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## RANGIWAEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #29

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011

*Congratulations to all students, parents and, particularly, Ms Heal, on such successful senior class camp last week. From all that I have heard the camp was a great experience for all involved and everyone should be very proud of themselves for such exemplary behaviour and participation. The buzzing and excited faces on Friday afternoon, as they arrived back, told a story of their own and were a real pleasure to see. Please look further on in this newsletter for some of the students camp reflections.*

Regards  
Fiona Duncan

### Board of Trustees:

**Chairperson:** Bridgette van den Broek (phone 06 – 387 6226)

**Principal:** Fiona Duncan

**Staff Trustee:** Andrea Heal

**BOT Members:** Bruce Maher

Bernie Skinner

Craig Alabaster



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At last night's BOT meeting Bridgette van den Broek and Rachel Couchman's resignations were received. Bridgette has been co-opted back on to the BOT in order to provide support while the casual vacancies are being filled. A notice explaining this in further detail is included as an insert in this newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rachel for her support and contribution to the Board. It has been greatly appreciated.

### BOT Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00 pm in the school library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend BOT meetings.

### Yummy Stickers

We will be totalling our number of Yummy Stickers over the next couple of weeks so please send along any more that you have.

### Library Stocktake

The library stocktake has now been completed. Jess is now very busy with loading a number of books onto the system as a result of stocktake. We have discovered a number of missing books so your assistance with looking at home for any school books would be greatly appreciated. All books now have to be issued through the MUSAC library system before they can leave the library. All students have their own bar code for this to be done.

### International Day

As part of our focus on countries participating with the Rugby World Cup next week on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September we will be having an **International Day**. Students are encouraged to choose a country from the participating teams, other than New Zealand, to adopt and to dress in their colours or similar to their national costume on the day. They are also encouraged to bring along some food for a shared lunch from the country of they have chosen. It should be a fun day.

### First Aid Training

Next week on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm a number of staff members will be participating with a Work Place First Aid Course delivered by Sandra Speir. We still have spaces available for this course, if you would like to participate also. The cost is \$100.00 per person.

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## School Photos

On the last day of this term, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, school photos will take place. An order form went home in last weeks newsletter. Can these please be returned to school as soon as possible in order to allow us time to pass on the relevant information to the photographers.

## Ohingaiti Cross Country

This event is being held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October with a postponement date of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. A notice regarding this went home earlier this week. Please return permission slips to school.

## Friday Hot Lunch

Next week, thanks to the Rangiwaea Social Club and Caron McGuinn, fish'n chips, chicken nuggets and hot dogs will be available for the students to order. The order form will go home on Monday and needs to be returned by Wednesday.

## Book Presentation

Last week, while the senior class were visiting Parliament, a special book was presented to the students to bring back to school for our Library. The book is "The House, New Zealand's House of Representatives 1854 – 2004" written by John E. Martin.

## Targa Rally

The Targa Rally in our area is being held Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. We will be manning the stage that incorporates our school road. A number of adult helpers will be required to do this. A training meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00 pm. Please let me know if you are able to assist with manning the stage and attend the meeting. If we do not have enough volunteers you will be contacted directly as this is a fundraiser event for the school. Further details regarding this event and implications for school will come out early next week.

## Term Four Dates

I have included a table outlining dates so far for Term Four. It is a short term and lining up to be an extremely busy one.

## Regards

Fiona Duncan

### TERM THREE DATES

EVENT:	DATE:
Term Three Dates	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> August to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Sharing Time	Friday 2.15 pm 23 <sup>rd</sup> September and 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 7 & 8 Technology	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September and 6 <sup>th</sup> October
International Day	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Work Place First Aid Course	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September, 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2.00 – 6.00 pm
Country Schools Cross Country	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Central Plateau Inter-School Krypton Challenge	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Targa Rally Training Session	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 6.00 pm
School Photos	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Last Day of Term	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October

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## TERM FOUR DATES

EVENT:	DATE:
Term Four Dates	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Sharing Time	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2.15 pm
Year 7 & 8 Technology	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , & 16 <sup>th</sup> November
TARGA RALLY	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Pet Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Papanui Junction Athletics	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Interschool Athletics	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Over Night School Camp	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Prize Giving	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
End of Reports go Home	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December

I was unable to attend the All Black day held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September but the photo below tells me a lot of fun was had by all. The students look great dressed in black.



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## Senior Class Camp Reflections

*Parliament was cool because we saw Simon Power and we learned a lot too. I liked it when we saw all the history and the debating chamber.*

Alex Thomsen

The Zoo was awesome because I saw some cheetahs, tigers and lions and I saw a Sun Bear. They were trying to open the coconut. I saw a lot of animals I have never seen in my life.

Adrian Soti

H2O X-Treme Water Park!!!!

"2 hours in heaven", that is four words to describe that. As soon as I got my togs on I then thought "Where to now??" Then I spotted the hydro slide and well that answered the question. So off to the hydro slide it was, so I raced everyone over!!

Josh Rose-Blumenthal

Camp was really cool because we spent most of our time at camp and done lots of activities. AND we went to lots of places. You guys done a great job.

Phoebe Collier

On camp my favourite thing about camp was the H2O Xtreme. It was my favourite because there was a rope, that you swing, and there were waves in the wave pool.

George Alabaster

It was so cool on camp and it was all thanks to the parents and most of all the lady that made this happen, Ms Heal, and a real big thanks to my friend and all the other people that went.

Caitlyn Alabaster

I learnt a lot of awesome things like there are 121 members of Parliament and the Speaker is the boss of the debating chamber, not the Prime Minister. It was cool how we got to meet Simon Power and how he talked to us about where people sit and what their jobs are. It was funny when Brennan and Josh started kissing the floor where John Key walks every Monday afternoon.

Kate Couchman

*At camp we went to the zoo. I patted a Hedgehog and a Blue Tongue Lizard. I liked the Tiger skin and Boa Constrictor skin.*

Amber Lowery

I learned a lot of different things at the Te Papa Museum. I was fascinated by the different things.

Christine Soti.

Camp was the best, I loved it, it was the coolest, the best experience I've had in.... ages. I've never had an experience like this, and it's been great.

Sidney Curtis

Camp was really cool because we learnt new things, had fun and enjoyed it. We met Simon Power and went to the zoo. Some of our

parents came and so did Ms Heal. I just loved it, it was better than last year.

Anna van den Broek