalina Betchel (pictured right) has been selected to the Girls' Under 18 National Rugby Team in Germany. She is a strong and talented player and she has been a wonderful asset to the Rangiora High School Girls' Rugby Team and Kaiapoi Women's Rugby Team.

Pictured below are alumni students in Thailand who were happy to receive the 2017 Rangiora High School Yearbook. All three boys were accepted into top universities in Bangkok.



International students enjoying Queenstown jetboating and walking up Baldwin Street, the steepest street in New Zealand.

Pictured below is International student Mara Bittmann from Germany bungy jumping in Queestown.



Exciting happenings in the Digital Technologies Curriculum area

Digital technologies are transforming how we live – shaping our homes and our workplaces, and changing the way that we interact with each other and live our everyday lives. It is vital for students to develop critical thinking skills working with 21st Century tools to equip them to shape their career, their lifestyle, their leisure.

The draft Digital Technologies Curriculum to be introduced in 2018 for students from Years 1-10, was released last week by the Minister of Education, Nikki Kaye. These are exciting times for us. This term we organised Code Club Aotearoa to provide our contributing primary schools the opportunity to develop their knowledge, confidence and skill in coding and computational thinking in preparation for the introduction of this curriculum.

The following events were undertaken during Term 2 so that our students had the opportunity to connect with current digital trends and career paths.

Christchurch Girls' Shadow Tech Day for Girls 2017

This was a day organised in conjunction with Ara for secondary school girls in Years 9-11 'to come, experience and see for themselves the variety of interesting and rewarding careers in ICT and Engineering'. This was a nationwide event to address demand for skills in the ICT and Engineering industry sectors. The girls went to Ara and Interger – a software company in Christchurch that 'specialises in the design, development and integration of business knowledge, information technology and creativity'. They all had a most enjoyable and motivating day.

Year 11 students – The Mind Lab

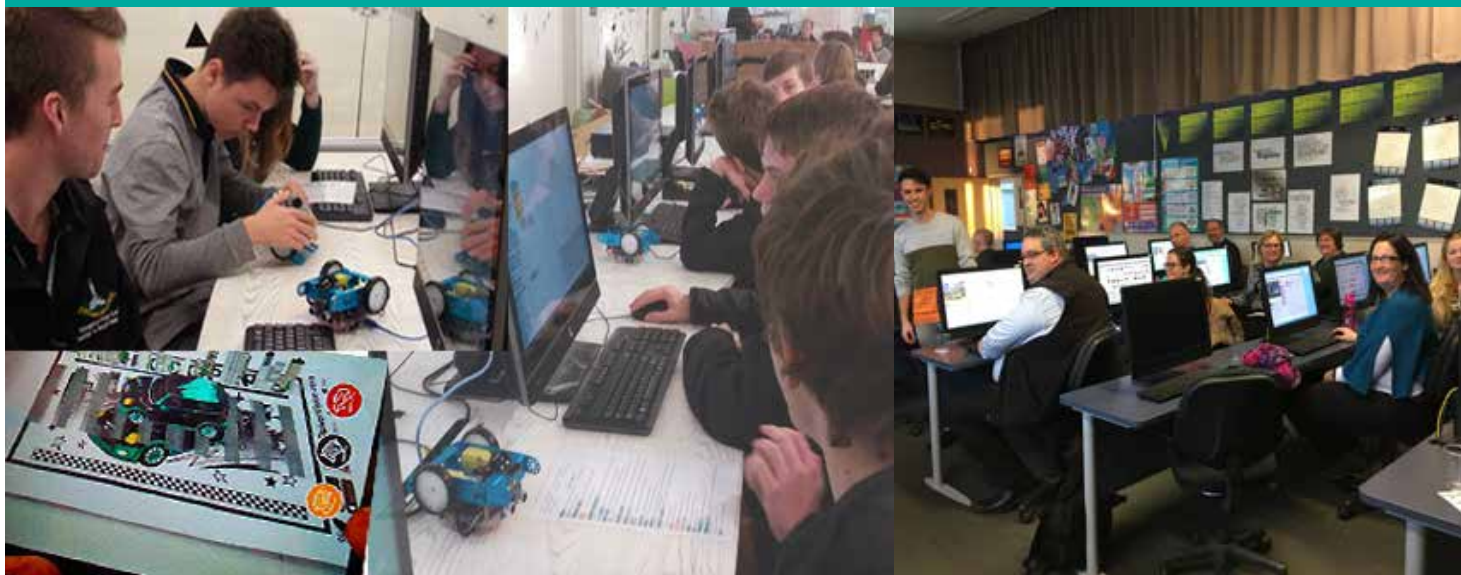
The students were given the opportunity to engage with The Mind Lab philosophy of 'offering learning experiences that support the development of the next generation of makers, doers, inventors and creators who will shape the future with new ways of working, thinking and living.' Students really enjoyed their experiences with Aurasma (Augmented Reality). Virtual Reality (VR) using Oculus and S7 and programming M-Bots. Adrian Clark, the founder of the Augmented Reality company, QuiverVision (and Lecturer at the HIT Lab, UC) spoke to the students about his business journey.

Year 12 students – UC, Vision College, Ara

This day was organised to enable students to have a really good understanding of tertiary opportunities in the many digital areas and to ensure that they make correct subject choices for 2018 to enable their goals to be realised. At UC, Professor Tim Bell engaged the students with Computer Science, followed by presentations from staff from Software Engineering and The Hit Lab and the study and career opportunities available to them. Vision College staff discussed the web development and software engineering courses on offer at their campus and Ara gave us a 'hands on' experience focusing on software engineering and networking. All venues were well prepared for us and the students thoroughly enjoyed the day.

We are proud that we bring the real world to the class room, as well as taking the class room to the real world. We know there is significant value in stimulating imagination, motivation and vision for the future to encourage students to achieve all they can be.

Anne Kininmonth - Curriculum Leader, Digital Technologies



Casual Friday – performing for fun

Most of the time when students are performing in school, they do so with assessment as their focus. This year we decided to add in a casual night, where they could perform what they wanted to perform, individually or in groups, music students or not. It was about getting on stage and having a go.

I was really lucky, I already had a group of singers who were ready to take the stage, and another group of students who were willing to play their instruments. Some of them had played for me before in a one off fundraising concert, and others were new but willing. We decided to call this night Casual Friday, and booked the Baptist Hall for one night in March.

Our first concert was very casual, we had 40 people in the audience, one band, and a lot of solo performances. But it felt like a start. So we arranged another.

More students came forward. By the second concert we had three bands, doing more than one song each, and about 50 people in the audience. It was good! Our theme for that night was Adele. (I got to sing Skyfall with the band!) We had some local musicians join us, Claire Buckley and Gina Fowler, who role modelled to the students about performance and perseverance.

Our third casual Friday celebrated Kiwi Music Month, where the students celebrated Brooke Fraser, Dave Dobbyn, Broods and Opshop. I loved that night. We finished with all students on stage playing 'I don't know, why does love do this to me.'

By the fourth performance night, we had 4 bands, a jazz ensemble, 6 soloists and two duos. They were amazing. It was a night of pitfalls and false starts. The digital sound desk at the church wouldn't work, so we had to fly off and get a PA from home. Those sound and lighting boys had it up and running in 20 minutes. But there was no time to sound check 3 bands plus an assortment of singers so we flew by the seat of our microphones. We added in an MC in training, Zach Lane, who kept us entertained between acts. The standard of playing was amazing. We finished the night off with 'Hooked on a Feeling' which included the brass detail from Mom and Dad Constable.

So we have decided to simplify things for the sound and lighting crew, and up the stakes for the performers. For the next three casual Fridays will be solo band concerts. The bands will have a 10 song set, and may choose one or two solo artists for an opening act, but they will hold the stage themselves. The first three bands up will be Eliptic, Borderline, and Give you the sun. See you in Term 3.

Ang Reeves
Singing Teacher



Year 13 Geography Queenstown Field Trip

Year 13 Geography has always been an exciting course to study, but when your learning involves being able to visit Queenstown then you may say this is the pinnacle in terms of a dynamic, engaging environment. Making the long trek down to Q'Town may seem like a chore but with the many fantastic landscapes we passed on the way there were plenty of photos and scenic stops along the way.

Our learning during the trip centres around the Winter Festival and how Tourism has shaped the town and brought about change. As part of the trip we interviewed locals about their opinions of the Winter Festival and spoke with a range of top professionals including a local Town Planner, Communications Manager with Destination Queenstown (who run the festival), a local Hotel Manager and the Business Development Manager for Skyline Enterprises who own the Gondola and Luge.

Our students really rose to the occasion and showed their understanding of the bigger ideas around Tourism through the insightful and intelligent questions they asked our speakers.



Year 13 Geography Queenstown Field Trip

As part of the trip we also visited some of the iconic primary attractions that have made Queenstown the home of global Adventure Tourism where some students bungy jumped at the famous Kawarau Gorge, 'Lugged' at the top of the Gondola, and experienced the Shotover Jet boat ride.

Things are always changing in Queenstown. This year accommodation was top of the local issue agenda with 'Air BnB' creating social issues, and a continuing shortage of beds for local workers forcing some to sleep in cars and on floors in crowded houses! The expansion since last year has been staggering too and issues such as congestion are forcing planners to look into some innovative solutions to maintain the growth and sustainability of the industry.

It was an unforgettable trip for many students coupled with quality learning. As one of the staff attending it was certainly a super way to end the term and our students did us proud. A fantastic bunch to be around!

Richard Winson

HOF Social Science





School Art Collection

With generous support from the PTA and the school, we have been fortunate enough to build up a collection of art works for the school over the years. With a few exceptions, all the work is by New Zealand artists. Some of the work is by past pupils and there are a number of prints and paintings by current and past Art teachers. We are conscious of pursuing a cultural and gender mix when looking for suitable works to add to the collection. The aim of building the collection is to enhance the school environment and, more importantly, to provide the students with great exemplars of art made by professional established artists. This has been of great benefit over the last few years as galleries and places students could visit to look at art have been few and far between. The examples shown are junior student works based on Marian Maguire (the pots) and Reuben Paterson (the glitter works). Both of these artists depict aspects of New Zealand culture and history.



YEAR 13 BUSINESS STUDIES: Dragons' Den

The 7th of June hailed the Lion Foundation's Young Enterprise Scheme's Dragons' Den. Two of the school's Year 13 Business Studies companies took part in the annual Dragons' Den held at the University of Canterbury. The two groups made a great effort to set up their ideas and promote them to the three Dragons. They both gained positive feedback regarding their ideas.

Backyard Supply started off with their CourtS app idea. CourtS will be an app which will find local Basketball and Tennis courts. There is a social media element to the app which will allow users to rate the courts, set up meetings with other users to set up games and then rate the other users based on their gameplay and skills.

Yow came with their Made With Love soaps which will be all natural, sustainable soaps with enticing fragrances such as cotton candy, coconut lime, blueberry pie and black raspberry vanilla. The girls aim for their soaps to be sold at the Riccarton Market and eventually setting up a website to sell the soaps online.

MANU KŌRERO

E te tī, e te tā! Here are some photographs of our rōpū that headed in to participate in the regional Māori speech competition last Friday. We all had a fantastic fun day out representing our school and whare - Te Ara ki te Mātauranga! The preparation for our two senior speakers involved long nights, early mornings and lots of brain strain! We are all so very proud of their ability to represent our school, communities and whānau. He mihi aroha nui ki ngā māreikura o te whare nei.



Crusader Junior Knights

1st XV players Fletcher Newell, Angus Fletcher and George Prain have been selected for the Crusaders' Region Junior Knights' Development Camp, and Josh Duckworth for the Wider Training Group. At the Development camp, promising teenage players from across the Crusaders' region will get the chance to hone their skills and learn from top coaches and staff in the area.

The camp, which is organised in conjunction with NZ Rugby, will run from 9 - 12 July at St Andrew's College, with the aspiring players being educated by BNZ Crusaders and provincial union coaches and staff in areas such as physical preparation and recovery, mental skills, nutrition, on field technical and tactical aspects of play and a particular focus on holistic well-being. In addition to this squad, a Wider Training Group has also been selected and will be involved during the camp - Josh is part of this. A squad of 25 players will be chosen at the conclusion of the camp to travel to Wellington and play the Hurricanes' U18 team on 15 July in a curtain-raiser to the Crusaders v Hurricanes Super Rugby match at Westpac Stadium. Kick-off for the curtain raiser will be 5:10pm.

A massive congratulations to these four boys - AWESOME!!



Spirit of Adventure

Voyages are available on the Spirit of New Zealand Sailing vessel for senior students from now through to March 2018.

Students are able to book a berth directly online through the following website:

<https://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz/voyages/10-day-development>.

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 Rakahuri.

An email was sent 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. Ngā mihi.

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 - Anna Commons (CMA) ext: 2105

Ngata House

Head of House - Vanessa Wilkins (WLV) ext: 2107
Dean of House - Tim Berg (BRT) ext: 2106

Rutherford House

Head of House - Jonny Sim (SMJ) ext: 2108
Dean of House - Gillian Koster (KSG) ext: 2109

Sheppard House

Head of House - Keith Anderson (ADK) ext: 2111
Dean of House - Paula Howard (HWP) ext: 2110

PTA "Art and Crafts" Auction

Dear parents, caregivers and friends of the school,

The PTA's "Arts and Crafts" auction will be held in March 2018 (on a date yet to be confirmed) in the Rakahuri building. This event is an important part of our annual fundraising. Funds raised will be put towards a number of items to provide for students' needs around the school, including outdoor seating and shade areas. Funds will also go towards next year's 'wish list'. These items will be used by the whole school.

We would very much appreciate your contribution of art work or crafts towards this fund raising evening. We are approaching current and ex-Rangiora High School students and teachers, their parents, local Art clubs or those who are keen to donate art pieces or crafts of high quality for this event.

Please supply your business card or any other advertising you wish us to display on the night.

Donations for the "Art and Crafts" auction will need to be available for pick-up or drop off on or before 1 March 2018, so that auction night details can be finalised.

We very much appreciate your contribution to Rangiora High School in this way and guarantee promoting you or your business on the evening. Please feel free to contact me at school on 03 3118888 (extension 2614).

Thanking you in anticipation.

Su Jeffcott

Secretary - Rangiora High School PTA

Greetings from the PTA Second-hand Uniform Shop. We are in desperate need for Rangiora High School scarves and jackets in good to excellent repair. Please drop off at the school office. Thank you

RHS PTA QUIZ NIGHT REQUEST

Here is a list of 'Basket' themes which staff and caregivers are being asked to contribute to (esp. if you can't make it on the night :)). Please drop these items off at the school office by Tuesday 1 August 2017.

Pamper Pack

Coffee/Tea Break

Pantry Fillers

Gardening Basket

Bathroom Bliss

Cleaning Goods

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.

Thank you to those of you who have already dropped off items. You really are appreciated.

Rangiora High School PTA QUIZ NIGHT Monday 28 August 2017

MONTEITH'S BREWERY BAR

75 Victoria St, Rangiora

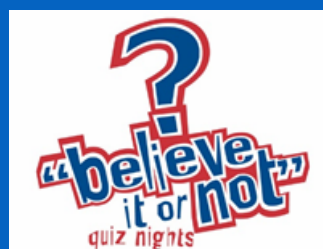
Report 6.00pm to 6.15pm for 7.00pm start

Pizza'n'Pint deal is \$20.00, and 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 1 August. Limited tickets.



SPORT ROUNDUP

Sports Seminar

Tegen Bishop and Lachlan Macfarlane recently attended the Sports' Ambassador Seminar. The students had the chance to listen to one of the most successful female athletes in the country, Gemma McCaw. Not only did Gemma share her personal story of successes in the Black Sticks, including going to the Olympics, but she also taught ways on how to become better athletes. She spoke about training schedules, dealing with pressure and nutrition. One of the standout topics was about being inspired by other athletes and their performances so then you can push yourself to replicate these athletes' achievements. Overall the seminar was useful, inspiring and the information shared was applicable to a wide range of sports. It was great to learn from Gemma's knowledge.



Tahlia selected for NZ Secondary Schools' U18 Football

Congratulations to Tahlia Herman-Watt for her selection into the NZ Secondary Schools' U18 Football team who will be going to Singapore later in the year. Tahlia was selected from all school girl football players throughout NZ and is one of eighteen players selected. An outstanding achievement. Congratulations Tahlia.

NZSS Cross Country

10 students represented RHS at the NZSS Cross Country Champs in Christchurch. Immy Eglesfield, Jack Flannigan, Max Flannigan, Sophie Glover, Megan Higgins, Calum Law, Ethan McLachlan, Connor Patterson, Brittany Sherriff and Ruby Spark.

Brittany Sherriff came 1st in 2000m Para Senior grade.

Max Flannigan also qualified at the Canterbury Cross Country champs to run in the relay team for Canterbury at the NZ Cross Country event. His team placed first. An outstanding result. Well done Max.

All students performed extremely well overall and had some personal bests.

Mud Run

Our only Rangiora High School team in the Mud Run this year was "The 80s Chicks" who had a lot of fun in the mud!

Ella Spark, Josephine Cromwell, Mihi Tuhikarama-Rushton and Nadia Leech are pictured below. Well done girls!



Sailing

Congratulations to Blake Grindley-Jones who took out an impressive medal haul at the recent Waimak Sailing Club prizegiving winning the following:

U19 Best Skipper Shield, Class Champion Starling Cup, Stan Graham Memorial Trophy, Joe Bierman Cup for All and Classes Waimak Pennant .

SPORT ROUNDUP

Girls' Football 1st XV Fundraiser

The Rangiora High School Girls' 1st XI Football team need your help! This year the team are off to compete in the Girls' Lotto Premiere National Tournament in Taupo. The team are the current reigning champions in Canterbury with being unbeaten for over a year in the local competition. So far this season the girls have played five games and have been victorious every time. Being a week long North Island Tournament means that costs for the team are more expensive. As a lot of the girls are also involved in other teams outside of school (some at a national level), their families have a lot of outgoing expenses. Any and all support the team can get to help reduce pressures and make the experience more enjoyable are greatly appreciated. They are well placed to make both Rangiora High School and the local community proud.

Please support the team by purchasing an 'Entertainment Book' digital membership or book online by visiting the website shown on the right...



<http://www.entbook.co.nz/9t44837>

Rugby 1st XV Fundraiser

On the back of a great win against St Thomas of Canterbury College, the 1st XV held its annual fundraiser on Saturday 1 July. This year the venue was the Southbrook Function Centre, and with a record crowd it was a lively evening and a hugely successful fundraiser. The 1st XV would like to thank their sponsors and all those businesses and individuals that donated prizes for the raffles, mystery balloons, Silent Auction and auction, and all those who came along to support the evening.



Rugby 2nd XV

In addition to their Metro U18 competition, the 2nd XV had a game versus Kaikoura High School on Wednesday 21 June. Kaikoura High School made the trip down to Rangiora for their first game as a school in three years, and their team was a composite mix of players from North Canterbury including areas such as Hurunui and Cheviot. The 2nd XV played very well in front of a big crowd at lunch time, winning 65-5. This was the first time this fixture has been played and it is hoped to make it an annual exchange. The following week the 2nd XV journeyed up to Murchison to meet Marlborough Boys' College halfway, to ensure the current roading conditions didn't curtail this traditional annual exchange. It was the first away trip for the team, who had fundraised for this, and a great result winning the game 44-10.



Junior WinterFest Action



Around the School



Student Achievement Interview Day

This year we have revised the process for Year 10, 11 and 12 students' subject selection. The process begins at the start of next term.

Week 1 - All students will have extended form times in week 1 of Term 3. Form Teachers will share information on the courses available at Year 10 and Levels 1, 2 and 3. Year 13 Form teachers will begin the Leaver Profile process.

Week 2 - Senior Subject Information Evening - Thursday 3 August, 5.30pm to 8.00pm - HOFs and/or Curriculum Leaders, Pastoral Teams and Careers staff will be in Rakahuri to answer any questions you may have regarding subject choices and future pathways.

Week 3 - SAID Day on Thursday 10 August will be with Form Teachers. The booking slots will be 15 minutes. Year 9-12 students will meet with their Form Teachers to discuss overall progress so far and plan choices for 2018. Year 13 students are expected to meet with Form Teachers to complete a 1-1 exit interview and to continue the 'Leaver Profile' process.

All students, Form Teachers and families will have access to information on the school website.

Appointment bookings will go live at the start of Term 3. We ask that all students meet with their Form Teacher. If there are no convenient Form Teacher time slots, the Dean and Head of your student's House will be available to meet.

We want our students and their whānau to be making informed decisions on their 2018 subjects.