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Rangitoto College Newsletter

Covid 19 Update:

It has been pleasing to see a reduction in Covid-19 cases within the school however we still remain vigilant in our health and safety processes to ensure we continue to provide a safe environment. This has included returning to school for Term 2 with seating plans and desk spacing in classes and hand sanitiser available in all aspects of the school.

We are strongly encouraging students to wear masks when inside in line with Ministry of Education advice. Masks are however mandatory when gathering with large groups such as our assemblies in the auditorium and on school buses. It has been pleasing to see how supportive students are of this requirement and their preparation in arriving at school with a mask for specific situations.

Please continue to notify the school of all positive Covid-19 cases, as well as those who are self-isolating due to being Household Contacts. Please refer to the flowchart [link](#) and complete the [Google Form](#) for all positive cases.

Staff are still scheduling Google Meets, through the Google Calendar, for students who are isolating at home with Covid-19. This allows students to hear the explicit teaching and questioning in the classroom. Classwork, tasks and activities can be found in Google Classroom; students should, where possible, endeavour to keep working on these activities.

NZQA Top Scholar Awards:

It was a pleasure and privilege to attend the NZQA Top Scholars awards at the Beehive in Wellington this week. Our Rangitoto Dux from 2021, Cameron Senior, was named as the sole recipient of Prime Minister's award for Academic Excellence for achieving 10 Scholarships, with 7 at Outstanding level and 3 Top in NZ Subject awards. This is the highest possible award in secondary school academia and is the first time in our history that a student from Rangitoto has received this award. Current Year 13 student, Ashley Huddart, was presented with an award for Top in NZ for Health and Physical Education. These are truly exceptional achievements and are a credit to Cameron and Ashley, their families, and teachers.

Special Assemblies:

It was very encouraging for us to be able to start Term 2 on a positive note by holding our Special Assemblies in the Auditorium, particularly as these are the first assemblies that we have been able to hold this year. Many thanks to all parents who attended these ceremonies and special congratulations must go to all our amazing prize-winners.

Careers:

For our senior students, Term 2 is an important time to be "shopping around" and evaluating potential career pathways. There are numerous opportunities which support students in their career exploration process and it has been pleasing to see a high level of attendance at the overview presentations from all the NZ universities, Unitec and Defence Forces that the school has been hosting this term.

Over the coming months, there will be a lot more external career events available (either physical events such as open days or online seminars) and the details of these will be posted on the Career pages of RangINET as they come to hand. One very worthy event to diary, is the North Shore Schools combined Careers & Pathways Expo which will be at the North Harbour Stadium on Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th June. There will be at least 60 exhibitors from a range of tertiary institutions and industries in attendance, so it is a great opportunity for senior students and their families to explore a variety of study and industry training options. More details will follow soon regarding the exhibitors, opening hours and the evening seminars.

Parent Teacher dates:

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the 19th, 25th and 31st May 2022 between 5pm and 8pm at the College. All families have been emailed an invite with instructions on how to book via PC school. We look forward to seeing you at one of these dates.

Teacher Only Day

Monday 16th May is a teacher only day at Rangitoto College. This is one of the scheduled days allocated by the government to allow teachers to plan the new NCEA curriculum changes that are being implemented in 2024. As such, the school will be closed for instruction. Tuesday 17th May will be day 2 of the school timetable.

Sport:

Winter sport is now up and running and we are delighted with our participation numbers across all codes. If you haven't paid your sports fees yet, please do so. To keep up to date with what is happening be sure to check out the 'Sport Weekly' on our website <https://www.rangitoto.school.nz/sport/> or the 'Rangi Reminder' for premier sport fixtures on the sport Instagram and Facebook pages.

Massive congratulations to our Premier Girls and Boys Water Polo teams who achieved gold medals at the National Secondary School Water Polo Championships in the holidays. This is a remarkable achievement that the school is very proud of. Further congratulations to Darcy Spark and Luke Blackburn who were named MVPs of the tournament



Performing Arts:

Congratulations to Harrison Maxwell (Hans), Millie Todd (Townsperson), Sammy Hook (Anna), Siu Qian Baxter (Queen Iduna) who are starring in the National Youth Theatre's production of Disney's Frozen JR. at the Auckland Town Hall.

Starring your Rangitoto College students
Harrison Maxwell, Millie Todd, Sammy Hook
& Siu Qian Baxter

May 14 - 15, 2022

Concert Chamber, Auckland Town Hall

Tickets are on sale NOW

To book head to → www.nyt.nz/programmes/frozen-jr
www.nyt.nz | @national youth theatre

Clubs and Activities:

We are delighted to say that we have a wide range of clubs and service activities running in the school. To find out more about these please access our website www.rangitoto.school.nz

Clicking on the Menu will take you to the connecting links. It is a good idea to click on 'See All' as this will open up the tiles behind which you will find details about the Clubs and Activities as well as being able to email the teacher in charge directly for more information if required.

Our students benefit so much from being involved in the wider life of the school and we warmly encourage this.

Kind regards

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