

Rangitoto College - Community Newsletter

Important Community Information	Date
Last Day of Term 2	3 July
Blueprint Hip Hop Competition	8 July
Matariki	10 July
First Day of Term 3	20 July
International Students Orientation Day 1	20 July
International Students Orientation Day 2	21 July
Matariki Hautapu, 6am at the Rangitoto Centre	21 July
Murrays Bay Intermediate School Visit	21 July
Northcross Intermediate School Visit	22 July
Enrolment Information Evening, 6:30 pm	23 July
Rangitoto College Open Day Tours	24 July

Principal's Update

Nearing the end of my first term it has been great to see the full range of what is on offer at Rangitoto College. The school's mission is to empower each student, through unrivalled opportunities, exceptional support and challenging academic experiences, to make a positive difference in the world. I have certainly seen this in action throughout the term. I have been impressed at just how much is on offer here. The high level of student involvement in our sports, arts and cultural opportunities as well as the significant contribution we make back into the community through volunteer work, coaching and student leadership. All of this is underpinned by an outstanding academic programme that offers our students a remarkable range of learning opportunities. It has been a great term and I want to thank staff for the energy they bring to creating this incredible learning environment for our students.

We finished the term with our special assemblies, celebrating the range of student success and engagement in all that makes Rangitoto College such a special learning environment. It was great to see so many of our whānau join us for these celebrations as we acknowledge our student success in academic, sporting, cultural, arts and service pursuits and how they have upheld the values (Pride, Respect, Integrity, Courage and Personal Excellence) of the school across the term. I have seen firsthand how incredible this learning environment is and it was great to take the time this week to acknowledge the students who are making the most of the unrivalled opportunities that we offer at Rangitoto College.

I want to finish today by saying a large thank you to everyone at home - I know how much it takes to get people to where they need to be, support the learning and generally keep the wheels on during term time. I hope that the shift in pace over the next couple of weeks creates some good space for your family to reconnect and recharge.

Long Service Awards

On Saturday night the Rangitoto College Board hosted its biennial acknowledgement of our long-serving staff members. This year we celebrated an astounding 575 years of service across 29 staff members. This remarkable contribution to the community is foundational to the success of the school and it was a wonderful occasion to say thank you on behalf of the community. The stories that surfaced were really enjoyable and provided a great time capsule of the life of the college over the decades. Of particular note are Don Hastie and Julie Strang who have both contributed an incredible 35 years to Rangitoto College - their fingerprint is obvious across so many areas of the school.



We also thanked Fay Meiklejohn, Alan Kerr, Carlolyn Highman, Leigh Meggison, Bronwyn McKeage and Graham Lowe for their 25 years of service. We acknowledged 20 years of contribution from Samantha Farmiloe, Lynda Lidgard, Andrea Auckland, Karyn Hopkins, Matthew Stone, Cherrill Hurley, Steven Morgan and Alastair Fear. As well as the 15-year milestones for the following staff; Mark Terei, Stephanie (Ji Hyun) Kim, Glenn Murphy, Kay Robinson, Catherine Udy-Bothwell, Stephen Gardiner, Robyn Lawry, Amy Reddy, Josh Bullen, Karla Holding, Pete Duthie, Jenny McLean and Oliver Gourlay. (Photo credit: Year 13 Student Photographers, Jack Wang and Harry Feng.)



Performing Arts

A shout-out to the Tech Crew. These students provide an incredible service to school events, giving up many hours after school, and on weekends and evenings - doing everything from lighting and sound, running things backstage, and managing equipment.



Year 9 Option Subjects - Terms 3 and 4

Year 9 students will begin two new subjects in Terms 3 and 4 in the subject areas of Arts, Commerce, Technology and Languages. Students can view their Term 3 timetables via the Student Portal by selecting a date from 20 July 2026 onwards. Some students will be timetabled to take Digital Technology (DGT), which is a compulsory course. Other students may have been timetabled for English for Literacy (ENL), which is a supportive course designed to accelerate students' learning in English. Families have been contacted by the ENL Curriculum Leader if their child is timetabled for ENL.

NCEA Revision Programme

Our highly successful community programme is back for Term 3 holidays and Saturdays at Rangitoto College. Open to students from all schools.

What We Offer:

- NCEA Level 2 & 3: targeted classes in Maths, English, and Science, plus a practical Study Skills workshop.
- Expert Guidance: taught by experienced, registered teachers.
- Affordable Pricing: classes start from just \$45

Key Dates:

- NCEA Revision Classes (28 Sept – 8 Oct): Content-based sessions revisiting key topics.
- Exam Prep Classes (31 Oct & 7 Nov): Review past exam papers and learn how to maximise marks.
- Limited spaces are available for this popular programme, so booking early is highly encouraged.

[View the programme and make a booking here](#)

NCEA Entrance Exams Year 12 and 13

Exams for Year 12 and 13 students begin in Week 8, Term 3, on Wednesday 9th September running through until Friday 18th September. All students will receive an individualised timetable that they access through FACTS, with their examination room and time. Exam attendance is compulsory. Final NCEA exams begin on 10th November. Further details will be provided closer to the time.

Scholarship Examination and Portfolio Entry 2026

Our Scholarship programmes are in full swing and we have had a range of guest speakers and alumni coming to work with groups of students and our subject-specific workshops are continuing to attract strong numbers of students before school, at lunchtimes, after school, and across some weekends.

Now is the perfect time for students to be working through [past Scholarship Exam papers](#) and working hard to gain a deep understanding of what it takes to get a successful Scholarship pass at both the scholarship, outstanding, and 'top in subject' level. Students will have Scholarship exams as part of their entrance exams in Term 3.

Reports

Report dispositions have been entered for all students and comments from subject teachers have been populated for students in Year 12 and 13. To access reports, please use the parent portal, then navigate through 'Student Information' - 'Reports' - 'Rangitoto School Report'. Year 11 students will receive a written subject comment early in Term 3.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Thornton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Thornton
Principal