

# Rangitoto College Term 2 Newsletter 2025

6 June 2025

Important Community Information	Date
Korean night	6 June Auditorium 6.00pm
Big Sing Regionals	10 June Auckland Town Hall 7.00pm
Welcome Wednesday Tour	11 June (fully booked) 9.15am
Jake Bailey Parent Presentation	11 June Auditorium 6.30pm
Year 12 Ball	13 June
Welcome Wednesday Tour	18 June (fully booked) 9.15am
Concertos and Cookies	18 June Auditorium 7.00pm
Matariki Hautapu	19 June 6.30am Rangi Centre
Matariki Public Holiday	20 June SCHOOL CLOSED

## Principal Update

It has been a pleasure to see so many current and past students recognised at the 2025 North Harbour Club AIMEs awards. The beauty of these awards is the support they provide young people in our region and the breadth of excellence they recognise. Rangitoto College students were recognised for awards in Innovation, Leadership, Community, Performing Arts, Sport and Environmental Conservation. We are delighted that our students continue to set examples of excellence in our community and look forward to the ongoing successes of the awardees. The desire to offer students opportunities for all-round success has been instrumental in the design of our Summit and Y11 Diplomas; information on these can be found [here](#). We encourage parents to track and celebrate their child's progress toward these diplomas via the Parent Portal's results section.

## Driver Behaviour Plea

The school is collaborating with Auckland Transport to address the safety and access issues that our community faces at the start and end of the school day. NZ Police have been very helpful in offering suggestions and we hope we are able to form a positive relationship with AT to allow us to progress these as soon as possible. We have expressed our concerns to both parties about driver behaviour and the dangers that this poses for our students, staff and nearby residents. We continue to ask all of our parents to do the following:

- Please do not pick up or drop off your sons and daughters in residents' driveways or bus stops
- Please do not perform U-turns across oncoming traffic on East Coast Road
- Please be extremely vigilant of students on bikes and scooters using cycle lanes.
- Please do not block resident access to Knightsbridge Village
- Please encourage your child to take public transport or to walk home
- If pickups are essential, please delay your meeting time to avoid creating congestion
- Do not park in the Windsor Park carpark on East Coast Road

## School Teacher Only Day

This year, the government has given schools the provision for a number of teacher only days for curriculum-related professional learning. As a school, we have made the decision to only take one of these allocated days, and this will be on **Monday 24th November**. By this date Year 12 and 13 NCEA students will be in their last week on their external examinations and Year 11 students will have completed their teaching and learning programme, with their final school day being 21st November. The school will be closed for Year 9 and 10 students and for the Year 12 International Baccalaureate students.

### Parent Presentation - Jake Bailey

We are delighted to introduce a third parent presentation for 2025, Jake Bailey, who will present to our parent community on Wednesday, 11th June at 6:30pm in the school's auditorium. This follows two highly successful evenings with Darren Pereira presenting to Year 9 parents at the end of Term 1 and Brett Harvey presenting to our community last week.

Jake's presentation will focus on positive psychology to support building resilience. Jake is an internationally acclaimed speaker on resilience, the youngest #1 bestselling author in New Zealand history, and as a Commonwealth Study Conference alumnus, has been recognised as one of the most promising emerging leaders across the Commonwealth.

As well as this parent presentation, Jake will also be presenting throughout the school day to a range of students, including all Year 11's and current and aspiring student leaders.

Attending this event will enable parents to support their child's ability to build resilience, overcome setbacks and maintain healthy relationships.

Tickets are free for this event and can be secured through this [link](#).

### Samoan Language Week

Talofa lava! Our Pacifica Leadership Team were excited to run events for Vaiaaso o le Gagana Samoa (Samoan Language Week) this week. The nationwide theme for this year's celebrations is "la malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã: A well-grounded self is a successful self". The team delivered an exciting programme to share and celebrate Samoan culture and language, including teaching lape (a traditional Samoan sport), an ula lole (lolly lei) making workshop, and performances by our Samoan Siva dance group. On Friday, a group of our Samoan students are visiting Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate to participate in their Samoan Language Week festivities.

Last week, in the lead up to Samoan Language Week, we were also delighted to welcome an inspiring panel of Pacifica artists—musician Kings, actor Beulah Koale, and producer Vince Harder to Rangitoto College. Their message to students was to embrace their Polynesian identities, be "unapologetically" themselves, and "if you want to go far, go together."



Any students wishing to become involved in Pacifica events, including our tutor class, performances and upcoming language weeks, should contact Carmelita Maletino at [carmelita.maletino@cloud.rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:carmelita.maletino@cloud.rangitoto.school.nz) and Tanya Swindells at [tanya.swindells@cloud.rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:tanya.swindells@cloud.rangitoto.school.nz).

### Programme for International Students Assessment (PISA)

Ninety-three of our 15-year-old students have been selected to participate in the "Programme for International Students Assessment" (PISA).

The study examines how effectively students can apply their skills and knowledge in real-world situations. The three key areas are Reading, Mathematics, and Science, as well as an innovative subject called "Learning in a digital world".

This assessment will take place on Thursday 12th June at 9am in the Rangi Centre and will take approximately 3 hours.

## 1990's Reunion



Are you ready to relive the memories and connect with old school friends and colleagues?  
Join us to celebrate the Rangitoto College Reunion of the 1990's!

This will be held on Thursday 4 September from 6pm at The Merchant Pub Co. in Albany, and we would love to see you there. Help us spread the word with school friends you're still connected with.

To find out more and to register your attendance, please email [communityrelations@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:communityrelations@rangitoto.school.nz)

## Summit Academy Dinner 2025



We are hosting the Summit Academy Awards gala dinner on Friday 8 August in the Auditorium to celebrate the achievements of our distinguished Alumni (past students) who have been chosen for their leadership, achieving excellence in their field and contributing to society in a significant way.

We warmly invite you to join us, along with your children if they are students at our school, to experience a truly inspirational evening together. One day, this could be your child standing on the stage, receiving the same kudos and respect from our Rangi Community.

This year, we celebrate four incredible Alumni:

**Chloe Gong, Connor Archbold, Dr. Jane Alsweiler and Bryony Botha.**

We are also introducing a "Rangi Hero" to acknowledge and celebrate during this special evening. This 'Hero' is someone who has gone above and beyond for their community. We are excited to announce that David Goldfinch will be our first 'Rangi Hero'. This formal event also includes entertainment from our current Performing Arts students, a delicious three-course meal and unlimited refreshments.

To book your tickets, please click on the following link: <https://community.rangitoto.school.nz/Summit2025>  
For any enquiries, please email [communityrelations@rangitoto.school.nz](mailto:communityrelations@rangitoto.school.nz)

Kind regards,

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