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RANGITOTO STAR



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Empowering learners to be CONFIDENT, CARING, CURIOUS & CREATIVE

Week 8 Term 4 2023

Kia ora Rangitoto Whanau,

Time seems to be sprinting, and here we are, already on Friday the 1st of December. The weather has treated us to a medley of rain, wind, and sunshine, often all in one day!

End-of-Year Assembly:

Preparations are underway for our end-of-year assembly at Rangitoto School, scheduled for the 14th of December at 6 pm. Mark your calendars and join us for the assembly, followed by a delicious shared dinner. The Year 8 students are crafting their leavers speeches, eagerly anticipating the chance to share their educational journey at Rangitoto School during the end-of-year prizegiving assembly.

Exciting News - New Sound System:

The Board of Trustees has recently acquired a state-of-the-art sound system for our school. This versatile addition will enhance various events, from assemblies and productions to pet day and classroom activities. This marks a significant step forward in incorporating technology seamlessly into our school environment.

Inter-school Athletics Update:

Regrettably, the inter-school athletics event, initially postponed, has been canceled. The next inter-school event will be swimming sports which will be held in March.

Centennial Park Sports Grounds Meeting:

Next Thursday, a public meeting at the Maniapoto Netball court club rooms invites your input on the use of Centennial Park Sports grounds. Drop by between 4-6 pm to share your thoughts and ideas.

Expanding Support for Literacy:

This year, we secured additional teacher hours for 'early literacy support.' This intervention program, focusing on reading, aims to elevate the reading achievement of junior students. Currently, we are in the process of selecting a dedicated teacher for this role.

Exploring Rural Life:

Our school's theme for this term is 'rural.' On Monday, we're off to Lynch's farm to delve into the world of dairy farming. Gumboots or suitable footwear are recommended for this interactive excursion.



Upcoming Camps & Trips:

- Year 3 & 4 students are gearing up for an exciting camp in Kawhia from the 11th to the 13th of December. Activities include fishing, a visit to hot water beach, and an exploration of the unique landscape around Kawhia, just to name a few.
- The rest of the Junior class will join the Year 3 & 4 students on their final day of camp at The Waitomo Caves. The children will head through the glowworm caves and then have an educational experience at the museum. What a great way to finish off the term.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!

**Kind Regards,
Pip Were**

SCHOOL NEWS.....

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday Isla.
We hope you have had a great day.



UPCOMING EVENTS....

	DECEMBER		DECEMBER
4th	Farm visit - Lynch's Farm	18th	School trip to the town pools
8th	Christmas Parade	19th	School Christmas party
11-13th	Junior Camp -Te Kauri Lodge	20th	Last day of school
13th	Junior Room trip to caves		
14th	Reports home/Prizegiving 6pm		



USEFUL LINKS AND INFO

School Bank Account Details: Rangitoto School Board of Trustees | 02-0448-0029581-000
Rangitoto School Policies: www.schooldocs.co.nz | Username: rangi | Password: rural

SCHOOL NOTICES.....

CHRISTMAS PARADE

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to Ranae Duder and her team of helpers that have been busy working away on our school Christmas Float. If you would like your child/ren to participate in the float parade please make sure they are dressed in Christmas PJ's or festive clothing. NO SANTA costumes. Ranae will send a message through the Parent Chat closer to the time advising of further information



SPORTS TOPS

Sports tops are required to be returned to the office before the end of term please.

WINE FUNDRAISER

The wine order has now been placed. Thank you to those that supported the school by ordering a bottle or two.



LIBRARY BOOKS



It is that time of year when we ask for all library books and any other home reading books be returned. This is the last week of Library books going home.

PRIZEGIVING

Our school prizegiving will be held on Thursday 14th December at 6PM. Can all trophies please be returned to the office ASAP.

PRODUCTION USB

Thank you to those families that ordered a copy of our production. If you have ordered a copy please make the \$20 payment with production as the reference to:

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Once payment has been received the USB will be sent home. Thank you to those that have already paid.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Thank you to the families who have taken the time to respond to the survey. The board will be following up with those families who have not yet submitted their feedback, as it is important that everyone has the opportunity to contribute their input. Your participation is highly valued and we appreciate your co operation.

RANGITOTO SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024

TERM 1

Wednesday 7th February
to
Friday 12th April

TERM 2

Monday 29th April
to
Friday 5th July

TERM 3

Monday 22nd July
to
Friday 27th September

TERM 4

Monday 14th October
to
Friday 20th December

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