

Rangitoto College - Community Newsletter

Important Community Information	Date
SAAD Expo	28 July
Swimming NZSS Championships	30 July - 2 August
High-Five Guinness World Record Attempt	31 July
Rangitoto College 70th Jubilee	1 August
Auckland Jazz & Blues Competition	1 & 2 August
BRAVE Year 12 Presentation	6 August

Principal's Update

Kia ora e te whānau o te Kareti o Rangitoto and welcome to Term 3. There is a bit in this newsletter as we set up for the term ahead, with important details. To start with we have a couple of great student-led initiatives and need your help to make them a success. We are attempting to set a World Record for the number of high fives, using the event to raise funds for The Kindness Collective. Our student leaders have a piece in this newsletter with more details of the event. We are also raising funds to support student involvement in the opportunities that Rangitoto College provides through the sale of a limited edition supporters' kit.

Limited Edition Supporters' Top

The idea for this grew from conversations with the Head and Deputy Head Students about how important it was for our students to get involved in the life of the school. We will raffle off the 10 shirts over the next two weeks with all money raised going towards supporting participation in the incredible opportunities that we provide at Rangitoto College.

The shirts will be made to order after we draw the winning tickets, so we can get your size just right. All money will go towards student involvement in the sports, arts and clubs with approximately one third to each of these areas; personal expenses/equipment, school trip or tournament fees and equipment for our clubs.



Here are the full details:

Tickets are \$5 each with a maximum total of 2000 tickets being sold. On Friday 7th August, the 10 winning tickets will be drawn during lunchtime in the auditorium. The winners will be contacted and orders placed.

To purchase:

1. Register your interest from Friday 24/07 to Wednesday 29/07 3:00pm through this [form](#).
To manage this event, the online form is only available to students of the college. Parents need to register interest through their child. Please note that the maximum number of tickets you can register on the form is 10.
2. Complete payment. The quantity of tickets you ordered will be placed on your child's account from Thursday 30/07 to Tuesday 04/08 3:30pm.
3. Any unallocated tickets will be sold at the flagpole via EFTPOS or cash on Wednesday 05/08 and Thursday 06/08.

The draw will be made live during lunchtime on Friday 07/08.

A reminder that this is a unique one-off design that will not be used again - it really is a limited edition supporters' kit. All money raised will be allocated back to students on an application basis and more instructions for this will be in the next newsletter. Please note this is designed to support all involvement in school life - it could be used towards anything that removes barriers for students getting involved in the opportunities on offer at Rangitoto College.

Guinness World Record Attempt

On Friday 31 July, students at Rangitoto College will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most high fives given in one hour. The record to beat is 2,514. With the largest school population in New Zealand, we believe we have the numbers, and the spirit, to smash this record.

This student-led attempt will take place in Period 4 and lunchtime and forms part of the school's 70th Jubilee celebrations, marking seven decades of education, community, and achievement on Auckland's North Shore. This is believed to be the first mass Guinness World Record attempt undertaken by a New Zealand school in many years. It is a story about a school community coming together, about New Zealand punching above its weight, and about what is possible when hundreds of people move as one. Beyond the spectacle, it speaks to something real; unity, pride, and the joy of shared achievement.

As well as providing our community with an opportunity for kotahitanga, we want to direct our world record attempt to an online fundraiser for The Kindness Collective. The Kindness Collective is a nationwide charity that connects children and families with the things they need. We would greatly appreciate any donation you are able to make via this link <https://rangitoto-college-world-record.raiselysite.com/>.

International Baccalaureate (IB) - Diploma Programme Success



This week we hosted reviewers from IB as a part of the five-yearly review cycle. Their feedback at the end of the three-day visit was an incredible endorsement of the school and I will share more details of this in the next newsletter.

And to really reinforce this point, we received the fantastic news that Cael Sia received a maximum of 45 points after resitting some exams in May. This perfect score is achieved by fewer than 1% of students worldwide and truly is an incredible feat.

Judy Huang also received positive results in the May exams, improving her total to 44 points. We are so proud of their achievements and publicly celebrate this wonderful achievement.

Long Weekend - 3rd and 4th September

Looking beyond the world record to the end of the term, we want to give you plenty of advance notice that Rangitoto College will be closed for regular instruction on Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September. While we know school closures require some juggling at home, these two days serve two very important, and different, purposes for our school community.

Thursday 3rd September: Investing in Our Classrooms (Teacher-Only Day)

The government has approved time for schools to work on curriculum development through 2026. Rangitoto College will utilise one of these Teacher-Only Days on Thursday 3 September. Education is evolving rapidly with a lot of national change being delivered in a short period of time. This day allows our teachers to collaborate, engage fully in the national curriculum and assessment updates, and design a high-impact learning programme for your children. We really value these dedicated days because they give our staff uninterrupted time to focus on professional learning, curriculum alignment, and assessment planning.

By law, we are required to give our families at least six weeks' prior notice for these closures, which is why we are sharing this with you now. Because these days are officially allocated by the government for staff development, schools are not required to make up for this time later in the year. We are incredibly grateful for your support in allowing our teaching team this vital time to sharpen their tools.

Friday 4th September: Our Annual Rangitoto Day

Following our curriculum day, the school will remain closed on Friday for our traditional 'Rangi Day'.

Winter Tournament Week: We recognise that this closure falls during an important week for our top athletes as they compete around the country. We want to emphasise here that all scheduled sports tournament fixtures and games will proceed exactly as planned.

Regular classes will resume on Monday 7th September.

Thank you all for your ongoing partnership, understanding, and support as we work behind the scenes to keep delivering the very best education for our students.

International Students Welcome



At the start of this term, we welcomed 70 new students from around the world to Rangitoto College. They are very excited to join us and enthusiastic about studying and living in NZ.

Most of our international students live with host families in our community, and we are grateful for the extra lengths these families go to in making the students feel welcome.

It is really rewarding to host an international student. If you are interested, please contact accommodation@rangiworld.co.nz or call 09 477 0150 ext 664.

E-scooters and E-bikes

With an increase in the number of e-scooters being brought to school daily, we have made further provision for parking these next to the school's hockey turf. We would ask parents of students who bring e-scooters (or bikes) to school to ensure they are not riding these on school grounds at any time, for health and safety reasons. Students must walk their e-scooter or bike from the school gates to the bike and scooter parking area. We would reiterate that any e-scooter or bike brought to school is stored at the rider's own responsibility and the school is not liable for any damages. Students should have their own security measures and the school expects the owners of these devices to ensure that the device is fit for purpose.

Students are required to wear a helmet when riding to and from school to support their own safety. We would also ask parents to speak with their child on the use of e-scooters and bikes on footpaths and being conscious of pedestrians, in particular young children and older people who may be more vulnerable.

Advice on e-scooters from NZTA can be found [here](#). NZ Police are also encouraging families to fully understand both the legal requirements and safety requirements of e-scooters and e-bikes. In particular what is legally considered a vehicle rather than a recreational device, along with requirements of registration, licensing and compliance before such vehicles can be used on public roads.

Literacy and Numeracy Co-Requisite Results Released from May Assessment.

Results for the Year 11 to 13 CAA (Common Assessment Activity) Reading, Writing, and Numeracy are available for students to access. Students can:

- View their results through their [MyNZQA learner login](#).
- Access their completed digital assessments in the digital assessment platform. Information on how to do this is available on the NZQA website.
- View their personalised feedback reports if they **did not** achieve one or more of the Literacy or Numeracy standards. Further opportunities are available in September.

Rangitoto College 70th Jubilee

We are incredibly proud to announce that Rangitoto College is celebrating its 70th birthday, and we would love for you to be a part of this historic milestone. Whether you walked our corridors in the 1950s, taught the leaders of tomorrow, or are a valued part of our wider community today, your story is woven into the fabric of our school. Please join us for an unforgettable day of nostalgia, catching up with old friends, and celebrating seventy years of excellence.

Please RSVP [here](#) by Monday 27 July for catering purposes.

The poster is for Rangitoto College's 70th Jubilee, held on Saturday 1 August. It features the college's crest on the left and a large '70' with '1956 - 2026' and 'ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION' on the right. The main text reads 'Rangitoto College 70th Jubilee Saturday 1 August' and 'Honouring our Past, Inspiring our future 70 Years of Growth'. Below this, a list of activities is provided: 9am-1:15pm for sporting fixtures, 10am-11:30am for morning tea, 10:30am-11:15am for school tours, and 2pm-3:30pm for afternoon tea. A black and white photograph of a large group of students in uniform is shown at the bottom right.

Rangitoto College
70th Jubilee
Saturday 1 August

Honouring our Past, Inspiring our future
70 Years of Growth

9am – 1:15pm: Sporting fixtures where students battle it out against local rival colleges. 1st XV kicks off at 12pm. Coffee cart on site!

10am – 11:30am: Morning tea in the Rangī Centre

10:30am & 11:15am: School tours leaving from the Rangī Centre

2pm – 3:30pm: Afternoon tea in the Rangī Centre

Date: Saturday 1 August

Time: 9am - 3:30pm

Location: Rangitoto College

Who: Past and present students, teachers, staff, and community members

School Tours: See how much the school has grown and transformed since your time here.

Mix & Mingle: Enjoy morning or afternoon tea (or both!), live entertainment, sporting fixtures and special words from our principal, Mr. Greg Thornton.

Kind regards,



Greg Thornton
Principal