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RANGITOTO STAR



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

Week 4 Term 1 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was lovely to see so many parents that were able to attend the parent interviews on Tuesday evening. It was nice to make connections with families and chat about your child/ren. If you weren't able to attend but would like to have a chat, please make an appointment at the school office for another time that suits.

My thoughts are still with the Hawkes Bay and other affected areas that were devastated by Cyclone Gabrielle. This week I shared a link onto our Rangitoto School facebook page regarding McIndoes and Te Kuiti Meats transporting donated goods to the Hawkes Bay to help those in need. The media and social media images that are circulating of the houses and towns that have been destroyed are heartbreaking to see. Next Wednesday, Rangitoto School is dressing up in black and white to show our support and help towards those affected by the cyclone. I ask that everyone brings a gold coin donation to contribute towards this cause. Every little bit helps!

As these communities that have been affected by the cyclone dig deep to try to rebuild their homes, businesses and lives, they will need to find their inner strength and a whole lot of resilience to get through these tough times. It is important to develop resilience in our own students from a young age, which means "the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties". As our students navigate throughout their childhood, there will be many challenges and new learning opportunities to experience. At Rangitoto School, we endeavour to equip our students with 'resilience', so that they can bounce back quickly from challenging situations.

Swimming:

Yesterday, all students headed to the pools to practise their swimming races. It was lovely to see all of the swimmers giving it their best shot at all of their races. Next Friday 3rd of March is our school swimming sports held at Te Kuiti pools starting at 9am sharp. We look forward to seeing everyone there supporting their children. Parents, don't forget your togs for the parent vs student relay race at the end.

Year 7 & 8 Leaders conference:

Next Tuesday our Year 7 & 8's will be heading to Rotorua to attend a leadership conference called GRIP. The learning behind the course is:

- ★ **GENEROSITY:** Willingness to use what you have been given (time and resources) on behalf of those you seek to influence.
- ★ **RESPONSIBILITY:** We all have a responsibility to develop what we have and help others to live well.
- ★ **INTEGRITY:** A commitment to truth and honesty in dealings.
- ★ **PEOPLE:** Every human being is of great significance, and has a purpose to fulfil.

The day is extremely interactive for the students and full of learning opportunities. After this conference Rangatahi Pathways will come into school and chat with our students one on one to set some leadership goals. They will also speak with the Year 5 & 6 students to chat about their aspirations and ambitions for their future.

Kapa haka:

We are privileged to have Matua Amai back in our school this year, beginning next Friday afternoon teaching kapa haka and New Zealand histories. This week Matua Amai is competing at the New Zealand National Kapa Haka competition - we wish him the best of luck and look forward to hearing about it upon his return.

Just a heads up:

Bike Week is Week 6 - we ask all students who have bikes to bring these to school for the week and we will finish on the following Monday with a triathlon. There's lots of fun bike skills activities the students will be involved in. If your child doesn't have a bike, please let the office know as soon as possible so we can try to source a bike for them.

The final word:

I would like to welcome Mel O'Hearn aboard our Rangitoto Staff. She has been appointed as the office administrator to take over from Sabina de Rooy. Mel is married to Jimmy O'Hearn and they currently have Max who is in the Junior room and their older child - Taylah left our school last year and is now at Otorohanga College. She will start on the 20th of March and will have two weeks of training with Sabina. *CONGRATULATIONS MEL!*

**Have a wonderful weekend,
Kind Regards,
Pip Were**

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SCHOOL NEWS....

BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to our students and who celebrated their special day this week.

We hope you had an amazing day!

Fergus - 9 years old



THIS WEEKS CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all our award recipients this week!



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



James Lynch

For being a diligent and determined learner.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Jack Were

For shining brightly as a Rangitoto School leader.

Junior Room:

Ryder Wilson For his caring and thoughtful attitude towards others.

Senior Room:

Marley Rawles For being an outstanding leader and displaying Rangitoto values.

Jack Were For his outstanding work ethic, specifically in Maths and Writing.
Well done!

UPCOMING EVENTS....

FEBRUARY		MARCH	
28th	Yr 7/8 Leadership Conference in Rotorua	13th	Triathlon 1-3pm Board Meeting 6pm
MARCH		17th	Science Roadshow - Whole School
1st	Black & White Day - Gold Coin Donation	18th	Horse Trek Fundraiser Event
3rd	Rangitoto Swimming Sports @ TK Pools	20th	Yr 7 & 8 Immunisations
6th	Horse Trek Committee Meeting 5.30pm	28th	Senior Class Cricket Festival in Otorohanga
6-10th	Bike Week	APRIL	
10th	Inter-School Swimming Sports	6th	Last day of Term 1

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS....

SENIOR LEARNING THIS WEEK



JUNIOR LEARNING THIS WEEK



SWIMMING SPORTS PRACTICE



SCHOOL NOTICES

BLACK AND WHITE DAY - WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH

Dress up in black and white on Wednesday 1st of March to support schools and their students in the Hawkes Bay after the devastating impact of Cyclone Gabrielle. Please bring a gold coin donation. Thank you for your support.



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 Fundraiser Horse Trek in the heart of the King Country Saturday 18th March 2023. Ride out 9am.



Enjoy a scenic ride through limestone country, with interesting terrain and stunning views. Suitable for a range of abilities including confident beginners. Trek is approx 25 km route with a stop at halfway for lunch at the beautiful school grounds with great facilities, playground and pool.

Cost: Adults \$50, Children under 16 years \$30. Lunch included in the price.

Email: office@rangitoto.school.nz to register. Payment details and a disclaimer form will be provided.



Mufti Day

For the Bay

1 March 2023

Dress up in

BLACK & WHITE

Bring a **GOLD COIN** donation

All money raised will go to **Hawkes Bay & Tairāwhiti Schools**

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