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From Karen Stewart, Principal

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

2017 has been another busy year – full of learning, fun, opportunities and success. Rangiora High School students have continued to exemplify the lighthouse values of aspire, respect and contribute. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Head Students and House Executives for their leadership and work this year. Their teamwork and support of the student body has ensured that many of them have had a range of opportunities for all students to enjoy. We wish them all the best in their tertiary studies.

Term 4 is a time of celebration and farewells. Here at Rangiora High School we have much to celebrate. Rangiora High School students have been recognised for their successes academically, in sports and cultural arenas and for their service to the community.

We are very proud of the following students who have been awarded the scholarships by the tertiary institutions that they plan to attend next year:

- Tom Hanson has accepted an Academic Excellence Scholarship at University of Otago.
- Cameron Page has been awarded a five months' sponsorship to study in China, by Confucius Institute Headquarters, China. He has also accepted an Excellence Scholarship and a College of Business & Law Scholarship for Excellence from the University of Canterbury.
- Dylan Buckley has been awarded a 'Top Achievers' Scholarship' for his first year costs.
- Ruby Spark has accepted an Auckland University of Technology School Leavers' Significant Student Scholarship.
- Fletcher Newell has accepted a Lincoln University Sports' Scholarship.
- Emma Lindsay has been awarded a University of Canterbury Product Design Scholarship.
- Joel Epps has accepted a University of Canterbury Emerging Leaders' Scholarships
- Erin Delargy has been awarded an Otago University's Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship.
- Logan Kim, Daniel Racle, Imogen Eglesfield, and Lucas Seaward have been awarded Victoria University Excellence Scholarships.
- Shannon Fortune has been awarded a Massey University Vice Chancellor's High Achiever Scholarship in Art
- Reuben Keyes has accepted a Tourism Academy Scholarship.
- Michael Calvert has accepted an Excellence Scholarship and a College of Business & Law Scholarship for Excellence from the University of Canterbury.
- Ashlee Berryman has accepted a University of Otago Academic Entrance Scholarship.
- Ashlee Drummy has accepted a University of New Frontiers Excellence Scholarship.

Congratulations also go to Tegan Bishop who was awarded the 2017 MainPower Sports Rural Livestock Junior Sportswoman for Surfing, Zoe Ambrose who has had two pieces of her writing published in "Redraft" (an anthology of young people's writing) and Marcelle Paulsen who has been awarded the Rangiora Lions' Leo of the Year award for the district.

As the academic year draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to invite parents, whānau and caregivers to the following prizegivings where we are recognising the 2018 achievements of our young people.

27th November	Colours Awards 6.30pm in the Rangiora High School Hall.
4th December	Senior Prizegiving (Year 11 and Year 12), 7.00pm in the Rangiora High School Hall.
6th December	Year 13 Graduation, 7.00pm in the Rangiora Baptist Church.
12th December	Junior Prizegiving, 7.00pm in the Rangiora High School Hall.

Term 4 is also a time of farewells. To those students leaving the Rangiora High School, we hope that wherever you go that a little bit of Rangiora High School will be with you always. Good luck and best wishes to each of you in your future endeavours. In conclusion I would like to thank most sincerely all the families and whānau who have been involved with the school this year, particularly those families whose involvement with the school finishes this year.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Brent Rollo

We recently said farewell to a respected colleague and former teacher, Mr Brent Rollo. After a short battle with cancer, Brent passed away on 16 October 2017. Brent had an enormous impact on staff and students at Rangiora High School over 38 years of teaching, and coaching athletics and distance running. Staff member (and former Head Girl), Rebecca McLean spoke on behalf of the school at Brent's funeral. Extracts from her speech appear below.

I first met Brent back in 1993, Mr Rollo was a sprightly walk-sock/walk-short wearing, youngish teacher of Maths who always seemed to be grinning. I had rocked up to my first ever "running" meeting and Brent seemed to know a thing or two about running so I thought it was best I listened and did what he told me. More recently Brent coached me (again) at running, coming full circle from where we started some 24 years ago.



Brent joined the staff of Rangiora High School in 1979. He worked almost his entire career at Rangiora and can lay claim to the being one of the school's longest serving staff members. For much of the time, he was Head of Mathematics. I estimate Brent taught approximately 4,940 students during his tenure at RHS. Past and present staff and students at Rangiora High School had some very special memories of Brent. The words – a true gentlemen, steadfast, extremely cheeky, witty, great listener, caring, a real team player, and incredibly loyal were mentioned a lot.

Brent was the form teacher of 9RRL in 2005 - the first year of the re-established House system. The Rutherford House motto, "The measure of success", was suggested by Brent in one of our planning sessions, and it neatly summed up what was important to the House. Brent was the fittest person I have ever known. I recall he would run to work from Kaiapoi, work all day and then run home again.

A keen sportsman Brent coached in a range of sports, most notably in Athletics and Cross Country. His skill and knowledge in this area was recognised in a number of appointments to national coaching and management roles for Athletics NZ. What a great thrill for him than to see one of his students, Angie Petty (née Smit), compete in the Rio Olympics last year.

Brent taught, coached and inspired – a number of students will come now come forward to place some Rolo chocolate for the road...Brent, you meant so much to so many people, it's fair to say that we've lost a legend. For myself and many others, you have inspired us, you have shown real compassion and you were a truly dedicated teacher, coach, and friend.

Brent is survived by his wife Linda, children Shirleen and Reon, daughter-in-law Clara and three dearly loved grandchildren – Tyler, Bailey and Coby.





From Bev Moore, Commissioner

Dear parents/caregivers

In this final newsletter of 2017, further to my letter of 3 November I wanted to share some highlights of 2017 and provide a broad outline of planning and projects that are underway to provide a much-needed boost to the functionality and appeal of the school's facilities. I hope after reading this overview you feel that Rangiora High School is looking towards a strong and exciting future.

This year has been an extremely busy and rewarding year for the school with the arrival of our new principal Karen Stewart, the opening of the outstanding Rakahuri facility and the significant integrated planning that has taken place to improve key aspects of the school including student achievement and the school environment.

Those of you who have now met Karen Stewart will have no doubt noticed her warmth, her very clear focus on student achievement and wellbeing, and her inclusive approach to decision making. It has also been great to see how quickly she has settled into the school and the relationships that have been formed with other members of the Strategic Leadership Team and staff, with everyone working towards a common vision for the school. Thanks must also go to Julia Malcolm for the great job she did stepping in as Acting Principal prior to Karen's appointment.

Elections for a New Board of Trustees

As you will know it is expected that the school will return to self-governance in 2018. This is contingent on the Ministry of Education's scheduled annual review in February but there is an expectation that the school will be considered well placed for the future and able to return to self-governance with an elected Board of Trustees. More information will be provided in term one once the Ministry has completed its review.

Strategic Planning

During the past two years there has been significant work put into setting the future direction of the school. The initial phases involved consultation with students, families and staff but also the school's contributing schools and their families. A Community Reference Group of around 20 students, staff and parents led this process and the resulting document is a clear and well-supported path to the future. We were also very fortunate to have had Brent Ingram, the former principal of Hagley Community College, involved in this process. The condensed strategic plan can be found by clicking [here](#).

The Community Reference Group also were a key part of the principal appointment process and the development of the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO), which will be shared with the community next year once we have received confirmation from the Ministry of Education that it is in line with legislation. I would like to record my sincere appreciation to the 20+ people involved in this Group during the past year – this includes senior students, staff, senior leaders, parents, alumni and community members.

During the course of 2017 Karen Stewart, senior leaders and staff have put significant focus on strengthening student achievement outcomes and we look forward to seeing more initiatives put in place for the 2018 school year.

We are also very pleased that over the next few years you will also see much work done around the strategic goal of enhancing the school environment. Although we are aware that the greatest factor impacting on student learning continues to be teacher quality, we know that having high quality learning and teaching spaces and facilities also makes a tangible difference to student outcomes and wellbeing. From student, staff and parent/caregiver feedback, we know that there is significant support for the strategic goal around the physical school environment.

From Bev Moore, Commissioner

Enhancing the School Environment

During the past 2-3 years we have worked very hard to develop a comprehensive property plan for the overall campus, taking into account the current condition and functionality of existing facilities and looking to the future for what would be desirable.

Based on this overall plan, the need to adequately provide for the 'here and now', and that it is a legal requirement for school facilities to be well maintained, we are very pleased to be beginning several school enhancement projects. We will be making use of the Ministry of Education's property funding of \$7.1 million up to the end of 2022 as well as supplementing this amount with school funds. Karen Stewart, the Strategic Leadership Team and I are working very hard to maximise the value that the school receives from the funding available to it. A core priority continues to be progressively improving learning and teaching spaces throughout the school.

As you will know we are will upgrading, reworking and undertaking deferred maintenance around the school's very well-utilised sporting facilities. As we are required to address outstanding maintenance issues in our sports facilities, we are using the opportunity to enhance the facilities where possible at the same time. For instance, as part of the netball/tennis courts project we will be upgrading the surface to multi-purpose artificial turf. We consider this will provide a much better surface and will create an exciting and flexible-use facility for our students.

Additionally, we are looking at how we can maximise the value we receive from the significant maintenance project that is required to bring the recreation centre (Mitre 10 gym) up to standard. For instance, when undertaking the essential re-clad and re-roof of the centre, we are looking at upgrading the gymnasium, along with developing innovative and multipurpose learning areas and a student wellness centre in this space. While we are in the early stages only of this scoping work, we are looking at the feasibility of creating a multipurpose space suitable for dance and a wellness centre with space for the nurse and counsellors.

Rakahuri

By far the most significant change to the school's physical landscape over recent years, and a major highlight for 2017, has been the opening of the stunning \$15 million Rakahuri facility. Recently we have heard that the building is being entered into two national building awards for its design and quality of construction, but also for its functionality – the high level of functionality was achieved through a very collaborative effort between staff, students and the architects, including a trial of different furniture options in the year prior to the facility opening. Thanks to Brian Hays, DP Enhanced Environment, for the enormous commitment of time and energy he has put into what has become a stunning centrepiece for our school, staff and students.

It is great to see the level of enthusiasm around these new projects as they will bring the school at least in line with other schools in the region and provide better facilities for our students here now and into the future. Karen Stewart and I look forward to sharing more information about these projects early next year after once we have further refined the scope of works in conjunction with staff.

Before closing I wanted to acknowledge two people that the Rangiora school and community has lost in recent times - Brent Rollo who contributed to the school over a 37-year period, and former principal Peter Allen who was a selfless contributor to the Rangiora community and also a member of the Community Reference Group. It has been touching to see how deeply the loss of both Brent and Peter has been felt by the school and its community. They contributed much to the students and staff at RHS over many years and my thoughts are with their families, friends and colleagues.

It is times like this that we all reflect just a little more on those people around us who make a difference to people's lives. I would like to thank all of our wonderful teachers and support staff, who have worked very hard during 2017 for our students, and wish all the very best for the festive season to RHS's students and staff and their families. Over the summer break I hope that you all are able to spend time with families and friends and create some wonderful memories to cherish over the days and years ahead. We wish those students who are leaving us the very best in their future endeavours and look forward to welcoming our new students next year.

I will be in touch next term but as always parents and caregivers should feel very welcome to contact me with any questions about this email or any other governance matters – I can be contacted through the school office or at bev.moore@xtra.co.nz.

Kind regards

Bev Moore

HILLARY

House



As the end of the school year draws closer, we can start to reflect on the progress and success our students have made throughout the year. This year has been a great year for Hillary House, led by a dedicated team of student leaders, Mikayla Calley, Hannah Fowler, Emily Christison, Ben Gibbons, Tim Moule, Caitlin Stevenson and Tom Webb - who have consistently been well organised and enthusiastic in their support of Hillary House activities and exemplary models for all Hillary students to aspire to.

On Tuesday 8th and Wednesday, 9th November we farewelled our Year 11 and 12 students as they left on study leave prior to NCEA exams beginning. The next day our Year 13 cohort were also farewelled. This is always a time of mixed emotion for both students and staff as the majority have been with us for the full five years. As they head off to begin the next chapter in their lives we wish them well, and hope the time and experience they have had with us will prepare them and serve them well for whatever lies ahead.

The start of Term 4 has been a busy time for many of our students as they competed in Junior Public Speaking and Junior SummerFest (comprising of Mixed Touch and Mixed Volleyball) in the House Competition. At the start of the Term we were still sitting in 5th place having slid down so far as a result of placing 6th in the Choir Competition. At the start of Term 4, five houses were still in the running for the House Competition honours, but it would take a massive effort if we were to win.

Results for the 48 Hour FlimFest Competition were announced at an Oscar's Night Performance held in the Rangiora Town Hall. We placed 2nd, also picking up awards for Best Script, Best Male Performance (Tom Webb) and Best Female Performance (Hannah Powell).

Next up was Junior Public Speaking. Our Juniors Xarnie Osbourne, Oscar Ridout, Zac Roberts and Sophie Cameron all performed admirably and took out the Junior Speaking competition with a 1st overall adding valuable points, that put us back in contention for a top spot in the House Competition with just the Junior SummerFest left to compete in, not only did we need to win outright, we required our opposition for 1st and 2nd overall to take a bit of a dive in this competition.

Ultimately that almost played out, with our juniors securing 1st in Junior Summerfest catapulting us to 2nd place overall. With Rutherford coming 2nd in Junior SummerFest though, that gave them enough points to win outright and take the honours of the House Cup for 2017. Our effort and determination to break Hillary's track record of occupying the lower places paid off with 2nd place overall. This was the best result we had ever achieved which sent the House into a frenzy about how close we had come to the win.

The collective efforts of the Hillary House students in 2017 is exactly as Ed Hillary once said: "It all comes down to motivation. If you really want to do something, you will work hard for it." As we wind up for the year I wish all Hillary staff, students and their families a relaxing break over the summer period and thank you all for the contribution you have made to a terrific year.

Head of House Kerry Sullivan

Dean of House Emma Gibson



LYDIARD

House



Wow, the end is in sight for the Seniors of Lydiard House. All the final preparations for what and where they will be going or continuing with next year at school have been sorted. The hard studying hours will pay off in November when the NCEA examinations are sat. We wish all students the best of success with this. On that note it is super to know that many of our students have gained scholarships. The list is huge this year and if I fail to mention one here I know that Mrs Wilkins will be in the Year book. Tom Hanson, Dan Racle, Dylan Buckley, Joel Epps, Fletcher Newell, Cameron Page, Lucas Seaward, all gained scholarships.

There have been many successes too with the junior hub classes – some coming on with self management and success with their projects and competitions they have been involved with. The highlight is again the Junior SummerFest and the Junior Public Speaking competitions to finish off the House competitions for the year.

FilmFest results arrived week 2 in Term 4 after being judged, results were announced in an evening of presentations down at the Town Hall. The talent this year had certainly stepped up all round. Lydiard were successful with a 3rd place and the Peoples' Choice Award this year (a new award from 2017). The efforts were really appreciated along with the support from the Vermuelen family and the Racle family.

Max Buckley and Brooklyn Beach represented the Year 9s this year and Adam Stephenson and Sophie Summerfield represented the Year 10s.

There was a huge number of students who helped earn for points in the Volleyball and Touch SummerFest competitions. The Executive again helping to ensure this ran smoothly.

On another note a student that needs mentioning is Casey Morris. Casey is a Year 9 who is actively involved with St John's and recently shared her successes with me. Below is a bit of what she wrote about this event:

"At St John's you learn how to take care of children/elders and there is lots of badges you can earn, there are six compulsory badges for your GP (grand prior). You can go to competitions which brings me to what I'm here to talk about. At competitions there is an Intermediate individual, Senior individual intermediate team and a senior team. There are 8 regions throughout the south island, 5 students from Rangiora High School made it to Regionals, those people are Serenity Bruce, Marco Shepard, Kaitlyn Keith, Ben Hullen and last but not least myself.

In May I signed up for Districts and the only reason my team made it through to Regionals was because one of the teams were competing as a Junior team and they should have been competing as a Senior team so they got disqualified and then my team came 3rd because one of the Balclutha teams dropped out. So then my team made it to Regionals and we got a couple of placings at Regionals."

Congratulations to all Tigers who have attained success in their chosen fields. We wish the seniors all the best for their future as they head off. Kia Kaha.

Head of House Sabina Reed

Dean of House Jonathan Cowey



MANSFIELD

House



Kia Ora Mansfield Whānau

The year is fast coming to an end and it has been a most successful one for students, parents, and staff of Mansfield House. We did not win the House cup, that accolade went to Rutherford House, but we did compete and we competed very well. The cup was decided on the last day of the House competition and unfortunately for Mansfield House we could not sustain the lead.

I know that there is disappointment amongst some of the house but we have to look at how we contributed, participated, and grew as individuals during the course of the year. I was most impressed with how the house organized themselves for every event, put 100% into their efforts and most of all had fun! This was one of the highlights for me this year, the participation rates of students in Mansfield and the talent that was displayed throughout.

Caitlin Tipping got first in the Year 10 girl's section of the Junior Public Speaking competition, a fantastic effort and was ably assisted in this competition from James Mullan, Ruby Burt-Priddy and Caleb Orchard. These students had to present a 3 minute speech, and all put in a marvelous performance for the house. SummerFest saw large numbers playing Volleyball and Touch; with these students competing right to the end. The results were not what we wanted, but all these students never gave up competing and contributing.

The final House assembly, was an opportunity to say farewell to the Year 13's and to acknowledge the academic success of the other senior students in the House. A huge amount of certificates were awarded to students for their dedication and commitment towards their studies. They need to feel like their efforts will pay dividends in the examinations and I know that Mansfield students will gain success after working consistently well this year. A big thank you has to go to the senior House executive for the planning and implementation of this celebration. During this assembly Eliza Burt-Priddy from 13MSTF received the Shining Star of Mansfield award in recognition of all her sterling service to the house. She was a worthy recipient, putting in a massive amount of effort during the course of the year for the smooth running of the house.

Lastly I would like to thank all students, parents, whanau and staff of Mansfield House. It has been an absolute pleasure, watching young people use their considerable talents, and seeing them grow into fine young adults who will contribute positively to society in the future. A lot of this development needs to be attributed to the professionalism and commitment of the staff of the House and I would like to say a big "Thank You" and well done.

All the best for the future, enjoy the holidays and always remember to be all you are capable of "bee-coming".

Kia Kaha

Head of House Andrew Cotter

Acting Dean of House Anna Commons





Kia ora parents and caregivers

It is hard to believe that we are in the final weeks of Term 4 and that Christmas time, and the beginning of a New Year will be soon upon us. As always, Term 4 has been extremely busy and we have had much to celebrate and be proud of in terms of Ngata House success.

Junior Public Speaking is one of the events that I personally really look forward to and this year's contestants from Ngata, were of the highest calibre. Sophie Kiddey 9NCNR and Patrick Green 9NWLK were our Year 9 representatives and Hannah Corby 10NALC and Simon Maddock 10NWSF put themselves forward for Year 10. All performances were extremely strong, with Sophie winning overall Year 9 girls and Hannah placing second for Year 10 girls. Patrick and Simon spoke exceptionally well, despite facing very strong competition, and came within top 5 placings, for which I was very proud. Congratulations and thanks to these wonderful young leaders.

Coupled with Junior Public Speaking has been Junior SummerFest and the highly sought after FilmFest Competition. Junior SummerFest results are not indicative of the valor displayed on the court and field; our Touch team was one of the strongest I have ever seen, and to watch them was just fantastic as they played consistently well and with great strength. Our Volleyball team, despite suffering some loss, is emerging, and I have every confidence that the students involved learned much, and will move forward to become great future players and I thank them for their sportsmanship and goodwill.

The 2017 FilmFest Competition is one of Ngata Houses favourite competitions, as traditionally, our students shine; this year was no exception. Winning the award for the third year, my thanks goes to the cast and crew and it is with great pleasure that I also thank Jordan Hector and Cam Creswick, both from 13NPTA for their role as Director and Producer. Both of these young men are exceptionally creative, articulate and talented Media, Design and Art students who have bright futures. I have no doubt that their talents will serve them well as they go from here into their chosen pathways. Congratulations.

Lastly, it is important that I acknowledge and farewell our lovely Year 13 Class of 2017, who Mr Winson, Mr Berg and I have enjoyed working with. As discussed in our final Assembly, five years has flown by and it does not seem that long ago that they were in Year 9. I have every confidence that this fine group of young people will go from here to live extraordinary lives, and as already discussed with them at their Assembly, it is important for each and every one to remember that they are strong, articulate and able to become all that they wish for. We wish them all well and hope that they never forget our mantra of 'Never Give up Aspiring to Achieve' for it will serve them well.

Ngā manaakitanga

Head of House Vanessa Wilkins

Dean of House Tim Berg



RUTHERFORD

House



Kia ora and welcome to the last newsletter for 2017. The year has flown by and it seems strange that we have just sent our seniors off for exam leave. We wish them all the best for their exams and hope that they get the success that they deserve.

It was particularly tough saying "goodbye" to our Year 13's this year. They have been a tremendous bunch of students who've set a really high benchmark in terms of their conduct and contribution to the school.

I'd like to thank the seniors on our Student Exec for the hard work and service that they have provided to the House this year. Our Senior Exec consisted of Shannon Fortune, Cody Alexander, Jack Cotterell, Olivia Cottam, Tara Hurley and Mikayla Mawson. They have been a great team with a real enthusiasm for the tasks given and a real desire to perform well.

In terms of the House Competition, we have had an amazing ride in Term 4. Junior Public Speaking and Junior SummerFest (comprising of Mixed Touch and Mixed Volleyball) were the main events being held, as well as the announcement of the results for the 48 Hour FilmFest being another important event. In the Junior Public Speaking competition we were represented by Max Cunningham and Anne Rowe-Mitchell in the Year 10 category and Callum Rutledge and Verona Conole in the Year 9 category. Their superb efforts saw us placed second in this event. In the Junior SummerFest we also finished second overall with some strong teams placing well in both the Volleyball and the Touch. In the 48 hour FilmFest Competition we were placed fourth. These impressive results saw Rutherford end up coming first overall for the year and becoming the winners of the House Cup for 2017. This was only the second time that Rutherford have won the cup, with the last time being in 2008 when Mr Gilbert was Head of House and Mr Wright was the Dean. We were thrilled to have achieved this.

At our recent end of year Rutherford assembly we said farewell to Ms Nutley. Ms Nutley has been an amazing form teacher for Rutherford and we know that her students will miss her dearly. Ms Nutley leaves us to take up a position at Rangi Ruru Girl's School in Christchurch.

On a sadder note, we recently lost Mr Rollo who passed away. Not only was Mr Rollo an amazing Maths teacher, he was also a loyal form teacher for Rutherford House. It was Mr Rollo who came up with our slogan "Rutherford House: the measure of success." Our thoughts are with his family.

Finally, I'd like to pass on my thanks to the Rutherford form teachers this year for their hard work and support. It's the people in Rutherford that make this house so special.

He aha te mea nui o te ao

[What is the most important thing in the world?]

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

[It is the people, it is the people, it is the people]

Head of House Jonny Sim

Dean of House Gillian Koster



SHEPPARD

House



Since last we communicated, much has transpired in the House of the Shark. What follows is a brief summary of the events of the last four weeks.

Junior SummerFest recently wound up with Sheppard House finishing in a very creditable 3rd place. Our Touch Team completed the round robin event with 4 wins and 1 loss. The team played very cohesively and every one of the 14 players involved made a valuable contribution. Our Volleyball team also did very well winning three of their five fixtures, playing some scintillating volleyball along the way. I must thank and congratulate all of the junior students who made themselves available throughout the tournament.

October 31 saw the running of the 11th Annual Junior Public Speaking Competition. This year we were represented by Kaitlin feather and Ellis Bailey of Year 9 and Bradley Toase and Renee Woodward of Year 10. All of speakers acquitted themselves extremely well and we finished in overall third place with Ellis Bailey picking up first place in the year 9 Boys 'Section.

It was with a mix of sadness and pride that we farewelled our Year 13 cohort at our final Sheppard Assembly on November 2. Reflecting on their time with us dating back to 8.40 am, February 4 2013, I was compelled to gather data to support their claim to be the greatest Year 13 cohort of all time. This is what I found:

Sporting Contributions:

184 games of interhouse football, 146 games of touch, 152 games of netball, 154 games of volleyball, 550 hours of Choir rehearsal and 330 hours of FilmFest.

Academic Achievements:

1134 Excellence credits, 1844 Merit credits and 2800 Achieved Credits.

Fundraising and Community Service: 783 hours

These figures indeed confirm the outstanding contributions made to Sheppard House by our leavers. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all Sheppard staff and students to congratulate the group and wish them the best as they are released into the wild to make their way in the world. The prestigious Kate Sheppard Trophy is awarded to the student who, through their actions exemplifies the Sheppard House values of Sportsmanship, Honesty, Excellence, Pride, Passion, Awhina, Respect and Difference. This year's recipient is a member of the Senior Executive who has made a massive contribution to the house. She has supported all of the events in some capacity and has been instrumental in raising funds for Ronald McDonald House. This year, the Kate Sheppard Trophy has been awarded to Rebekah Gutsell.

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia, kite uru tapu nui

Kia wātea kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua I te ara takatā

Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga

Head of House Keith Anderson

Dean of House Paula Howard



Confusing Antics – Year 13 Drama Play

On a hot October evening, the Year 13 Drama class performed the play entitled, Confusions. The play is set in the 1970's and consists of a series of five interconnected one-act plays and are all loosely linked by characters or locations. The underlying themes of obsession, isolation and human desire for companionship are teased out in each Act.

Each student brought considerable colour to their character, providing tension and comic relief in each act. One of many the stand outs of the evening was Andre van der Velden's role of Harry, a travelling salesman who fails in his bid to seduce two saleswomen in a bar. His performance was as good as any professional actor we would see on stage in New Zealand. Not only did the students perform a role in the play but they also took on various crew roles as well. They brought an array of their own props, including real food that look so good it could be served in any a la carte restaurant today. Praise is to be given to Hannah Fowler who provided the fabulous 1970's costumes from the North Canterbury Musical Society. The whole cast were highly supportive of each other and they did themselves proud in their undertaking a two hour long play to a small but appreciate audience of teachers and students.



Lights Camera Action – Level One Drama Performance Evening

Year 11 Drama students made their acting debut in front of a live audience of family and friends early in Term 4. A series of scenes and sketches were presented to an appreciative audience.

Each student learnt lines, provided their own costume and prepared their own props for their scene. One of the stand out performances was a Monty Python parrot sketch performed by Josh Lees and Tom Wallace who showed great comic timing. Improvisation became a handy tool for those that forgot lines and to their credit used this skill well to bridge lines together whilst sustaining their role. A range of characters were presented to the audience including, sassy teenage school girls to comical scenes set in a cafe. It is encouraging to see the cohort grow in confidence throughout the year.

Each student should be proud of their efforts in this performance.



Zoe Ambrose - Stories Published in Redraft

Every year, young writers from all over New Zealand submit their stories to "Redraft". The judges read all of the stories, and a few lucky authors are selected to be published in "Redraft", a book which compiles the works of young writers across the country. The competition to get into "Redraft" is fierce, and hundreds of stories are received by the judges each year. This year I submitted two stories, titled "The Earth Is Home" and "Fair Is Foul", and both stories were selected to be published in Redraft. Writing is one of my biggest passions, and I have been aspiring to get work in Redraft for a long time, so I am very happy and lucky to have had my stories selected this year.



**Re-Draft
2017**

WINNING WRITING BY
NEW ZEALAND TEENAGERS
SELECTED BY TESSA DUDER
AND JAMES MORGAN

Tourism Industry New Zealand Trust (TINZT) Scholarship

Reuben Keyes has been awarded the Tourism Industry New Zealand Trust (TINZT) Scholarship for 2018.

He was invited to the TIA Tourism Summit Aotearoa at Te Papa in Wellington on 14 November to receive his scholarship. His role will also be to act as an Ambassador for the TINZT Academic Scholarship programme and contribute to marketing initiatives to help promote TINZT and a career in tourism.

Reuben will commence his studies early next year at the New Zealand School of Tourism, completing a Diploma in Hotel and Hospitality Management.



Special Olympics Athletics Rawhiti Domain

Twelve students from Rangiora High School competed in the Special Olympics Athletics event on 1 November. All students competed in three or four events and demonstrated the school values with pride. Emma Symon and Troy Washington won all their individual events, both demonstrating excellent turn of speed in their sprints. The boys' relay team, consisting of Luke Potts, Logan Heron, Liam Harris and Troy Washington ran 2nd and a top effort by Debbie Beg, saw her win the 200m, and Shot Put.



International Department



Rakahuri River Trip

On the 13 November, students from Year 9 Mansfield and Lydiard hubs took a trip down to the local river – the Rakahuri. This was related to their themes of kaitiakitanga and looking towards future sustainability.

Students participated in a variety of activities that were facilitated by different government and community groups – Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, BRAID, and the Ashley Rivercare Group. Students heard about bird nesting spots, walked down the river banks and through the bush, got a close up of predators and trapping tools, heard about the river's history and even got to do invertebrate testing! It was a great experience with students really getting to enjoy and learn about their local river, and be immersed in the conservation efforts already happening.



Parent Input Wanted

Would you be interested in putting your name forward to join a group of parents who meet with the Principal and Strategic Leadership Team once a term with a view to providing parent perspective on the ideas and programmes we are looking to implement here at the Rangiora High School. If you are interested, please email principal@rangiorahigh.school.nz. We will respond confirming your interest and in January send you a list of meeting dates in 2018.

Student Services

Uniform

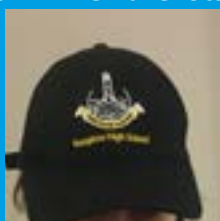
A few bits of uniform news. We have just signed off on a new cap which will be available soon. It is black with the school's monogram embroidered on it. The material of the current green cap fades badly and our supplier, the Uniform Group, cannot source a green fabric that has better UV qualities. The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

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

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

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

Vanessa Wilkins
Acting Deputy Principal
Student Engagement



Uniform Shop

OPEN HOURS | Term 4 - School days (1 Nov - 9 Dec)

DAY	OPENING HOURS
Mondays, Fridays	CLOSED
Tuesdays, Wednesdays	1.20pm - 2.20pm
Thursdays	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturdays	
Sat 25 Nov	9.30am - 2.00pm
Sat 2 Dec	9.30am - 2.00pm
Sat 9 Dec	9.30am - 2.00pm

Saturday 9 Dec - the last day the shop is open in 2017.

*Hours may be subject to change.

The Pastoral Team

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

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

Hillary House

Head of House - Kerry Sullivan (SLK) ext: 2101
Dean of House - Emma Gibson (GBE) ext: 2100

Lydiard House

Head of House - Sabina Reed (RDS) ext: 2103
Dean of House - Jonathan Cowey (CWJ) ext: 2102

Mansfield House

Head of House - Andrew Cotter (CTA) ext: 2104
Acting Dean of House - Anna Commons (CMA) ext: 2105

Ngata House

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

Rutherford House

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

Sheppard House

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



Motor X Wins Canterbury Secondary School Champs

Our RHS Motorcross team won the overall Canterbury Secondary Schools Competition with outstanding results from everyone. An awesome result.

Competitive 12-14 years 125cc	Brooklyn Gregge	4th Place
Competitive 12 – 19 years Girls MX	Zoe Jordan	3rd Place
Competitive 15 – 19 years 125cc	Kaide O'Donnell	1st Place
	Reegan Steen	2nd Place
Competitive 15 – 19 years 250cc	Josh Tull	1st Place
	Cam Drake	2nd Place
Competitive 12 -16 years 85cc	Kaleb Jordan	2nd Place



Mountain Biking South Island Champs

Ethan McLaughlin, Luke Gill, Jacob Turner and Michael Taylor represented Rangiora High School at the South Island Champs in Dunedin.

The team competed over two days in the Downhill, Super D and XCountry competition in some very wet and nerve wracking conditions.

Results:	Downhill	U15: Jacob 7th & Ethan 26th, U16: Luke 11th
	Super D	U15: Jacob 2nd & Ethan 21st, U16: Luke 11th
	XCountry	U15: Jacob 2nd, Ethan 4th, U16: Luke 3rd, Michael 18th

Overall Champion Results: Jacob 3rd and Luke 7th



Sport News

Golf

Kazuma Kobori competed in the Victorian Boys' Champs in Australia during the holidays and won the championship outright.

Kazuma had a great comeback in the final round after losing the lead in the 3rd round.

Congratulations Kazuma

Surfing

Tegen competed in the NZ Junior Surfing Team at the World Junior Surfing Championships in Hyuga, Japan.

The New Zealand team competed against 40 other countries, placing 10th at the end of the week long competition.

Tegen placed 33rd in the Under 16's after advancing through the 1st round, but ended in the repechage after the 2nd round where she narrowly missed out on making into the 3rd round.

Four days after returning from the world champs, Tegen travelled with the Canterbury team to the National Scholastics Surfing Championships in Gisborne. Held over 5 days, she successfully advanced through the quarter and semi finals and took out the silver medal in the final, just missing the Gold by 0.3 points.

Rifle Shooting

Our RHS Rifle shooting team made up of Kate Campbell, Sam Plows & Georgia Rhodes performed outstanding at the recent NZ Inter Schools' Champs coming 4th overall with all girls making the top 12 shooters for the South Island. The girls then went on to shoot for the South Island coming out champions against the North Island.

Kate Campbell made top 12 shooters for NZ Inter Schools and went on to shoot for the NZ team in a postal shoot.

Congratulations team!



Cricket

Jasmanda Tuaputa competed for the Cook Islands Womens' Development Team in October. They played 4 games in total and won 2, against Waihuku School and Papatoetoe School.

Jasanda captained the team due to her experience having been a player when the Cook Islands Womens' team played against Japan in 2014.



Mainpower North Canterbury Sports Awards 2017



Congratulations to the following past and present Rangiora High School students who were nominated as finalists at the Sports Awards:

Kazuma Kabori – Junior Sportsman

Tegen Bishop – Junior Sportswoman [Overall winner]

Macey Fraser – Junior Sportswoman

Ella Hansen – Junior Sportswoman

Harry Skirrow – Sports Official

Max Chick – Sports Official

2017 MainPower Youth Sport Scholarship Finalists & Winners

Jacob Pepper-Edwards - Wrestling [Ex Rangiora High School pupil]

Gabrielle Rennie – Football

Charlotte Whittaker – Basketball [Ex Rangiora High School pupil]

Macey Fraser – Football & Futsal

Runner up:

Kiri Atkin – Triathlon [Ex Rangiora High School pupil]

Winner:

Ben Oliver – Mountainbiking [Ex Rangiora High School pupil]



ZONTA Sports Awards 2017

Rogaining/Orienteering team - Boys' Most Outstanding Team category

Football & Futsal team - Girls' Most Outstanding Team category

Tegen Bishop – Girls' Outstanding Achievement in one sport

Max Chick – Contribution to Sports' Administration

Harry Skirrow – Contribution to Sports' Administration

Year 13 Last Day



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