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RANGIWAEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER #25

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It has been good to have some lovely fine and sunny days this week. The students have been enjoying getting back outside, furthering their cross country training and participating with PE activities.

I am very pleased to welcome the Thomsen family back to Rangiwaera School and Community. Gabrielle and Alexandra began back at the school on Monday morning and have fitted right back in.

The Senior Class camp is coming around fast, with only a couple of weeks to go. I know Ms Heal has been extremely busy finalising arrangements and communicating with families involved. Her dedication and attention to detail to ensure an extremely successful camp is greatly appreciated. Camp fees can be sent to school in a named envelope at any time.

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 Rachel Couchman
Bernie Skinner Craig Alabastor



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In the past month two Board meetings have been held. A special meeting held to specifically discuss the 10 Year Property Plan (10YPP) and an Upgrade of the Schools ICT Network and a scheduled monthly meeting last night. Progress has been made on a number of projects.

The Board agreed on the priorities for the 10YPP as being repairs to the roof (to deal with the ongoing leaking issues) and an internal upgrade to the classrooms. These priorities have been approved by a MOE Moderation Panel and we are now awaiting final sign-off. The intention is to call for tenders to repair the roof over the Christmas/New Year holiday break at the end of this school year. The Board has also approved an upgrade to the schools ICT Network that will greatly enhance the current systems and provide increased flexibility. This work is due to be carried out today.

Last night Trustees discussed the deteriorating condition of the tennis court. This is a Health and Safety issue that needs to be addressed. Options for rectification and funding are being investigated.

Finally the Board received two letters of resignation. Rachel Couchman has resigned from the Board and this with effect 7 October (last day of Term 3). I have also submitted my resignation from the Chairmanship with effect 7 October, but will stay on the Board into next term if required, to provide continuity. These resignations are prompted by our families moving from the area at the end of the year. It is important for the new Trustees to be part of the planning process for next year and beyond. Community members will be advised in due course on how the casual vacancies will be filled.

Bridgette van den Broek

BOT Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is Wednesday 21st September at 7.00 pm in the school library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend BOT meetings.

Yummy Stickers

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We are not far off the end of this promotion so keep the Yummy Stickers coming in. The more stickers we collect, the more sports equipment we are eligible to get for free. Remember the promotion finishes at the end of this term.

Hot Lunch on Friday

Next Friday the Hot Lunch will be a sausage sizzle after the Cross Country races. Many thanks to the families that have donated goods (sausages, drinking chocolate and tomato sauce etc) for our Friday Hot Lunch fundraisers.

Senior Class Camp Fundraising

This coming Monday is our McDonald's evening. Thank you to all that have sold vouchers for this event. This event not only allows for some fund raising but also a great socialising opportunity for us all to spend part of an evening together. We are looking forward to seeing you there. We will need helpers on the night so if you are able to assist with this please contact Ms Heal.

During the week the senior class are in Wellington on camp they will be using the bus that caters for the Waiouru run therefore the local bus will take over the Waiouru run and alternative arrangements have been put in place for local students. Many thanks to the Bus Society for providing bus transport for the senior class camp.

Daffodil Day

Remember tomorrow is Daffodil Day and we are holding a Coin Trail in support of the Cancer Society. Students and families are encouraged to send along gold coins to build the trail. Let's see how much we can raise in support of this very worthwhile charity.

Winter Tournament

A post-ponement date for the tournament has recently been confirmed. The tournament will now take place on Thursday 22nd September. All arrangements for the tournament remain the same as the original plans were, including teams, times etc. I have asked the organisers to ring me directly if the tournament needs to be cancelled again. If this happens I will then ring all families involved. Hopefully this will erase the miscommunication problems we experienced last time..

Sport Wanganui

This week Sport Wanganui visited the school to carry out some post assessments of student skill development as a result of the programme they have delivered. We are very grateful to Sport Wanganui for the extra PE opportunities and skill development they have been able to offer our students.

Country 7's Tournament

Next week on Wednesday 31st August the Rugby Country 7's Tournament takes place at the Taihpe Domain. A separate notice regarding details for the tournament was sent home earlier this week with the students involved, however I have since received communication about a change in times. Students will now need to depart from school at 9.00 as the brief meeting will now take place at 9.45. We wish our players all the best and an enjoyable time.

First Aid Training

On Wednesday 28th September and Wednesday 5th 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. During this time Ms Heal will be taking all of the students for a creative workshop, as her First Aid certificate is still current. This course is also open to all parent and community members to participate with. The cost is \$100.00 per person. If you are interested in participating with this course please contact me, as I will need to let Sandra know the numbers attending.

Pet Day

We have decided to set the date for Pet Day in Term 4 as Monday 7th November. This will allow students and families the weekend before hand to finalise their arrangements and give us enough time early in Term 4 to support students with their organisation at school. **Mark this date on your calender!**

Rangiwaea School Cross Country

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This weekend is our 'Working Bee' to set up and clear the Cross Country course on Saturday 27th August at 10.00 am. The more helpers we have, the quicker the task will be completed. Electric fence standards and tape will be required to outline the course. **All welcome!!**

The programme for the Cross Country on Friday 2nd September is as follows:

9.0 School starts as usual
 10.30 Ngamatea School join us
 Walk the course
 11.0 Races begin
 12.30 Sausage Sizzle lunch
 1.30 Combined 'Sharing of Learning Time' – All Welcome to stay for this!
 2.30 Ngamatea School Departs
 Rangiwaea students carryout a tidy up of the grounds
 HOME TIME!

Next week all students will require a suitable change of clothing, including footwear, for practice training on the actual course and then the actual event on Friday. An old towel is also recommended to be used to wipe off any 'mud' that the students pick up along the way.

Regards

EVENT:	DATE:
Term Three Dates	Monday 1 st August to Friday 7 th October
Cancer Society Gold Coin Trail	Friday 26 th August
Sharing Time	Friday 2.15 pm 2 nd and 23 rd September and 7 th October
Cross Country Working Bee	Saturday 27 th August 10.00 am
McDonalds Fundraising Evening	Monday 29 th August 5.30 – 7.00 pm
Country 7's Tournament	Wednesday 31 st August
BOT Meeting	School Library Wednesday 21 st September 7.00 pm
Rangiwaea School Cross Country	Friday 2 nd September
Year 7 & 8 Technology	Thursday 8 th , 22 nd , 29 th September and 6 th October
Senior Class Camp	Monday 12 th – 16 th September
Winter Tournament	Thursday 22 nd September
Work Place First Aid Course	Wednesday 28 th September, 5 th October 2.00 – 6.00 pm
Country Schools Cross Country	Monday 3 rd October
Last Day of Term	Friday 7 th October

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TERM THREE DATES

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