30 October 2026

Rangitoto College - Community Newsletter

Important Community Information	Date
IB Exams	26 October - 13 November
Year 12 Prizegiving, 7pm	4 November
Year 13 Prizegiving, 7pm	5 November
Year 12 & 13 Last Day	6 November
NCEA and Diploma Exams Begin	10 November
Junior Exams	12 - 13 November

Principal's Update

Kia ora koutou, we are in the middle of our celebrations season, acknowledging the incredible student success in their academic, vocational, sporting, performing arts and cultural pursuits. Last week we hosted the Performing Arts, Sports and Māori and Pasifika Awards evenings. This week the focus has been on vocational awards through our Gateway and Technology offerings and in the coming week we have our big finale with the Year 12 and Year 13 Prizegivings. Each Prizegiving has its own style from a low key whānau-centred approach to putting on a high-end show, and they all do a wonderful job of showcasing the achievements of our incredible students. I also want to use this moment to acknowledge how many people contribute to this success. To our staff, parents, community members and businesses, thank you for the many ways you contribute to a learning environment that is rich in opportunities for the youth of our community. The passion and hard work you bring throughout the year, your ongoing support of our students and the expertise you provide helps guide our young people to explore more of their potential, develop as people and achieve incredible success. We have included a few images capturing major award winners at the end of the newsletter. Congratulations and thank you once again to our community for your continued support of the opportunities that we provide our students at Rangitoto College.

Our academic opportunities are at the core of all that we offer here, and I want to wish all of our students the very best over the coming weeks as they conclude their year's learning, preparing for and performing at their best in examinations and completing coursework. We know how important sound academic preparation is for students, underpinning their growth at Rangitoto College and equipping them well for whatever their next steps are beyond school. We are proud of our knowledge-rich curriculum, the high-quality preparation of our students and their ability to apply this practically and in meaningful ways. Over their time at Rangitoto, students will have set high standards for their own work and learnt how to learn, seeking and responding to feedback in a manner which builds their understanding and capacity. This learning across the year culminates in this final period of assessment as students have the opportunity to demonstrate how much they have progressed. I wish our students all the very best as they now focus on their preparation, revision and completion of final work through the remainder of the term.

Rangitoto College Parent Teacher Association AGM, 10 November 2026

We invite you to join us at our upcoming PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 10 November. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents, make new connections, and learn more about how our PTA supports the school and our students. The evening starts with drinks and nibbles at 6:30 pm in the Rangi Centre. The official AGM will begin at 7:00 pm. Whether you're keen to get involved or simply want to meet other parents and find out more about the PTA, we would be delighted to see you there. Please RSVP by Wednesday 4 November to rangipta111@gmail.com

Outstanding Year 10 CAA Results

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Year 10 students in the latest Common Assessment Activity (CAA) standards, which show strong improvements across the board compared to last year. Most notably, our students achieved an exceptional **91% pass rate in Numeracy**, reflecting an impressive gain that highlights the dedication, hard work, and targeted support provided by our Mathematics department and teachers. In addition, Reading (85%) and Writing (82%) demonstrated excellent gains, giving our Year 10 cohort a tremendous foundation as they head into their senior Diploma and NCEA/IB pathways. Students can log into their personal student portal via the **NZQA website** using their NSN to view their official results. For any student who did not achieve a standard this time around, detailed individual feedback and diagnostic breakdowns are also accessible through their NZQA login, providing clear next steps and guidance as they prepare for the next assessment opportunity.

Attendance

We wish to thank our school community for the support and priority shown in ensuring your child attends school each day. We have seen an increase in regular attendance this year as we continue to prioritise the need for students to be attending school where possible. The attendance rate for students is now reported to the Ministry of Education on a daily basis for their monitoring.

With the end of year approaching, it is timely to remind caregivers of returning students the requirement to not take leave during term time for holidays or to travel abroad. The government is very clear on expectations in this regard and the legal requirement under the Education and Training Act 2020, for parents and guardians to take all reasonable steps to ensure their child attends whenever the school is open. To this point, please be aware that the school year begins in 2027 for Year 9 and new-to-school students on 27 January and all other students on 28 January.

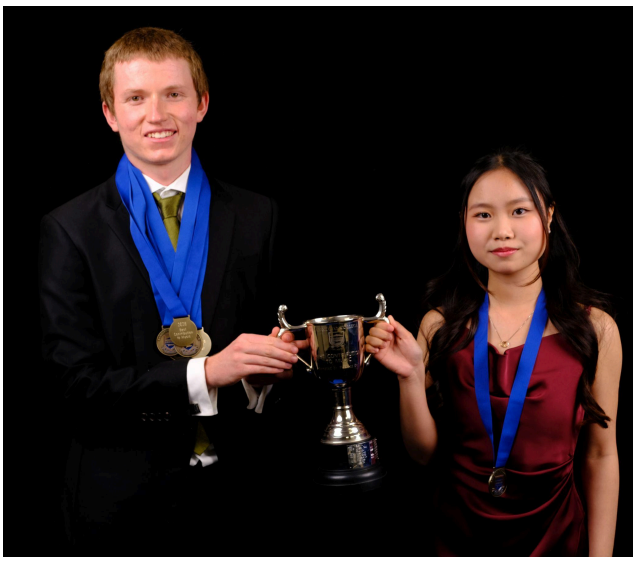
2nd Hand Uniform Summer Sales

December 2026 (11:30am - 2pm) - Sun 6, Wed 9, Fri 11
January 2027 (11:30am - 2pm) - Wed 13 , Fri 15, Sun 17, Fri 22
Late Opening (5 - 7pm) - Tues 19 January 2027

Do you have Rangitoto school uniforms you no longer need?
Consider donating your uniforms to the Rangitoto College PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Shop. Proceeds from the shop are used by the PTA to help support the college. We also sell uniforms on your behalf. All uniforms must be clean and in good, unaltered condition ready for sale. Email uniformshop.rangitotocollege@gmail.com for more information.

Celebration Evenings: Performing Arts / Sports / Māori & Pasifika



















Kind regards,

Greg Thornton
Principal