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RANGITOTO STAR



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

Week 8 Term 1 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Isn't it incredible that the term is flying by so quickly, we have two weeks of school left until we break for the Easter holidays.

Last week our students had a wonderful end to the bike week with our annual triathlon. Our students put 100% into their swimming, biking and running. There were some challenging moments for some students on the course, where bikes skidded out or their seats malfunctioned. I heard a few comments as the bikers jumped off their bikes in the transition area "my legs are jelly and don't work!" Our resilient students pushed through and carried on running to finish their running leg with red hot cheeks. It was awesome to see every student successfully finish their triathlon race.

Then, on Friday the whole school headed off to The Science RoadShow which was held at Te Kuiti High School. The students loved watching two interactive live shows:

- **Mighty Materials** — *Physical and chemical properties of substances, such as metals and fabrics, and how these are put to use in everyday applications.*
- **Sounding Out Waves** — *The characteristics of sound such as pitch, volume, how fast it travels, what substances it travels through, how it travels and the many effects these have on things we can or cannot hear.*

The students particularly enjoyed watching Mrs Reynolds and Miss Coleman wear velcro suits and trying to un-attach themselves from each other. There were over 60 hands-on exhibits that students enjoyed learning about.

THE HORSE TREK FUNDRAISER:

WOW! We are so lucky to live and be a part of such a supportive community. On Saturday, 43 riders rode out of Rangitoto School, venturing their way around a well marked track on the de Rooy's farm, taking in wonderful views. The riders looped back to school to stop for a deliciously mouth-watering lunch and to put their feet up in the warm sunshine. Riders saddled back up to complete the second half of the trek on Lynch's farm. The track was so well marked that riders headed off to ride at their own pace, some cantering up hills, others trotting and the less brave just walking at the back. The land was beautiful and varied including rolling hilly paddocks, bushy areas, creeks and some steeper terrain. The horse riders finished their ride with smiles on their faces and chatter about coming back again next time. Many stayed to cool off in the school swimming pool.

This fundraiser couldn't go ahead without the time and effort that our horse trek committee put into the event. A massive thank you to all of the parents involved getting the trek up and running.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- ★ Sabina de Rooy for spending days on the registration process.
- ★ Rex & Sabina de Rooy and Daniel & Rebecca Lynch for clearly marking the tracks and allowing the riders on your properties.
- ★ Chris Hoare for leading the trek and
- ★ Tom Downey and Ranae Duder for being 'tail end charlie'.
- ★ Parents that donated food - the lunch was absolutely delicious and everyone had full bellies.
- ★ Parents and students who helped with registrations, food preparation and organisation, road crossing and tidying up at the end of the day.

I am extremely pleased to share that we made approximately 2K profit. This money will be spent on your children's education, particularly education outside of the classroom.

WINTER SPORTS:

This week students have been sent home with their sports teams for their chosen winter sports. There are a couple of teams that need a coach or a parent to help manage the team. If you can do this, please let me know ASAP. Thanks so much to those that have offered to coach or manage teams - your support is greatly appreciated.

The netball season has already started but the other codes don't begin until week 1 of term 2. Please make sure you get your child the appropriate gear needed e.g. hockey stick, socks, mouth guard etc (refer to the winter sports pamphlet for further information).

ENJOY YOUR WINTER SPORTS SEASONS and remember to play hard but play fair.

Rugby Skills:

On Wednesday, Dan Tasker from King Country Rugby came out to give each of the classes a skills session. The children enjoyed being outside throwing a ball around, learning some large ball skills.

New Zealand Shearing Championships:

Every year, Te Kuiti hosts the New Zealand Shearing Championships competition held at the Les Munro Centre. As we are a rural school we will head down to watch some of the shearing and the wool handlers battle it out on Thursday. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to watch some top class shearers in action and learn about shearing.

Library:

Our little library is getting a bit run down and it needs a bit of TLC. Our staff have decided it is time to spruce up the library and change the location. WATCH THIS SPACE TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW ...

Teacher Only Day & Term 2 starts on Wednesday 26th of April:

School will be closed on Monday 24th of April, as the teachers will be heading into St Joseph's School to learn about the new and local curriculum that will be rolled out by the end of the year. Most of the primary schools in Te Kuiti will be attending this professional development. Therefore Rangitoto School will begin on WEDNESDAY 26TH OF APRIL as school will be closed for ANZAC day on the 25th of April.

Wowsers, that is a huge newsletter for you to peruse at your leisure.
Have a safe and happy 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!

Vanna - 12 years old



THIS WEEKS CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all our award recipients this week!



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Ruby Walker

For stepping into the Year 8 leadership role and always displaying our school values.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Lucy Duder

For always displaying the Rangitoto values in all aspects of school life.

Junior Room:

James Lynch For his awesome effort in handwriting.

Max O'Hearn For his fantastic effort in reading.

Senior Room:

Oscar Duder For taking ownership of his learning and trying his best in all he does.

Vanna For her outstanding work ethic in all areas of learning.

UPCOMING EVENTS....

MARCH		APRIL	
28th	Senior Class Cricket Festival in Otorohanga	6th	Last day of Term 1
		7th	Easter Friday
		24th	Teacher only day
		25th	ANZAC Day
		26th	First day of Term 2

RANGITOTO SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023

TERM 1

Tuesday 7th February
to
Thursday 6th April

TERM 2

Wednesday 26th 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....

HORSE TREK



SCIENCE ROADSHOW



CLASS PHOTOS THIS WEEK



SCHOOL NOTICES

WELCOME

Welcome to Mel O'Hearn our new office manager at Rangitoto School. We hope you have enjoyed your first week.



HORSE TREK THANK YOU



Thank you to our families for donating food and time to help with the Horse Trek fundraiser. This was a great fundraiser for our school. Thank you to the de Rooy's and Lynch's for use of their farms. Also a big thank you to Chris Hoare, Tom Downey and Ranae Duder for being our rider helpers. We appreciate your support!

PLEASE RETURN POOL KEYS

The pool season has come to an end. Can all pool keys please be returned by the 31st March. Thank you.



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!**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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OR THOSE WHO JUST PLAIN NEED HELP!

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Cyclone Relief Fundraiser

Ladies Luncheon

26 March 2023

Table of 6 | \$500

Bubbles with breads & dips on arrival

Choose a meal and drinks from the set menu

Please bring cash for raffle tickets

(\$5 each or 10 for \$40)

To donate a prize for the raffles please get in touch



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