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## From Karen Stewart, Principal

Tena Koutou Katoa

Opportunities to have your say!

The National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA) were introduced over 15 years ago. On 27 May the Minister of Education launched a review of NCEA. The focus of this review is to ensure that NCEA remains fit for purpose and looks at ways to strengthen NCEA to benefit all our young people. They would also like to get your feedback on the six Big Opportunities to strengthen NCEA see [Education Conversation | Korero Mātauranga](#) for more information.

Now is your chance to have your say. We are running a workshop at Rangiora High School hall at 7pm Thursday 2 August for parents and members of the community to share their views.

There are a number of other consultations currently being undertaken by the Ministry of Education that you may be interested in making a submission on. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

Thank you to all those parents that responded to our recent survey on Student Assessment Information Days. We will provide an analysis of your feedback in the next newsletter. Your feedback is important to us, and very much informs our next steps. There will be further opportunities for you to have your say including next terms Education outside the Classroom.

Puketeraki Kāhui Ako

Rangiora High School belongs to the [Puketeraki community of learning](#). Our Kāhui Ako comprises early child centres, 17 schools, 280 teachers and 54,000 students. Our vision is to create a community of learning where learning is engaging, relevant and responsive to the needs of all students. Where school leavers are lifelong learners who participate and contribute positively.

Early childhood, primary and secondary teachers are working together to explore how we can best meet our learners needs as they move through their educational journey. Strong networks are developing. Regular updates will be provided through these newsletters. Your voice is important too as we develop this work – the leadership team is working to develop a survey to hear from you

Student Success and Activities

Term 2 has been a busy term. This newsletter is very much a celebration of student success and student led activities. A few highlights are listed below.

Lily Heidmann has been awarded a place at the Marine Biology Summer Programme in Cape Cod Massachusetts at the world-renowned Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

Ranger Leary was awarded a New Zealand Youth Commitment to the Environment Award

Renee Annan and Ellen Sanders have been selected to be part of a 14 Christchurch students to go on the Christchurch – Kurashiki Sister City Goodwill Exchange Programme.

The Variety concert last Friday night featured our Kapa Haka group and music students – it was a fantastic showcase of talent.

Currently 9 students have been selected to represent New Zealand in 7 different sports codes. Most recently, Jordan Hayward and Asilika Fungavaka have featured in the University of Canterbury Champions poster series.

House Executives and groups such as Leos are busy fundraising to support community groups.

Karen Stewart

Tumuaki



## Tomorrow's Schools Review - consultation website

The Ministry of Education has launched a brief public consultation survey asking what's working well, what's not working well, and what would you change, and how.

The survey is [available here](#) until 6 August.

### Curriculum, Progress and Achievement

The Ministry is also looking for boards' feedback on the review of Curriculum, Progress and Achievement. Your views are important.

When you begin the survey, you will be asked to identify your interest.

The survey is [available here](#).

## Driver Safety Reminder

The Rangiora Police are undertaking regular checks of student vehicles, driver licences and passenger numbers. Students and caregivers/whānau are reminded that drivers who hold a restricted driver licence cannot carry passengers, unless you have a supervisor with you (that is, someone who has held a full driver licence for two years).

## Gymnasium Carpark Use

With the onset of possible poorer, cooler weather there is usually an increase in parents transporting students to school. Please refrain from dropping off and picking up your sons/daughters from the East Belt car park.

At the beginning and the end of the school day this is used by the large bus fleet bringing approximately 1000 students to and from school.

Please make alternative arrangements re a drop off/pick up point with students – Wales Street, or opposite the Baptist Church on East Belt would be more appropriate. Alternatively, picking up your child after 3.30pm when buses have left, would also help.

Thank you for your assistance. This is a road safety issue, and also a plea on behalf of the bus drivers and the management of Rangiora High School.



# 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 in Term Two for our Senior Public Speakers to battle it out. In the Public Speaking we came first overall, with contributions from; George Prain and Lily Toulson, Year 13; Jermaine Pepe and Sarah Calley, Year 12; and Elloise Jackson and Zach Roberts, Year 11. The collective contribution of students participating in the House Competition means Hillary returns to 1st place, with a 36 point lead over Rutherford.

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, two year 12 Hillary Students, Jermaine Pepe, and Jelena Mrkailo, both of 12HWLA, 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 year Seniors have just 13 weeks left and Juniors 19 weeks, of the academic year. For both groups the mid-year reporting cycle through student interviews and assessment feedback provides valuable feedback for students from their teachers on how they are progressing, and in some instances there will be suggestions and advice that needs to be considered and acted upon. Significant progress and value can be added in Term Three even where a student has fallen behind, but that action must be started soon before time runs out and it is too late. With this in mind you may want to make the most of the next Student Achievement Interview Day which is on Tuesday, 14 August.

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 Miss Gibson or myself in the Hillary Office.

**Head of House** Kerry Sullivan

**Dean of House** Emma Gibson



# LYDIARD

# House



## Senior Winterfest

This competition has been much postponed due to poor weather. At the time of writing this report we have only had 1 day of competition with Lydiard winning both Netball and Football games. Hopefully we will have 3 days of competition this week and keep our winning ways intact going into the holidays. Well done to those competing. The Junior Winterfest will be held in Term 3.

## Speech competition

Our speakers performed extremely well in the Inter-House Public Speaking competition held in May. Kayla Mortimer was 2nd in the Year 11 competition, Holly Whittaker was 1st in the Year 12 event while Charis Ripley was 1st and Alex Vermeulen was an unlucky 5th in the Year 13 section. Overall we were 3rd as we did not have a male Year 11 or Year 12 representative.

## Guide Dog Blind Foundation

We have received an update from the Blind Foundation on how Jasper, (the puppy we have fundraised for) is progressing. He is one year old and is due to begin his formal training soon. The full update is on our Lydiard House Facebook page. It has been great to see that the work we have already done and will continue to do will be of great benefit to someone when Jasper finishes his training. We will be developing the 2018 fundraising event in Term 3 and will be holding it in Term 4.

## Choir Competition

The Lydiard House choir have been developing their songs and are well placed to continue Lydiard House's strong representation in this House event which will be held in Week 4 of Term 3.

Our Senior and Junior Executive are working at changes to our House sports uniforms as well as updating our House song. They have re-launched the Lydiard House Facebook page and we are asking students to give it a Like so this can become our central method of getting information out to House members.

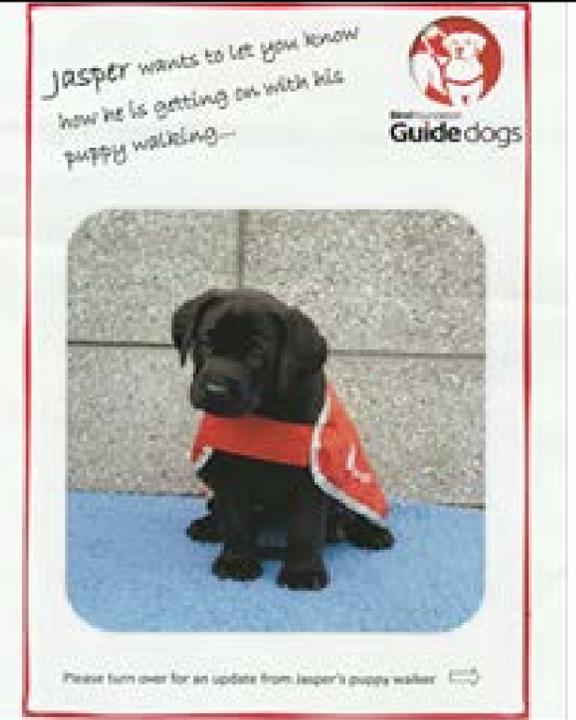
Despite it being the end of Term 2 and often people thinking the year is only half over Seniors' have only 14 weeks of school left so make sure you make the most of that time and maximize every learning opportunity for the time remaining.

Ian Johnson

Head of Lydiard House

**Head of House** Ian Johnson

**Dean of House** Jonathan Cowey



# MANSFIELD

## House



Kia ora whānau

What an amazing term we have had in Mansfield House. There has been a lot of achievement by both staff and students, but two things for me really stand out.

Firstly moving up the house competition from sixth place to third place, which was achieved by student participation in; Junior and Senior Summerfest and Senior Public Speaking. A great effort by all those involved which really highlights that hard working and perseverance can win on the day. Next term we look forward to Choir, Quiz and hopefully some more sporting fixtures (if the weather starts to be kinder!)

Secondly the Shave for a Cure, Child Cancer Fundraiser. What an amazing day this was, we had over 20 very brave staff and students who, shaved all their hair off so we could raise money for our very worthy cause. We had a packed school hall, with parents, teachers, students and reporters from the local paper. It was almost a carnival like atmosphere and far exceeded the expectations of both Miss Commons and myself and our very hard working student executive. I am really proud to announce that we raised over \$6500 and also donated four lengths of hair to make wigs.

The fundraiser could not have happened without the following people, so a big thank you goes to the following people and businesses that made the day happen. Hirepool Rangiora – donated \$500, Placemakers Kaiapoi donated a wheel barrow that was auctioned off and some beanies, Farm Source donated beanies, New World Rangiora donated \$50 for raffle prizes. Staff, parents and caregivers donated raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets and our Mansfield House student executive who worked tirelessly to make this event happen. Last but by no means least, our hairdressers without whom we could not have made this day happen from Lavish Hair Studio, so a massive thank you to everyone involved.

This term we also interviewed and selected our Junior Executive, who will work alongside and learn from our Senior Executive, for the rest of this year. I am very pleased to announce the following Year 10 students for Junior Executive; Ruby Burt Priddy, Alexandra Belcher, Caleb Orchard and Kasey Hauraki Tumu.

On Saturday the 30th of June Miss Commons and I attended the Year 13 formal, which this year was held at Six Sixty in Christchurch. A great night was had by all and this was a really fitting way to end what has been a very busy, but awesome term. So happy holidays to all, have a great rest, stay safe and we look forward to working with you all again in Term 3.

**Head of House** Robyn McGrath

**Dean of House** Anna Commons



# NGATA

## House



Kia ora whānau ,

Well here we are at the end of Term 2 and what a busy term it has been. From Summerfest competitions, to our long awaited conclusion of Senior Winterfest, this term has been one of challenges and of patience. We have celebrated the Year 13 Ball, and preparation is underway for the Year 12 Semi Formal. Wet weather conditions have really hampered games, and at the time of writing this newsletter, we are still playing Senior Winterfest! Luckily, Term 3 will continue to be one of competition, and I am looking forward to the inaugural House Choir, along with 48 hour Filmfest. Junior Winterfest will be held in Term 3 also, so there is much to look forward to over the winter months.

In regards to our academic focus, Term 3 is one of careful choices. I strongly urge both junior and senior students to consider their options for the coming months. For our Year 13 cohort, term 3 is one of preparation and consideration. Choices of transitional steps to higher education, gap year or workplace possibilities are imminent and it is important that all decisions are carefully considered and well planned. Junior and senior students alike, must consider next steps in terms of subject options and potential career pathways, which for many is a difficult process. Please remember that both Mr Berg and I are here to support both you and your child in the options process. If you need any advice or assistance with any aspect of your child's progress, please do feel free to make school contact with us at any time. Mr Berg and I most definitely want to support you all in this often daunting process.

As Head of House, one of my favourite things is to acknowledge the achievements of our students and to celebrate this with them. I would like to thank our junior school for their diligent work ethic and camaraderie within both Ngata Hubs. Years 9 and 10 are most pleasant, vibrant places of learning and all within them appear to have had a most pleasing term; well done! Thank you to my senior executive team consisting of Dominic Cleary, Kieran Caddick-Pointon, Bers Yuill-Proctor, Henry Sail, Corrine Wunderink and Archie Marchant for their continued support and organisation of events; they are a sum of parts and really are a pleasure to work with. I would like to congratulate Gabi Rennie for her achievement in being selected for the Football Ferns wider squad for their game against Japan in June. Gabi has been selected for the NZ Under 20s training camp, where 21 will be selected to travel to France for the Under 20 World Cup in August. Also, Gabi is being considered for the Under 17 NZ team for their World Cup in Uruguay in October – we just couldn't be more proud!

Finally, School Assembly saw many awarded with NCEA Excellence Awards which was fantastic, and Emily Andersen from 10NCNR was awarded a Bronze Aspire badge. Huge congratulations to all!

**Head of House** Vanessa Wilkins

**Dean of House** Tim Berg



# RUTHERFORD

# House



Kia Ora. Term two seems to have been a really long but eventful term for the Rutherford folk.

We were straight into our business in the first week of the term with our Year 9 camp. Our original camp had been postponed from Term one due to a tropical cyclone so it was great to get away and have some fabulous autumn weather. The Year 9's had an awesome time and although it was a bit frosty on the first night, the days were just beautiful and perfect for the outdoors. We were really lucky to have Mr Van Voorst and Mr Malcolm come on camp and the students really enjoyed having their leadership and expertise. I'd like to thank them and also pass my thanks onto the Year 13 leaders: Emily Dugmore, Emily Pettigrew, Lizzie Wagtendonk and Ngaio Mertens. They were superb and showed tremendous initiative.

Still with the Year 9's, on the 21st May Mrs Lahey organized a trip to Orana park for our connected topic on the causes and effects of World War one. Whilst this might seem a strange location for such a topic, the park staff did an amazing job explaining the role of animals in warfare, and in the imagery surrounding war. I'm sure the students learned a lot and they certainly enjoyed seeing the animals.

The House competition has seen some exciting events come and go. Rutherford students have continued to participate and contribute well in these events with our Senior teams placing second in the Senior Winterfest behind Hillary and our Junior teams winning the Junior Summerfest. Looking ahead to next term, we still have plenty of House events to get involved in. Initial planning for House Choir has started and we will be starting rehearsals fully in the first week back. It would be great to have more juniors and more boys sign up for this event. 48 hour film fest and the Year 9, 10 and 11 quizzes are also to take place and these give an opportunity for others to get involved in non-sporting type events.

Our major fundraiser each year is the mufti day in support of the local Salvation Army food bank. This will take place on Friday August 24th. We look forward to supporting them again this year. We'd encourage everyone to get behind this event by bringing along a non-perishable grocery item.

In staffing news, this term we welcomed Miss Edgecombe to the Rutherford staff. She has taken over the Year 13 form class, formerly of Mr Bruce McMillan who recently retired from Rangiora High School. Next term will see Mrs Stevens and Mrs Power off on refreshment leave and we will welcome Mr Blibrough and Mr Grundy into the Rutherford team for a period of six weeks.

I'd like to acknowledge Maya James of 9 RSVD who recently represented NZ at a trampolining event in Melbourne. Well done Maya, we're really proud of you.

Finally, I'd like to wish all our students a restful and safe holiday break. Rest up and be ready for an exciting and challenging third term.

Ngā Mihi Nui.

**Head of House** Jonny Sim

**Dean of House** Gillian Koster



# SHEPPARD

# House



Nga mihi te whānau o Ngati Mako

Term 2 is drawing to a close and it's time once again to celebrate the successes of our akonga. At School Assembly on Friday 29 June we looked on proudly as a record number of Sheppard students crossed the stage to be acknowledged for achieving Excellence grades in NCEA assessments. This indicates that our students are truly living our values. I trust that these students are sharing their successes with you at home. The House competition is gradually unfolding but inclement weather has hindered the progress of the Senior Winterfest competition. At the time of writing, we have completed one match of the round robin tournament but at this stage we are still well in the running to take this event out.

Back on May 17 the first annual Senior Public Speaking Competition was held. This event involved speakers from Year 11, 12 and 13 orating on a range of topics selected to challenge the speakers' rhetorical skills. Sheppard House was well represented in this event by the following students:

Year 11 Girl: Renee Woodward, Year 12 Girl: Jemma Johnson, Year 12 Boy: Cam Scott, Year 13 Girl: Jeni Schdroski' and Year 13 Boy: Jordan Haywood.

We finished in 2nd place overall with Cam Scott winning the year 12 Boys section with his polished delivery and sonorous stylings. I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to all of our speakers for their meticulously prepared and entertaining contributions.

After many months we have finally been able to draw the winner of the Sheppard House Dinner for Eight raffle. The winner is greatly pleased with this outcome but has chosen to remain anonymous at this stage. We trust our winner will delight in the sumptuous fare and refreshing beverages on offer.

Jordan Nortman of 10 SGRR is the first Sheppard House student to gain the bronze award for Aspire.. This award system recognizes our students' application of the Rangiora High School values of Aspire, Respect and Contribution. Each week teachers award points to students who are demonstrating each of these values through their actions. On behalf of the Sheppard Team I would like to congratulate Jordan for this achievement. Ka pai.

The annual Choir Competition is once again upon us and this year we have assembled a strong group of vocalists to take on the choral competitors of the other houses. Rehearsals are under way and I look forward to seeing the culmination of the many hours of hard work when we take the stage on August 17. And finally I would like to remind you that the annual Sheppard House Quiz takes place at Monteiths on July 23. I ask that you support this event by assembling a team of between four and six to test out your general knowledge against the best minds Rangiora has to offer. Tickets are available from the Student Payments counter or by contacting me on [adk@rangiorahigh.school.nz](mailto:adk@rangiorahigh.school.nz).

We have farewelled Paula Howard from her Dean role. She has been an example of leadership, compassion and dedication. She takes on a new role as Specialist Classroom Teacher and will remain in Seppard House.

**Head of House** Keith Anderson

**Dean of House** Paula Howard



## 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 - Mel Anderson (ADM) 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 polishable '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**

## Y13 Business Class

The Year 13 Business class has been hard at work building their businesses to compete in the Lion's Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme. On the 31st of May, four or the six teams went to ARA to compete in the Pitch: a challenge in the Young Enterprise Scheme where groups have to present their business ideas to a panel of industry judges. All four teams did a great job and received great feedback.

Simply Nutritious Food were promoting their economical and healthy eating cookbook. This group got great feedback from the judges regarding their forward thinking and the help they have received from their mentor, Jo Seagar.

Mind Wise Enterprise was up next wowing the judges with their children's book idea "Why's Mummy Sad?" This book focuses on the effects depression can have on the ones closest to you, introducing the idea that not all illnesses can be seen.

Bear's Necessities told Aleasia's story of her invisible illness and her need for a service dog to help warn her if she is about to faint. Bear is Aleasia's service dog and accompanied the group to the Pitch. This was the first time all three judges had heard of invisible illnesses, the expense required to train a service dog and the eight year waiting list to acquire one. Bear's Necessities aims to raise money to train Bear.

I&N were the last to present, endorsing the idea of Asian cooking at home. I&N (standing for India and Nepal where the two girls hail from) will be creating a cookbook for cooking authentic Asian dishes at home.



Year 13 business is slightly different to the Year 12 subject, but it is a foundation to helping you in Year 13. In Year 13 business you create a product that you sell and it is your own mini business. The Lions Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme is a huge support in helping us kick start our desired business.

This year there are six groups in the class with about 20 students so it is a fairly small class but it is always a hive of activity and groups busy working. Each group is doing something slightly different. Three weeks ago, four groups participated in the Pitch where we presented our ideas to a panel of three judges. All groups got positive feedback and ideas to help make our product stronger which was very helpful.

My group, Simply Nutritious Food, is creating a Cookbook to promote healthy eating. Recipes that are eye catching, quick and easy for lunch and brekkie on the go. We even have sweet treats for those sweet tooth cravings that everyone gets, but with slightly less guilt.

It has been a bit stressful and we have had obstacles to climb but we have a mentor, Jo Seagar, who is well known for delicious cooking and producing her own cookbooks. As well as doing ventures overseas to do cooking classes.

We plan to sell the Cookbooks within the families at school and around in the local community to start with. In a year's time if it is a success - which, as a group, we are very much hoping so - we will sell them further afield.

A percentage of the money raised is going to Heart Children to support young children with heart conditions. The cost of a cookbook is \$25 with 5% going to Heart Children. We have a Facebook page Simply Nutritious Food where you can message us to ask any questions Simply Nutritious Food. There is an option to pre order our cookbook if you wish to do so get in contact. We are a friendly bunch of girls. In Term 3 we are looking at sending home slips of paper with an order sheet so parents can order a copy for their families.

April Millar



## Update from our Blue Planet

**Reusable Shopping Bags** - we have made over 150 of these bags out of old T-shirts. We will be helping to distribute these around local businesses as part of a Boomerang Bag project for Plastic-Free July. Thanks to Lesley Ottey from EcoEducate for getting us involved.

**Reusable food wrap** - using cotton fabric and beeswax, students made non-plastic food wrap. Thanks to Mrs Zahner for organising this.

**Waterwise** – Joel Croucher, Keighley Robertson and Miss Munro spent a week at Taumutu Marae developing their leadership skills while learning about water issues and sustainability. They had a great but tiring time! Many thanks to Untouched World Charitable Trust for their generous sponsorship of this programme.

**Rakahuri River Monitoring** – we have started a programme to monitor the condition of our local Ashley/Rakahuri river. It is hoped that we will develop a core group of students with the expertise to teach others and make this a long-term project. Thanks to Sonny Whitelaw from Braid NZ, Nick Ledgard from Ashley/Rakahuri River Care Group & Toni Watts from EnviroSchools for their assistance.



## Year 10 Enterprise Trade Fair

This term in late May over 50 Year 10 Enterprise students from the Business and Enterprise Faculty got to finally debut their businesses at the school Trade Fair. Te Tauraka was transformed into a humming market place. The lines were long and the cash was flowing as students and staff alike queued up in the hope of taking home a much coveted handmade wooden sign, beautiful jars of succulents, or a tasty mouth wateringly good freakshake. It was easy to see the time and energy the groups had put into not only producing a range of products but also the careful thought placed into how to package and market their ideas. It was exciting to see these future entrepreneurs make their mark on the business world.



## NCEA Review

The National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEA) were introduced into secondary schools over 15 years ago, and are a widely respected qualification both in New Zealand and internationally. Now it's your chance to have your say. This year, as part of the [Education Conversation or Kōrero Mātauranga](#), New Zealanders have a powerful opportunity to explore ways to strengthen NCEA. Everyone with an interest in NCEA is invited to share their experiences and ideas. In English or Te Reo Māori, online or on paper, at workshops or hui, or through social media - you choose.

### Christchurch Public Workshop/Hui

The Ministry of Education is running a public workshop where you can explore the future of NCEA.

Wednesday 25th July 2018 7pm – 9:30pm

Venue: Burnside High School, Christchurch

Registration Link: <https://e-core-ed.org/registration/nceahaveyoursaychch18#/912/4/start>

Quick Survey on NCEA to talk about your experiences of NCEA and how it could be improved for all our rangitahi.

[Start the survey now.](#)

Longer Survey on NCEA and the Big Opportunities This survey will help Ministry of Education understand in more detail what you think about NCEA and the Big Opportunities.

[Start the NCEA and Big Opportunities survey.](#)

### Detailed submission

If you have lots to say, a detailed submission might be the best way to share your views. You can either upload your own document, or fill in the online form.

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/ncea-detailed-submission>

### Get social

Stay in the loop and join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Neighbourly. Make sure you share the kōrero far and wide using the following hashtags:

- \* #NCEAReview
- \* #NCEAHaveYourSay
- \* #EdConvo18
- \* #NCEAMakeYourMark

Rangiora High School will be hosting an evening early next term (Note - The public consultation closes on 16 September 2018)

Pictured right are the Senior Netball team wearing pink to support Anti Bullying Week.



## International News



## New enrolment-based measure of NCEA attainment

NZQA and the Ministry of Education have announced some changes to the way NCEA and University Entrance attainment is reported.

The changes provide a more precise picture of how attainment is reported. It will count all domestic students in years 11 to 13 aged less than 19 on 1 January, rather than taking a snapshot of students as at 1 July. It will also count up to three ethnicities students identify with, rather than limiting this to just one.

As a result, NZQA is expecting most schools will see a change in their attainment rates. It is a statistical adjustment that doesn't reflect school performance, teaching practice or an individual student's results.

"The key thing to remember is that whilst percentages for NCEA and University Entrance percentages may change, the amount of improvement in student attainment is similar and positive."

NZQA is consulting with schools in June and July on the way attainment is reported at a school level and will report back in September. The new measure will be used for reporting 2018 NCEA and University Entrance attainment statistics in January 2019.

A summary Fact Sheet can be found at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about>

## Uniform Shop

### WINTER HOLIDAYS

DAY	OPENING HOURS
Wednesday 18 July	10.00am - 2.00pm
Thursday 19 July	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday 21 July	9.30am - 11.30am

### TERM 3

OPEN HOURS | Term 3 - School days (23 Jul - 27 Sept)

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

Saturday 11 August 9.30am - 11.30am

\*Hours may be subject to change.

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

**Know of someone who is feeling stressed or anxious or out of their depth?**

Let them know where they can go to get help for the tough times. These websites are designed especially for 12-19 year olds – and there's useful information in there for parents and whānau, too.



[thelowdown.co.nz](http://thelowdown.co.nz)



[youthline.co.nz](http://youthline.co.nz)



[sparx.org.nz](http://sparx.org.nz)



[commonground.org.nz](http://commonground.org.nz)

## What has been happening in the Digital Technologies Curriculum area? Well....lots! From winning two of the Secondary Schools Robotics 3-weekly Challenges, to real life “technology on the job” days, and students gaining their ‘International Computer Drivers Licence’...

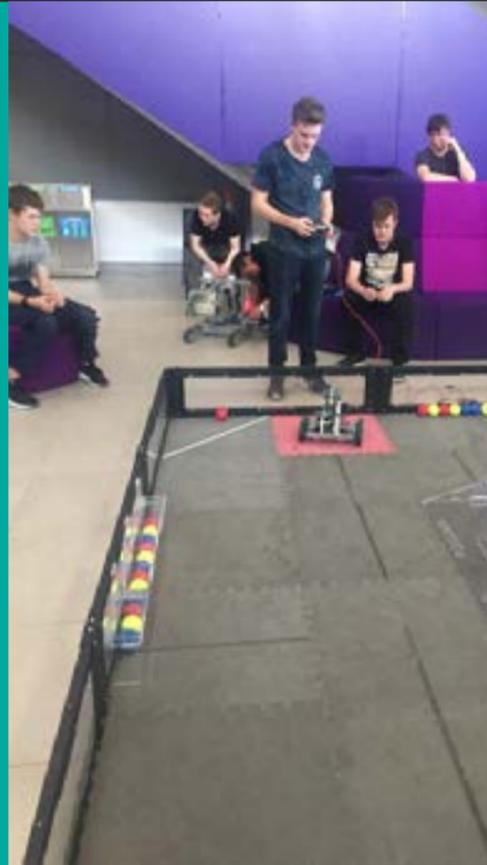
### Robotics

Vex Robotics here in Canterbury is continually growing support. It is a challenging robotics environment incorporating building the robot, programming, developing strategies and team work/collaboration. The outcome? So many things... for example, we made a hand-held remote controlled robot – click here to read more about it.

Vex Robotics offer local meets, national and international competitions. The local ‘meets’ (known as Scrimmages) are on a Saturday or Sunday every three weeks at the University of Canterbury for the year. Engineering/mechatronics students run the group and several Christchurch schools participate. The University students provide support and guidance to the students at every Scrimmage along with running the competition that is undertaken each time. This is an amazing opportunity to have University students sharing their expertise with our students.

Some of the great take-outs from these Scrimmages include developing problem solving and collaboration with team mates. Our students have won two of the ‘Scrimmage Challenges’ and have been awarded a trophy on each occasion. What a tremendous achievement to win on two separate occasions, and see our curriculum’s ‘best practice’ learning brought to life alongside other secondary schools.

If you are keen to be part of this exciting challenge, call in to B6 and see Mrs Kininmonth.



### International Computer Driver’s Licence



The International Computer Driver’s Licence (ICDL) programme enables learning and certifying computer skills to the internationally recognised standard. It’s a high-quality online computer training and testing programme that has been designed and approved by academic experts from around the world. The ICDL programme is for anyone who wants to become fully competent in the use of computers and workplace applications to improve both their personal and professional lives. Both Miss Evans and Mrs Kininmonth are accredited testers.

Congratulations to Sasha Pugh, Jared Ireland, Jakob Tobeck, Isaac O’Connor, Tim Moule, Ben Marsh, Mishael Finney, Blake Butler, Henry Sail, Kyle Manson and Jack McNabb on gaining this qualification.

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## University of Canterbury and Ara - Field Trip

Field trips to tertiary institutions that offer Digital Technologies courses help our students see the pathways available in real life.

By showing how the skills and foundations we are teaching here at Rangiora High School pave the way for their future opportunities, students can gain motivation, context and inspiration to really focus their learnings here at secondary schools.

Our close relationships with Tertiary education providers really are an asset to our department and most certainly offer additional opportunities to students interested in furthering their Digital Technologies career paths.

Lecturers from Computer Science and Software Engineering and Product Design Faculties talked with our students about courses, opportunities and career pathways. We were fortunate enough to be taken to the Engineering area where the students have a racing car set up to drive in virtual reality. Our students who had a drive really enjoyed the experience.

Ara welcomed us for the afternoon. We were informed of the courses available in the Computing Faculty. We then divided into two groups for a ‘hands on’ experience with either web coding or networking.

If you can see yourself playing a part in the digital future of our country, then come by and see us in the Digital Technologies Department.



## Year 13 Geography Coastal Trip



## Languages

### Education Perfect World Series Championships

We have had success in the Education Perfect World Series championships. All students studying Te Reo, French and Japanese took part in the annual Language Perfect World Championships from the 21st to the 31st of May. They competed with students all around the world to gain points and win prizes by learning vocabulary online. An amazing total of 304,323 points were gained. Overall Rangiora High School came 34th in the world and 7th in New Zealand. We earned a total of 119 certificates – double last year. Including 50 Credit Awards (500 points), 27 Bronze Awards (1000 points), 14 Silver Awards (2000 points), Gold Awards (3000 points) and 9 Emerald awards (5000 points). Special mention must go to top in school Renee Woodward (Japanese), Holly Prickett (French), Abigail De Visser (French), McKaren Teng (Japanese), Renee Annan (Japanese), Zach Roberts (French) and Josh Campbell (Japanese) who earned themselves the highest award, the Elite Award (1000 points). This was a massive achievement and took many hours of dedication to vocabulary learning.

Also a special congratulations to the students learning Japanese who battled hard to be 1st in New Zealand for our category of 251-500 students and 2nd in New Zealand overall for all students studying Japanese.

### Japanese Dance Daiken Cup Winners

On June 7th Rangiora High School participated in the Canterbury Secondary Schools' NCEA Japanese workshop at the University of Canterbury. The aim of the workshop is to increase students' confidence in NCEA assessment tasks and boost their engagement with both the local Japanese learning community and authentic Japanese culture. The students come together with 380 Japanese language learners from around the Canterbury region, UC student volunteers acting as teaching assistants and student mentors, UC lectures, Consular Office of Japan representatives and Japanese teachers for a day of Japanese language learning, tasting Japanese food and experience a Taiko Drum Performance by the Takumi group.

Students really enjoyed interacting with so many Japanese languages learners, experiencing a range of teaching styles and listening to a key note talk by Ms Maha Sun who has studied Japanese at high school, university and has been selected to be part of the JET programme teaching English in Japan.

As part of the day we also participated in the dance video project. Each year Dr Masayoshi Ogino of the Department of Global, Cultural and Language Studies at the University of Canterbury challenges schools around Canterbury to learn and perform a dance to a Japanese pop song. This year's song was called Yatte Miyo – "Let's Try," a very energetic and enjoyable dance. 12 schools entered the highly competitive Daiken Dance Video contest and this year's winner was us! Rangiora High School! We were very proud that our practice and hard work has been rewarded with a trophy. A compilation video with all the participating schools, the Japanese teachers and a mass dance off at the workshop will be posted in youtube in a few weeks. Pictured below is Paige Gerrard with the Japanese Dance Daiken Cup.



## Ngā Manu Kōrero 2018

This year we had a large group to tautoko our four speakers who were competing in the Canterbury area Ngā Manu Kōrero Speech Competition held at Riccarton High School on Friday 22nd June.

Our four speakers were Alexis Miller (Senior English), Vienna Jermyn (Senior Māori), Zoe Miles (Junior English) and Ruby Reid (Junior Māori). We were one of only three schools to have speakers in all four sections of the competition. The speakers in the Junior and Senior Māori are required to speak for 12 minutes which in itself is a huge challenge. Thanks must go to the "team" of staff and students who contributed to our speakers being ready on the day to stand and speak from the heart to such a big audience. It is always very impressive to see students speaking Te Reo Māori with such confidence and strength.

The 26 schools participating come from all over Canterbury and the West Coast and also schools from the three full immersion Kura Kaupapa in Christchurch. This is a huge day for Māori youth and we were all proud to be a part of it. Riccarton High School did a fantastic job of hosting the event as there are over 1000 students who attend. The manaakitanga shown by Riccarton High staff and students was evident on the day.



### Canterbury Secondary Schools' NCEA Japanese Workshop Pictures



## Lighthouse Awards



These students listed below have successfully earned points of ASPIRATION to be awarded their BRONZE badge for Light House Value. We congratulate them as their efforts are recognised and held up as motivators for their peers to strive for this success too. As students earn points they are one step closer to the next level up.

The idea is that through their successful achievements and successes that these are recognised and they can proudly wear their badges that reflect the 3 values of ASPIRATION, RESPECT AND CONTRIBUTION.

Emily Reeves 9LHMM

Sam Grigg 9LRDS

Neve Sewell 10HHCK

Julieadel McIntosh 10LDWK

Lucas Chapman-Colcord 10LDWK

Emily Andersen 10NCNR

Jordan Nortman 10SGRR

Holly Jagger 10HBRG

Pippa Tunley 10LDWK

Brooklyn Beach 10LHRS

Jessica Williams 10LHRS

Nadia Leech 10LDWK

Emily Robinson 10LDWK

Georgia Page 10LHRS

James Charlton 10LDWK

James Constable 10LDWK



## PTA NEWS

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

### PTA Officers elected for 2018

President: Phil Wesselingh  
 Secretary: Su Jeffcott  
 Nominations for Treasurer: Karen Mottershead  
 Executive Members: Victoria Hurley, Jodeen Marshall and Ange Hewett  
 Nominations for Committee: Jeanette Couch, Alison Cleary, Keith Anderson and Janet Marsh  
 Second-hand Uniform Co-ordinator: Su. Jeffcott

**A warm welcome to our newest member Victoria Hurley and from Victoria...**

*My name is Victoria Hurley*

*I am a Primary School teacher, I also own a business with my husband Dean in Fernside called Hurley Excavation and Cartage, I work in that also part time.*

*We have 3 amazing daughters, Amber is 17 and in year 12, Rose is 19 and is studying at NZIS, and Olivia is 22 and nearly finished her study to become a Primary School Teacher.*

*I have been on a Primary School PTA before, chaired a school 150 th Jubilee, and been on other committees i.e. community groups and sports clubs. I'm currently on the Rangiora Hockey Club Committee. I managed the RHS Hockey team that went away to Winter Tournament a few years ago.*

*I'm really excited to have time now to be involved in supporting RHS*

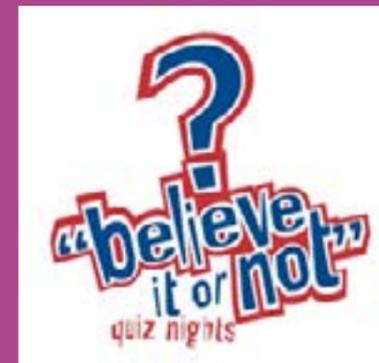
*Victoria Hurley*

An extra special mention and thanks to our retiring members Christine Norton, Tina Corby and Jo. Mackintosh.

## RHS PTA QUIZ NIGHT REQUEST

Below is a list of 'Basket' themes which staff and caregivers are being asked to contribute to (especially if you can't make it on the night). Please drop these items off at the school office by Tuesday 28th August 2018.

Pamper Pack  
 Coffee/Tea Break  
 Pantry Fillers  
 Gardening Basket  
 Bathroom Bliss  
 Cleaning Gods  
 Hair Affair  
 Tasty Gourmet  
 Happy Hour  
 Grocery Hamper  
 Mystery Basket



Rangiora High School PTA  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
 Monday 3rd September 2018  
 MONTEITH'S BREWERY BAR  
 75 Victoria St, Rangiora  
 6pm to 6.15pm for 7pm start  
 Pizza'n'Pint \$20.00  
 A 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 14th August 2018. (Seats limited)

Any vouchers or other items that would be suitable for the raffle table or the 'Silent Auction' would be greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to those who have already donated or are donating

## SAID Day and Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings

Our recent SAID and Parent/Student/Teacher Meeting saw an increase in the number of parents making appointments to meet teachers and discuss their child's progress and goals.

Our June SAID Days saw our highest turnout of parents in recent years, with 771 parents making bookings (compared to 674 in March this year)

Thank you to the parents who have provided feedback on these events via the recent questionnaire. A summary analysis of this will be available next term.

## Important Dates Term 3

Thursday August 2nd (7.00-8.30pm) is Senior Subject Information Evening. This is an opportunity for this year's Year 10, 11 and 12 students to find information about possible courses they might be interested in taking next year.

Following this on Tuesday August 14th all students in Years 9-12 will be invited to an Academic Counselling and Subject Selection conference with their Form Teacher. This is an opportunity to discuss subject selections for 2019 and possible future pathways. The Careers team will also be available both of these days.

Our next Whānau Hui is in the Whare from 6pm on Thursday, 2 August. Focus on NCEA, careers and a chance to see students perform.

## Mountain Biking

Congratulations to our students for the following outstanding sporting achievements:

Macey Fraser who has been selected to attend the NZ U17 Women's ID Camp in July.

Gabbie Rennie has made the Senior Woman's New Zealand Football Ferns Standby Squad for the tournament vs Japan in NZ later in the year. Good luck Gabbie let's hope you make it

Ella Hansen who was selected for the NZ BMX High performance program.

Emily Reeves who represented New Zealand at the World International Cheerleading Championships in Florida, USA. NZ Juniors team placed 3rd

Cobie Bourke who competed in the New Zealand Junior Motocross Nationals. He placed #1NZ in the 13-16 years 85cc class - an outstanding result.

Louis Knight and Jordan Haywood who were recently presented with their Top Ten badges for Maadi Cup for finishing 8th in an U18 event.



## Sport Roundup

### Dragon Boating

The Aoraki Dragon Boating Association held its inaugural Awards Dinner in May. Our Rangiora team was awarded the Most Improved Team of the Year – out of all South Island teams. A superb effort!



### Mountain Biking

Jacob Turner and Luke Gill competed in the Ashburton 6hr relay race and won the Year 9 -13 schools grade. This is the second year in a row the boys have won this event and they are only Year 10!

### Surfing

Tegen Bishop represented Rangiora High School recently at the Canterbury Scholastics Surfing Championships, Tegen surfed a strong final, winning to become the 2018 Canterbury Girls Champion and being awarded the Under 18 Girls Trophy.

Tegen's Open Division wins at the Westport Cape Classic and South Island Champs, alongside the second place Kaikoura finish saw her crowned the 2018 South Island Open Women's Circuit Champion for the third consecutive year. She has enjoyed a stellar season taking out 4 South Island Titles in the Under 18 and Open Division categories and enjoying national success by being the No1 Under 18 Girl in the NZ Grom Series.

## 1ST X1 Boys and Girls Blazer Presentation



## Sport Roundup

### X Country

Quade Mclachlan, Jack and Max Flannigan recently attended the NZSS XCountry event in Taupo. Quade placed 16th out of 143 in the Year 9 3000m race and was a member of the Canterbury team who came 2nd in the relay.

Jack placed 75th and Max 89th out of a strong field of 182 athletes in the Senior 6000m event and 9th in their Canterbury team event.

Outstanding achievement.



### 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.

### 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.

### Year 8 Open Day



## Year 13 Ball Snaps



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## Year 12 Emerging Leaders

Recently, Rangiora High School selected twelve Year 12 students to attend the Annual Sir Peter Blake Trust emerging Leaders Conference hosted at Christ's College. The students heard several key note speakers and were able to gain valuable advice and wisdom from lessons learnt by each of these speakers. We heard from Marcus Akuhata-Brown who talked of glass lids of low expectation and achievement were lifted off his life and how, through positive encouragement, he had the courage to break out of his comfort zone and to do extraordinary things. Darren Shand (All Blacks Manager) also gave an insight into the world of the All Blacks and some valuable lessons the group has learnt about being your "real self" and accepting responsibility for past mistakes. In the afternoon, the students split off into several different workshops run by a range of leaders from the armed forces, to Gemma McCaw to successful entrepreneurs. The students represented Rangiora High School with pride and it was a pleasure to accompany them. Special mention must go to Bex Hughes and Rawiri Peita- Kingi in stepping up early on in the day to lead the group.

The students who attended were:

- Mansfield: Rawiri Peita- Kingi, Ruby Burney
- Rutherford: Abby Ladd, Harrison McRobbie
- Ngata: Cameron Jelley, Jess Mason
- Hillary: Jermaine Pepe, Jelena Mrkailo
- Sheppard: Blake Benny, Jemma Johnstone
- Lydiard: Caitlin Constable, Bex Hughes
- Mrs McLean



## Mansfield House Shave for a Cure - Child Cancer Fundraiser

