

Rangitoto College - Community Newsletter

Important Community Information	Date
Dental Planet onsite	30 March to 17 April
Year 9 Special Assembly	30 March
Year 10 Special Assembly	31 March
Year 11 Special Assembly	1 April
Year 12 Special Assembly	2 April
Final Day of Term 1	2 April

Principal's Update

A large number of students continue to be involved in co-curricular activities and over the past week there have been some real highlights across the school. In the Arts, our drama production of Lord of the Flies is underway with an amazing opening night performance last night. It is a truly spectacular performance which highlights the exceptional talents of the cast and crew.



With service leadership a key part of our Rangitoto Diploma programmes, it has been great to see the range of charitable and environmental involvement that students are getting themselves into for the benefit of our community. I would also pass on my congratulations to all of our athletes who are involved in a variety of sports this week across the North Island during the Summer Tournament Week.

Next week we celebrate student achievement with Special Assemblies throughout the week. We are looking forward to recognising the many student successes across our kura.

As we near the end of the term, I wish to acknowledge the positive tone our students and staff have shown throughout the term. The energy and engagement of our students and staff is an aspect of the school to be truly proud of.

Sports/PA

Many summer sports teams are currently away competing during Summer Tournament Week, and we had recent success in the last couple weeks, as three of our premier teams recently secured Auckland Premier Championship titles and a strong performance from our Athletics team.

Our Premier Boys and Girls Volleyball teams have come away with gold medals at Auckland Championships, showcasing exceptional teamwork to claim their respective trophies. Both Molly Counce and Kenai Stevenson were named as MVP. This is along with both teams' Harbour Super League gold medals.

Joining them in the winner's circle are our Premier Girls Cricket team, who played out a tense final against Takapuna Grammar winning in the final over. This team has gone from winning the A1 competition in 2025 to Premier Champions in 2026.



Our Athletics team also had a successful meet at Auckland Championship, coming away with an impressive 6 golds, 2 silvers and 4 bronze medals, including Lace Patuki, Kenzie Bowden, Zane Kpodonu, Gwen Saunders and Jason Deng taking home multiple medals. This caps off an incredible season of school athletics as the team focuses on National Championships in December.

This week, our champion Volleyball and Cricket teams—along with many of our other sporting codes—are away competing in their respective National Championships and tournaments. Our students are representing us with pride and excellence. We wish all our teams the very best of luck as they compete against the best in New Zealand.

SMART Testing & Reporting 2026

SMART (Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool) is a new, low-stakes, digital assessment for New Zealand students in Years 3–10, launching in 2026. It is designed to track progress in reading, writing, and maths.

- Purpose: A twice-yearly "check-in" to monitor progress in reading, writing, and maths.
- Benefits: Provides schools and teachers with consistent, immediate, and standardised data, aligned with the refreshed curriculum, to identify next learning steps and provide data to be able to report back to parents.
- Format: Digital (online) assessments lasting approximately 30–45 minutes.

Our students in Year 9 & 10 will sit this testing in Week 5 of Term 2. Students will just need to bring their device and no other pre-assessment preparation is required.

Student Reports Year 9 to 13

Parents and students can view student reports on PC School (FACTS) at any time, as our reporting system is 'live'. As assessments are completed and grades entered by staff, these will populate throughout the year within a student's report. By the start of Week 10, March 30th, every senior student should have an assessment entry for each subject. This may be from a practice assessment leading towards a final NCEA, Diploma or IB assessment, or may be a final assessment worth credits.

Please see pages 2 and 3 of your child's report for a guide to unpacking the report information. All students (Year 9 to 13) will have learning dispositions entered by early Week 10, with Year 9 students also receiving a tutor teacher comment.

Literacy and Numeracy (CAA testing) Year 11 to 13

NCEA Literacy & Numeracy common assessments take place in Week 5 of Term 2. These are for selected students in Year 11, 12 and 13 only. All Year 10 students sit these in September.

What is the Literacy & Numeracy CAA?

The Literacy & Numeracy CAA (common assessment activity) will test the reading, writing and numeracy knowledge that your child should have acquired between Year 7-10 of their schooling. Literacy and numeracy must be gained in order to gain the Year 11 Rangitoto Diploma, as well as any level of the NCEA.

The three assessments (reading, writing and numeracy) will take place online, at school, so your child will need an [approved device](#) to successfully complete any they are entered for. Additionally, a calculator (they cannot use the calculator on their device) and ruler will be required for the Numeracy CAA.

Senior students who need support ahead of the testing can access a range of resources via the CAA Google Classrooms using the following codes to join:

- Numeracy - dcims4n5
- Literacy - uavx2h2

Students who may not be successful in the upcoming testing have further opportunities in September this year.

CAA Exam Timetables

Closer to the testing day, each student will be able to view their venue/time for each test under 'Reports - Student Exam Timetable Report' in their student information section of FACTS.

Attendance

Over the last few weeks our attendance support team has continued to contact families regarding attendance levels. We will continue to communicate with you as parents/caregivers, both the MOE guidelines and school expectations regarding attendance at school. We acknowledge the outstanding attendance rates of most students and reiterate the importance of good attendance in achieving successful academic outcomes.

International Students' Host Families

Open your home to the world: become a host family.

We are looking for welcoming, English-speaking families to join our vibrant homestay community for our international students. With students from over 25 different countries studying at Rangitoto College, hosting is a fantastic way for your family to learn about new cultures and build lifelong global connections.

Why host with us?

- Share your Kiwi lifestyle with an international student.
- Learn first hand about different traditions and perspectives.
- Support our international students as they navigate life in New Zealand.
- Receive \$420 per week for hosting (per student)

If you'd like to learn more or start the process, simply reach out to us by emailing the international department at: accommodation@rangitoworld.co.nz or call us on 09 477 0150 ext 664.

Kind regards,



Peter Morton
Acting Principal