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RANGITOTO STAR



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

Week 2 Term 1 2023

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Rangitoto,

Welcome back everyone! It has been just delightful to watch and listen to our students reunite with their friends as everyone moves up a level within the school. We have five Year 8 students who are very capable student leaders. I have already noticed these students shining by being confident, caring, creative and curious leaders. It is humbling to see them leading by example through their kind actions to our younger students. *Just in case you can't remember what they look like, here they are:*

Marley Rawles



Ruby Walker



Trevor Coetzer



Ryan Baumgratz



Jack Were



The teaching staff have been busy over the past week engaging in professional development in our new curriculum "Aotearoa Histories" and developing more knowledge to explore different avenues within Enviroschools. This year, the Ministry of Education will be rolling out a curriculum refresh starting with mathematics and literacy. This means that our governing teaching documents will be rewritten and new teaching objectives will be introduced. The new curriculums will be rolled out throughout 2023 and 2024.

Constable Cat

On Wednesday, we had our education officer Constable Cat visit Rangitoto School to have a yarn about bus safety. She is fun and engaging for the students to listen to but she knows how to clearly get key messages across to our students.

Here's a few reminders to share with your children:

- ★ Acknowledge the driver when you get on (say hi),
- ★ Stay seated in your allocated seat for the entire journey ... **DO NOT MOVE SEATS,**
- ★ Sit in your seat on your bottom, don't turn around to talk to your mates behind you,
- ★ Use quiet voices so you don't distract the driver,
- ★ Tell an adult or the bus driver if you are worried about something and we can help you to solve the problem.

Thanks to those that have got the bus code of conduct back to the office this week. All students and parents need to sign this document to be able to use the bus service. Also, just a reminder that we cannot take verbal changes from students for bus or pick up arrangements, these need to come from parents. As we are all human and sometimes things/emergencies happen - we will endeavor to contact you, so the best choice of after school arrangements are made for your child/ren.

Parent Interviews:

The teaching staff are looking forward to seeing all parents at our interviews on Tuesday. Please book via the skool loop app, fill in the paper copy sent home on Tuesday or ring the office to make an appointment. Don't forget that we are wanting to hear about your child and how they learn.

Here are the questions that we will ask you:

- ★ What would you like me to know about your child?
- ★ How do you think your child learns best?
- ★ What are your child's interests?
- ★ What hopes/expectations do you have for your child's learning and development this year?
- ★ Has anything changed from last year that you would like me to know about?

School Swimming Programme:

We swim each day at Rangitoto School until the middle of term 1. Please make sure your child has their togs and towel at school everyday. If your child is unable to swim for a reason, please let their teacher know why. Learning to swim is an essential life long skill that is super important for all of our tamariki to learn through a progression based programme.

Horse Trek:

We have a wonderful cohort of parents that are driving the horse trek fundraiser on the 18th of March. All families will be asked to contribute in some way as all funds will be spent directly on your child's learning experiences like camps, ski trip, Matariki sleepover, science fair and so many other educational opportunities. In early March, we will send a list of food that we would like to be donated and a list of jobs to help out with during the event. We truly appreciate your support during these difficult times.

Strategic Plan:

Last year I was involved in a year-long professional development based on developing our school's strategic plan. During this process the students, parents and Board of Trustees were able to add their voice into what direction they would like the school to take. I managed to bring it all together to develop a 3 year plan that has student achievement at the forefront of the vision.

This year our goals are to:

- ★ Become an active Enviroschool,
- ★ Restructure our EOTC (education outside the classroom) programme,
- ★ Design our curriculum that connects learning through its people, place and environment,
- ★ Implement rich authentic student inquiry, linked to our local rural environment and or community.

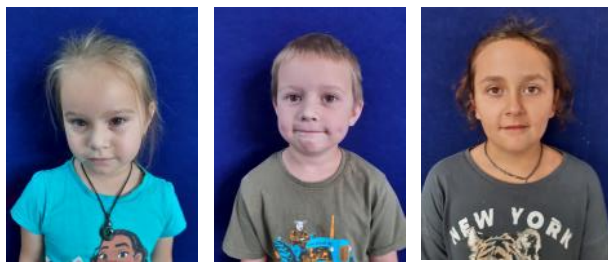
The Rangitoto strategic plan is attached to this newsletter. Please let me know if you would like to discuss it further.

Enjoy your weekend and let's hope the cyclone doesn't hit the King Country too hard.

**Kind Regards,
Pip Were**

SCHOOL NEWS....

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES & STAFF



A **HUGE** welcome to:
Marlie, Jaxon, Zeva & Mrs Reynolds

and their families

We look forward to getting to know you better during your time here!



BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to our students and who celebrated their special day over the school holidays.

We hope you had an amazing day!

- James - 7 years old**
- Zeva - 11 years old**
- Hazel - 9 years old**
- Marlie - 5 years old**
- Rain - 10 years old**
- Olive - 6 years old**



UPCOMING EVENTS....

FEBRUARY		MARCH	
13 th	BOT Meeting	6 th	Horse Trek Committee Meeting 5.30pm
14 ^h	Parent Teacher Interviews	6-10 th	Bike Week
23 rd	Swimming Sports Practice @ TK Pools 9am - 11am TRANSPORT REQUIRED	10 th	Inter-School Swimming Sports
28 th	Yr 7/8 Leadership Conference in Rotorua	13 th	Triathlon 1-3pm Board Meeting 6pm
		17 th	Science Roadshow - Whole School
		18 th	Horse Trek Fundraiser Event

RANGITOTO SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023

TERM 1

Tuesday 7th February
to
Thursday 6th April

TERM 2

Monday 24th April
to
Friday 30th June

TERM 3

Monday 17th July
to
Friday 22nd September

TERM 4

Monday 9th October
to
Wednesday 20th December

USEFUL LINKS AND INFO

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COMMUNITY NEWS....

Your thoughts are needed



Healthy Active Learning Whānau Survey

NOW OPEN



HEALTHY ACTIVE LEARNING WHĀNAU SURVEY

Our school is involved in a government wellbeing initiative called Healthy Active Learning. Part of the Child Youth and Wellbeing Strategy, it is now in its third year and in over 900 schools across the motu. To help understand its impact, the Massey University evaluation team is keen to hear about how your tamariki participate in physical activity and healthy eating and drinking at our school and community.

They have put together a survey which takes 5-10 minutes and, on completion, puts you in the draw to win a \$100 supermarket voucher.

Complete the survey at: https://massey.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5SnfFUZmmyyFJb or scan the QR code to begin.

Super Smash Hub

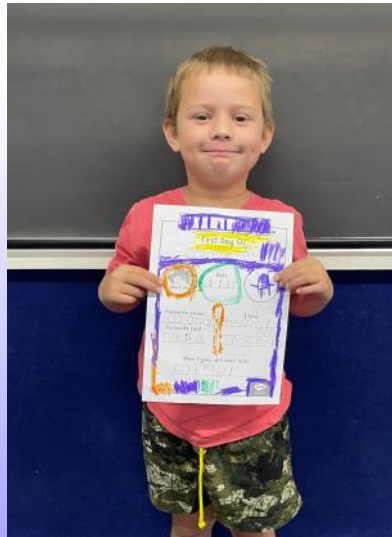
At Te Kuiti Domain for Yr 1-4s
on Tuesdays 21st Feb - 28th March
at 4pm.

Register via NDCRICKET.CO.NZ/PLAY



SCHOOL PHOTOS....

WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK



SCHOOL NOTICES

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please let us know if your child/ren is going to be away from school for any reason. You can phone, text, email or use the Skool Loop app. We also require student's to be signed in and/or out from school. There is a book located on the office desk for parents/guardians/whanau to do this.

STATIONERY

Payment is due for stationery packs provided by school. These cost \$40 per junior and \$50 per senior student. Thank you to those families who have already made payment.



LOG SPLITTER FOR HIRE

Our school is lucky to have access to a log splitter which we can hire out to our community members for \$50 per day. This is a fundraiser for our school. If you would like to enquire or hire, please contact the school office. Thank you to Murray and Heather Templeton for the use of their log splitter!



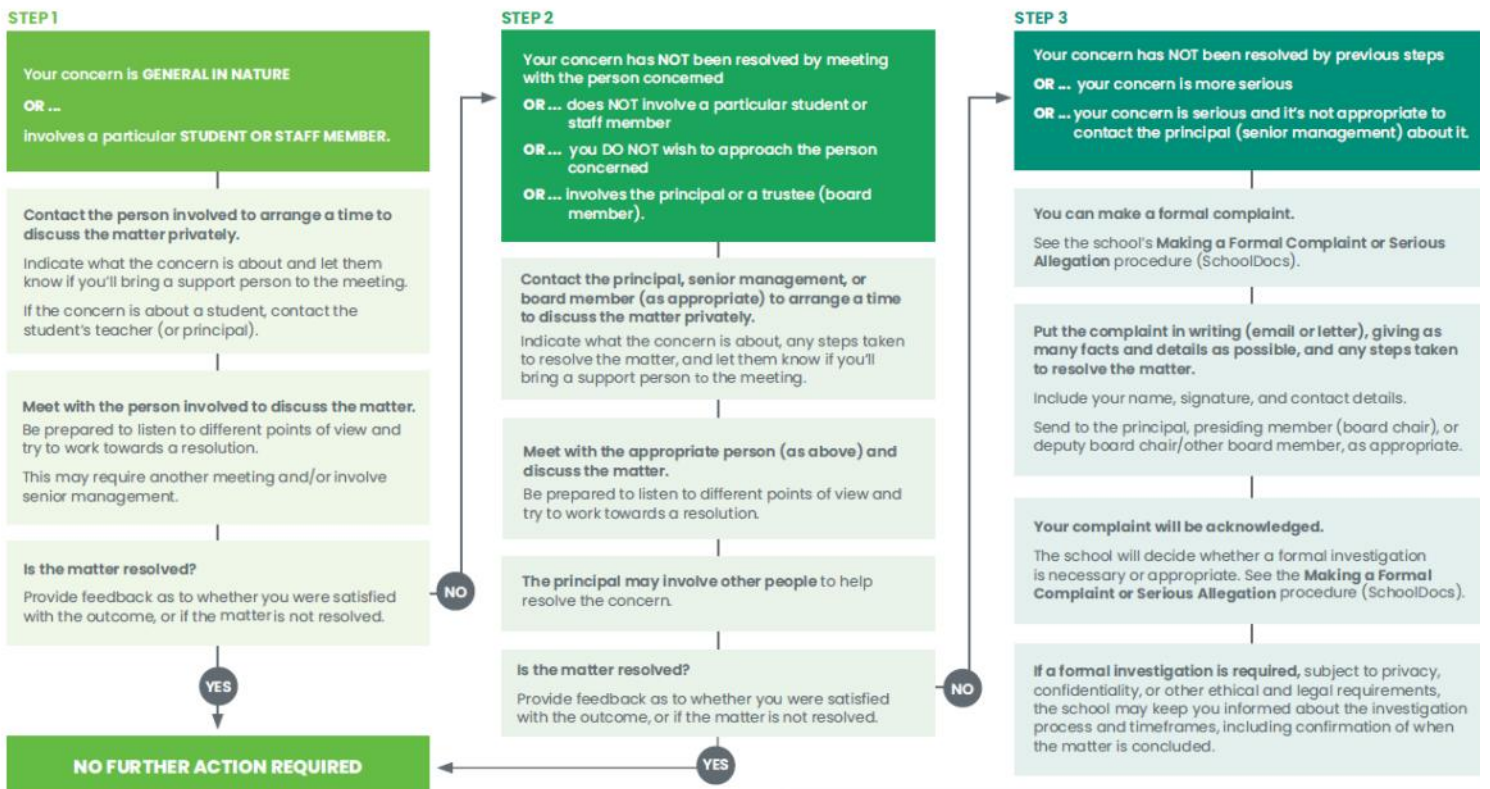
RANGITOTO SCHOOL CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Rangitoto School is focused on providing the best possible service to students, however, we acknowledge that there may be occasions when practice does not meet certain standards or expectations. We aim to manage concerns and complaints in a professional, timely manner, using fair and consistent practice.

To achieve this, we follow the process set out in our current policy:

Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people involved.



NOTE: Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a complaint will not be considered unless the correct process has been followed. You may be directed back to the staff member or principal to follow the process.

Once a formal complaint has been resolved, there are no further avenues to pursue the complaint with the school.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you are encouraged to take advice and may wish to consider contacting other agencies. See the school's Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation procedure (SchoolDocs).

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