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WHATS HAPPENING

DECEMBER

- 3rd - 5th - Senior Camp
- 12th - Santa Parade
- 15th - Prizegiving
- 16th - Christmas Party
- 17th - Last day of school

FEBRUARY

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



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora katou

Our second to last newsletter of the year with lots to still fit in at school before the year's end!

I was very proud to accompany Rangitoto School students to Interschool Athletics last Friday. They represented our school so well, not just in their accomplishments on the day but their behaviour and positive attitudes were also commented on by people I spoke to. Well done to you all.

Next week I am looking forward to going on camp with the Year 5-8 students. A big thanks to Tui Price for all her hard work on sorting out camp activities and paperwork. It is her first time organising a camp and a lot of mahi has been going on to make sure all goes smoothly. Any feedback will be taken on board for next time.

We hope to be able to appoint our new 2026 junior room teacher at the start of next week, plus the additional staffing role of Learning Support Coordinator who will work with our students who need extra help. As soon as they are confirmed we will let you know more about staffing changes for next year.

The Christmas Parade is coming up in 2 weeks and we have registered a school float. Floats have been asked to follow the theme of Christmas movies. We have chosen The Nutcracker (there are several movies based on this story) which allows students to dress up in a variety of outfits requiring minimal expense and hopefully will be different to other floats. Please take a look at the notice later in the newsletter for a list of characters. The parade starts at 6pm and goes for about an hour but we will be finishing decorating the float (all helping hands welcome!) from about 4pm in Te Kuiti. We will confirm the place closer to the day. All students joining us will need to be on the float by 5pm as we need to be in the assembly area ready for judging before 5.30pm. A reminder notice with these details will be sent home at the start of that week.

Details about Prizegiving being held on Monday evening 15th December will be coming out next week with invitations being sent home on this coming Monday so keep an eye out for them. Staff are enjoying planning activities for the student Christmas Party being held on Tuesday 16th December at the school - that promises to be such a fun day to finish off the year. Our last official day is Wednesday 17th with staff using that day to clean up and pack up ready for the holidays.

Nga mihi nui

Heather Dallas

Principal

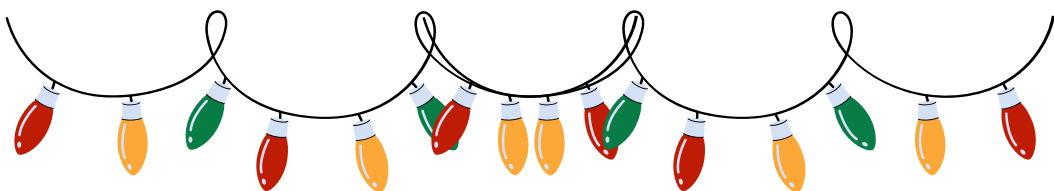
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SANTA PARADE!

Christmas Parade Float Theme If students wish to dress up please look at the following ideas or use Google for other ideas.

The Nutcracker Characters	Costume ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clara (or Marie): The little girl who receives the Nutcracker doll as a Christmas gift.	Pretty dress. Hair tied up with a ribbon.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Nutcracker: A doll that comes to life and the prince of the toy kingdom. He is the one who battles the Mouse King.	Nutcracker mask (being made at school).
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Uncle Drosselmeyer: The magical toymaker and Clara's godfather who provides the Nutcracker and other enchanted gifts.	Cape and eye patch
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Sugarplum Fairy: The queen of the Land of Sweets, who hosts a celebration for Clara.	Tutu or fairy dress
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Mouse King: The mischievous and often evil leader of the mice, who fights against the Nutcracker and his soldiers.	Mouse masks (being made at school) and a tail. Brown or grey clothing



SENIOR ROOM NEWS

— WELCOME —



Reading

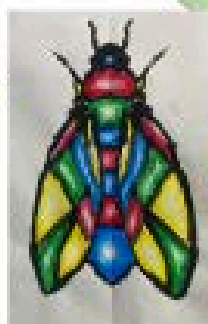
Students have been reading their *School Journals* in class and completing learning contracts to deepen their understanding. Recently, they have also been creating blog posts and news stories to share their learning in an engaging, interactive way. This change of pace has been well received, and students have enjoyed producing creative and fun pieces that showcase their understanding. As a class, we are currently reading *The Last Bear*, which the students are thoroughly enjoying.

Writing

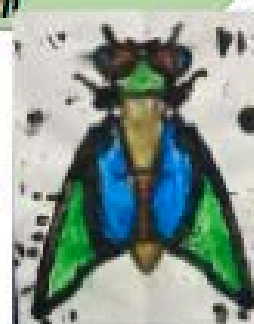
This term, students have been learning how to write reports and explanations. They planned, edited, and published two reports—one on a New Zealand animal linked to our Wild NZ topic, and another on an animal of their choice. Following this, we explored the lifecycles of different animals and examined the key features of an explanation, including the use of scientific vocabulary, accurate punctuation, subheadings, and varied sentence types. The senior class have shown an impressive level of effort and skill, producing some excellent writing this term.



Lifecycle



Lifecycle



Maths

We have been using *Banger* to introduce students to key financial literacy skills. Through the platform, students are paid for their classroom jobs, can track their earnings and spending (in class), and explore interactive modules that teach important concepts such as income, expenses, careers, lending, and savings. Alongside this, students have also been practising their multiplication facts as part of our maths rotations, strengthening both their numeracy and real-world money management skills.



This Weeks certificates



JUNIOR ROOM

KAIAN MONK

Welcome to Rangitoto!

HOLLY DUDER

for fantastic achievement in Maths!

FRITZY CABRERA

for awesome effort in writing!

SENIOR ROOM

LILY TEMPLETON

for her perseverance and effective use of specific
vocabulary in her writing.

OSCAR DUDER

for utilising a wide range of language features to create a
well-crafted piece of writing.



This Weeks certificates



PRINCIPALS AWARDS

ALBY HOYES

for listening well in class, always participating,
trying his best and tidying up!

FERGUS DUDER

for quick thinking and quick actions to help a
classmate in a tricky situation.

ISAAC HOYES

for a huge effort at Interschool Athletics, always
trying hard and being a wonderful friend.

DANIEL LINDSAY

for a wonderful effort helping out at Interschool
Athletics and a positive attitude all day!

Interschool Athletics day

Congratulations to all students who represented Rangitoto School at the recent Interschool Athletics Day held at Te Kuiti Primary.

The following students achieved placings on the day:

Isaac Hoyes - 2nd - Junior Boys Shot put
2nd - Junior Boys 100m sprint
2nd - Junior Boys 400m

FIRST EQUAL JUNIOR BOYS ATHLETIC CHAMPION

Rain Tiangson - 3rd - Senior Boys high jump
3rd - Senior Boys 100m

Oscar Duder - 2nd - Senior Boys Long jump



Interschool Athletics day



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