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ISSUE 14

WHATS HAPPENING JULY

- **4th** - Last day of Term 2
- **5th** - **Teacher Only Day**
- **22nd** - First day of Term 3
- **29th** - Totara Springs kids to Piopio

AUGUST

- **12th** - Totara Springs kids to Piopio
- **26th** - Photolife School photos
-Totara Springs kids to Piopio

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

WEEK 10, TERM 2, 2024

Dear Rangitoto Whānau,

I wish all of our families a wonderful two-week break with your children. Next term will bring some changes to the school as follows:

Firstly, there will be an interim Principal filling in during Term 3 while the Board appoints a new Principal who will hopefully start in Term 4. I wish the Board all the best with the appointment process.

Additionally, I have received Liv Fairweather's resignation as she has taken up full-time employment at Otorohanga South School. She will continue to work in the Junior Room until August 9th. We will aim to appoint someone to her role as soon as possible.

Last week, we had two wonderful days of learning all about Matariki. Our students gained valuable insights into traditional Māori star stories during the education programme at the Te Awamutu Museum, followed by an informative visit to the Space Centre where they learned more about the stars. Eeling was the highlight of the sleepover! Thanks to the parents who supported the students during the eeling and organised the food. We all had full bellies throughout the day. The two days showcased what wonderful students we have at Rangitoto School as they helped each other out, did the dishes, cooked food, and tidied up when needed.



This week has also been action-packed. Thank you to the parents who came to the parent interviews to discuss your children. Our teachers work tirelessly to provide the best educational programmes and opportunities for your children. They enjoyed sharing your child's learning needs and progress with you.

On Tuesday, I was very humbled by the effort that staff and the Board of Trustees put into a very special leaving assembly for me. Every aspect was just perfect, and I was extremely grateful to those who made the time to attend. Thank you all so much.

Over the term, our students have worked hard on developing their science fair entries held at Aria School. We were very proud to receive the following awards:

Yr 7 & 8 section:

2nd - Vanna, Isla, and Alanna - Sugary Muffins;

3rd - Sam & Liam - Fatal Attraction

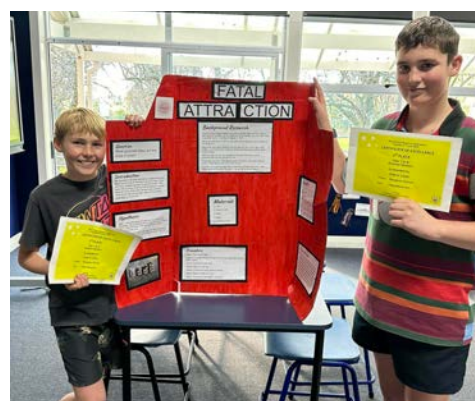
Yr 4-6 section:

2nd - Peata & Lily - Brush, Brush;

Highly Commended - Dallas & Sophia - Melting Ice

Yrs 1-3 section:

2nd - Junior Room - Seed to Stem



Well done to all our students! I am very proud to write this final newsletter with such outstanding results.

Don't forget that your child's attendance matters - days intentionally missed from school is lost learning and here at Rangitoto School we are striving to improve your child's all-round success.

Here are some strategies to improve punctuality:

- Establish bedtime routines like packing school bags and getting to bed earlier
- Set a time for turning off electronic devices
- Encourage children to establish a consistent routine for getting ready in the morning, including setting an alarm and having a set time to wake up and eat breakfast.
- Help children to pack their backpacks and prepare their gear the night before school, so they are not rushing around in the morning.
- Consider having a family meeting to discuss the importance of punctuality and ways that everyone can work together to ensure that everyone is on time for school and other activities.



At Rangitoto School we want your child to succeed, so help us by getting your child to school everyday.

Enjoy the holidays with your children and take good care of each other.

**Kind Regards,
Pip Were
Principal - Rangitoto School**

Sports News



Well done to the Junior B hockey team for coming 3rd this season.



Quick Sticks played their final game last night and won making them the winners of their grade.



Mrs Were's leaving speech

Tēnā koutou katoa,
Greetings to you all,

It is with a mix of emotions that I deliver my final farewell speech for my tenure at Rangitoto School today. As I prepare to leave my role as principal of this wonderful school, I reflect on the incredible journey we have shared.

Over the past four and a half years, I have had the privilege of working with a team of dedicated staff, hearty students, and supportive parents. Together, we have achieved so much. From the early days of Covid-19 lockdowns and online learning, to our whole-school professional development journey of the implementation of structured literacy, and most recently, the purchase of our new school van. My journey here at Rangitoto School has been filled with numerous milestones, thanks to the support and dedication of our staff and local community.

I want to extend a massive thanks to the current and past teachers and staff who have worked tirelessly to create a nurturing yet challenging learning environment for our students. Your dedication and passion have been the cornerstone of our success. My staff always work beyond their job descriptions because of their dedication and care for your children. I couldn't ask for a better team – I will miss you all very much.

To the students, you are the heart and soul of this big-hearted, rural school. Watching you grow, learn, progress, and achieve has been the most rewarding part of my job. My advice to you all is to keep challenging yourselves with your learning and asking questions to discover new information. Don't be afraid to make mistakes; they are stepping stones to learning and growth.

To the parents and community members, your support has been invaluable. Your involvement and commitment have made a significant difference in our school's accomplishments, especially through our fundraising efforts, which have helped to support things like our EOTC programme, our annual ski trip & the new senior playground. Thank you for entrusting our team with your children's education and for being our partners in this journey.

Personally, this role has been an incredible learning experience. I have grown as an educator, leader and as a person. The lessons learned and the relationships built will stay with me forever. On this personal note, I would also like to say a massive thank you to my family for their support behind the scenes. Brendan is always a great sounding board for advice, and although I sometimes wonder if he's actually listening, he obligingly mutes the TV to hear me out.

My children have also been a huge help with school and events, spending many long evenings and school holidays helping to make PowerPoint presentations, put books away, set up classrooms, laminate numerous things and carry things to and from the car, just to name a few tasks. Thank you for your patience, support and understanding, which have allowed me to fulfil my work responsibilities and encourage my career progression.

Finally, thank you to the past and present Rangitoto Board of Trustees. I have always felt supported in all aspects of my role through your trust in allowing me to get on and do my job. We have achieved a lot together as a board, from sports uniforms, a new lawnmower, fundraisers, property projects, and ensuring the school's finances, policies, and procedures are all running smoothly.

As I move on to the next chapter of my life, I am filled with hope and optimism for the future of this school. I am reassured by the strength of the team and the community that this transition will be smooth and the school will continue to thrive.

I leave with a heavy heart but also with immense pride in what we have achieved together. Thank you for the memories, the support, and the journey. I will always cherish my time here at Rangitoto School and look forward to hearing about the continued success of our school from afar.

Ngā Mihi,
Pip Were - Principal Rangitoto School

We're heading to
hamilton

11-13 July



SEASON 56
GRAND FINAL

7.30AM - 3PM, claudelands oval

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TE KUITI SQUASH CLUB



JUNIOR SQUASH 6 WEEK PROGRAMME

ENQUIRIES TO:

David Were 021 568 113

Email: david_were@hotmail.com

INFORMATION

Te Kuiti Squash Club are starting a Junior Programme that will be run every Friday for 6 weeks, starting Week 1 of Term 3.

Ages 7 and up can enquire.

Please make sure your tamariki/children have non-marking shoes, all other equipment will be supplied.

More information to be sent out on enquiry.

Limited spaces available.

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