

Rangitoto College - Community Newsletter

Important Community Information	Date
Year 9: Polynesian Panthers talk & Pasifika Student workshop	19 March
Summer Tournament Week	23 - 27 March
Dental Planet onsite	23 March - 17 April
Senior Drama Company Production—Lord of the Flies	26 - 28 March

Principal's Update

As week 7 concludes for the term there is much activity occurring across the school. Summer Tournament Week begins the week of 23 March with students representing the school at various competitions. In the same week we showcase our performing arts with the Senior Drama Company's production of Lord of the Flies. And throughout this time, many of our service and leadership groups are contributing to both our school and wider community. It is great to see the ongoing involvement of our students and staff which contributes to a thriving community. Something we should all be proud of.



Recently we welcomed 270 students and staff from the Japanese school, Zushi Kaisei. This was a great opportunity to share our culture and build on the ongoing relationship between our two schools.

Thank you to those who accommodated students during their visit, no doubt gaining an insight into NZ households.

We also recently enjoyed our Year 9 Kotahitanga Day which is always a highlight of the calendar. The build up to the day in tutor classes and then the activities on the day itself, provide a key opportunity for students to develop connections within their tutor class and

build a sense of belonging to our school community. The interaction and enjoyment of Year 9 and Year 13 students, along with staff on the day, is fantastic to witness.

We have now completed our first series of junior assessments within the scheduled assessment window. Many of our Year 11-13 students continue to complete assessments which correspond to their courses in the coming weeks. As parents you have the ability to view live reports on the parent portal to enable you to be engaged with your child's learning and assessments. The first key information to populate into reports will occur in week 10 of this term. You can access your child's report via the FACTS parent portal.

Special Assemblies

Special Assemblies will celebrate student success in the final week of Term 1. Staff have been nominating students for their academic excellence and their modelling of the school values, along with success in our many sports, performing arts or service opportunities on offer. Students being celebrated at the Special Assemblies will be informed next week and whanau will receive an invite to the celebration. We look forward to recognising these students in this setting.

Success Integrated - Road to Resilience, Year 9 Parent Presentation

Rangitoto College is excited to welcome back to the College one of Oceania's foremost educational speakers and the founding director of Success Integrated, Darren Pereira. On Wednesday 25 March, Darren will present to the Year 9 cohort during the school day and his messaging relating to building resilience will be complemented during a presentation

to Year 9 parents at 7pm in the school's auditorium. Attending this presentation will support you as a parent to close the loop between school and home and empower you as a parent to act as active partners in your child's emotional growth, specifically towards strengthening resilience. Please [click here](#) for a more detailed insight of the evening and to book your tickets.

Summit and Year 11 Diplomas

We are excited to launch an updated points system designed to recognise every student's contribution to life at Rangitoto College. To ensure equity, and reward students effectively, points are now standardised across Sports, Performing Arts, Culture, Clubs, and Service. Students earn points for participation and contribution, accumulating toward three key milestones of their White, Red and Blue Diplomas. At Year 11, the requirement for Extra Curricular and Service is combined and the points remain the same for each level.

Progress will be updated termly upon the completion of a service, sports season or club etc. We encourage students to check the school website for the full points breakdown and find new ways to get involved this year.

RANGITOTO SUMMIT DIPLOMA						
	AA	AP	EC	SL	AT	AE
B	15Es	2 x +1.5	75	75	100%	16 HC & O
R	10Es	2 x +1.0	50	50	98%	24 C, HC & O
W	5Es	2 x +0.75	25	25	95%	16 C, HC & O

i	AA = Academic Achievement	SL = Service Leadership
	AP = Academic Progress	AT = Attendance
	EC = Extra Curricular	AE = Academic Engagement

Academic Engagement:
CO 0, HC 0, OT 0 = 16 instances of commendable, highly commendable or outstanding in 'Academic Engagement'.
CO 0, HC 0, OT 0 = 24 instances of commendable, highly commendable or outstanding in 'Academic Engagement'.
HC 0, OT 0 = 16 instances of highly commendable or outstanding in 'Academic Engagement'.

Sport

Our students have shown incredible drive over the past few weeks, bringing home fantastic results, here are some of the highlights:

Tag Football

Our senior tag teams started their season with a bang at the North Western Zone day, where a dominant performance saw both our Senior A Boys and Girls qualify for the Auckland Championships. The Senior A Boys took their success even further, battling through a tough field to bring home Auckland Championship Silver. We extend a huge thank you to the coaches and supporters who made this success possible.

Tennis Champion of Champions

Our tennis stars had great results at the recent Auckland Secondary Schools Champion of Champions tournament. It was an outstanding showing for our players, including a dominant performance in the Junior Boys division:

Junior Boys Doubles Gold: Hunter Pang & Jack Yan

Int Girls Singles Gold: Aviva Kurtovic

Junior Boys Singles - Silver: Hunter Pang

Int Girls Singles - Silver: Katya Horrocks

Int Boys Singles - Silver: Raymond Huang

Aquathon

Our multisport athletes also shone at the College Sport Auckland Aquathon Championships. Congratulations to our medalists:

Senior Boys U19 - Silver: Elwin Bao & Rui-Han Ong

Senior Boys U19 - Bronze: Nathan Blunden & Clement Choo

Intermediate Girls U16 Individual - Bronze: Mingrui Zhang

Athletics

The school had a strong showing at the North Harbour Athletics Championships, where we were well represented and took home 24 medals as a school. A special mention to Lace Patuki, Gwen Saunders, Ian Liu and Kenzie Bowden who all took home multiple medals on the day. The squad will now focus their attention on the Auckland Championships.

Well done to everyone involved for representing our school with such excellence. All the best to all our athletes who will be representing the college during Summer Tournament Week. We look forward to following your success over the week.

Performing Arts - Lord of the Flies

Experience William Golding's chilling masterpiece like never before. This production pushes the boundaries of ensemble awareness and physical storytelling, stripping away the civility of the modern world to reveal the raw human instinct beneath. Through intense collaboration and synchronized movement, our performers don't just act—they become the island.

We are proud to present two distinct interpretations:

- The Male Cast: A visceral exploration of traditional hierarchy and escalating aggression.
- The Female Cast: A hauntingly sharp look at social fracture and the cost of survival.

With only four shows in total, tickets are selling fast.

Student Leave Requests

In cases where you wish for your child to be absent from school for justified Ministry of Education (MOE) reasons (such as; representation in a cultural/national event, accompanying parents on an overseas diplomatic/military posting), approval should be requested by email to the Deputy Principal of your child's year group for leave of 1-2 days, and to the Principal's EA nedda.chaplin@rangitoto.school.nz for 3 days or more. Please outline the reason before awaiting a response. Please give clear details as to the reason for your child's absence to allow an informed decision as to the type of MOE leave this will be coded as.

Please also note that holidays during term time are not to be undertaken. The MOE is very clear on this.

The parent portal is still your first point of contact for any absences for illness or appointments.

Deputy Principals

Year 9: Olivia Newman

Year 10: Josh Bullen

Year 11: Grahame Cope

Year 12: Michael Randal

Year 13: James Searle

New FACTS Homepage (Parent Portal)

This will be rolled out to schools starting 26 March. When users log in, they'll see a cleaner, more modern [homepage](#) designed to make navigation easier for staff, students and caregivers/families. It has also been designed for mobile and tablet use. Your child's timetable and weekly attendance will show below the standard links. This update will not change how you currently use FACTS. You will still be able to access student information and school updates in the same way.

Reception

Student deliveries are not accepted by the school. This includes: lunches, money, books, devices, or sports equipment. Students are responsible for bringing their own belongings to school and being prepared for the school day. We do make exceptions for urgent medical or exam-related items.

Dental Planet - Term 1 Visit

We continue our partnership with Dental Planet to provide free dental services to our students. Mobile units will be on-site during the last two weeks of this term and through the Term 1 holiday. If your child is not currently receiving regular dental checkups and treatment we would encourage you to consider this opportunity.

You will find an enrolment link [here](#). Dental Planet will provide booking information by email to those students who are already enrolled.

Kind regards,



Peter Morton
Acting Principal