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ISSUE 7

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

The end of the term is upon us and as daylight saving ended last weekend, it was lovely to have an extra hour of time on Sunday. This week, the evenings are darker earlier, feeling like winter is just around the corner.

Today is the last day of term one and now your children will head into two weeks of school holidays. As I write this newsletter I have reflected back on the term and all of the incredible learning opportunities that your children have taken part in.

Here is a bit of a run down of what we've done:

- Learning through our tailored reading, spelling, writing and math programmes,
- Learning about the 'Under the Sea' topic studies,
- Our school headed to Raglan to MetOcean to learn about different aspects of sea life, ocean depths and tidal systems.
- School Swimming programme, Rangitoto Swimming Sports and Inter-Schools Swimming,
- Bike Week, BMX track, School Triathlon,
- Trail Ride Fundraiser,
- 4WD fundraiser,
- PB4L training,
- GRIP leadership day,
- Enviros school liaison visit,
- Visit to the Te Kuiti Shears to learn about jobs in the shearing industry.
- ANZAC Day learning activities

So after digesting all of the incredible learning opportunities I would like to send a massive **THANK YOU** to our team of educators and office staff who work tirelessly for the benefit of our students, committed to creating the best possible learning programmes and experiences.

### **THANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOU**

I would like to once again thank staff, our parent community and sponsors for the incredible support that has been given to Rangitoto School during the fundraisers this term. I very proudly report that we have made \$10K from the Trail Ride and 4WD dinner fundraisers. This is a substantial amount of money that is now tagged to buying a school van.

## THE SHEARS:

Last week, our school headed to the iconic New Zealand Shearing Championships at the Les Munro Centre. Our students enjoyed watching the shearers carefully clipping the wool off the sheep, whilst the wool handlers were being judged for their fast paced wool classification. Our school was very lucky to have Craig Fagan come and talk to the children about his career as a shearer and now spends some of his time educating young shearers. His daughter Sonja Fagan, who is an up and coming wool handling champion also spoke to the school about her job and the excitement of being able to work around the world doing what she loves. A massive thank you to Sarah Fagan for organising this super trip for our students.



## CAMPS:

Next term our Yr 3-8 students are headed off to Waitawheta Camp in Waihi. Due to our small numbers, we are including the Yr 3 & 4 students who will have a two night stay, with the Yr 5-8 students staying on for a further two days. Miss Coleman has planned a number of activities for the students to participate in over the week, a few of these activities include:

- Karangahaka Gorge Walk,
- Discovery Centre and Oceania Education Centre,
- Waihi Museum,
- Fishing, Kayaking and Beach time,
- Goldfields railway ride.

CAMP

The camp will be a memorable experience for students to grow and develop their independence.

## TOTARA SPRINGS SPORTS CAMP -YR 7 & 8 - OPTIONAL CAMP:

I am thrilled to share with you that we will be joining forces with Piopio College to attend Totara Springs Sports Camp at the end of Term 3. This camp promises to be an action-packed week filled with approximately 40 different sports to compete in. I am looking forward to our intermediate students creating bonds and friendships with the students from Piopio College. It will be a super week of SPORTS!

## INTERSCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY FUNDRAISER:

Each year Rangitoto School hosts the Waitomo Schools Inter-Schools Cross-Country Running Event for Yr 3-8 students. We invite all of the long distance runners from each school to compete at our event held on the Lynch's and Hahn's farms. There are approximately 150 runners that compete for the top spot in their category.

During this event we sell a number of food items to raise money for the school. A letter was emailed out earlier this week to ask for helpers as we need ALL HANDS ON DECK! Further communication for this event will be sent out early next term.

### ANZAC DAY SERVICE:

During the school holidays there will be an ANZAC service on Thursday the 25th of April in Te Kuiti. A number of our students have indicated that they will be attending this service and have been given tracksuits to wear.



### WINTER SPORTS:

As you are all aware that winter sports will start next term. Please make sure your child has all necessary equipment and uniform needed to play their sports. Refer to the winter sports pamphlet sent home earlier in the term. Sports tops have been sent home this week for those needing them. Please inform the office of any changes to your child's travel arrangements due to sports practices and games. We are required to notify the bus company of any changes. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### WELCOME TO LIV FAIRWEATHER:

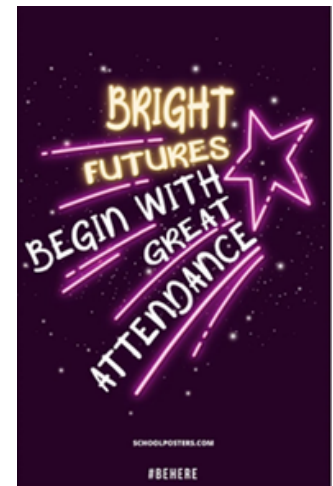
I am delighted to welcome Liv Fairweather to our school teaching staff. Liv has come from Tauranga and has moved here to be with her partner. She has experience in early childhood and has just resigned from her position at Mt Maunganui Intermediate School. Liv will be working half the week (alternating Wednesdays and every Thursday & Friday) in the Junior class alongside Stacey Reynolds. I know that our parent community will welcome Liv into our school with warmth and kindness.

I would like to thank Sarah Fagan, Monique Needham and Stacey Reynolds for taking on the extra days during term one and creating the best learning environment and opportunities for the junior class.

### ATTENDANCE:

Over the coming newsletters we will be highlighting the importance of attendance. We want to focus on all of our tamariki attending all of the time (with a few exceptions). This is so that they can get the most out of their school experience and be the best that they can be.

It's important to make sure your tamariki are showing up to school every day. Good attendance is the key to success and a brighter future. It's everyone's responsibility to encourage positive attendance.



### TERM TWO:

Next term is a very busy term, please check out our calendar in this newsletter for dates - be sure to pop these in your diary.

Have a great two week break with your children and we look forward to the exciting engaging in the learning opportunities on offer during term 2!

**Kind Regards**

**Pip Were**

**Principal Rangitoto School.**

# WHATS HAPPENING

## APRIL

- **12th** - Last day of Term 1
- **25th** - ANZAC Day
- **29th** - First day Term 2



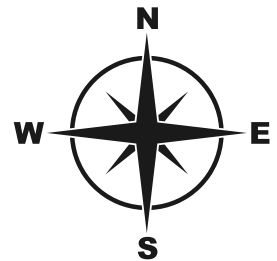
## MAY

- **1st** - Yr 7&8 PB4L @ Waikato Uni
- **4th** - Electrical Safety Programme
- **13th** - Rangitoto School cross country 1-3pm
- BOT meeting 6pm
- **17th** - Interschool cross country @ Rangitoto
- **28th May-1st June**  
Camp @ Waihi



## JUNE

- **1st** - Return from camp
- **3rd** - Kings Birthday - School closed
- **6th** - Rangitoto Orienteering
- **7th-10th** - Life Education
- **13th** - Visit from Max Brown - Olympic Ambassador
- **14th** - Aria Interschool Orienteering
- **26th** - Whole school Matariki sleepover
- **27th** - Matariki activities
- **28th** - Matariki - School closed



## JULY

- **1st** - Parent interviews
- **3rd** - Science Fair @ Aria
- **5th** - Last day Term 2





# THIS WEEKS CERTIFICATES



## PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Lucy Duder

For always being a Rangitoto School super star, by demonstrating our school values in all aspects of school life.

Wolf Walters

For having a super attitude towards school, especially challenging learning tasks.



## JUNIOR ROOM

Mason Williamson

For writing sentences on his own.

Levi Williamson

For working hard to learn his letter sounds.

Harleigh Whitehead

For working hard on her writing.



## SENIOR ROOM

Peata Fagan

For her outstanding effort in writing.

James Lynch

For taking ownership of his learning and asking for help when needed.

*Happy  
Birthday!*



A big happy birthday to Mason  
who all celebrated his birthdays this week.  
We hope you all had a great day!!


# SCHOOL SNAPS



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