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RANGITOTO STAR



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Empowering learners to be **CONFIDENT, CARING, CURIOUS & CREATIVE**

Week 6 Term 2 2023

Kia ora Whanau,

This week, I began writing this school newsletter from the airport as I headed away to a Rural Principals conference in Queenstown. There were approximately 180 attendants from all over the country, who came together to listen to a number of keynote speakers and network with others. Did you know that there are 582 U 1 & 2 Principals in New Zealand? There are approximately 1900 Primary Schools in total, the smaller sized schools make up about one quarter of the schools nationally.

I really enjoyed listening to all of the speakers, as the conference was tailored to the issues and needs of rural and smaller schools. Overall, it was a very valuable experience and I have taken away a lot of new knowledge. Today, we will listen to The Minister of Education -Jan Tinetti who will inform us about the direction of education.

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?

The children have enjoyed listening to Harold and Abby from Life Education this week. The mobile classroom makes for a magical experience for the children. There have been many valuable life long lessons that they have learnt which includes:

- Year 7 & 8 students - Relationships & Sexuality Education
- Year 5 & 6 students - The me I want to be & Identity Reputation
- Year 1-4 students - Growing a Friend & Consent



The Waitomo Inter-Schools Swimming results have finally arrived - "Better late, than not at all". I am extremely proud of our team of swimmers that came away as overall places:

★ **Molly Ferris**

1st - Girls 10yr old 33 yard backstroke
3rd - Girls 10yr old 33 yard freestyle
1st - Girls 10 and under 66 yard backstroke

★ **Sam Were**

3rd - Boys 10yr old 66 yard freestyle
3rd - Boys 11 & under 33 yard breaststroke

★ **Liam Walker**

2nd - Boys 11yr old 66 yard freestyle

★ **Marley Rawles'**

3rd - Girls 100 yard freestyle

Congratulations everyone!



On Wednesday, we were unable to staff the school because of the paid union meeting. Ironically, as I was at an NZEI conference so I was unable to supervise our students. Here's hoping everything gets negotiated and we can resume our teaching and learning programmes as per usual.

Don't forget it is the King's Birthday on Monday and therefore Rangitoto School will be closed.

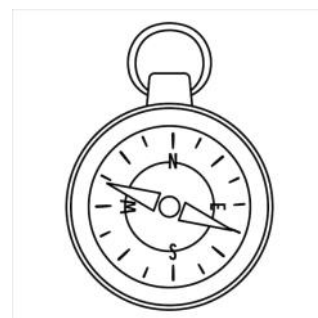
Next week, we have two students from Rangitoto School that are heading overseas to Japan for the Tatsumo Japanese cultural exchange. Please read Ruby Walker and Marley Rawles' writing in this letter for their take on the trip. I wish both girls the best time in Japan, I know it will be a life changing experience and I can't wait to hear all about it upon their return.

Finally, just a reminder that we will have our school orienteering event next Friday. We don't need any parental help at this event but you are very welcome to come and watch.

Have a super weekend everyone,

Kind Regards,

Pip Were



MARLEY AND RUBY'S JAPANESE EXCHANGE

Next week we are going to Japan for a cultural exchange trip along with six other children from different schools in the Waitomo district.

We had to apply to be considered for this amazing opportunity and are so grateful to have been selected. First we had to write a letter to Janis and Guy about why we should go. There were 21 kids that applied and only 12 were accepted to get an interview. In the interview they asked us questions about why they should pick us, whether we get travel sickness and if we get home sick.

We will be in Japan for about a week doing all sorts of educational activities, like going to a firefly festival, going to Disneyland in Tokyo, and a bunch of other cool adventures. For the first two nights, everyone will be staying with their host families in Tatsuno (which is the sister city to Te Kuiti).

On the second night, we will go to the firefly festival in Tatsuno town, which is an annual festival to celebrate their fireflies.

On the third day, we are going to be spending the whole day with our host families learning heaps of cultural and educational facts.

The next day we will be going to Tokyo. In Tokyo, we will be getting up to all sorts of fun and exciting things, including going to a teamlab light show, Disneyland, and going on bullet trains. Overall, everyone going is very grateful that they get to go, we are so excited to learn about the different cultures, and we will all bring back lots of really special memories and stories.

SCHOOL NOTICES....

NOTICES SENT HOME TODAY

- Scholastic Lucky Book Club - Orders due back 30th June
- Rangitoto School Orienteering notice
- Students attending Totara Sports Camp - Notice and forms to fill out and return by FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

SCHOOL PHOTOS....



SCHOOL NEWS....

THIS WEEKS CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all our award recipients this week!

Junior Room:

James Duder For trying his hardest in math.



Max O'Hearn For always trying his best with sounding out sounds.

Senior Room:

Zeva Cryer For displaying our school values.



Evan Lynch For being an enthusiastic class member during our Harold sessions.

UPCOMING EVENTS....

| JUNE | | | JUNE/JULY |
|----------|---------------------------------------|------|---------------------|
| 1st -2nd | Life Education | 20th | Seniors Zoo Trip |
| 5th | Kings Birthday Public Holiday- School | 26th | Parent Interviews |
| 9th | Rangitoto Orienteering | 28th | Aria Science Fair |
| 12th | BOT Meeting 6pm | 30th | Last Day of Term 2 |
| 15th | Aria Inter School Orienteering | 17th | First Day of Term 3 |

RANGITOTO SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023

TERM 1

Tuesday 7th February
to
Thursday 6th April

TERM 2

Wednesday 26th April
to
Friday 30th June

TERM 3

Monday 17th July
to
Friday 22nd September

TERM 4

Monday 9th October
to
Wednesday 20th December

USEFUL LINKS AND INFO

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COMMUNITY NOTICES.....

EDVENTURE
 HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME



Edventure Young Explorers Camp
 (8-13 year olds)
 Mon 10th - Thu 13th July
 2nd week of the holidays
 \$425

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, rock climbing, fire building and cooking, hut building, tenting (optional), orienteering, team building and confidence activities, & night activities. Located at the base of the Kaimai Ranges at Aongatete Lodge- near Katikati, BOP.

Bus Pick-up from Hamilton, Tauranga or Venue drop-off.
 Day & Over-night options available.

For more information:
 Todd Burton
 todd@edventure.co.nz
 0275349949



Click: Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page

Everyone is welcome to go along and watch the 4x4 champs this weekend at the Templeton's. Some of the top trucks will be competing.

9am start.

SOUTH WAIKATO 4WD

3rd & 4th June 2023



751 Ahoroa Road, Rangitoto, Te kuiti

Templeton Family Farm

Peg out Hazards Saturday Afternoon

Shared Dinner - Meat Supplied

Camping & some Accommodation

Sunday Club Day

\$30 per Entry - 9 am Start

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*** RUNS THROUGH TO END OF TERM 3**

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LOG SPLITTER FOR HIRE

Our school is lucky to have access to a log splitter which we can hire out to our community members for \$50 per day. This is a fundraiser for our school. If you would like to enquire or hire, please contact the school office.

Thank you to Murray and Heather Templeton for the use of their log splitter!



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