

Rangiora High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Rangiora

Whakautea **Respect**
Tohaina **Contribute**
Wawatahia **Aspire**

NEWSLETTER

September 2017



RESPECT

ASPIRE

CONTRIBUTE



RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL

East Belt, Rangiora 7400, New Zealand

Phone +64 3 3118888

Fax +64 3 3138005

Email admin@rangiorahigh.school.nz

Website rangiorahigh.school.nz



From Karen Stewart, Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Term 3 has been a very successful term for Rangiora High School students. This newsletter celebrates the academic, cultural and sporting successes of our young people. We are very proud of all our young people who have given of their best as they have competed in local, regional and national cultural and sporting competitions.

Term 3 is also a very busy term on the academic front. The focus for Year 9 and 10 students continues to be on developing the key competencies or the capabilities that will enable them to live, learn, work, and contribute as active members of our community. A key part of their learning journey towards the senior school.

The focus for Years 11, 12 and 13 has been the completion of their NCEA internal assessment programmes. As this newsletter goes to print, senior students are receiving back their marked preliminary examination papers and marks. Staff provide feedback both on your son/daughter's paper and in class as to next steps they need to take to progress their learning.

Sitting and discussing their studies (and their teachers' feedback) will help your son/daughter formulate the next steps in their study programme. Research shows that students whose parents get involved in their education tend to achieve better grades, have higher self-esteem and are better behaved at school. I would encourage you to sit with your son/daughter and review their papers and results.

The October holidays are an important part of this study programme – when there are younger siblings tearing noisily around the house, it can be difficult for senior students to study. To help, you could ensure that there are quiet times at set times of the day, during which younger children are quietly occupied so that son/daughter has the quiet they need to get on with their study, distraction-free.

Time off from studying is also important, and this is another easy way in which you can help support your son/daughter's studies. Enjoy quality time together as a family but also let them spend time with their friends or doing things they enjoy, without making them feel guilty for not studying. Make sure they eat healthily and go to sleep at a reasonable time, too.

Home school partnerships are crucial. Please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's form teacher, subject teacher or Dean if you have any questions or concerns about your son/daughter's learning programmes. We are not only tracking each learner's engagement and progress, we are also continuously reviewing our teaching and learning programmes to ensure that we are best meeting learners' needs.

Below are some key dates for Term 4. I look forward to meeting you at one of the prizegivings held to celebrate the successes of Rangiora High School's students.

Karen Stewart

Principal

Key Dates Term 4

| Date | | | Event |
|-----------|----------|--------|---|
| Tuesday | 31.10.17 | | Junior Community Service Day |
| Tuesday | 31.10.17 | | Year 8 Orientation Day |
| Thursday | 16.11.17 | | Community of Learning Teacher Only Day (16 schools) |
| Monday | 27.11.17 | 6.30pm | Colours Awards (Sports/Cultural) |
| Monday | 04.12.17 | 7.00pm | Senior Prizegiving (Years 11-12) |
| Wednesday | 06.12.17 | 7.00pm | Graduation (Year 13) |
| Tuesday | 12.12.17 | 7.00pm | Junior Prizegiving (Years 9-10) |



From Bev Moore, Commissioner

Dear parents/caregivers,

Kia ora koutou.

As you will know Term 3 has been a busy time for our students and staff. With the school's senior examinations now completed, our students are moving on to concentrate on their end-of-year assessments and examinations. I would like to wish them all the best for the holidays as they rejuvenate and prepare for the final term. I would also like to thank the staff for the significant time they put into the preparation and marking of the Term 3 assessments so our senior students, in particular, end the term knowing where they need to focus their energies for the best results.

As you may be aware, this month the Ministry of Education undertook its standard review of the Rangiora High School intervention. While I understand that no decisions have yet been made, I look forward to being able to report back to you in Term 4 on any recommendations or outcomes.

During the term there have been further meetings to develop the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives. This is being developed with the Community Reference Group, which includes parents, students, and staff along with our financial adviser (Michael Rondel from BDO). We have also invited a rural banker parent and members of the alumni to be part of the group to develop this important policy. The next stage will be consulting with the Ministry of Education to ensure it is consistent with legislation. We will update you further on this process next term.

This term there has also been a significant amount of planning for the 2018 school year. Led by Karen Stewart and the Strategic Leadership Team, decisions on timetabling and learning programmes are now being made. Additionally we continue to progress the next property projects, which include the school's Library and Gymnasium. We look forward to updating you further on these projects next term.

All the very best to all of our students, staff and families. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable break from school routines and we look forward to seeing our students and staff back at school on Monday 16 October.

Kind regards,

Bev Moore
Commissioner



HILLARY

House



The end of Term 3 has proven to be an exceptionally busy time. For our senior students who finish in Week 4 of Term 4, they only have around sixteen school days left, given we have the Labour Day holiday on Monday 23 October, the beginning of Week 2.

At the time of writing this piece our senior students are sitting their practice exams for the NCEA External papers that they will sit when the examination periods commences on November 9. For many students this can be a stressful time, but it is important they act on the feedback from exams as significant value can be added between now and the end of the year by identifying areas which they need to revise, because of gaps in knowledge or exam technique and strategy. For many students they are also juggling the pressure of completing their last external assessments, these credits can often be vital and I would encourage all students not to miss the opportunity to submit any internal work they still can, to attain credits on offer.

The subject selection process for all students was completed earlier this term and now our timetablers work their magic to try and accommodate as many first choice preferences that students have made, based on the limitations of timetabling classes, assigning trained staff and balancing class numbers and rooming options for 1750 students. This is no easy task but we do our very best to meet all wishes. Whilst we don't often have the full picture of class configurations until after the new school year has started, I would encourage any students that think their courses may alter as a result of their performance in the last few weeks to see us as soon as possible to discuss alternatives.

This Term has not been ours in terms of producing results to lift the House Cup. That said it has been awesome to watch our students give it their best shot in both the Senior Winter-Fest competition, comprising mixed football and netball, and the Choir Competition.

I hope all students enjoy the upcoming Term 3 break, but reiterate that for some this time needs to be used wisely given their own progress they have made this year and how quickly the end of year is approaching. School will look a little different by the time students resume as the demolition of some of our older buildings has just begun. No doubt running an operating school and a busy construction site will be interesting and throw us some curve balls in Term 4.

If we can be of any assistance please contact either Miss Gibson or myself in the Hillary Office.

Head of House Kerry Sullivan

Dean of House Emma Gibson



LYDIARD

House



Term 3 and the seniors have sat mock exams which will help for ironing out any issues before their final examinations. All the seniors had mock exams in week 9 – We hope to see all of them strive to do their best so that they can learn from this opportunity before the finals. These marks may be needed for derived grades if you can't sit the end of year examinations, so use your time wisely. Remember our House slogan – "Take the long view and work towards it".

Lydiard is still buzzing with their win for House Choir – the team did an amazing job. Will Kirk and Mary Himiona led the team with their team work, enthusiasm and drive to get the group believing they could do this. The overall efforts were strong for the 6 houses and we were lucky to pip the post this time. I am so proud of Lydiard. We boasted a strong group of 30 plus students from all the year levels. We sang the following songs which were chosen by Will and Mary – enjoyed by all, which came across on the day. "Sing" by Pentatonics and "Te Hau Tenei" for our Waiata.

The next competition that we had tremendous fun with was the FilmFest during the weekend of week 7, 8 – 11 September. The team consisted of some repeat contenders from other competitions but also a mixture of newbies which was pleasing to see. Hats off to all who took part and the two main actors – Cameron Page as 'dad' and Eleanor Van Der Mespel as 'child'. The organization and participation by all was exceptional. Thank you to the families (Racle and Vermuelen) who 'adopted' 15 or so students over the duration. I'm sure this will be another event that will be remembered for life by all who took part – the camaraderie was very evident in the enthusiasm and energy.

Another student I'd like to mention this time too is Becky. She has a passion for music and I asked for her to share something about her talent.

"Hello, I am a year 10 at this school and I have been playing my cornet for six years now and I have enjoyed every bit of it. Since the start of year nine I have been taking lessons with the school and every lesson I get better. Having these lessons has improved my confidence skills in front of an audience. I hope that one day you too will pick up a brass instrument and join me on my epic journey becoming a great musician and enjoy it too."

Another student Toby Orr placed very well in recent riding competitions. His talent is obvious and the bonus is enjoying what he does. He has been doing horse riding since the age of four. He competed as part of the Rangiora High School team in the Interschool South Island coming 4th overall.

Well done Lydiard for all your endeavours this term.

Head of House Sabina Reed

Dean of House Jonathan Cowey



MANSFIELD

House



Kia Ora Mansfield Whānau.

Term 3 is coming to a close and like everything within Mansfield house it has been extremely busy. Senior students have sat their internal school exams, WinterFest which became SpringFest has been completed, 48 Hour FilmFest filming and editing has been produced and the students for 2018 have made their subject choices.

Finally due to improved weather, WinterFest was completed with Mansfield house getting up for second place. A most impressive effort, which was able to be achieved by the work of the senior house executive and the numbers who were willing to contribute and participate. Well done to all these students. Mansfield are still first on the leader board, and it is now up to the junior students of the house to carry us home in SummerFest, and Public speaking.

Teagan Graham with the assistance of Tyler Somerville and the Mansfield crew organized and produced our entry in the 48 hour FilmFest. It was shot in and around Rangiora with an interesting story line, some quality acting and a few classic lines. It never ceases to amaze me the skill and the commitment of our students in writing, producing and editing a quality movie in the space of two days. I am looking forward to the premiere on the 25 October at the Town Hall and I would encourage you to attend, not only to check out the amazing talent of Mansfield House but of all the students of Rangiora High School.

One of the most important and pleasurable aspects of being Head of House, is to acknowledge the wonderful achievements of our students and to celebrate this with them. I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work and dedication of our senior students who have recently been awarded NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 Excellence Awards; their hard work, diligence and attention to detail has certainly paid off.

With the internal examinations now completed, senior students should be looking very carefully at the comments from their teachers. They should look at how they can improve, what tweaks need to be made, and if they are disappointed in the grade, reflect on why! Was it through lack of work and preparation, or errors in answering or interpreting the question. Only then will they be ready for the examinations in November which will be only 4 weeks away when they return from holiday.

Lastly I would like to draw your attention to the annual fundraiser for the Child Cancer Society. This year Eliza Burt-Priddy, and the house executive have planned the event which involves waxing the legs of male staff and some 1st XI members. I am volunteering for this as, I believe it is for a good cause and I urge you all to support this. I am looking forward to the pain.

Lastly, enjoy your well-earned holiday.

Head of House Andrew Cotter

Acting Dean of House Anna Commons



NGATA

House



Kia Whānau.

Here we are once again at the end of another busy and productive term, which of course, for many of our senior students is their penultimate. Term 3 has been one of busy preparation, having attended School Examination during Week 9, our senior students have a better understanding of the demands on NCEA finals and the rigours that they impose. Year 13 students will have approximately 18 days during Term 4 to complete Internal Standards, and to ensure that they have liaised with appropriate staff as to references, applications and steps required for their transition into the work place, tertiary study or travel as required.

Term 4 will be an extremely busy term in regards to Inter House competition, and within the first two weeks we will see our inaugural Oscars Evening and Junior SummerFest competitions underway. Junior boys and girls will have their time to participate in our Junior Public Speaking Competition also, which is an opportunity for them to shine as individuals, and I must say, this is something that I really look forward to. This coupled with Junior Community Service Day in Term 4 Week 2, makes for a very hectic period of time.

Our final Ngata Assembly will be at the end of Week 2 also, and this is a lovely occasion in which we thank, celebrate and farewell our Year 13 cohort after their five year journey with us here at school. Ngata House is blessed to have some of the finest young Cantabrians you could ever wish to meet, and it is a melancholy occasion where there are tears and laughter. I consider myself to be in a very privileged position, as I am able to share a significant amount of time in your child's school life and I get to watch them grow, evolve and develop into outstanding young adults; I consider it to be a blessing.

For you as parents and caregivers, it is important for you to know that Mr Berg and I are on hand to support you in any aspect of your child's achievement and we are more than happy to assist you in any way. Mr Berg and I are available on our contact email and direct lines here at school and would be very pleased to discuss any concerns or queries that you might have. We look forward hearing from you and working with you, for the success of your child.

Head of House Vanessa Wilkins

Dean of House Tim Berg



RUTHERFORD

House



Tēnā koutou Rutherford Whānau

It's hard to believe that September has come and gone and we're now looking towards the Term 3 holidays. We've all had a busy end to the term with School Examinations being a major focus for all our senior students. NCEA can be a real mine field for many parents. In many subjects, the purpose of these examinations is really important: It gives the students a chance to practise things such as time management in an examination and to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of topics that they will sit in the end of year external examinations. For teachers, these examinations give a chance to provide valuable feedback for the students so that they can make improvements.

The House competition has kept us all busy too. WinterFest seemed to take forever, in fact we thought about re-branding it as "SpringFest". It really has been a wet winter. Our teams performed really well and we ended up being placed third equal with Lydiard House. I've included some action photos of the event. Sheppard did extremely well in winning the competition. Congratulations to them. Again, I'd like to thank the Student Executive for their hard work behind the scenes organising teams for this event.

The weekend of September 8, 9 and 10 saw some of our students involved in the recent FilmFest competition too. Zac Lane did a great job in working with the Student Executive to organise this event. My thanks again to Zac and the team for your efforts. The theme this year was "a movie with a twist ending" and there was also the compulsory props and a line that was needed too. We're all looking forward to the "Oscars Evening" on Wednesday 25th October when the results for this will be revealed. We've got fingers crossed for a good result.

At present, we're still holding on to second place in the House Competition, but only just. Next term's activities include Junior Public Speaking and Junior SummerFest. We're hoping the juniors can bring us home strongly [no pressure guys].

Looking ahead, Term 4 will be a busy one. Some of our Year 9's have put their names down to be ambassadors for the Year 8's on the Year 8 Orientation day. Just a reminder that their uniform will need to be impeccable for this day. Still with the Year 9's, in Rakahuri they will be studying a broad theme next term called "Amuri: The Future" and the teachers have all been busy planning their own particular interpretation of this future focused topic.

A reminder to our seniors: In Term 4, you will only have about 18 days with your teachers. Our core focus will be to get you prepared for the external examinations and you'll need to be on top of your game and ready to roll from day one. My advice is to try have a balanced break: some time for sleeping and recovery is important but don't leave all your preparation for the externals until the last minute.

Ngā mihi.

Head of House Jonny Sim

Dean of House Gillian Koster



SHEPPARD

House



Kia ora te whānau. It is with a great amount of pride and pleasure that I report Sheppard House to be the Senior Winterfest Champions for 2017. After a majorly protracted season, affected by adverse weather and sub-arctic ground conditions, the competition finally wound up on September 14. We finished top of the table with 18 points.

The Netball team went through the competition unbeaten. Ably led by Captain Kiarna Sorensen, the girls played an uncompromising brand of netball with strength in all areas of the court. Each of the girls can be very proud of their accomplishments and can rest assured that we are all delighted with their contribution. Parahutihuti te ana!

The Sheppard Senior Netball team is: Jasania Andrews, Grace Gorton, Rebekah Gutsell, Hailee Hewitt, Greta Lines, Laura Mann, Tayla Millar, Haromi Reid, Shannon Smart, Kiarna Sorensen.

Our Footballers also made a massive contribution. While they were unable to replicate the unbeaten record of their netball counterparts, their efforts were nonetheless instrumental in assuring our victory overall. The team played a relatively structured game and were able to make use of some experienced defenders and midfielders. This combined with some blistering pace and brute strength ensured we were competitive in every match. The Sheppard Senior Football Team is: Elsa Anderson, Rhys Bennett, Sakhi Ghazizada, Jordan Haywood, Jemma Johnson, James McEwan, Jake Millar, Jason Nortje, Connor Patterson, Cody Rodriguez, Dylan Smith Ben Spark and Andrew Walmsley. Kia kaha e hoa mā.

The weekend of September 8, 9 and 10 saw the running of the annual Rangiora High School 48 Hour Film Fest. This year we were able to assemble a crack team of creative geniuses and technical wizards who worked tirelessly for well over 48 hours to make an inspiring film with a devilish twist in the tale. I will reveal more after the results are announced at the Oscars Night scheduled for October 25. Wetiweti ana!

The Sheppard Film Making team is: Mikayla Barnes, Blake Benny, Max Chick, Cinty Crampton, Maggie Gaughan, Rebekah Gutsell, Yasmin McIntosh, Zoe Millar, Berend Oldenburger, Connor Patterson, Raven Purdom, Shannon Smart, Dylan Smith, Nicole Soriano-Ladino, Jak South, Shayla Thomas, Shanae Van de Wiel and Evie Wilmott.

Junior Sheppard Reporter, Ellis Bailey reports from the hub: Sheppard Year 9 hub have been working on a project this term on a Wednesday period 2 and 3 and Friday period 5. This project is called Eco city, as our theme this term has been all about sustainability and kaitiakitanga. Eco city is a model island that is completely eco friendly. The island has everything you need on it from houses to supermarkets and it is powered completely by solar and wind power. There is a facebook page you can like and follow to keep up to date with our island's progress it's called @sheppardsecoisland.

Remember that the core business is education and achieving to your potential. So make the most of your time, your teachers, your energy and your ability.

Ka mau te wehi.

Head of House Keith Anderson

Dean of House Paula Howard



Māori Language Week

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

While every week is a week when Māori language can be and is spoken, the 11-15 Sept is a week when we celebrate Te Reo Māori. With the staffroom decorated for the week and all staff given resources for a competition to “pimp your where” we wanted to make sure that the evidence of Te Reo Māori could be seen as much as possible around the school. The Kapa Haka group performed at assembly and Ms Stewart addressed assemblies about our unique national language. Head Girl Ruby Spark, led the school with a karakia.

At lunchtimes students learned how to play Ki O Rahi, (Check it out - <https://www.r2r.org.nz/games-activities-maori-youth/ki-o-rahi.html>)

It was great to visit a Year 9 hub on a hot nor' west Friday during period 5 and see the whole hub fully engaging in the treasure hunt related to Te Reo resources posted around the Okuku learning hub. The library went full out and won the 'pimp my where' prize.

It is important that 'words on the walls' are more than just that, and that we all commit to keeping Te Reo Māori alive and prospering.

Tōku reo, Tōku Ohoho, Tōku reo, Tōko Mapihi Maurera!



Geography Year 11 - Rakahuri River Field research



Seventy six Year 11 geographers descended on the Rakahuri on a glorious sunny late winter's day. Our aim was to investigate the relationship between river velocity and the size of the river's bedload at various points from the gorge to the sea. Students had to determine their own ways of measuring bedload whilst also having to work out river velocity at five predetermined sites along the river. Biodegradable mandarins were timed passing between two points to enable us to work out water velocity. We had intended retrieving these but the river was running high and fast after the recent July rains, and all 10 mandarins managed to escape. A little care was definitely needed to ensure that none of us become a statistic that day in a flooded river! Ashley Gorge first thing in the morning was a little cold but a brisk 20 minute walk through the bush above the river helped warm things up. After that, the day was such that we all wanted to find ways to cool down! A late lunch break on Rangiora's main street, cups of coffee, subway etc boosted everyone's energy levels for the last of our research which ended at the State Highway 1 road bridge. From there we returned to school with all our data well prepared for the processing and analysis that would follow back in the classroom the next few days. Everybody seemed in high spirits and everyone appeared to have a good day out. Many thanks to our students who did us proud yet again, behaving in a mature and respectful manner, and generally being a super lot to spend the day with, kia ora!



Year 13 Outdoor Education Tramp

In Week 8 of the term the Year 13 Outdoor Education class went on a 3 day tramp on the Mt Somers track. The original plan had been to go up the Hawdon Valley in Arthurs Pass and help the Department of Conservation with some stoat trapping. Unfortunately, however, the weather forecast was not good so we changed plans and went to Mt Somers instead. We spent the first night at the Woolshed Creek Hut after a nice walk up through an abandoned coal mine site. The second day was challenging with a walk over a saddle with snow on it before descending to the Pinnacles Hut for the second night. The last day involved a walk through beech forest alongside a river with some steep bits at the end. The students handled themselves very well and were looking at aspects of Risk Management as part of an assessment. Big thanks to Mr Ryder who helped out and to all the students who conducted themselves very well and rose to the challenge.

Mr Fahey



Student Hui with Shirley Boys' High School



Land Based Studies News

With the arrival of spring we see a busy time on the farm. Many new arrivals and some unexpected. Pictured below is student Allie Miller with a Goose that turned up one day and thought it was a heading dog. (see photo right)

Lambing is all finished with tailing completed last week. This saw an improved lambing percentage where our 70 ewes produced a total of 120 lambs (162%).

Cattle that were wintered on the fodder beet (80 head) are weighed by the students under the watchful eye of the tutor and Farm Manager.

Using our new Tru-test wand and weigh scales we are able to crunch the numbers back in class to identify weight gain per day from the purchase date and run the figures of how profitable feeding fodder beet is.



International Term 3 Adventure Education trip to the West Coast

Collaboratively written by a group of international students from Germany.

While most of the students were sitting exams, 18 international students went on a trip to the West Coast. We enjoyed many activities and many photo stops in which we could adore the incredible sceneries of New Zealand.

We especially found the Franz Josef Glacier beautiful. Those who dared could take the waterfall challenge and feel the ice-cold water of the mountains. After the exhausting and adventurous trip up the glacier, we all wanted to move on and have lunch. However, the bus decided not to work. Luckily a mechanic was able to figure it out and we were able to move on without missing out on any activities.

The next day started with a calm shopping morning where we could explore Hokitika and those who wanted could buy the famous New Zealand Greenstone.

Nevertheless, a few more days of adventure were waiting, so we all jumped on the bus and drove to our next activity which was called the Treetop Walk. This was a nightmare for anyone who has vertigo because you walk through a forest from 20 up to 40 metres above the ground.

A few other fun activities were kayaking on a beautiful river and visiting Pancake Rocks at full tide. Furthermore, we hiked through beautiful sceneries like the Hokitika River and up the Devil's Punchbowl to look at the stunning waterfall.

This was an amazing experience and a good chance for the international students to explore a new part of New Zealand. Special thanks to Margot and Eric. Without them, the trip would not have been as memorable.



International Term 3

Hana Suzuki – Japanese International Student

I have spent 8 months at Rangiora High School. It was the most fulfilling and memorable time of my life.

Learning subjects such as Textiles and Photography was amazing because I cannot learn these types of subjects in Japan. It was challenging for me but also rewarding and I really loved it!

I have experienced a lot of new things in New Zealand. If I choose one highlight, it would be competing in the Oceania Women's Kendo Seminar in Sydney, Australia. I met and competed against women from both the Australian and the New Zealand national teams. This was a very good opportunity and I couldn't have experienced such an opportunity if I was in Japan.

I had been learning Kendo for 7 years, and I started it again in New Zealand. By learning kendo in New Zealand I began to learn it from a different point of view. My way of thinking about kendo has changed and for the first time I have started to appreciate Kendo and Japanese culture more.

The biggest thing I learned by studying abroad is to live with awareness as a human being. I came to New Zealand knowing nobody, I had to establish new relationships alone and I had to do everything by myself. Many people may not know that I was not allowed to call my family or email them. My Japanese school have a rule which does not allow me to use a smart phone.

In the first 3 months, I felt loneliness and homesick a lot and that was hard for me. But that gave me the opportunity for self-reflection and in this way I think I became more independent than before. I really appreciate all the people who supported me and inspired me to achieve my dreams! Thank you so much! I will always have wonderful memories from my time in Rangiora.



Peter Smart Writing Competition

Congratulations to Holly Whittaker who recently won the Peter Smart Writing Competition - Senior Poetry Section with her poem 'The Alien and the Heart'. The judges' comments are printed below.

The Alien and the Heart

But can you see the world
Through his distorted water-lense
Of a glass half-empty
This boy, who counts the people he trusts
On four fingers and one thumb

He's somewhat alienated, or perhaps just an alien
Veined skin and beryl-glass eyes
Edged and angled in the background
And here comes this strange girl
Not with her heart on her sleeve
But held in her hands, ridged thick with scar tissue

Take it, she says, Please take it
Be my friend and I will love you
The way a scab loves the wound it crusts over to protect
He wraps the heart up with brown paper and parcel tape
A careful operation, but it suffocates anyway

She falls asleep on his shoulder, but never in public
And he trusts his head to her lap, so she almost doesn't mind
That her heart is torn with wounds that bloom and leak through
Swollen with promises that he wants to keep, but won't
She forces him to take the heart out, and look at the collateral damage
But he drops it

She saw it all coming, and sobbed as she laughed
Because he might have been the one to freight-train her
But she was the one who tied herself to the tracks
With quiet hands, she picks her heart up
And he watches as she holds it out bleeding
For the next alien to come along
Holly Whittaker



Judges Comments:

I have become fixated on this poem over the weeks it's been in my possession. Every time I read it I find more to admire. The first three stanzas in particular. These are work that an experienced, well-published poet would be very proud of, in my opinion.

The title sets up the conflict which lies at the heart of the relationship which is under scrutiny. There's the distrustful boy, 'he's somewhat alienated or perhaps just an alien'. There's as much wit and humour in this description as there is anxiety. Perhaps a warning. He looks at the world through his 'distorted water-lens'. Which sounds like something close to tears. So we may well feel compassion.

Then there's the strange girl, holding out her heart, 'ridged thick with scar tissue'. So there have been multiple lacerations in the past. 'I will love you,' she says, 'The way a scab loves the wound it crusts over to protect'. The image is a simple statement of the healing process yet at the same time it is ferocious. It has a fiery power strong enough to burn a reader. How many times do we open ourselves to the same suffering?

There is a shared moment of tenderness amidst all this complexity. But it doesn't last. It's as if we have a contemporary Romeo and Juliet here, but a Juliet who is a survivor. However, the final lines shake up our expectations again. The girl quietly picks up her heart but it seems she will make the same mistake all over again, she will hold it out to another alien.

The intensity of the writing, the richness of the imagery, the emotional maturity on display in the poem, all these things are impressive.

Congratulations.

Maths Week

This year, 'Maths Week' was held from 14 August to 18 August. We ran lots of quizzes and competitions. Danielle Hooper from 10NALC was the winner of our big form class competition. Each day numerical questions were set and students' answers were collected. These answers turned into raffle tickets for our end of week big drawer.

Congratulations to Danielle as her correct answer was drawn out of the raffle by our Principal, Karen Stewart. She won a hamper full of goodies to share with her form class.



Milk Magazine Publication

This year a group of eleven Year 13 students worked on the Media Design Project creating a published magazine. The project was a collaboration between the Media, Design and English departments. At the start of the year students decided on the focus and audience for the magazine, deciding to create a lifestyle magazine aimed at 17 to 21 year olds. The name MILK is in reference to the North Canterbury dairy industry and a play on the idea that there is more to North Canterbury than farming.

The magazine focused on the arts, media, design and culture of teenagers and had the overriding theme of 'the death of', looking at how each generation always looks at the younger generation and how much has changed.

The magazine was released at Rangiora Town Hall as part of a documentary night with other Year 13 Media productions being shown on the big screen. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, MILK magazine is for sale for \$15 at the student office.



Rangiora High School Year Books 2017

If you wish to purchase a 2017 Yearbook please pay by 1 November 2017. No late payments or orders will be taken after this date.

School Voluntary Donations

I would like to thank all those parents and caregivers who have paid the school the voluntary donations this year.

These donations go a long way to help fund extra-curricular equipment and supports sport and cultural activities and the purchase of extra resources such as library books.

I encourage you to make this contribution to your child's school if you have not already.

Thank you. We appreciate your support of Rangiora High School.

Val Tones
Executive Officer



Student Services

Uniform

2017 is the final year for the phasing in of the 'new' uniform. Next year we expect to see all students adhering to the current uniform guidelines and styles. Please visit the school's website <http://rhs.uniform-group.co.nz/> to check the guidelines.

Some students are pushing the edges of what is our standard for uniform. A reminder that school shoes should be polishable 'leather' not skate shoes, not suede shoes, AND plain black or brown, ALL OVER! As are socks - black, black and black with no labels.

The Pastoral Team

Each of the six Houses is headed by a pastoral team comprising of a Head of House and Dean of House. The pastoral teams are here to support you with any matter relating to your child's progress and are always very keen to work together with parents and caregivers for positive outcomes. If you would like to make contact with your child's pastoral team, for an appointment or for any general queries, please note their contact details as below:

For all email contact with your pastoral team, please note that their cypher should be attached to our high school email address.

For example: slk@rangiorahigh.school.nz

Hillary House

Head of House - Kerry Sullivan (SLK) ext: 2101

Dean of House - Emma Gibson (GBE) ext: 2100

Lydiard House

Head of House - Sabina Reed (RDS) ext: 2103

Dean of House - Jonathan Cowey (CWJ) ext: 2102

Mansfield House

Head of House - Andrew Cotter (CTA) ext: 2104

Dean of House - Anna Commons(CMA) ext: 2105

Ngata House

Head of House - Vanessa Wilkins (WLV) ext: 2107

Dean of House - Tim Berg (BRT) ext: 2106

Rutherford House

Head of House - Jonny Sim (SMJ) ext: 2108

Dean of House - Gillian Koster (KSG) ext: 2109

Sheppard House

Head of House - Keith Anderson (ADK) ext: 2111

Dean of House - Paula Howard (HWP) ext: 2110

Uniform Shop

OPEN HOURS | October School Holidays

| DAY | DATE | OPENING HOURS |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| Wednesday | 11 October 2017 | 9.00am - 3.30pm |
| Thursday | 12 October 2017 | 9.00am - 3.30pm |
| Friday | 13 October 2017 | 9.00am - 3.30pm |
| Saturday | 14 October 2017 | 9.00am - 12.30pm |



Reports

Seniors: Feedback from the recent School Examinations can be found on your son/daughter's report which you can access via the parent portal. This will provide an indication of where students are performing in relation to the NCEA standards that they are entering in November. Next steps for them will also be noted.

Year 9: A Term 3 Learner Self Reflection will be loaded to your son/daughter's report which you can access via the parent portal.

We are planning a review of our reporting system. If you did not take part in the Reporting Survey earlier in the year and wish to share your thoughts on the our reporting system, please email me at:

cla@rangiorahigh.school.nz

Alison Cleary
Deputy Principal

Casual Friday

Casual Friday is a chance for students to perform. They choose the music, organize themselves into groups or soloists, and arrange their rehearsals. We provide the venue, a sound engineer and a lighting designer. It costs \$5 to watch, but nothing to perform. Money goes to a charity of the performer's choice.

Borderline were the featured band of the evening, playing a set of 8 songs: Pumped up Kicks, Ship to Wreck, Drops of Jupiter, Come on Home, Iris, Zombie and Way down. They are a very calm, very well organized band, who decided that quality trumped quantity. They weren't prepared to do anything they thought wouldn't be their best work. They prepared themselves by performing in assemblies that week, and they were well supported by staff and students for their bravery. By Friday, the anxiety of performing in front of their peers had diminished.

There's a lot to learn when you are in a band. When you're on stage, you have to play with one ear on yourself and one ear on the rest of the members. The sound mix needs to be managed by the musicians on stage just as much as by the sound engineer, because the musicians know what sound they want, and the sound engineer makes the best of that moment. This band did this really well. We didn't use a drum shield or mic the drums. The piano was suitably loud and quiet, the bass boomed when it needed to and hummed when it didn't. I liked this band. They were easy as.

The three girl vocalists took it in turns to lead songs, all three could harmonize. This is a skill that only comes through rehearsal and experience. Dedication.

Before Borderline began their set, they handed over the first half to seven support acts that have come up through singing lessons on Wednesdays, choir on Wednesdays or Karaoke on Tuesdays after school. Page Rose sang "Say Something", Fraser Philip played guitar and sang "Laundry Room", Jess Milne and Malia Mackay-Neal rapped and sang "No Diggity", Amy Philip played the "Ajarne" on the Piano, Kara sang "Pulled" from "Addams Family - the Musical", Kayla sang "When We Were Young" and JC Wang finished off the first half with "Say Something Bro style".

We were pleased to have raised \$142 for The Cancer Society. Sound engineer for the night was George Stephenson. Lighting design was by Joshua Starling.

Next term Karaoke will continue on Tuesday nights, week two will see lunch time rehearsals for the Wai Youth Centre Stage 4, and week three will host a band every lunch time. We will see the year out with a bang!

Ang Reeves
Singing Teacher



THE OSCARS 2017

A stylized, glowing golden Oscar statuette is centered below the year '2017'. Two thin, golden diagonal lines extend from the base of the '2017' text, framing the statuette.

*Rangiora High School Presents the
2017 FilmFest Oscars Evening*

Rangiora Town Hall

25 October - 7pm

*Tickets: \$5 from the School Office.
Limited door sales on the evening.*

SPORTS NEWS

Rifle Shooting

Our girls' team recently competed in a 5 way shoot with our competing schools with RHS taking out the win. This team also competed in the NZ Rifle shooting postal shoot and won the girls' section.

These three students now head off to Nationals in Palmerston North this week. Congratulations and Good Luck to Kate Campbell, Sam Plows and Georgia Rhodes

Canterbury Ski Champs

Boys' Snowboard Team placed 3rd

Dylan McCord

Ben Joli

Kayden Bourke

Riley Johnstone

Mixed Snowboard team placed 2nd

Ben Spark

Callum O'Sullivan

Cam Cresswick

Teagan Graham

South Island

Ski and Snowboard Champs

On the weekend of the 16-17 September, eighteen students travelled to Wanaka for the South Island Ski and Snowboard Champs. The boys' team of Mike Munro - Thomas, Lachie Carpinter and Riley Johnstone placed first in the South Island in the Giant Slalom event. After a morning of low visibility and heavy snow several students advanced to the semi-finals of the Gravity Cross and then enjoyed an afternoon of fresh powder and no crowds. The Mixed Snowboard team placed second.



South Island Secondary Schools' Tournament Week

Rangiora High School had nine teams compete around the country with some outstanding results and wonderful sport on display.

Nationals:

Football Girls 1st XI were 3rd winning a Bronze Medal

South Island:

Basketball Senior Boys 7th

Basketball Senior Girls 8th

Basketball Junior Girls 5th

Basketball Junior Boys 15th

Netball Senior A 16th

Football Boys 1st XI 9th

Hockey Mixed 8th

Rugby U15 Junior Boys 13th



Orienteering

10 students took part in the Canterbury Schools' Orienteering Championships held at Ferrymead and Spencer Park on the 16-17 September. It was great to see a number of newcomers taking part.

For Sophie, Immy and Ruby this was their last ever sporting event representing Rangiora High School.

Overall a successful weekend with students gaining the following results:

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Harry Johnstone | - 1st Junior Boys' Long Standard |
| James Parker | - 2nd Junior Boys' Long Standard |
| Holly Prickett | - 4th Junior Girls' Long Championship |
| | - 2nd Junior Girls' Sprint Championship |
| Luc Mackay | - 1st Intermediate Boys' Long Standard |
| Brylie Higby | - 2nd Intermediate Girls' Long Championship |
| Ethan McLachlan | - 2nd Intermediate Boys' Sprint Championship |
| | - 5th Intermediate Boys' Long Championship |
| Ruby Spark | - 1st Senior Girls' Sprint Standard |
| | - 2nd Senior Girls' Long Standard |
| Immy Egglesfield | - 1st Senior Girls' Long Standard |
| Sophie Glover | - 3rd Senior Girls' Sprint Standard |
| Dominic Cleary | - 3rd Senior Boys' Long CHampionship |

Overall school points competition

Seniors - 3rd place

Junior - 2nd place

In 2018 the NZSS Nationals are being held in Canterbury in the July holidays - watch this space.



SPORTS NEWS

Football Bags Bronze

Congratulations to the Girls' 1st XI Football Team for bringing home Bronze after competing at the NZ Secondary Schools' Nationals at Taupo. They competed in a field of 32 teams and where the highest placed South Island Team.

Mikayla Nortman was named the team MVP.



SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

The Rangiora High School U17 Boys' Basketball team played in the Final of the CBA U17 Division 1 grade over the weekend. Unfortunately the boys came off second best to an on fire Cashmere team however they played with great 'never give up' attitudes and exemplary sportsmanship – so very proud of you all, great season boys.

Canaan Tarawa (U20) and Noa Price (U17), who are pictured in action above right, received First Team honours in the CBA Competition. In the Senior Boys' grade the Thompson Trophy All Stars singlet went to Jack Exeter and in the Senior Girls' grade the Whelan Trophy All Stars singlet went to Keneisha Bond.

Friday night Sport Canterbury winners were:

Intermediate A Boys and Senior B Girls – well done to both teams.



Golf

Kazuma Kobori recently competed in the NZ U17/19 Golf Championship in Hamilton

Kazuma finished 3rd in U17, and 11th outright in the NZ U19 Champs.

There were 152 boys in the field.

Kazuma had a rough round on the first day, shooting 82, 10 over par.

On the second day Kazuma came back strongly shooting 71, the second best score of the day. He continued to play well on the final day shooting 70, achieving the best score of the day.

Congratulations on your mental toughness to come back from your first round disappointment.

Kazuma is currently in Melbourne, to play in Victorian Boys' Championship.



Korfball

Two teams attended the South Island Secondary School Competition in Christchurch

Team 1 placed 5th and Team 2 placed 18th.

Rachael Parkinson was also named in the Tournament team

There is a lot of potential coming through so well done to everyone.

Swimming

Eugene Dickie competed at the NZ Secondary Schools' Nationals in Hamilton recently.

Eugene came away with 100% PBs in all his races and placed in the top 10 out of 180 competitors.

Awesome results Eugene.



SPORTS NEWS

Netball

Rangiora High School Netball saw out the North Canterbury competition with eight of our nineteen teams making it to the finals. Seven of these teams went on to win their grades for 2017.

Congratulations to the following teams :

Senior E, Year 10A, Year 10B, Year 10D, Year 9A, Year 9B and Year 9C.

Also congratulations to Julia Downes on gaining the Level 3 Umpire's Trophy.

Thank you to all our coaches, managers, players and supporters for another great season of Netball.



SPORTS NEWS

Special Olympics Basketball Rookie RHS Team Finishes 2nd

This term the students from 14MLS competed in the Special Olympics Basketball programme, held at Pioneer Recreation Centre. The programme included 11 other teams from greater Christchurch. We were blessed with the leadership and captaincy of Emma Symon, who gave every ounce of her energy in every game she played, and the height advantage of our vice-captain, Liam Harris. Rookie Year 9, Troy Washington, carved up the court with his agility and speed and was an integral part of the team's success leading into the finals. All students achieved personal goals, developed new skills, and played as a valued member of the team.

Congratulations to the team on placing 2nd overall in their first year in the programme. Madison Owen-Dunnett, Troy Washington, Logan Heron, Luke Potts, Madison Jones, Deborah Beg, April Haig, Liam Harris, Emma Symon and Voncie Dartnall.



SPORTS NEWS - RUGBY

Four Year 9/10 girls joined a Forward Foundation team for the Crusaders U15 Girls' Rugby Festival at Burnside Park over tournament week, coming 3rd overall. However, the highlight of the day was checking out the Women's World Cup.

Brittany O'Kane was selected for the Canterbury Secondary Schools Girls' Team 2017, and fellow RHS Girls' 1st XV players Taz Charles and Jade Brown-Riley (KHS) made the Development Team.

The U15 team was beset by injury at the Junior Rugby tournament over in Greymouth but played all games with great shape, determination and resolve. Although results didn't go RHS's way, the overall development and progress of every player within the squad was immense and a highlight for all involved.

11 of the RHS 1st XV made the Canterbury Country U18 team this year.

Off the field, some of our Year 11/12 rugby players have been working with Jimmy Sinclair, CRFU Coach Educator on a Teenagers Coaching Teenagers course. Run over three lunchtimes, these sessions are directed at student coaches and cover: Learning Environment, Managing Behaviour, Planning and delivery, Set piece (Scrum & Lineout) and Back Attack Strategies. These have been a great opportunity for our upcoming young coaches.

RHS Rugby is proud of Jacob Pepper-Edwards (RHS 1st XV 2015 - 2016) for making the NZ Maori U18 team, an awesome achievement.



SPORTS NEWS - RUGBY

Two prizegivings were held over September, the first being Midweek and U15. Prizewinners were:

Junior Boys' Gold: coached by George Prain, Angus Fletcher, Luke Campbell and Jack Marshall

Most Improved Player: Corban Bradley

Sportsmanship: Cam Baynon

Most Valuable Player: James Mullan

Junior Boys' Green: coached by Jordan Haywood, Tom Lindsay, Blake Walesby and Braxton Taua

Most Improved Player: Nate Hayes

Most Consistent/Sportsmanship: Lachy Grant

Most Valuable Player: Will and Jack Riley

Holders of the Green-Gold Shield for 2017

U15 Tournament: coached by Tim Ryder and Shane Fletcher, managed by Sarah and Ben Prain

Most Improved: Kyle Gamble

Outstanding Contribution (Forward): Travis Wiki and Jack Riley

Outstanding Contribution (Back): Lachy Grant

Best Team Player: Will Riley

Most Valuable Player: James Mullan

At the 1st XV, 2nd XV and Girls' 1st XV End of Season awards evening, there were the following prizewinners:

Girls' 1st XV:

Rookie of the Year: Emily Winter

Defender of the Year: Taz Charles

Winter Cup for Most Improved (new trophy kindly donated by Mike and Vicki Winter): Brittany O'Kane

Kaylee Tavendale Cup for Most Valuable Player:

Helen Matthews (KHS)

Player of the Year: Pia Kuerschner

Captain's Medal: Joanna Upston

2nd XV:

Rookie of the Year: Bayce Leatherby and Chris Conti
Defender of the Year: Rawiri Peita-Kingi

Rangiora High School Cup for Most Improved Senior Rugby Player: Luke Campbell

Most Valuable Player: Matt Couch

Player of the Year: Ben Gibbons

Captain's Medal: Euan Richardson

Leadership Medal: Blake Walesby

1st XV:

Rookie of the Year: Liam Dunseath

Kane Tackling Cup for 1st XV Best Defender: George Prain

Top Points Scorer: Caleb Beck

Most Valuable Player: Michael Calvert

Gilbert Family Trophy for RHS 1st XV Player of the Year:

Angus Fletcher

Captain's Medals Fletcher Newell and Jesse Bowring

Leadership Medals: George Blyth and Angus Fletcher

Grant Family Cup for Players' Player: Angus Fletcher

Newly introduced gold caps were presented to Fletcher Newell and Josh Duckworth to recognise them having played over 50 1st XV games for RHS. Fletcher played 55 and Josh 56.

A highlight of the night was the Super Rugby trophy, brought along by Crusader's team manager Shane Fletcher.



Sporting Excellence - Surfing



Our best wishes to Tegen Bishop as she competes in the New Zealand Junior Surfing Team - at the VISSLA ISA World Junior Surfing Championships, Hyuga Japan as we go to print Tegen has advanced through round 1 into round 2.



A big thank you to our fantastic ground staff - our gardens are looking amazing.

Return of Sport Uniform

All winter sports' teams that have finished their season must return uniform to the Sports Office now. Thanks.

Please can these be washed.



Senior WinterFest Snaps



2017 Examination Timetable

| Day | Date/Time | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Scholarship |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Day 1 | Thurs 9 Nov | 9.30am | | | | Drama |
| | | 2.00pm | Drama | Japanese | Te Reo Rangatira | Chinese |
| Day 2 | Fri 10 Nov | 9.30am | Economics | Media Studies | Business Studies | Calculus |
| | | 2.00pm | Music | Health / Physics | Accounting | Te Reo Rangatira |
| Weekend | | | | | | |
| Day 3 | Mon 13 Nov | 9.30am | English | | French / Te Reo Māori | |
| | | 2.00pm | | Business Studies | Health / Japanese | English |
| Day 4 | Tues 14 Nov | 9.30am | Chemistry | Dance / Latin | Making Music | Geography |
| | | 2.00pm | Japanese | History | English | |
| Day 5 | Wed 15 Nov | 9.30am | Science | | Media Studies | Music |
| | | 2.00pm | Chinese | Geography | Chemistry | History |
| Day 6 | Thurs 16 Nov | 9.30am | Biology | Music | Biology | Art History |
| | | 2.00pm | Social Studies | Chemistry | Home Economics | Media Studies |
| Canterbury Anniversary Day | | | | | | |
| Weekend | | | | | | |
| Day 7 | Mon 20 Nov | 9.30am | Mathematics and Statistics | | | Biology |
| | | 2.00pm | | Economics | Physics | Te Reo Māori |
| Day 8 | Tues 21 Nov | 9.30am | Accounting | Te Reo Māori | Music Studies | Economics |
| | | 2.00pm | Home Economics | English | | Statistics |
| Day 9 | Wed 22 Nov | 9.30am | Agricultural and Horticultural Science | Home Economics | Classical Studies | Physics |
| | | 2.00pm | German | Biology | Geography | French |
| Day 10 | Thurs 23 Nov | 9.30am | Geography | Accounting / German | Calculus | |
| | | 2.00pm | Dance | Classical Studies | Spanish | Classical Studies |
| Day 11 | Fri 24 Nov | 9.30am | History | Education for Sustainability | History | Chemistry |
| | | 2.00pm | Business Studies | Mathematics and Statistics | Social Studies | Spanish |
| Weekend | | | | | | |
| Day 12 | Mon 27 Nov | 9.30am | Sāmoan / Te Reo Rangatira | Drama | Statistics | |
| | | 2.00pm | French | Chinese | Earth and Space Science | Accounting |
| Day 13 | Tues 28 Nov | 9.30am | Physics | Art History | Drama | Agricultural and Horticultural Science |
| | | 2.00pm | Latin | Spanish | Art History | |
| Day 14 | Wed 29 Nov | 9.30am | Health | Agricultural and Horticultural Science | Agricultural and Horticultural Science | Latin |
| | | 2.00pm | Art History | French | Economics | |
| Day 15 | Thurs 30 Nov | 9.30am | Te Reo Māori | Earth and Space Science | Sāmoan | Earth and Space Science |
| | | 2.00pm | Classical Studies | Social Studies | Chinese | Sāmoan |
| Day 16 | Fri 1 Dec | 9.30am | Media Studies | Sāmoan / Te Reo Rangatira | Dance / Latin | German |
| | | 2.00pm | Spanish | | German | Japanese |