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# WELCOME MISS BYRNE!



# PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora tatou

Welcome back to school and to our first newsletter of the year. We have had a lovely first week. Staff and students all seem refreshed and have settled back into routines from the first day. An extra big welcome to the wonderful Emily Byrne and Mikki Lord to the staff team for 2026 in their roles as junior room teachers. Congratulations to Clayton Hoyes and Daniel Lindsay our two new student leaders for the year. Miss Price and I were very pleased with how enthusiastic and responsible they were during our first student leadership day this week. Both boys came up with a range of tweaks and changes that could be made within the school, many of which we will be trialing over the next couple of weeks.

This year, twice-yearly progression monitoring in reading, writing and maths for Years 3 to 8 will be undertaken using the MoE designed SMART tool. SMART is designed to be a low-stakes, light-touch way to support consistent assessment. It will help give an indication of children's progress over time. It is not designed to replace teacher judgement and is just one triangulation point for reporting to parents. Teachers and schools will still continue to use their professional expertise and drawing on their work in classrooms, and through observations and assessments. Student assessments will be carried out in May and November for reporting to parents at the end of Terms 2 and 4 as usual.

Hopefully you all received the forms to update student details for the year. It is important that we get these back asap so we can update our records. Remember if any contact details change through the year please let us know so we know the best person to get in touch with in case of emergency. I hope you all had a chance to discuss with students in an age appropriate way the bus and ICT contracts that we ask students to sign to ensure they keep themselves and others safe as well as taking responsibility when using school devices.

Check out our calendar in this newsletter to see what's coming up. Make sure you mark on your calendar our swimming sports day - please note this is being held in the afternoon - and our Tryathlon. This year Bike Week will have a different event/activity each day for students and should be a lot of fun.

We plan to hold parent/teacher conferences at the beginning of March but teachers are happy to talk to you at any time of the year. Please do remember to make an appointment time if you wish to discuss something as often teachers have duties before and after school and may be unable to give you focused conversation at those times.

Nga mihi nui  
Heather Dallas  
Principal  
Rangitoto School  
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# Term 1 - 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 2</b> 16/2 - 20/2	<b>16th</b> Year 7 Immunisation Education Chat	<b>17th</b>	<b>18th</b> - Swimsafe - Mikki - Junior room	<b>19th</b>	<b>20th</b> Seniors - Mrs Dallas
<b>Week 3</b> 23/2 - 27/2	<b>23rd</b> BOT Meeting	<b>24th</b>	<b>25th</b> - Swimsafe - Mikki - Junior room	<b>26th</b> Swim at Te Kuiti Pool	<b>27th</b> Seniors - Mrs Dallas
<b>Week 4</b> 2/3 - 6/3	<b>2nd March</b>	<b>3rd</b> Swimming Sports	<b>4th</b> - Swimsafe - Year 7 Immunisations - Mikki - Junior room	<b>5th</b> PAL Cluster Day (Yr 5, 6, 7)	<b>6th</b> Seniors - Mrs Dallas
<b>Week 5</b> 9/3 - 13/3	<b>9th</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>11th</b> - Swimsafe - Mikki - Junior room	<b>12th</b>	<b>13th</b> Interschool Swimming
<b>Week 6</b> 16/3 - 20/3 BIKE WEEK	<b>16th</b> Bike Park - Te Kuiti	<b>17th</b> Swimsafe - Te Kuiti Pools	<b>18th</b> - School Tryathlon - Mikki - Junior room	<b>19th</b>	<b>20th</b> Seniors - Mrs Dallas
<b>Week 7</b> 23/3 - 27/3	<b>23rd</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>25th</b> Mikki - Junior room	<b>26th</b>	<b>27th</b> - Seniors - Mrs Dallas - Science Roadshow at Te Kuiti Highschool
<b>Week 8</b> 30/3 - 2/4	<b>30th</b>	<b>31st</b>	<b>1st April</b> - Youthtown Activities Day - Mikki - Junior room	<b>2nd</b> Last day of Term 1	

# WELCOME TO

# 2026

- **EMERGENCY INFO** - Last week a form was sent home with the current details we have on file for your child/ren. It is important we maintain up to date details in case of emergency. Please check these thoroughly, amend as necessary and return to the office.



- **STATIONERY** - This year, the stationery fee will be \$35 per student, covering all their stationery needs for the year. Invoices have been sent out and payment can be deposited directly into the school bank account (details below). Please use your child's name and stationery as the payment reference.



- **NAMED CLOTHING** - Please make sure you clearly name your child's clothing so that we can easily reunite lost property with the correct owner. Thank you.



- **WATER BOTTLES** - Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school with them.



- **CLOTHING** - The New Zealand sun can be harsh! Please make sure your child wears a tee shirt or dress that covers their shoulders. Thank you.



- **ABSENTEES** - Please advise the school as soon as possible if your child is going to be late or absent. You can either call 07 878 8460 and leave a message, email [office@rangi.school.nz](mailto:office@rangi.school.nz) or go on to the skoolloop app and follow the links to report an absence. Please give a reason for your child's absence so we can code it correctly as per Ministry of Education guidelines.



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# SENIOR ROOM NEWS

## Seniors 2026

### Welcome

Kia ora and welcome to the start of a new school year! I am very excited to be working with this wonderful group of learners and to begin what I know will be a positive, engaging, and busy year together.

Term 1 is all about settling back into school, strengthening routines, and building a strong sense of belonging within our classroom. We will be building on the relationships we already have in place, while also creating new connections and establishing clear expectations so students feel confident to try, learn, and grow.

On Fridays, Heather will be teaching in the senior room, where students will be working on Science, Social Sciences, and the Mathematics strand of Geometry. This will provide a great opportunity for learners to engage with these areas through a fresh perspective and focused teaching.

We will also be swimming daily, so please ensure your child brings their togs and a towel each day.

#### ÷ Mathematics

Our maths programme this term will focus on:

> Number > Basic facts > Geometry and measurement

Alongside this, we will spend time developing what it means to be a confident and capable maths learner.

Students will be encouraged to:

- >Work collaboratively and share their mathematical thinking
- >Use a range of problem-solving strategies
- >Explain their ideas and learn from others
- >Develop a growth mindset, understanding that mistakes are a valuable and expected part of learning maths

We will place a strong emphasis on mathematical thinking, reasoning, and perseverance, helping students build confidence and resilience when tackling new or challenging problems.

#### 🌐 Social Sciences

In Social Sciences, we will be exploring civics and society, with a focus on belonging, rights and responsibilities, and how we participate positively within our classroom, school, and wider community.

#### 🔬 Science

Our Science topic this term will focus on materials. Students will investigate the properties of different materials, how they are used, and why certain materials are chosen for particular purposes.

# SENIOR ROOM NEWS

## Writing - Recount Focus

This term, our writing focus will be recount writing. Students will learn how to clearly retell events in sequence, add detail, and reflect on their experiences. This will include personal recounts, shared class experiences, and structured writing tasks to build confidence and independence.

## Homework

Throughout the year, students will be exposed to **reading, writing, and maths homework intermittently**. Each week, homework will focus on **different learning areas** and will be sent out **every Wednesday**. Homework will be reviewed mid-term to ensure it remains manageable and effective, with adjustments made if needed.

## Reading

In reading, we will be focusing on the following strategies:

- >Predicting >Using prior knowledge
- >Questioning > Self-correcting

These skills help students become active, thoughtful readers who can monitor their understanding and make meaning from texts.

## Camp

We have camp coming up in early Term 2, so please keep an eye out for notices and updates as more information is shared. This is always an exciting and valuable experience for students.

Please feel free to pop in, call, or email at any time if you have questions, concerns, or would like to discuss your child's learning.

**email: [tui@rangi.school.nz](mailto:tui@rangi.school.nz)**

# JUNIOR ROOM

## NEWS

### Junior Room

# WELCOME



Learning programmes for term 1 2026

#### Settling in and classroom values

At the beginning of the year, our focus will be on helping students feel safe, confident, and settled. We will spend time learning classroom routines and expectations so that everyone feels supported and ready to learn.

Throughout the year, our learning will be guided by our classroom values of being curious, confident, caring, and creative.



#### Mathematics: Number

This term, our mathematics learning will focus on number and number structures. Year 1 students will be developing a strong understanding of numbers to 20. They will learn that each number has a unique name and numeral, explore how numbers are ordered, and build confidence with number patterns. Year 3 students will be extending their understanding of number by exploring how whole numbers from 0 to 1000 form a sequence.

#### Reading

Reading will be a key part of our daily programme. Students will focus on word recognition and decoding skills to support reading accuracy, fluency, and confidence. Readers will be sent home regularly so children can practise and share their reading at home. We will be using the "Ideal" platform for structured literacy.

#### Writing

In writing, we will be working on developing clear handwriting and strengthening spelling skills. Procedural writing will be a key focus this term.



#### Homework

Students will have a homework book that travels home each day in their reading book bag. Please check your child's bag nightly for reading and any assigned homework. Homework is designed to support learning that is happening in the classroom.

#### Camp (Year 3 only)

The year 3s will be joining the Seniors for camp early in Term 2. This will be a valuable educational experience that helps bring classroom learning to life. More information and notices will be sent home closer to the time.

# JUNIOR ROOM

## NEWS



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### CLASS DOJO UPDATE



Hello Junior Room families!

Miss Byrne here with an end-of-the-week update. It has been a lovely start to the year, with learners sharing great stories about fantastic summer holiday fun and exciting family adventures. In the spirit of sharing, the juniors and I would love to give you a glimpse of what they are working on daily in class.



You may recall Miss Reynolds using a program called ClassDojo as a positive behaviour tool. I am continuing with the program and also using the platform's features to provide daily updates to families. I will be updating ClassDojo periodically throughout the day with pictures of the class's learning, as well as updates on how students are progressing.



If you would like to opt in, all you need to do is accept the email invite that I will be sending out.

I feel privileged to be working with each of your students and look forward to showing you all the great work they produce this year.



### THANK YOU

Please reach out anytime



[emily@rangi.school.nz](mailto:emily@rangi.school.nz)

# 2026

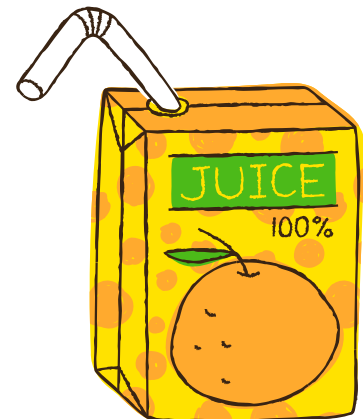
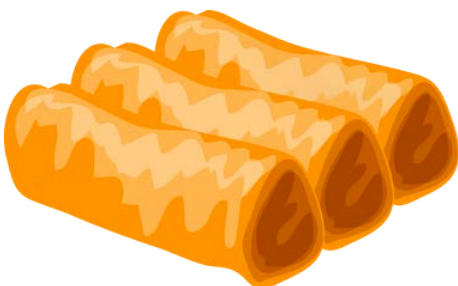
# STUDENT LEADERS

Rangitoto School are pleased to introduce you to our 2026 Student Leaders, Daniel Lindsay and Clayton Hoyes. Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> we held our own Rangitoto School Leadership programme. Both boys gave their input on a range of school activities and proposed changes. We also taught them basic skills around supporting/leading other students in activities. Afterwards, they were treated to a yummy Pizza Hutt lunch as a thank you 😊



## Friday Lunch Price List 2026

Mince and Cheese Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Macaroni and cheese	\$4.00
Hawaiian Pizza	\$3.00
Juicebox	\$2.00
Calciyum milk drink	\$2.00
Juicie (given after school)	\$2.00
Moosie (given after school)	\$2.00





# King Country Junior Hockey

## KING COUNTRY JUNIOR HOCKEY AGM

Wednesday 18th February 2026  
@6.00pm

at Stoked Eatery, Te Kuiti  
representative from each  
school is required to attend. All  
interested hockey volunteers are  
welcome, committee and  
coaching positions available

Please RSVP

[kcjhsecretary2019@gmail.com](mailto:kcyjsecretary2019@gmail.com)

Or Laura - 027 320 0522



The Senior room had  
an unexpected visitor  
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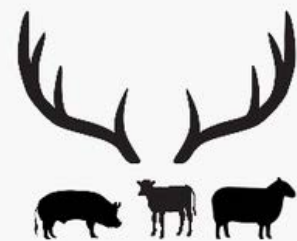


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