

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2025 / TERM 4 WEEK 1

Give it a Go, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teamwork

TERM 4 DATES

OCTOBER

Wedn 15	SHAKE OUT DAY "Save Our Teddy"
Friday 17	FLOWER SHOW
Mon 20	BOT meeting at 5.15 pm
Thurs 23	Strike Day
Friday 24	Hawkes Bay Anniversary
Mon 27	Labour Day
Wedn 29	RANGITOTO lamb & calf day

NOVEMBER

Wedn 5	Guy Fawkes Night
Mon 10	PALS in Dannevirke
Mon 17	BOT meeting at 5.15 pm
Wedn 19	Interschool Athletics
Wedn 26	Interschool Athletics pp

DECEMBER

Mon 1	Forbes & Tippet relay
Thurs 4	DHS Open Day
Tues 16	School Prizegiving
Wedn 17	School closes at noon

Welcome back to Term 4.

The students have come back to school settled and ready to learn, and we have had a great start to our term.

Thank you to those families who are getting **family portraits** taken on Sunday. We still have some spaces available. This is a fundraiser for the school gardens so, if you would like a family portrait, please let the school know asap.

Thursday the 23rd October is a **Strike Day** for all NZEI members. Our school will be open for **supervision only**, with limited staff on site. This rolls into Hawkes Bay Anniversary on the Friday and Labour Day on Monday, so it is a long weekend for families.

Due to only six children having pets for our *pet day*, we have decided to not go ahead with this. Please consider this for next year as it is a long standing tradition and it would be a shame to lose this. Our students with lambs and calves are welcome to enter **Rangitoto Day** and forms are attached for this.

Next week we have three events happening. On Wednesday, as a school we are learning how to '**Save our Teddy**' with Hato Hone St. John. Information for this is attached. We have decided with the **National Shake Out Earthquake** Drill on Thursday that we will do this on Wednesday 15th.

On Friday we have the annual **Flower Show**. Please send flowers to school on Thursday so we can make our creations at school. Any flowers will do, as we need enough for the whole school.

Hats are compulsory from next week. A dark blue bucket hat is our uniform.

Our newsletter is slightly different today as due to a power cut earlier, we have a few clinches in our computer system.

Angela McQuarrie, Principal

CAUGHT BEING GOOD CARDS

EXCELLENCE / ATTITUDE—**Legacy** - for taking the initiative to sort the Erik house team—
this week's book award

TEAMWORK — **Elijah** —Sharing his felt pens with everyone in Kahikatea

RESPECT / ATTITUDE — **Sienna** - for working consistently and listening better to instructions

RESPECT / ATTITUDE — **Ngākita**— for sitting up attentively when listening to instructions



On a GREAT Learning Adventure

RANGITOTO BOYS AND GIRLS AGRICULTURAL CLUB 1951-2025

VENUE: Takapau Primary School
DATE: Wednesday 29th October 2025 - postponement date Thursday 30th October 2025
CHECK IN TIME: 9:00 a.m.
STARTING TIME: 9:30 a.m.
ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per competitor
LUNCH: Sausages and drinks for sale
ELIGIBILITY: Entries are open to children who attend Takapau, Norsewood & Districts and Sherwood Schools including children who are home schooled in these areas.

Your entry needs to be in (to your respective school) by **Wednesday 22nd October** at the latest. Postponement will be announced over the Radio Station Central FM or found on the Rangitoto Agricultural Club Facebook page.

This year's event will be run along similar lines as previous years. Age sections are decided depending on entry numbers and are at the committee's discretion.

All competitors are requested to wear a name tag bearing: Name, Pet's Name, School and Category. These will be supplied by the club on the day.

Any queries to Judith Lyons - 027 7643277 or Takapau School 06 8558181

Please take time to remember the aims of the club:

To foster the love of animals; to teach sound rearing practices; to encourage interest in the land; to provide a further link between home and school; to encourage child effort, to promote student responsibility.

RANGITOTO DAY 2025 - ENTRY FORM

Competitors Name	School	Age	Pet's Name	Category

The Categories are:

Lamb – (Meat) e.g Suffolk, South Suffolk, Texel, Southdown, etc

Lamb – (Wool) e.g . Romney, Perendale, Coopworth, Fin X, etc.

Calves: Heifer - Jersey, Heifer - Friesian, Heifer - Ayreshire, Heifer - Crossbred, Beef (Heifer or Bull), Dairy Bull

Kid Goats

Lambs, Calves and Kid Goats must be born after 25th July

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: - _____

TELEPHONE: - _____ CELL: - _____

CASH WITH ENTRIES PLEASE OR DIRECT CREDIT 06-0613-0052583-00 (ref:surname)

REVISED RULES 1998

1. The competition is open to any child attending primary school in the Club's district.
2. A levy of \$5 per competitor will be made. No levy for preschool children.
3. A competitor may rear more than one animal but can only enter one animal on the day.
4. The animal is to be hand fed and to be handled by the competitor only, except in the case of illness, when another member of the family may attend to it. Illness for the purpose of this competition means the child is too sick to attend school.
5. The animal may be hand fed on any food the competitor desires.
6. All entries for lambs and calves must be born after 25th July of this year.
7. Each School will appoint a Supervisor for its area to represent their school on the day and at the Annual General Meeting.
8. Animals parading for judging must not wear ribbons.

CALF REARING PROJECT

1. All Calves will be judged for 'Care and Attention' and 'Leading'. Calves will also be judged for Dairy Type (Friesian, Jersey, Crossbred, Ayrshire) or Beef type.
2. Any school may if so desired, enter more than one group of three in the school judging section.
3. All animals to be presented in natural condition. Calves may be washed but are not to be clipped or trimmed.
4. There is a pre-school section where younger children are able to parade their own animal or a sibling's animal.

LAMB REARING PROJECT

1. The lamb maybe either ewe, whether, or ram and may come from a registered flock.
2. All lambs will be judged for 'Care and Attention', 'Leading', 'Call and Catch'. Lambs will also be judged for type (Meat or Wool).
3. Any school may enter more than one group of three in the school judging section.
4. Lambs are not to be washed or brushed and are to be brought forward in natural condition, dagged not crutched.
5. There is a pre-school section where younger children are able to parade their own animal or a sibling's animal.