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Rangitoto College Week 9 Term 3 Newsletter

Covid 19 Update:

Adjustments to the government's covid response have led to a change in requirements for schools. We continue to recommend students wear a mask in school if they wish to do so and ask that they take personal responsibility for this. We no longer require masks in assemblies or at large gatherings.

If students have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 as a household or close contact, they no longer need to isolate. Household contacts should test daily for five days with a rapid antigen test (RAT) from the day the first person in your household receives a positive result for COVID-19. If any of your results are positive, then you must isolate for seven days and follow public health advice. It is recommended that you wear a mask when leaving home.

Pīpīwharau Festival

Whakaoho tangata, Whakahauora ngākau.
To awaken the people, to reinvigorate wellbeing.



On Tuesday 13th September, Rangitoto College, in conjunction with the Mid-Bays Kāhui Ako, celebrated Mātauranga Māori and Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori with the inaugural Pīpīwharau Festival of Mātauranga Māori. The Pīpīwharau also known as the shining cuckoo is a migrating bird that travels through the Pacific to New Zealand and was a sign of when to plant the kūmara in Aotearoa.

This amazing event was held on the top field at the College with our magnificent maunga creating an impressive backdrop to the performance stage. This event was the culmination of curriculum work throughout all of the Mid-Bays Kāhui Ako schools, across a myriad of subject areas: Art, Science, Commerce, Social Science, Food Technology, Languages and Te Manu Taki. Through Mātauranga Māori, students were able to participate in kapa haka, a Pīpīwharau inspired art exhibition, a science interface with the Natural Sciences Department from the Auckland Museum, an activation station from the Auckland Council and a student-led commercial food stall experience.

Schools from across the local region joined us to celebrate the Pīpīwharau Festival, and it was heart-warming to see students of all ages performing on the Maunganui kapa haka stage. This occasion also allowed whānau to connect and celebrate Mātauranga Māori; with students from the kohanga, ECE's, primary schools, intermediate school and the college enjoying the community that we all belong to.

Rangitoto College is excited about making the Pīpīwharau Festival an annual event, growing whanaungatanga through connection, curriculum and discovery.



Image: Richard Ng, Auckland War Memorial Museum Tāmaki Paenga Hira.

Reminders:

NCEA Revision and Exam Preparation Classes

Rangitoto College will be running NCEA Revision and Exam Preparation classes in the Term 3 holidays and on Saturdays in October/November. Classes are available across all 3 NCEA levels for Mathematics, English and Science subjects. There is also a Study Skills Workshop available for all year levels. All classes are held here at the college, are taught by experienced teachers and cost from \$25. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the full schedule & register online. Any questions please email events@rangitoto.school.nz

'Our Kids Online' - A Cyber Safety Evening

This event is being held in conjunction with our Mid Bays Kahui Ako schools on Thursday 29th September, at 7-9pm in the Rangitoto College Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased [here](#)

Term 3 Special Assemblies

Our Special Assemblies will be held in Week 10, from Tuesday 27th September until Friday 30th September. It has been necessary for us to reschedule the Year 9 assembly because of the national holiday which has been announced for Monday 26th September to mark the passing of the Queen.

The schedule will therefore run as follows:

9am Tuesday 27th - Year 10

2.30pm Tuesday 27th - Year 9

9am Wednesday 28th - Year 11

9am Thursday 29th - Year 12

9am Friday 30th - Year 13

Invitations will be emailed to the caregivers of our prize-winners next week and this will include a livestream link which we encourage you to send to family members around the world so that they can watch the ceremonies in real time.

Kind regards

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