

Friday 22nd March 2024

## Rangitoto College Week 8 Term 1 Newsletter 2024

### Upcoming Community Dates

Important Community Information	Date
Easter Friday - School Closed	Friday 29 March
Easter Monday - School Closed	Monday 1 April
Easter Tuesday - School Closed	Tuesday 2 April
Relay For Life - Millennium	Saturday 6 April
Term 1 Ends	Friday 12 April
Term 2 Begins	Monday 29 April

### Principal Update

Our Year 9 students and their peer support leaders and tutors joined together for a day of team building, leadership growth and fun at our Kotahitanga Day last week. We continue to be pleased with the transition of the year 9 cohort and have recently explained the [Summit Diploma](#) to them, with students signing up in record numbers for some of the service opportunities available. Our 11 leadership teams have now been formed. Student Leaders interviewed all 456 candidates and have formed leadership teams that now encompass 250 students across years 10-13. They are hard at work creating opportunities to improve student engagement and experience. Further extracurricular involvement has been on offer for the sports teams playing in Summer Tournament week at various locations around the North Island, my thanks to all the coaches, managers and parent support that make these great experiences possible for our sportsmen and women.

### Teacher Only Day (TOD) - Change of Date

The Rangitoto College Teacher Only Day was scheduled for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August. We have had to change the date of this to FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> August. We have been planning this day for some time and are excited about our plans; we will be visiting significant sites around the North Shore and learning Te Kawerau ā Maki stories, enabling our staff members to continue their Mātauranga Māori journey. Part of this day will be spent on the marae, so our staff can experience elements of tikanga. Unfortunately, due to the availability of the marae, it has been necessary to change the date. We apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause.

This has implications for the school day (Day 1 - 6) in Week 4 Term 3. Attached is a copy of the updated daily schedule.

## TERM 3 2024 - (22/7/2024 - 27/9/2024)

WEEK	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
	Date	Day	Date	Day	Date	Day	Date	Day	Date	Day
1	Jul 22	1	Jul 23	2	Jul 24	3	Jul 25	4	Jul 26	5
2	Jul 29	6	Jul 30	1	Jul 31	2	Aug 1	3	Aug 2	4
3	Aug 5	5	Aug 6	6	Aug 7	1	Aug 8	2	Aug 9	3
4	Aug 12	4	Aug 13	5	Aug 14	6	Aug 15	1	TOD day	
5	Aug 19	2	Aug 20	3	Aug 21	4	Aug 22	5	Aug 23	6
6	Aug 26	1	Aug 27	2	Aug 28	3	Aug 29	4	Aug 30	5
7	Sep 2	6	Sep 3	1	Sep 4	2	Sep 5	3	Rangi Day	
8	Sep 9	4	Sep 10	5	Sep 11	6	Sep 12	1	Sep 13	2
9	Sep 16	3	Sep 17	4	Sep 18	5	Sep 19	6	Sep 20	1
10	Sep 23	2	Sep 24	3	Sep 25	4	Sep 26	5	Sep 27	6

## Sport update

Waana Araroa joins Rangitoto College Netball this year with a wealth of knowledge and experience as a secondary school Premier Coach. Previously Premier Coach and Director of Netball at Epsom Girls Grammar School from 2013 to 2021, she was responsible for delivering strong and enjoyable performance and participation in netball pathways for over 30 teams. In partnership with staff, students and whānau the school achieved their inaugural UNISS, Combined Points championships and their inaugural 4 New Zealand Secondary Schools representatives. Winning the Auckland Secondary Schools Championship, Auckland Netball Secondary Schools Overall Points Award 6 consecutive NZSS Nationals campaigns and a top 4 National placing for four years were also highlights of that time.

Away from school netball Waana has coached at a regional performance level and was assistant coach of the Marvels National Netball League team which won its inaugural championship in 2021. She continues to be involved in coaching opportunities at this level. We are excited to welcome Waana to the coaching team here at Rangitoto.

We are delighted to welcome Tseard Theo van der Mei in a new role as Strength and Conditioning Coach. Sport has always been an integral part of Theo's life, which primarily came in the form of rugby. He played for teams including the Blues Age Groups, Northland Men's Sevens, and currently North Harbour Development.

Theo's goal since moving back to Auckland is to pursue a career in strength and conditioning in high-performance sports. While completing his Bachelor's degree, Theo worked as an Athletic Performance Intern for the Moana Pasifika Super Rugby team. Theo is currently studying a Master of Sport, Exercise, and Health at Auckland University of Technology and conducting research with Basketball New Zealand which will support his post-graduate degree.



He is very excited for what's to come here at Rangitoto College, especially within the strength and conditioning space and he is looking forward to supporting many of our athletes. Theo also looks forward to offering a range of camps and opportunities during the holiday period.

## NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Testing 2024

The literacy and numeracy testing opportunities will take place in week 4 (Term 2) for students in Years 11-13 who have not yet attained NCEA numeracy and literacy. All Year 10 students will be tested in the second to last week of Term 3. Current Year 11 students who were not successful in the testing in 2023 have the opportunity to attend a range of teacher-led support sessions which are running from week nine right up until the term two testing takes place. Students and families who are eligible to attend will receive a separate email which details when these sessions will be held.

## School TV

Recently, SchoolTV has posted a special report that covers many bitesize topics linked to well-being in school.

To access this special report, please click the [School Survival series](#)

## Family Performing Arts and Sporting Success



The Na family has had an exceptional few weeks. Junsu, a cellist from Year 11, has been offered a place in the Heifetz Institute 2024 Summer program. This is a three-week course to be held in June/July. It is a world-renowned programme that attracts top talent from all over the world. It is held at the Mary Baldwin University in Virginia and students are taught by top American musicians. Junsu is the top cellist in our school and contributes to the Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra as the lead cello, and is also in the elite Chamber Music programme. Older brother, Yeonsu in Year 13, has also gained international recognition, competing at the 13th Asian Canoe Slalom Championships in Pattaya, Thailand. Jeonsu won an outstanding bronze medal in the Junior Kayak Men's event.

## Academic Integrity

Integrity is a core value at Rangitoto College. Academic integrity requires students to submit coursework such as tests, essays, produced pieces of work (Technology/Visual Arts/Performing Arts) and assessments (Diploma/NCEA internal and external examinations, entrance exams or other), which is a student's work and not that of others students or pre-published work. With artificial intelligence (AI), now being readily available as a tool, there is an even greater need for students to be aware of the concept of academic integrity. All students at the College have been shown and read the academic integrity content at the link below across tutor time over the last two weeks. As parents and caregivers, please ensure you are familiar with what academic integrity looks like for your child and we ask that you support us in ensuring that any work submitted by your child is in line with the College's policy around this.

[Academic Integrity at Rangitoto College - Student Copy](#)

## Parent Presentation - Building Resilience in Our Children

A reminder of the scheduled parent presentation which will take place in the school's auditorium on the 27 March from 7-8pm. The parent presentation is aimed at parents of Year 9 students and follows the messaging which will be presented to Year 9 students during the day from Darren Pereira.

Parents will be required to obtain tickets through this [link](#) which allows the school to manage numbers for this event. There is no cost for parents to attend the presentation. The presentation by Darren is focused on supporting parents in helping their teenagers develop resilience, becoming more adaptive and dealing with their current challenges. It also aims to cover how to deal with disappointment and failure, rectify poor sleep habits and the benefits of positive psychology.

## PTA

Many thanks go to the PTA for giving funds to the Learning Centre which has allowed them to purchase some reader pens to support our students with dyslexia. These devices can scan any printed text and turn it into speech which the student can listen to through headphones. This will be beneficial, especially for senior students studying subjects with lots of written sources such as History or Classics. These devices can be signed out by identified students from the Learning Centre. Students can come to the Learning Centre if they would like more information about how these pens can help them with their learning.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Gale'.

Patrick Gale  
Principal