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RANGITOTO STAR



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Empowering learners to be **CONFIDENT, CARING, CURIOUS & CREATIVE**

Week 4 Term 4 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's been an eventful week of learning here at Rangitoto School, and I'm delighted to bring you the latest updates.

On Tuesday, both our staff and students embraced the spirit of Halloween by getting into creative and festive costumes. The afternoon was filled with laughter and camaraderie as everyone participated in a series of entertaining team games. From classic favourites like musical chairs to more unique challenges such as "pin the spider on the web," "eyeball" (involving ping pong balls), and the ever-thrilling spoon race, our students displayed remarkable enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The resounding cheers and support for one another were truly heartwarming. The event featured an array of delightful treats, including "blood" (red jelly), "slime" (green jelly), "eyeballs" (lollies), and "snakes" (lollies). Personally, I found great joy in witnessing the children's creativity as they paraded their costumes and painted their faces.

Next week, we have the pleasure of welcoming the Whitehead family to our school community. Rachel and Wayne have relocated to Te Kuiti to be closer to their work at Graymont. Pharrah, a Year 6 student, will join our senior class, while Aryelle (Year 4), Harleigh (Year 2), and Hunter (Year 0) will become part of the Junior room. Their educational journey at Rangitoto School begins on Monday, and I encourage all of you to extend a warm welcome and introduce yourselves, embracing them into our school community in true Rangitoto style.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, when our students will showcase their athletic prowess during our school athletics competition, starting at 10 am and concluding after lunch with the thrilling sprint races. They will put their skills to the test in running, jumping, and throwing, honed through our whole-school athletics programme. Please ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed and ready for a day of active participation. Don't forget to pack a substantial lunch and a water bottle to keep their energy levels high throughout the events.

I'd like to take a moment to express our appreciation for the outstanding work of our student teacher, Isla Cameron, who has spent six weeks teaching our Junior students. In recent weeks, under the guidance of Stacey Reynolds, Isla has assumed full control of the class and prepared and delivered engaging lessons. She has integrated seamlessly with our staff, and we extend our best wishes to Isla as she completes her teaching practicum at Rangitoto School. Her last day with us will be next Friday, the 10th of November.

On Monday, the 13th of November, our students will have a unique opportunity to participate in the Maniapoto Mau Raakau workshops at Mangapeehi Marae, led by Tainui and Corey Stephens. The day will commence with a traditional powhiri to welcome us onto the marae, followed by the hands-on mau raakau workshops. We'll need parental assistance for transportation, and a notice with more information will be sent out early next week.

Lastly, I would like to bring to your attention a valuable resource provided by the Ministry of Education. They have created the Zero Data portal, accessible via this link: <https://portal.zero.govt.nz>. This portal enables free access to school and kura websites on mobile devices, ensuring that data charges do not apply. As part of the Zero Data initiative, over 2,000 kura and school websites have been added to this portal.

I trust you'll have a wonderful weekend, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

Kind Regards,
Pip Were
Principal, Rangitoto School

SCHOOL PHOTOS.....



SCHOOL NOTICES....

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to Liam who celebrated his Birthday this week
We hope you had an amazing day Liam!!



ATHLETICS DAY 2023

Our school athletics day will be held on **Wednesday the 8th Novemeber**. Please see timetable for further information. We would love parent helpers on the day.

SWIMMING

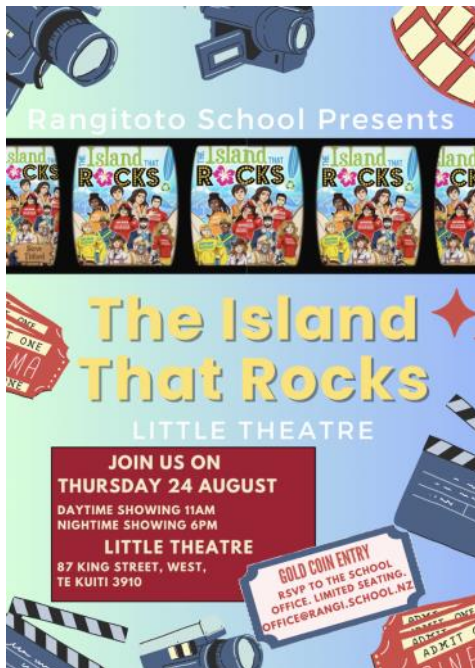
We are hoping the weather will start to warm up and we will be able to start swimming in Week 6 - Monday 13 Novemeber.
We will confirm closer to the time.



TEACHER ONLY DAY

On **Monday 20th Novemeber**, There will be a teacher only .
Please make other arrangements for your child/ren as the school will be closed.

THE ISLAND THAT ROCKS - VIDEOS FOR PURCHASE



Were you unable to make it to our production of *The Island That Rocks*? Or maybe it was so fantastic that you want to watch it over and over again? Don't worry - you can now have your very own copy of our production for only \$20!

We will be selling videos of our school production on USB sticks for \$20 each. Please email office@rangji.school.nz to place your order so that we can get these prepared for you ASAP! They will make fantastic Christmas presents!

Please have all orders and payments in by Friday 10th Novemeber.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024

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 22th July
to
Friday 27th September

TERM 4

Monday 14th October
to
Friday 20th December

UPCOMING EVENTS....

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
8th	Rangitoto School Athletics	11-13th	Junior Room Camp - Te Kauri Lodge
13th	Marae Day/BOT Meeting 6pm	14th	Prizegiving
17th	Inter-School Athletics	18th	School Trip to Town pools
20th	Teacher only Day - School Closed	19th	Kids Christmas Party
24th	Maniapoto Cultural Festival	20th	Last day of school



ATHLETICS DAY TIMETABLE.....

Below is the timetable for athletics day. Please note all times are approximate and we may run early. Students will need a full packed lunch, drink bottle, comfortable clothing, sunhat and sunscreen.

Time	<u>Hurdles</u> Mrs Fagan	<u>Discus</u> Mrs Were	<u>Long Jump</u> Miss Coleman	<u>Shot Put</u> Mrs Reynolds	<u>High Jump</u> Mel & Miss Cameron	<u>Middle Distance</u> 400m & 800m Amy
10am	Yr 0, 1, 2	Yr 3/4/5	Yr 6/7/8			
10:20am	Yr 6/7/8	Yr 0, 1, 2	Yr 3/4/5			
10.40am	Yr 3/4/5	Yr 6/7/8	Yr 0, 1, 2			
11AM	CHANGE OF EVENTS AND SET UP					
11.20am				Yr 0, 1, 2	Yr 3/4/5	Yr 6/7/8
11:40am				Yr 6/7/8	Yr 0, 1, 2	Yr 3/4/5
12am				Yr 3/4/5	Yr 6/7/8	Yr 0, 1, 2
12:20pm	LUNCH					
12.50pm	Sprints—All Year Groups					
1:15pm	Whole School Relays plus Adults/Children House Relay					

We would love parent helpers during all activities to help the teachers. You are welcome to take your children home after the relays.

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RANGITOTO SCHOOL CADET SESSIONS

SESSION DATES

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 9AM-11AM

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 9AM-11AM

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER - WE INVITE YOU TO
ATTEND OUR RANGITOTO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS
PARTY.

RSVP TO SESSIONS: OFFICE@RANGL.SCHOOL.NZ

Is your child 4+ years old?

We invite you to explore the wonderful world
of learning at Rangitoto School!
We take pride in offering a diverse range of
activities that foster creativity, curiosity,
confidence and social development.

Join Mrs Reynolds and the rest of the Junior class for a morning
session. During the visit, your child will engage in exciting activities
that encourage hands-on learning and joyful exploration.

After the classroom session, your child is more than welcome to join
our Junior class during morning tea break, making new friends and
experiencing the friendly atmosphere that defines our school
community. Meanwhile, parents and caregivers are invited to join us
for a hot drink and a chat with our caring staff.

All 4+ year olds welcome, including those with a 2024 start date

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