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WHATS HAPPENING

NOVEMBER

- 14th - Senior visit to Maniapoto festival
- 17th - BoT meeting
- 17th - N4L update - NO INTERNET AT SCHOOL ON THIS DAY
- 19th - Vision and hearing checks
- 21st - Interschool Athletics

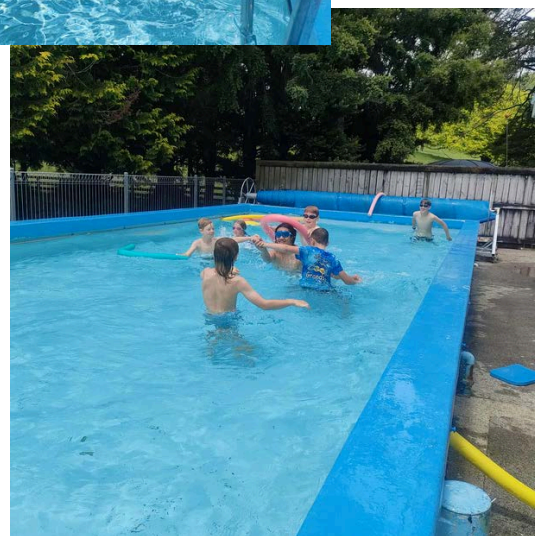
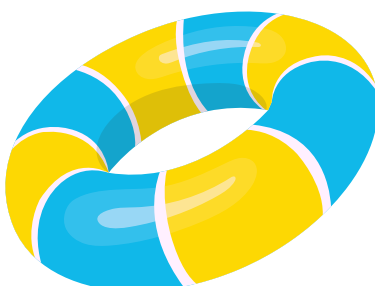
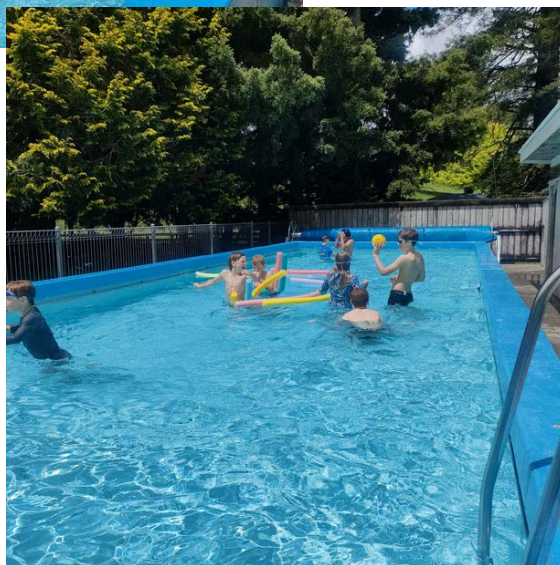
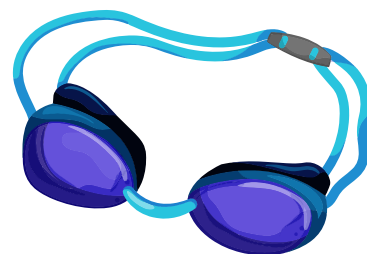
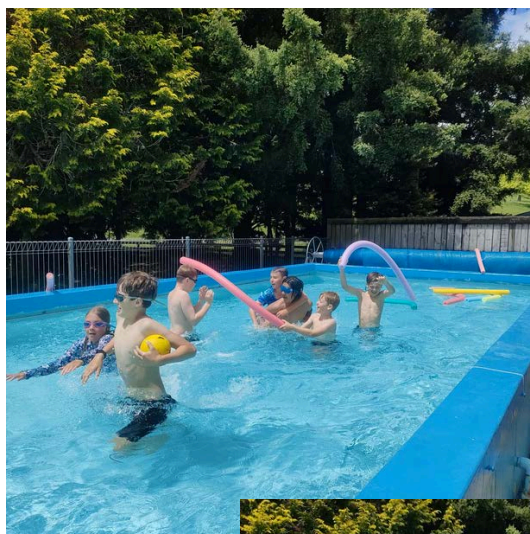
DECEMBER

- 3rd - 5th - Senior Camp
- 15th - Prizegiving
- 16th - Christmas Party
- 17th - Last day of school

FEBRUARY

- 5th - Teacher only day
- 9th - First day of school

THE POOL IS OPEN!



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou

Students have been loving having the pool open for the summer. A big thanks to Mark Hoyes for a great job getting the pool ready for swimming and to Andy Southam (in the school house) who will be doing daily testing and care for the pool over the season. A reminder to please name clothes as we already have a HUGE pile of 'lost' clothing from the start of term and it is so easy to return items to students if they are clearly named. We will be swimming most days from now on. Please contact Tammy if you wish to order a pool key for the summer.

Our new library area is now open for business and the adjoining storage area should be also completed before the end of term. I've added a lovely assortment of new books to the shelves that were chosen by students last term. This will be a lovely new space in the school for students to enjoy and for teachers and visitors to the school to meet in.

Students and teachers are well into end of year assessments now and will be continuing these over the next week or so. Reports will likely be sent home around the 12th December.

Thanks again to those who contributed their thoughts to the School Community and the Health Curriculum surveys. These will be shared with the BoT on Monday and we will discuss the comments and suggestions made. Better communication is one focus for improvement that I have already taken on board and as a whole staff, we will look closely at how we can improve in this area.

The Waitomo District Christmas Parade will be held on Friday 12th December at 6pm with the theme of Christmas Movies and we would love to enter a Rangitoto School float. Please let me know if you would like to be involved (eg have a vehicle to use, could help with decorating, have a good Christmas Movie idea, etc) so we can put our heads together and start planning as I know this next month will fly past.

This week I have staffing news to share with you all. Sadly, due to family reasons, our wonderful junior class teacher, Stacey Reynolds, is leaving us at the end of this term. Stacey is not only an amazing teacher but is also a hardworking, collaborative member of staff so she will be definitely missed by us all. Her role is being advertised today and we already have one very suitable person eager to apply so we hope we can confirm a new appointment within the next 3-4 weeks. We are also advertising for a new part time Learning Support Coordinator role being funded by the MoE next year. I will let you know more as soon as appointments are made.

Nga mihi nui
Heather Dallas
Principal
Rangitoto School



This Weeks certificates



JUNIOR ROOM

BILLY BROWN

Welcome to Rangitoto!

OSIAN OLIVER

for working hard on your writing.

LUCA SCOTT

for great work with your reading.

SENIOR ROOM

RAIN TIANGSON

for outstanding effort and contribution to Mau Rakau
practise.

CLAYTON HOYES

for persevering through challenging reading activities and
working through the tasks efficiently.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

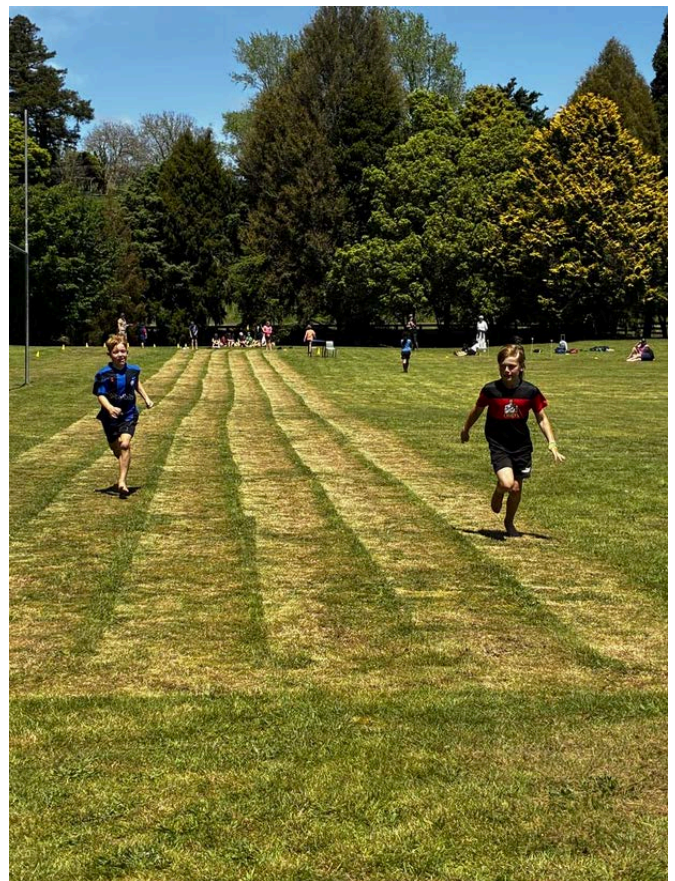
BILLY BROWN

for being so helpful in the classroom and having a great
week.

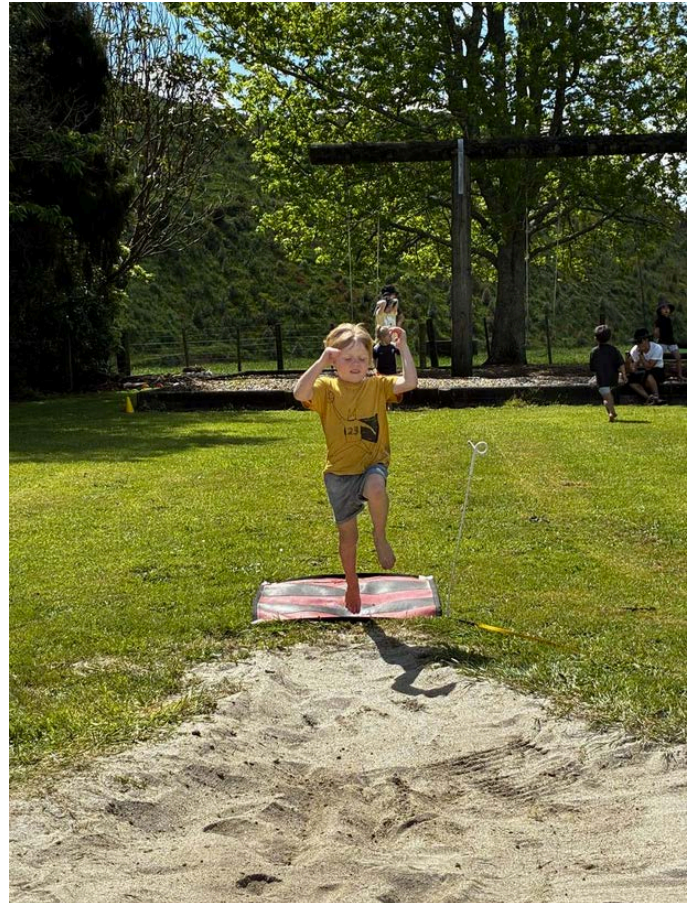
CLAYTON HOYES

for showing great initiative and passion setting up the
garden club.

Athletics day fun!



Athletics day fun!



Athletics day fun!



Congratulations to these students who have been chosen to represent Rangitoto School at Interschool Athletics on the 21st November!

Oscar Duder
Clayton Hoyes
Lucy Duder

Rain Tiangson
Isaac Hoyes
Carter Scott

RANGATAHI PATHWAYS WORKSHOPS

Rangatahi Pathways is a Waitomo District Council initiative with facilitators who have been working with a variety of community groups including schools to support local students to overcome barriers to employment, training, and education. They will be running two short workshops here at school with our senior class. The classes will take place on the 18th and 26th November and will focus on resilience.

KIDS RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

BUILD RESILIENCE TOGETHER

18th & 26th November
1.30 - 2.30pm

We cover:

- How to bounce back.
- Personalised coping strategies.
- Positive reframing.

Fun activities to strengthen children's resilience skills

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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.

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MOUNTAIN BIKE SERIES

Spring Cup XCO 2025

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



9th
November



16th
November



23rd
November



7th
December

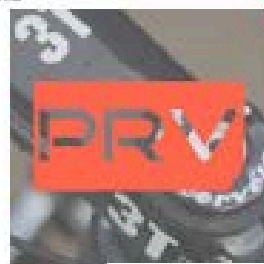


14th
December

Enter 1 Race Or Enter All 5!

KOM, Leader Jerseys, Spot Prizes & NZ National
MTB Entries Up For Grabs.

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registration below or use the
QR code provided:

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