

Rangiora High School

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From Karen Stewart, Principal

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Welcome to the 2018 school year. I would especially like to welcome the new families and whānau who have joined our school community. I hope that this year will be the first of many happy associations with our wonderful school. We look forward to the year ahead and working in partnership with you to support your child’s learning.

The 2018 year started with a mihi whakatau on Tuesday, 30 January to welcome the new members of our school community - 348 Year 9s and 1402 students in Years 10-13, along with 55 international students from Brazil, Japan, Korea, China, Vietnam, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Taiwan Nepal and Thailand and our 19 new staff.

Our school motto, Lux Cum Amore - Enlightenment with Friendship, has been very much evident in these first two weeks. I would like to thank the peer supporters and Head Students who have played a key role in supporting our new Year 9 students to get to know each other, the school routines and got alongside them as they competed in our annual Sports’ Day.

Held on Monday, 5 February our Sports’ Day was a sea of colour, costumes and fun. Photographs capturing the costumes, enthusiasm and competition between houses can be seen on the Rangiora High School Facebook page. I would encourage you to join Rangiora High School’s Facebook page - not only is it a wonderful record of school events and activities, we will be posting ‘alerts’ / reminders about what is happening here at the School.

At the beginning of the school year staff and students are working together to ensure that students are making the right choices for good learning. This includes coming to class prepared, showing respect for others and their property, participating fully in class activities, and taking responsibility for their own actions. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring your child arrives at school wearing the correct uniform, on time, has the correct gear and has completed their homework.

The relationship between home and school is crucial in supporting our young people through their learning journey. Later in this newsletter you will find the contact details for Form Class Teachers, Deans, Heads of House, Curriculum Leaders and Heads of Faculties, and the Senior Leadership team. Please do contact us if you wish to discuss your child’s progress or have any concerns that you would like to discuss.

2018 sees us focusing on developing our culture of learning with the goals of engaging students in new ways of learning and improving student achievement. We want to see all students at all levels working towards achieving their own personal levels of excellence, whether it be in the classroom, in the cultural arena, sports field, or in leadership. For our senior students we will be encouraging them to aim for merit and excellence endorsements in NCEA. Whether they are planning to go into the workforce, an apprenticeship, or tertiary study, we want our students to leave Rangiora High School with the best qualifications they can achieve as the launching point for their career.

Finally, as you will be aware Rangiora High School is returning to self-governance under an elected Board of Trustees. As this changeover occurs at a governance level we can confirm that it will be business-as-usual at school during the transition period and that students will not notice any differences on a day-to-day basis. We are very much looking forward to working with the new Board of Trustees as we continue our journey striving to provide the very best possible education for Rangiora High School students now and into the future.

Karen Stewart
Principal / Tumuaki



From Bev Moore, Commissioner

Dear parents and caregivers

I’ve been very impressed over my time at Rangiora with the efforts that everyone – from the newest students through to our senior staff – put into starting the year off on a great footing. Not surprisingly research shows that a positive school environment makes a significant difference to student engagement and achievement and, judging by the fantastic costumes and the mass of smiles and laughter seen at the House Sports’ Day, 2018 looks like it’s going to be a great year! Congratulations to everyone who was involved in the start-of-year traditions and activities.

Further to my letter of last week I wanted to provide a little more information about the upcoming Board of Trustees elections. I thought it would be useful to also include below the key dates again so these are easy to refer to.

Firstly, as you may be aware regular board elections take place every three years so in order to align it with the national triennial election cycle we have now confirmed that the newly elected board will be in place for a term of 14 months. Additionally, as mentioned in last week’s letter, I am working with New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) to put in place a comprehensive training and mentoring plan for the new board. Thanks to NZSTA for their support of the school as this training will help bring the new trustees up to speed quickly and easily so they feel confident when making decisions about the governance of the school.

As well as working with Karen Stewart to get a very good understanding around student achievement at Rangiora High School, the new Board will also undertake such tasks as overseeing the major upgrade of the gymnasium and making strategic decisions around investments of the school’s significant funds – decisions should be more straightforward as a Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO) has been developed to guide decision making. It is expected this document will be approved by MoE by term two. In addition the school remains well supported by the school’s property consultants, external financial management advisor (Mike Rondel) and the Ministry of Education.

Key Election Dates

Over the coming weeks Canterbury Education Services (the organisation acting as the school’s returning officer) will be confirming the electoral roll of eligible voters (parents and caregivers of current students) and then sending out nomination forms to all voters.

- Call for nominations: 9 March 2018
- Nominations Close: 23 March
- Voting: 28 March-6 April
- Votes counted: Thursday 12 April
- New board takes office: Friday 13 April

Information Sessions for Potential Trustees

By the time you read this the first information evening will have been held, with two further sessions to come. Al Fone, an independent and very experienced governance facilitator, is running these for NZSTA and welcomes you to attend to hear more information about what being a trustee entails and to ask any questions you may have.

- Monday 19 February at 9.15am in the staffroom
- Tuesday 20 February at 7pm in the school hall



From Bev Moore, Commissioner

Those of you who have been in the school community for some time will be aware that during my term as Commissioner the school has received invaluable assistance from a Community Reference Group. The group has ensured there has been a voice for key stakeholders during my time here and is made up of around 20 students, staff, parents and community members.

The Reference Group led the school's in-depth strategic planning consultation and was an integral part of the principal appointment process and the development of the SIPO. With students, staff and parents once again having a formal governance role in the new board the need for a Reference Group will come to a natural conclusion.

It is with enormous gratitude that I thank everyone who has been involved in this group for their significant contribution to the school and its community during this time. I have enjoyed the many discussions, the robust debates and the great commitment to building a strong future for Rangiora High School.

Welcome to new students, their families and staff to 2018 and all the very best for the coming weeks of term. I look forward to keeping you updated as we move through to a new Board of Trustees taking office.

Kind regards

Bev Moore
Commissioner



Information Meetings on Board of Trustees (BOT) Election

Rangiora High School will have a new BOT in place by the end of Term 1.

The timeline for the 2018 BOT election (see below). The NZ School Trustees Association will run a number of information meetings (and student assemblies) on the BOT election process and the role of Trustees. The dates of these meetings and assemblies are as follows:

NZSTA presentations to Parent/caregiver community:

- Wednesday 14 February, 7.00pm - 8.00pm in the School Hall
- Monday 19 February, 9.15am - 10.15am in the Staffroom
- Tuesday 20 February, 7.00pm - 8.00pm in the School Hall

NZSTA presentation to Staff:

- Monday 19 February, 3.30pm - 4.00pm in the Staffroom

NZSTA presentations to Students:

- Year 13 Assembly on Monday 19 February, 8.40am - 9.30am in the School Hall
- Year 12 Assembly on Monday 19 February, 10.30am - 11.00am in the School Hall
- Year 11 Assembly on Monday 19 February, 11.30am - 12.00pm in the School Hall
- Year 10 Assembly on Monday 19 February, 12.00pm - 12.30pm in the School Hall
- Year 9 Assembly on Monday 19 February, 12.30pm - 1.00pm in the School Hall



Pictured above are new International students for 2018 with the Head Students

Pictured right are our tuakana (elder students) who turned out to tautoko (support) Whaea Tāmara as she takes up a teaching position at Middleton Grange.



A big thank you to FRUCOR for providing water for all of your Year 9 students and guests at the Mihi Whakatau. Pictured below are Peer Support Leaders helping to hand this out.



HOUSE SPORTS DAY



HOUSE SPORTS DAY



2017 Excellence Endorsements

Hillary

Level 1

Sarah Calley
Charlotte McDonald
William Potter
Alice Selwood

Level 2

Cheyenne Cottrell
Emma Johnson
Megan McLeod
Hannah Powell
Alexandra Neilson
Georgia Rowe
Mitchell Smith
Holly Weaver
Jack Exeter

Level 3

Hannah Fowler
Caitlin Stevenson

Lydiard

Level 1

Lucy Banks
Tegan Bishop
Bronte Daniels
Natasha Drummy
Rebekah Graham
Lucia Grigg
Rebecca Hughes
Lily McCormick
Jacob Patchett
Antonia Rankin
Joshua Unwin
Holly Whittaker

Level 2

Ella Plimmer
Charis Ripley
Emily Woodward

Level 3

George Blyth
Dylan Buckley
Joel Epps
Ethan Gerrard
Tom Hanson
Caitlyn Hepworth
Logan Kim
Cameron Page
Lucy Weddell

Ngata

Level 1

Sophie Commons
Jenna Lange
Eden Marshall
Samantha Plows
Stella Porter
Gabrielle Rennie

Level 2

Chynae Rigter
Sarah Morris
Vienna Jermyn
Mika Donkers
Jasmine McCormick
Brianna James
Quintin Jane
Nate Epps
Dominic Cleary
Louis Knight
Matt Bouma
Griffin Baxter
Brent Frazer
Courtney Matthews
Jai Hema
Alyssa Stevenson

Level 3

Lance Pearce
Jana Perring
Ruby Spark
Eli Wakely Johnston

Mansfield

Level 1

Jessica Cotterell
Julia Downes
Jaimee Moir
Kayla Summerfield
Sarah Sinclair

Level 2

Cassie Calvert
Felipe Haylett
Cameron McDrury
Molly Kate Mullen
Keighley Robertson
Karl Shipley

Level 3

Michael Calvert
Immy Eglesfield
Bella Nicholson

Rutherford

Level 1

Caleb Cameron
Daniel Cross
Bailey Dodd
Liam Dunseath
Zoe Frost
Lily Heidmann
Lachlan James
Christine Johns
Kazuma Kobori
Abby Ladd
Lachlan MacFarlane
Ashley Maxwell
Ryan McMaster
Jonathan Morriss
Jessica Paterson
Isobel Pope
Chloe Stephenson
Samantha Williams

Level 2

Ngaio Mertens
Grace Liddell

Level 3

Imogen Alderson
Liam Ellery
Shannon Fortune
Tara Hurley
Larissa Narbey Floyd
Zac Lane
Mick Latham
Emma Lindsay
Lauren Reid

Sheppard

Level 1

Blake Benny
Holly Cocker
Greta Lines
Aurora Melville
Julia McIntrye
Anna Quigley
Mason Smythe

Level 2

Jordan Haywood
Molly Hines

Property / Projects Report/Up Date

The tennis /netball courts have been re-surfaced with completion in mid-February. There is a plexipave surface and an area of artificial turf. The courts have been re-fenced and new netball, tennis and basketball equipment purchased to compliment the new facility. This will enable more "home" games for the sports involved, the previous surface quality had deteriorated so much that major sports fixtures were not possible on them.

G1/2 and D2/3 Year 10 learning hub modifications adding in breakout spaces was completed in January and is in full use by Year 10 now. These modifications enable year 10 classes to work in a type of environment as close as possible replicating the flexible learning environment (Rakahuri building) they were in last year.

Library weather tightness (re-cladding, plus heating upgrade, re-roofing, modification to the student entrance) project is in the final planning stages and this work is due to start mid-year and take approximately 6 months. This will mean a re-location of the library for that time.

The Sports Fields on East Belt are being re-surfaced. This work is due to start in late March, early April and will see them out of action until term 4. The work is long overdue and will cause some inconvenience with no home games for the winter sports codes that use it.

New grassed areas. Following the demolition of the old re-locatable classrooms (J Block) in 2017 a large new, and most welcome grassed area has been created adjacent to Rakahuri.

B Hays

Deputy Principal, Enriched Environment



Mihi whakatau



Leadership Camp



The 2018 school year started with 33 Year 13 House Leaders, and Head Students and some enthusiastic staff heading to the Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre for three days of team work, running, dancing, learning and falling in swamps!

On arrival at camp, the groups were mixed up and introduced to the Boyle instructors who got straight into their various activities. These activities challenged students to overcome their fears, work as a team, and define their leadership styles.

The highlight of the camp was Sylvia Falls where students got to jump off a waterfall into the stream below. A scary feat for even the most daring!

The last day consisted of cleaning up and teetering at height on the High Poles. A special thanks to Mrs Elms for feeding all those hungry mouths, and to the fabulous teachers who came back early from holiday to spend time with some fantastic leaders. By the end of camp everyone was thoroughly exhausted and satisfied that they were going to be the best leaders Rangiora High School had ever seen.



Student Services

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 - Ian Johnson (JHI) ext: 2103
Dean of House - Jonathan Cowey (CWJ) ext: 2102

Mansfield House
Head of House - Robyn McGrath (MGR) 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

Uniform

The majority of students look great and those who have transitioned into the senior uniform are enjoying a new look. It is timely to remind students and families of our expectations around uniform so that we have a common understanding. Our Year 9 students look to the older students and take a lead from their example.

Our uniform provides plenty of options for students to wear what feels comfortable for them. We do ask that they wear it well and correctly.

Some reminders:

SOCKS - are plain black or blue. NO LABELS.

SHOES – are plain black or brown and made of polish-able ‘leather’.

SANDALS – are plain black or brown. They must have a back strap for the ankle. Sandals cannot be worn in technology rooms.

JEWELLERY – one stud, or keeper in each ear. A watch. Pounamu or bone taonga may be worn. Any necklaces of sentimental value should be worn inside the blouse/short/dress.

HAIR – tidy, and of a natural colour, ie not blue, fire engine red, green or purple. Any length is acceptable but in technology rooms hair should be tied back for safety reasons.

SKIRT/DRESS LENGTH – hems should be 4cm above the top of the knee cap.

GIRLS TROUSERS AND SHORTS – are now available at The Uniform Shop. Girls are enjoying this option.

HOODIES AND T SHIRTS – are not part of our uniform.

Many of last year’s Yr13s have donated good quality uniform so if you have some sudden growth spurts going on, this uniform is there to help. Please contact Julia Malcolm (03 3118888 ext 2003 or email mmj@rangiorahigh.school.nz) for any help with uniform.

Julia Malcolm
Deputy Principal
Student Engagement

Student Services

YEAR 13

Te Tauraka – Year 13s have a beautiful area which is just for them, to study, relax and meet in their breaks and Independent Learning times. They know the rules governing this area and we hope they will look after it.

Attendance – Year 13 students must attend all classes. In order to attend the Yr 13 Ball/Formal they cannot have any more than 5% of Unjustified Absences. Absences must be explained no more than two weeks after the absence and definitely within the term in which they occur. Attendance includes form time and assembly.

Independent Learning periods (INL) – Year 13 students study five subjects for four hours per subject, giving them 20 timetabled hours out of the total 24. For four hours they have Independent Learning where they have time for their own work, catching up, and study/revision. This is also a good time for them to connect with Careers Advisors who are based in Te Tauraka, the Year 13 common area. They should consider that they have a fifth hour for each subject. Given the increased workload at Level 3 and their many activities outside the classroom and in part time work, this time used well can be very beneficial.

Students who have Independent Learning period 1, 2, 3 and 4 (EXCEPT Wednesday Period 4) MUST be present at school for their INL period.

In addition, Year 13 students do not have a timetabled class period 5 on a Wednesday. This is when sport and cultural competitions/training and activities take place. Students who are not involved in these activities may remain at school and work independently in Te Tauraka. They must sign in at the Student Office so we know they are here.

If a student has an INL period 4 on a Wednesday this means they are free to leave at the end of period 3. This only affects about 10 students.

All students must sign out when they leave school for an INL period. This is a Health and Safety requirement so we know who is on site in the event of an evacuation.

YEAR 12

Year 12 students do not have a timetabled class period 5 on a Wednesday. This is when sport and cultural competitions/training and activities take place. Students who are not involved in these activities may remain at school and work independently in the Library which is supervised by a teacher. These students, who are unable to go home or who do not have your permission, must attend supervised study in the Library.

Alternatively with parental permission students may leave school at lunchtime and go home to work independently. They are not expected to be hanging around down the street. Students must bring a signed permission form (these have been emailed home – or they can get one from the student office). Once the form is received, a pass will be issued to them.

Students who do not have a pass will have their attendance marked and absence from Wednesday Period 5 will be treated the same as any other absence. Year 12s must have no more than 5% Unjustified Absences in order to attend the Yr 12 Formal. Absences should be explained as soon as the student returns to school and within two weeks of the absence.

Attendance

Student absences should be explained by a note, email or contact to the school as soon as possible. Absences are coded as either JUSTIFIED or UNJUSTIFIED. This depends on the reason for absence. Sickness, medical appointments, bereavements, school trips and sporting/cultural fixtures, for example, are JUSTIFIED absences. UNJUSTIFIED absences include holidays during term time, avoidable situations such as sleeping in, missing the bus.

For Year 12 and 13 students to attend school Yr 13 Ball/ Yr 12 Formal, they can have no more than 5% UNJUSTIFIED absences. They also must have made a reasonable attempt at completing all internal assessments and have no serious behaviour incidents on their pastoral record.

Vehicles at School

Students who bring cars to school must register this with the office. This is for us to ensure student safety and the safety of their vehicle. We can alert students if their lights are on, their car is damaged, or if it needs moving for council works and services. We also will contact parents if a student is carrying passengers on a restricted license. Students are asked to park on East Belt south of D Block, in the parallel parking, or on Wales Street west of the Nursery School or north of Wales Street on East Belt. Our school neighbours are very understanding so we ask for students to be aware of where they are parking and not block driveways. Car Registration forms are available from the student office.



Uniform Shop

OPEN HOURS | Term 1 - School days (12 Feb - 12 Apr)

DAY	OPENING HOURS
Mondays	8.00am - 10.00am
Tuesdays, Wednesdays	1.20pm - 2.20pm
Thursdays	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Fridays	CLOSED
Saturdays	CLOSED UNLESS STATED BELOW
Sat 10 Mar	9.30am - 11.30am

Fri 30 Mar, Mon 2 Apr, Tue 3 Apr - EASTER HOLIDAY - CLOSED.

*Hours may be subject to change.

The shop will be closed on Public Holidays and Teacher only days.



Pictured left are students wearing the new Rangiora High School black caps which are available from the uniform shop

WHĀNAU HUI

Thursday 22 February, 6pm in the whare - Te Ara ki te Matauranga. There will be a mihi whakatau to welcome you followed by kapa haka performance by our students and the opportunity to meet and talk to new staff and whānau new to Rangiora High School.

Reporting Survey

Thank you again to the parents and whānau who responded to the 'reporting' survey sent out last year and who gave feedback at our Term 3 SAID day.

The format for 'academic reporting' -will remain unchanged. Achievement grades will be reported 'live' on the Parent Portal as soon as they are entered by a teacher on KAMAR.

All achievement grades will be accompanied by a comment which will be dated and will include the teacher's 3 letter code (CLA).

There are changes to the format and timing of 'engagement reporting'. These will now be given TWICE a term. They will be graded on a 4 point scale (1-4) and will be based on the school's values - Whakautea - Respect; Tohaina - Contribute and Wawatahia - Aspire.

BYOD

The BYOD programme is in its second year and the uptake for Year 9 students has been fantastic. At present 97% of Year students are bringing their own device and we recognise that this is a significant investment by parents and caregivers.

For all students who bring a device to school, we remind them to look after it and ensure there is a place where they can keep it safe. It has been found that most breakages last year occurred from a lack of care.

It is important to note that we encourage all students to bring a device to school if they have one, and this includes the senior school. So many resources, discussions and reports are online these days, that having access to these is becoming increasingly important to ensure a deep understanding of events, contexts and concepts. If senior students are able to bring a device, they should communicate this with their teachers. If you have any questions around this, feel free to email admin@rangiorahigh.school.co.nz

Fun in the Mud Run at Boyle Lodge Year 9 Camp



International News

The International Department warmly welcomed 22 returning students and 32 new students into our school community. We have a wonderful mix of diversity with students coming from Brazil, Japan, Korea, China, Vietnam, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Taiwan and Thailand.

In March we will welcome 3 new Japanese students and 10 short term students from Thailand.

28 new students enjoyed spending a day up at Rubicon Valley. They enjoyed the Jet Boat ride even though it was raining. The farm show was a real cultural experience for the students. They experienced shearing a sheep, herding sheep into pens and then enjoyed a delicious kiwi BBQ for lunch.

We have wonderful host families who play a very important role in our students' lives here in New Zealand! We appreciate all their support, warmth and the wonderful care they give to our international students and for warmly welcoming them into their homes and giving them the opportunity to experience kiwi culture.



Sport Roundup

RHS Netball Trials

Netball Registrations are now open. Go to: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/70319form/34255>

Trial Dates and Times:

North Canterbury Netball Courts

Senior

Friday 16/2 4 – 6pm

Sunday 18/2 4 – 6pm

Thursday 22/2 4 – 6pm

Registration Trial fee of \$90 due by 14/2

Year 10

Wednesday 28/2 4 – 6 pm

Wednesday 7/3 4 – 6pm

Wednesday 14/3 4 – 6pm

Registration Trial fee of \$90 due by 26/2

Year 9

Thursday 15/3 4 – 6pm

Friday 16/3 4 – 6pm

Thursday 22/3 If needed

Registration Trial fee of \$90 due by 12/3

Registration fees for 2018 are \$190.00. \$90.00 is payable prior to trials with the balance of \$100 payable prior to uniform issue. Payment details: Rangiora High School Westpac 03 0855 0333898 00 with reference student name and netball.



Dragon Boating

The Dragon Boating team has already competed in two regattas this year and are rearing to go for the South Island Champs and the Nationals next month. The team is gaining in skill, strength and speed, as is most ably led by Shayla Thomas (captain) and Julia McIntyre (vice-captain).

At the Aoraki Open at Lake Pegasus on 28 Jan, the girls picked up third-place trophies for both the 250 and 500-metre races. They earned second place in the 250-metre B final at Super 10 at Akaroa on 11 Feb, a fun but very wet day. Please admire the fabulous new paddles provided by the PTA. They are light, strong, look fantastic and help the team go faster. We are extremely appreciative of the PTA for supplying these.



Water Skiing

Diaz McKay is representing New Zealand in late February/early March at the Oz Kiwi Challenge in Wanganui where Australia's top skiers take on New Zealand's top skiers over four days of competition. Good luck Diaz.



Coast2Coast – 2 day School Boys 'Team

Congratulations to our Coast2Coast team who completed the two day school team event in 14 hours and 14 minutes. What a fantastic achievement! Jake Churchill was in the kayak, Ben Spark was on the bike, and Dom Cleary did the 33km mountain run.

An outstanding achievement and one they can all be very proud of finishing 3rd in the School Category and 21st out of 54 teams. Well done, boys!



Year 13PE - Kayaking



Sport Roundup

Students have rowed for Cure Boating Club over the holidays and achieved good results. These are the top four placings in A Finals. They are now preparing for Maadi Cup Schools' Nationals at the end of March.

Rowing Canterbury Champs – Lake Ruataniwha, 12/13th Jan 2018

A Finals

1st - Women's Club Coxed Four - Olivia Cottam, Emily Christison, Lauren Sim, Holly Maxwell & cox Ashley Maxwell.

1st – Women's Club Coxless Quad Sculls - Olivia Cottam, Emily Christison, Lauren Sim, Holly Maxwell.

2nd - Men's Novice Coxed Four – Will Rattray, Mike Munro-Thomas, Jack Chapman, Jacob Svoboda & cox Georgie Lindsay.

2nd – Women's Intermediate Coxed Quad Sculls – Shannon Smart, Greta Lines, Hayley MacDonald, Sophie Goodin & cox Madison Broadley-Southon.

3rd - Women's Novice Coxed Four – Jasmin Rean, Zaya McDonald, Malia Parsons, Beth Dunbar & cox Ashley Maxwell.

4th - Men's Club Coxless Quad – Ben Spark, James McEwan, Jordan Haywood, Louis Knight.

4th - Men's U19 Coxed Quad Sculls – Ben Spark, James McEwan, Jordan Haywood, Louis Knight & cox Bethany Richards.

4th - Men's Novice Coxed Quad Sculls – John-Luke Fenn, Mike Munro-Thomas, Jack Chapman, Jacob Svoboda & cox Ashley Maxwell.

Rowing South Island Champs – Lake Ruataniwha, 27/28th January 2018 - A Finals

2nd - Women's Club Coxed Four - Olivia Cottam, Emily Christison, Lauren Sim, Holly Maxwell & cox Ashley Maxwell.

2nd – Women's Club Coxless Quad Sculls - Olivia Cottam, Emily Christison, Lauren Sim, Holly Maxwell.



Sport Roundup

Mountain Biking

Jacob Turner, Luke Gill and Michael Taylor entered the Long Beach Coastal Challenge 35km race at the end of November. Jacob placed 1st and was presented the Anton Cooper Male Junior Mountain Biker Trophy. He was also 9th overall from 230 finishers. Luke finished 9th and 52nd overall and Michael finished 15th and 90th overall. A great effort by all the boys and we look forward to what lies ahead.

Jacob Turner, Luke Gill and Ethan McLachlan also attended the South Island Mountain Biking Champs recently and placed 2nd, 5th and 8th respectively. Well done boys.

Jacob also attended the Oceania Champs and placed 2nd overall. This was an outstanding effort by Jacob.



Athletics

A team of 7 RHS Students attended Nationals in Auckland at the end of 2017 with some outstanding results and personal bests.

Kaitlin Feather Jnr Girls - 80m Hurdles [15th] and Jnr Girls Long - Jump [25th], Abby Ladd Snr Girls - Discus [14th] and Snr Girls Shot Put [16th], Sophie Glover Snr Girls - 800m [7th] and Snr Girls - 1500m [13th], Max Flannigan Jnr Boys - 800m [11th], Jnr Boys - 1500m [11th], Callum Law Snr Boys - 1500m [39th] and Snr Boys - 4000m Road Race [49th], Connor Patterson Snr Boys - 1500m [28th] and Snr Boys [32nd], Jack Flannigan Snr Boys - 3000m [15th], Snr Boys - 1500m [41st] and Snr Boys - 4000m Road Race [33rd].



PTA News

Rangiora High School PTA Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 1 May 2018

. All meetings are held on a Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Strachan Room

Our first meeting is Tuesday 27 February at 7.00pm

. Additional meetings or sub-meetings may be scheduled as required.

. Executive Committee discussions, approvals or declined requests are encouraged via the email system.

. All welcome, especially new parents! We have a brilliant team of dedicated parents and staff and we look forward to seeing you there. Supper provided.

PTA Funding

PTA funds come from the voluntary annual PTA donation that appears on your school invoice. These funds are given to worthy school projects and the PTA welcomes suggestions for expenditure of these funds via the 'Wish List' and throughout the year for consideration.

Please remember that this donation is tax deductible.

Additional funds are raised from the sale of second hand uniform and other fundraising activities. This money also goes towards improving or providing equipment, students' sporting, cultural, arts, social/educational activities and opportunities and covers the running of the Rangiora High School PTA Second-hand shop, the PTA and hospitality.

Twilight Second-hand Uniform Sale

This will be held on Friday 6 April from 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

Please drop off kilts and senior skirts (dry-cleaned and in good condition) scarves, ties, cardigans and black jackets before this date so that we can price up and sell on your behalf. 40% of all sales goes back to the PTA for the benefit of our students.

We are no longer accepting blue polo shirts, blue jackets, green shorts, polar fleeces and old style dresses.

We will be recycling all unsold blue polo shirts at the end of the term. If you would like to pick up your unsold old style uniform please do so by contacting me during school hours.

Art Auction

An Art Auction is planned for Term 4 this year. This will be our major fundraiser for the year. We would be grateful if any local (or ex-students) artists would support us by donating a piece of Art to the Rangiora High School PTA. These can be left at the school office for collection. Please help us by passing on this request. Updates will be via the monthly newsletters. Thank you

Su Jeffcott

PTA Secretary

PTA Meeting Dates

Strachan Room (upstairs in the Administration Building) 7.00pm

Term 1 - Tuesday 27 February

Term 2 - Tuesday 1 May (AGM)

Term 3 - Tuesday 31 July

Term 4 - Tuesday 23 October

DON'T BLOCK Avoiding technology is not a practical solution.	COLLABORATE Take an interest in your child's digital interests and favourite apps or sites. Consider co-viewing or co-creating at times.	BE THE PARENT You're in charge. Set boundaries and consider filtering software.
YAPPY Teach privacy: Your full name, Address, Phone number, Passwords, Your plans		RULES Create a family media agreement with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms and meals.
CRITICAL THINKING Help children filter information and navigate fact from fiction.	Digital Citizenship & Internet Safety TIPS FOR PARENTS	LEARN Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.
UNPLUG Balance green time and screen time. Focus on basic developmental needs.	COMMUNICATE Work with your child to navigate digital dilemmas. Encourage open communication and avoid using devices as rewards/punishments.	13 + Don't support your child to sign up for 13+ sites if they're underage.

Don't forget
YOU ARE A ROLE MODEL

Procedure for dealing with Concerns and Complaints at Rangiora High School

We wish to make our school a safe place to learn for all our students at Rangiora High school. We want to work with parents /caregivers and students to resolve concerns or complaints in a fair and helpful way and encourage parents and caregivers to contact us so matters can be resolved at the earliest opportunity.

STARTING POINT

1. Your concern involves a classroom matter or a staff member:

- Write a note to the staff member requesting they contact you
or

- Phone the school office (03 311 8888). Office staff will email the staff member who will make every effort to get back to you within 24 hours. Our staff have commitments teaching classes and scheduled meetings so it is often easier to get a message to them through the office.

or

- Contact the school office by email admin@rangiorahigh.school.nz . Office staff are trained to advise you of who to contact about your concern.

Make a suitable time to discuss the concern if it is not able to be resolved by email or telephone. You can take a support person with you. This meeting may involve another person such as a Dean, Guidance Counsellor, Head of House or subject leader.

If the concern cannot be solved with a telephone call, visit or email contact there will be a person (member of staff) provided so that you have one person to help you resolve your concern. Make sure you know who this person (Lead Worker) is as they will keep you up to date with what is happening and be your point of contact at the School in resolving the concern. You should expect to have regular contact with your Lead Worker.

Keep a note of what you have done to solve your concern with dates.

Please ensure you tell staff whether you are satisfied with how the concern has been dealt with and whether you feel the matter is now resolved, or not. This is very helpful as we seek a positive outcome.

If the concern is NOT settled within a reasonable period (generally one to two weeks)

Or

Your concern does not involve a classroom matter, staff member or is of a serious nature/incident

- Call the office on 03 311 8888 or email the office staff admin@rangiorahigh.school.nz and ask which Senior Leadership Team staff member you can contact.

- Write a note to the Principal and either post it, deliver it to the school office or email it to the office. admin@rangiorahigh.school.nz

The school will make sure that your note or email is recorded and you will be told who your next contact will be. This person should contact you within one to two working days.

- You will have a Lead Worker work with you to help you understand what is happening about your concern.
- You will be asked to discuss your concern.

- Make sure you let staff know whether you are satisfied with how your concern has been dealt with and whether you feel the matter is now resolved, or not.

If the concern is still NOT settled within a reasonable period

by staff or the Principal at the school

OR

The concern involves the Principal, Board of Trustees or is of a serious nature/incident

You now have a Complaint

Procedure for dealing with Concerns and Complaints at Rangiora High School (continued)

Should your concern become a complaint:

- Write a letter to the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees . Please note, if this is difficult, you are able to make a verbal complaint to the board chair or secretary who will record the details and request that you sign and confirm these are correct. Include the following details:

1. Your name and contact details
2. The name and class of your child
3. Details regarding the date, location and situation that has lead to your complaint
4. What has happened to date and who has been involved
5. What is the outcome you would like
6. Signature and contact details.

- Your complaint should be acknowledged as received within 7 days by the Board of Trustees secretary.
- The Board will usually ask the Principal for a written report on what the school has done to deal with the complaint you have.
- The Board may discuss your complaint in a closed meeting at the next Board meeting.
- The board may wish to meet you to get further information and they will contact you to make arrangements for this to happen. You are welcome to take a support person with you to any meetings with the board.
- You will be contacted after the meeting and informed of the outcome and a written response will be sent within one to two weeks.

The School will give you advice about other options you may wish to follow if they are satisfied that your complaint has been appropriately dealt with, but you still have concerns. This may include mediation or involve other agencies

The school staff and Board of Trustees will make every effort to work with you and your child constructively and fairly to resolve concerns at the earliest opportunity. We encourage you to make contact at the earliest opportunity if you have a concern so together, we can try to resolve matters at the lowest level for all parties.

Junior Prizegiving Survey

Two years ago we moved our Junior (Yrs 9 and 10) Prizegiving from a daytime event to an evening event.

We are currently reviewing this and are seeking your feedback as to the timing of this occasion.

The link to the survey is <https://goo.gl/forms/raoMINWGG45eqT0G3>

