



**3RD NOVEMBER 2025**  
**WEEK 05, TERM 4, 2025**  
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# WHATS HAPPENING NOVEMBER

- **4<sup>th</sup>** - Athletics Day
- **7<sup>th</sup>** - School Photos
- **10<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** - Student assessments
- **11<sup>th</sup>** - Preschool session and all levels open morning
- **14<sup>th</sup>** - Senior visit to Maniapoto festival
- **17<sup>th</sup>** - BoT meeting
- **19<sup>th</sup>** - Vision and hearing checks
- **21<sup>st</sup>** - Interschool Athletics

# DECEMBER

- **3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>** - Senior Camp
- **15<sup>th</sup>** - Prizegiving
- **16<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Party
- **17<sup>th</sup>** - Last day of school

# FEBRUARY

- **5<sup>th</sup>** - Teacher only day
- **9<sup>th</sup>** - First day of school

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

The weather has been a lot sunnier the last few days so students are once again being directed to put sunscreen and hats on before they head outdoors for break times or any outside activities. Sunscreen is available in both classes. School hats are compulsory for students and we have lots of spares if their designated hat goes missing. Students can otherwise play in the shady areas under the trees by the deck if they don't wish to wear a hat. Our pool should be ready for swimming in a few days so we will let you know when we are ready to open that. Please check that students have togs ready to go. We have school pool keys available for over the summer for hire. Please contact Tammy if you wish to order one.

So far this term in PE we have been focusing on athletics and look forward to seeing how children perform on Tuesday as there have been some great efforts going on in the last few days. I look forward to taking some of our athletes who perform well along to the interschool athletics event the following week. Notices will come home about that once the team is finalised.

Students are also working hard in the classroom as we near the time for end of year assessments - teachers will be starting these next week. Having every student at school possible over the next 2 or 3 weeks will certainly help teachers to get through their assessment schedule in a timely manner.

I have been busy wading through the latest changes in our refreshed curriculums and as you have probably gathered from the media stories, there have been quite a lot of unexpected changes. I will be spending time this term ensuring that we have taken these all into consideration as we review and amend our teaching programmes for next year. With a new Strategic Plan covering the next three years also under action in collaboration with the BoT, there is certainly a lot to keep me busy over the next few weeks! Thank you so much to those who took the time to complete the School Community Survey and the the Health Curriculum Survey. Your responses have been taken onboard and will be very helpful in shaping our future plans. If you didn't get a chance to complete either survey and still wish to, please let me know before the end of this week and I will send a new link or paper copy out to you.

Please check out the dates in our calendar, which have now been updated to show our first day of school for next year. Staff will have a Teacher Only Day on February 5th with the first day for students on Monday 9th February.

Finally, this week, a huge thank you to Emily Byrne, our student teacher in the Junior Room, who finishes her time with us on Friday. Her passion and enthusiasm has made her a joy to have in the school and I know we will all miss her. Please take the time to say farewell if you are in the school over the next few days.

Nga mihi nui

Heather Dallas - Principal

# Goodbye Miss Byrne!

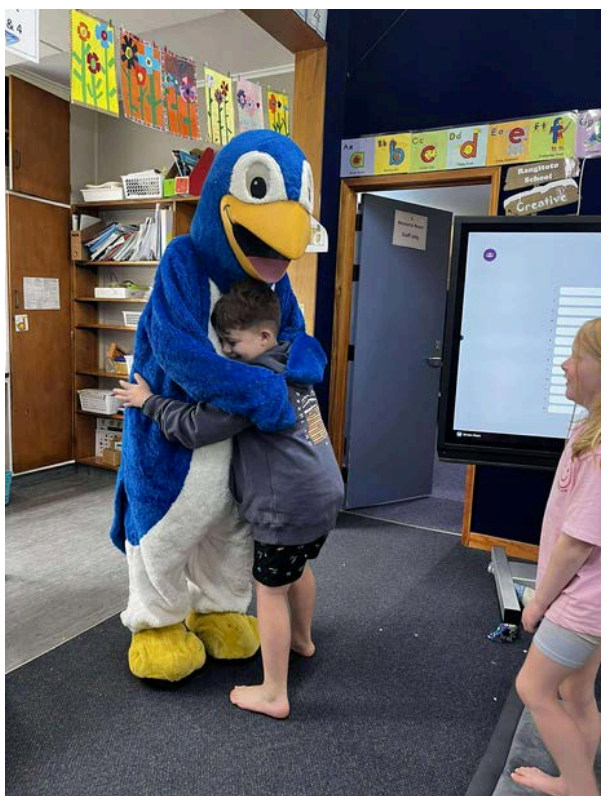
Sadly, our time with Miss Byrne has come to an end, and this Friday will be her last day here at Rangitoto School. The kids have loved having her here, and we wish her all the best with her teaching career.



# Kori the penguin visit!

Last week, the junior class were lucky to have a visit from Carly and Kori, who came to talk about important water safety messages. These included:

- 1- Always swim within an adult's reach
- 2- Being actively supervised
- 3- Floating on your back
- 4- Always wear a life jacket on a boat
- 5- Swim between the Flags at the Beach.





# RANGITOTO SCHOOL PRESCHOOL SESSIONS

## SESSION DATES

**TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 9-10:45**

**RSVP TO SESSIONS: [OFFICE@RANGI.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:OFFICE@RANGI.SCHOOL.NZ)**

Is your child 4+ years old?

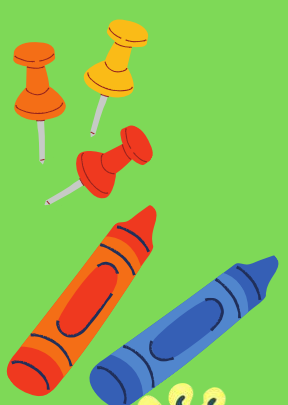
We invite you to explore the wonderful world of learning at Rangitoto School!

We take pride in offering a diverse range of activities that foster creativity, curiosity, confidence and social development.

### FREE BUS

**WE HAVE A BUS RUNNING  
FROM THE SHEARING STATUE  
EACH DAY.**

Leaving at 7:40am  
Returning 4-4:15pm



Join Mrs Reynolds and the rest of the Junior class for a morning session. During the visit, your child will engage in exciting activities that encourage hands-on learning and joyful exploration. After the classroom session, your child is more than welcome to join our Junior class during morning tea break, making new friends and experiencing the friendly atmosphere that defines our school community. Meanwhile, parents and caregivers are invited to join us for a hot drink and a chat with our caring staff.



# Preschool visit fun!



## **Guidance following increased national risk of measles**

Health New Zealand is alerting schools to an escalating risk of measles as it responds to a measles outbreak following confirmation of 13 new cases of measles since 20 October.

This escalating risk is a concern, especially for education settings where measles can spread rapidly. In New Zealand, our measles immunisation rates are too low to prevent outbreaks from happening when measles is circulating in our communities. Our low immunisation rates contribute to this lack of community protection.

Measles is highly contagious and serious – about one in three people may need hospital care. It spreads when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.

Measles is circulating and is very contagious. There is now measles in Northland, Auckland, Manawatu, Nelson and Wellington, and we expect further cases across New Zealand.

**Watch out for symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash**

### **Measles – Health New Zealand**

- Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.
- Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).
- Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.
- People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before.
- Anyone born between 1969 and 2004 may have only received one vaccine dose and might not be fully protected. It's safe to get extra doses. A free vaccine can be booked online or via the Vaccination Helpline on 0800 28 29 26.

## Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school.

The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing problems.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require rescreens or follow up
- New Immigrants
- Year 7 student's vision only

If there is a genuine hearing concern, parents/caregivers or teachers may request a hearing check

- NB parents must consent to this. The Vision Hearing Technician will only be able to undertake a maximum of 5 screens on any visit. If there is a concern regarding vision, parents/caregivers are encouraged to seek advice from an optometrist. A subsidy is available for families/whanau that have a Community Services card or High Use Health card.

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents/caregivers of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents/caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for their vision or hearing, they should let the school know.



# MOUNTAIN BIKE SERIES

## Spring Cup XCO 2025

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



9th  
November



16th  
November



23rd  
November



7th  
December

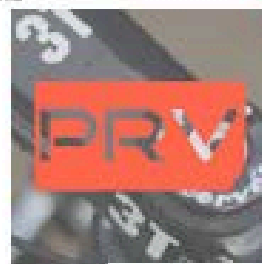


14th  
December

Enter 1 Race Or Enter All 5!

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# 2025 Primary & Intermediate Schools Golf Competition

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

Venue: *Pirongia Golf Club*

Arrival: *15-20 minutes prior to tee time*

Date: *Friday, 14th November 2025*

Cost: *\$10 per player (BBQ Lunch Included)*

*Invoice option available for payment*

**Deadline for entries: 7th November**

**3 Divisions - 9 Hole Competition**

Division 1: Regular Length Course

Division 2: Shortened Course

Division 3: 3 Person Team Ambrose (4-6 Holes)

**A DRAW will be emailed out Monday, 10th November**

Please complete and return entry form OR we also have the option to register players online.

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