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Special points of interest:

- The Market Place
- NCEA information
- Senior Formal
- Winter Sports
- Teacher Only Day

Welcome to Back!

I hope that everyone has returned to school well rested and ready to go after the holidays. We have a very busy and exciting Term 2 ahead of us!

Field News

You will all be aware by now that our plans for the new sports field are in full swing, with the earthworks and drainage near completion the field is looking great and has now been leveled and sown. The Architect is now in the process of getting prices for the two story block that will also go on the site.

Roll Increase?

We have heard favorable rumblings from the Ministry of Education pertaining to our proposed roll increase. It has been with the Ministry in Wellington and now needs to go out for final consultation. Please continue to pray that this will come to fruition soon, especially as we are now at our maximum roll and have a growing waiting list. With this in mind it is imperative that all new enrolments for next year are received as soon as possible.



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Open Day

Our Open Day will be held on Tuesday 19th May, with school open for viewing from 9am-12noon, and Secondary presentations running at 4.30pm and 7.30pm. In light of this, coupled with Rangiora High School's decision to close for the afternoon and have the buses pick up around 1.20pm, we have decided that we will finish school at 1pm, and the buses can take the students home at this time. There will be staff at school if you cannot pick your child up at 1pm. Those students who have volunteered to help out with the Open Day, thank you for offering by staying on.

New Staff

We would like to say a big 'hello' to our two new staff members; Judith Craven - Long Term Reliever for Mathematics, and David Fazakerley - Property Manager & Caretaker. We hope that their transition goes smoothly.

The Young New Zealanders' Challenge - Create your own future!

The Young New Zealanders' Challenge is a programme of activities designed to challenge you. The only person you are competing with is yourself. When you have completed a level of the challenge you'll know that you have set yourself goals and have achieved them. You will have developed self-reliance and self awareness and you will have learnt responsibility and shown perseverance and initiative. There are 3 levels of the Award— Bronze, Silver and Gold. You can start the challenge at any time from the age of fourteen. Currently you can join through Rangiora New Life School or Youth Group, please either contact Mr Lamb or Mrs Clay in the Office for more information, or check out www.challengenz.org.nz

School Notices

WHY GOD MADE Mother's, according to 5 & 6 year olds!

" She's the only one who knows where the sellotape is".
" Mostly to clean the house".
" To help us out of there when we were getting born".

TUESDAY 19TH MAY - School will finish at 1.00pm due to Open Day for RNLS and RHS.

BILLETS FOR CASAFEST 70/130 SO FAR

A big **THANK YOU** to those families who have already volunteered to have students stay in their homes for two nights (Wednesday, September 23 and Thursday September 24). Students and their accompanying teachers



arrive on the Wednesday and leave on the Friday. As indicated in a recent newsletter,

Are you able to be a host family?

the guests will be able to travel on our school buses, so the need is to provide a bed and some meals. Lunches will be provided by the School here.

If you have not yet sent back a form, please fill out the one which is enclosed with this newsletter and ensure it is returned to the school office. We need to make sure everyone has a billet.

If you have any further questions please phone Gillian Webb on 313 5185 or the School Office on 313 6332.

THURSDAY 21ST MAY - Teacher Only Day

Calendar

Psalm 86: 15
"But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness"

7 May: Y11 Art Trip

8 May: School Council Meeting, 12.20. Rm13

12 May: Career Expo, P4-6

13 May: Rugby game, 2pm @ Southbrook Park

14 May: Rm8 Mountain Bike Trip to Spencer Park

15 May: Christian

Schools Cross Country

19 May: Secondary Open Day. School finishes at 1pm

20 May: CHCH Outdoor tournament @ Hagley 9-5:30

21 May: Teacher Only Day

22 May: School Council Meeting, 12.20, Rm13

22 May: Yr 5—8 Sports Exchange

27 May: International Exam - Computer Skills for Yr 4-11

Birthday's & Welcome



Happy Birthday!

MJ Creswick ~ 12

Sarah Ede ~ 14

Sam Etherington ~ 13

Aleisha Goodman ~ 13

Joseph Hansen ~ 6

Alan Iijima ~ 12

Joel Keele ~ 12

John Kerr ~ 16

Nickolas Kiroshka ~ 17

Kristina Kraak ~ 12

Finlay Leppard ~ 7

Benjie Linton ~ 10

Brendan Mahony ~ 15

Keegan Mahony ~ 15

Kim McMurdo ~ 17

Amanda Moir ~ 15

Tyler Murray ~ 12

Kathryn Scott ~ 14

Alisha Sharplin ~ 18

Ben Wicksteed ~ 12

Dion Wiggins ~ 14

Lauren Wiley ~ 8

Richard Wiley ~ 11

Welcome

James Jarry - Rm 1

Caitlin Jarry - Rm 4

Michael Jarry - Rm 5

Rebekah Watson - Rm 1

Harry Marshall-Lee - Rm 1

Jack Marshall-Lee - Rm 4

Upcoming Events

Secondary School Open Day — Tuesday 19th May. Viewing between 9am—12pm. Presentations running at 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

CCHS Winter sports and Wednesday sport teams. On the 20th of May we are sending 8 teams to contest the Area School outdoor championships in sports such as Touch, Football, Netball, Hockey and Golf. However on the same day our Wednesday sport teams have their first round of games. A letter outlining the information and teams will go

home early next week, please read this carefully with your child and if you have any questions contact Mr James Dean at school.

Primary Disco - 5th June, \$5 for a single ticket, \$8 for a double and \$10 for 3 or more (must be related for

double & triple). Times are Years 0-4 5pm-6pm; Year 5-6 6:15pm-7:15pm; Years 7-8—7:30pm-9pm. All proceeds to go to the Cambodian Mission Trip.

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What ingredients are mothers made of?

"God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean".

"They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think".

Give God the Glory!

Congratulations to Malachi Brocket-Smith who was awarded the Outstanding Canterbury Junior Athletics award at the recent Canterbury School Sport Award ceremony. This was in recognition of his three first place

finishes at the Canterbury champs (and one new Canterbury record) and his first, second and third finishes at the South Island Athletics.

Well done Malachi, keep up the great work and give the glory to the Lord!

Well done! - Ben Etherington, who during the holidays competed in the South Island School Orienteering Champs and came 3rd in the sprints.

1 Corinthians 13:4
"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude".

Thanksgiving & Prayer

We offer Thanksgiving for:

~ **Mothers** - for blessing us with a lifetime of unconditional love, friendship and devotion.

~ **Children** - for without them we would not be privileged parents.

~ **Rain that refreshes the Earth.**
"You sent abundant rain, O God, to refresh the weary land". Psalm 68:9

We offer prayer for:

All those suffering from illness at this time, we pray for your healing power to touch them.

The Cambodian Mission Team, and all

those involved in fundraising.

Those who are struggling financially in this hard economic time, and the knock on effect this has on families and communities.

New students starting this term, we pray that they will fit in, be accepted and enjoy their schooling.

The need to remember your commandments and especially to love You with all our hearts, minds and souls. And to Love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

We pray that you will help us to not judge others as you have taught us, "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged" Matthew 7



'Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable

Primary Page

God is love and He wants us to live a life filled with purity... part I

But how do we stay clean in a world with differing values, and how do we protect those under our care?

In discussion recently with staff members across our area school, the dilemma of moral purity has been raised. This is not a new issue, in fact it spans right back to the time when Adam and Eve first fell out of relationship with God. While the root cause is the same, what has changed is the pack-



Ross Nicholson

aging. Our children and young people are being presented with a variety of viewpoints which may differ from our home values, and at times are in contrast to Biblical principles. So how do we 'filter' and use this information to strengthen the resolve of our children?

Some suggestions from a variety of sources state that we should consider, (and I as a parent need to be reminded,)

- Placing computers in a family room and not allowing children to surf the net in bedrooms.
- Checking the history files, however these can be easily cleared so...
- Installing a net surveillance programme with an administration password so internet site use can be tracked.
- Continually 'dropping in' on family members surfing the web and watching those clusters of friends hovering around the computer.
- Realising that it is easy to stumble upon an untoward internet site and

mistakes happen, but each exposure can whet an appetite for more.

- Only allowing television programmes in the family room, not in the bedroom and being aware of what they are watching.
- Asking what is my son or daughter talking about with their friends in that closed bedroom? Does the door need to be closed?
- Never being so naïve as to believe that our children really aren't interested in 'that sort of thing.' Sometimes it is only a matter of time. Acknowledging that God has wired boys and men differently to women means that the passions need to be managed, not ignored or suppressed.
- Not believing that only boys are interested in the 'birds and the bees' – look at the number of girls and women's magazines – how many discuss healthy, godly relationships?
- Talking to our children about sensitive subjects – there is 'information' circulating among peers – yes, even in Christian schools. We want our children to feel comfortable talking about issues at home. Remember that parents are the biggest influencers of our children's behaviours – let's not leave it to somebody else.

- Helping our older boys to realise what it means to honour women as Jesus fulfilled God's plan for women when He walked on this earth, and for girls to dress as representatives of the bride of Christ. Part II will follow next newsletter.

"Therefore my brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." 2 Corinthians 15:58

What kind of little girl was your mum?

" My Mum has always been my mum and none of that other stuff".

" I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy".

" They say she used to be nice".

1 Corinthians 13:5
"Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and keeps no record of being wronged".

Secondary Scoop

Easter Camp - For many students, one of the highlights of the holidays was attending Easter Camp. Towards the end of last term, students were already talking about renewing friendships made at earlier camps, about the bands and the activi-



Stuart Masterton

ties they could take part in. Many students at camp make new commitments to Christ, or make decisions to try and do certain things better – unfortunately though, in the weeks after camp, many of these are forgotten. If camp was your kids first experience with Christian fellowship, please encourage them to get involved in a Youth Group and a Church. If you know your child came back from camp having made a commitment to be more like Christ,

please encourage them in this.

Libica Hurley - You may recall from our newsletter at the end of last term that one of our students, Libica Hurley, was selected to represent New Zealand in the World Irish Dancing Championship in Philadelphia. Libica preformed very well at these championships. While she was unplaced in the solo competition, the team that she was also part of came 23rd out of 130 teams – an outstanding result.

What does your mum do in her spare time?
 "Mothers don't do spare time".

Why did your mum marry your dad?
 "My grandma says that Mum didn't have her thinking cap on".

NCEA

Students may receive special assistance for their end of year NCEA results. This assistance is usually in the form of extra time, modifications to exam questions and answer booklets or reader/writer assistance. If you believe your child may qualify for extra assistance and I have not already contacted you, please contact me at school. Students who received extra assistance in their NCEA exams last year do not need to apply again.

Accounts for NCEA fees will be sent out next term. The fees for this year will be as set out in the table below:

	Eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance	Not eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance
One child who is a candidate	\$20.00	Full fees (\$75.00 for NQF and 3 Scholarship subjects)
More than one child who are candidates	A maximum of \$30.00 per family	Where fees are payable for more than one candidate, a maximum of \$100.00 per child and \$200.00 per fee payer.

Parent Interviews

Thanks to the parents who came out at the end of last term and attended the parent/teacher interviews. Thanks also for the many positive comments you passed on to your child's teach-

ers. While there won't be any interviews this term, in term 3 (at this stage planned for Thursday 27th August) we plan to hold a careers evening where you may discuss career options with

various staff members and whether or not your child has sufficient grades/credits to lead into their chosen career (s). More information on this evening will be available in Term 3.

1 Corinthians 13:6
 "Love does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out".

Community Notices

If you could change one thing about your mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

1 Corinthians 13:7
"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance".

Family Time - Family Service every 3rd Sunday at St Barnabas, Woodend, 4.30pm onwards. Shared meal after service.

1st Rangiora Girls Brigade - Tuesday nights 6.30—8.00pm term time only. Girls aged 5-17 welcome. If you are interested call Pam 313 2166, or Steph 312 7821.

First Thursday - A new group for parents of children 1-8, sharing ideas about hot topics such as: Sibling Rivalry; Tackling Tantrums; Positive Parenting; Food for children

and much, much more. Meeting the first Thursday of every month from 1pm-2.30pm at Presbyterian support, 258 High Street, Rangiora.

Richmond Drive—Thru Dry Cleaners - Free pick up and delivery, call 313 4433. Price example, Kilt = \$9.00, Blazers = \$9.00

Rangiora Baptist Youth, presents **Starry Nights Formal**. Saturday June 20th, 7pm-11pm at Rangiora Baptist

Church. Tickets \$15 from the School Office. Fundraising for Cambodian Mission Trip.

2,4,6,8 Youth Group - Meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday, 6-8pm. St Bartholmews, Cass Street, Kaiapoi. Ages 11-14, a light meal is provided, gold coin donation. Call Louise on 03 327 7773 for more info.

The Market Place

WANTED

Board Games - for the looming winter months to be placed in classrooms and the library.

Piano Stool - Contact Erica on 313 6332.

Jam Jars - Any donations of empty jam jars would be welcome. Karyn Ward.

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Male Goat - Just over a year old buck, Saanen not purebred. Good for mating or weeding. Call Steph on 312 7821 for more information. Would like to either sale or swap for another buck.

Pig Manure - to raise money for Cambodian Mission Trip. \$5 for 10kilo

bag. Please contact Emily on 313 1704 or 027 342 2835.

Child's Riding Helmet - size 52cm, 1 previous owner, no falls or knocks. Good condition. If interested call 312 7821.

This open to school families only

Please email Steph Clay on admin@rnls.school.nz to place your ad.

Term Dates

Apr 27, Mon - Term 2 Commences

May 21, Thu - Teacher Only Day

June 01, Mon - Queens Birthday

July 03, Fri - Term 2 ends at 3.15pm

July 20, Mon - Term 3 Commences

Sept 25, Fri - Term 3 ends at 3.15pm

Oct 12, Mon - Term 4 Commences

Oct 26, Mon - Labour Day

Nov 11, Wed - Senior Prize Giving & Leavers Supper, 7pm. Rangiora Baptist Church

Nov 13, Fri - Canterbury Anniversary Day

Dec 11, Fri - Class ends at 12noon for all students then Term 4 finishes after RNLS Prize Giving Ceremony for Y1-10, 7pm. Rangiora Baptist Church

Student Voice

When teachers talk about “achievement,” the groan of “not this lecture again,” is the usual response – and in that case, I’d generally tend to agree! But right here, this is the kind of achievement that makes our school stand out – we may be little, but we aren’t lacking in “achievement,” – or events to fundraise for either!

For instance, take Malachi Brocket-Smith, no matter what sport he happens to be playing; it’s al-

ways either a win, or a record of some kind! He represented RNLS at the South Island Athletic Champs and broke the triple jump record. Of course, not forgetting Charlie Gamble who came 1st in Discus.

How sad that the North Canterbury Newspapers will put no more than 3 lines briefly about RNLS achievement!

Formal Planning

Meanwhile, the formal for this year is well on its way to being planned, and fundraising efforts are being attempted – but we need your help! We need as much support from students and parents to ensure that the formal is the best that it can be. We would like suggestions for

music so we can start compiling playlists. So if you want to hear it at the formal, bring the music on a memory stick to either Georgia Bayliss or Jason Orchard. We’d also like to hear from the people who’d be interested in helping the year thirteen’s fundraise, so if you’re

keen, talk to Abby Dale-Bates. Remember, the more you help fundraise, the less you have to pay for the tickets! It’s going to be a really awesome night, and tickets are going to be on sale **this term, for two weeks only**. So grab a mate from out of school, grab two tickets, and come along!



By Laura Hare

Around School

Agreeing with our school’s Christian values, there are two prayer groups currently running. Our senior prayer group has been kicked off and is underway currently with Ruth Sanders-Dalefield, Laura Hare, Jason Orchard, Sam Linton, Mr. Bell and Mr. Branson as the official leaders. This group is running every second Thursday lunch time and separate girls/boys groups are running every other Thursday lunch. These groups are open to everyone year 9 and up, and the leaders are approachable at anytime during the week for general prayer and support.

The second prayer group is the new junior prayer group, run by Laura Hare and Jessie Bradshaw. This runs every Monday lunch with a catch up session on Friday at interval for year 4’s to 8’s – Year Three’s from Room Four are also now welcome. This group is being run to help the Christian character be carried right throughout the school, and to introduce anyone to Jesus and discuss who he is. It’s a safe place to ask questions, talk to senior leaders about anything, and generally have a fun time whilst learning a bit more about Jesus and what He did for us.

Who’s keen for CASA fest? this year, as you all know, it’s being held by our school. We are hoping to have the field all pretty looking and ready in time for the

end of Term Three. The Twilight Gala raised quite a bit of funding for this event, and we ask that you keep supporting the school through the field developments because it’s going to be so worth having dry sports fields in the middle of winter! There have been some major changes in our school field as you’ve noticed and the students who drive to school are all looking forward to having a place to park again!

We’re also fundraising to send a team to Cambodia at the end of this year! We really appreciate the support from students and parents alike and we ask that if you’re sick of chocolate, give it to others and buy some more! You can NEVER have enough chocolate to give away, or eat if you prefer! This team is well on their way in a midst of fundraising with sausage sizzles, chocolate sales, busking, working, and finding more than enough creative ways of getting the money! There is also a formal being held at Rangiora Baptist Church to fundraise for Cambodia Missions - \$15.00 a ticket! It’s going to be an awesome night and an amazing cause to support. Speak to Jessie Bradshaw for more details or check out the posters!

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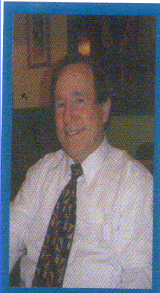
And God Created Mothers

God took a little sunshine, sprinkled it with dew...
Tore from the heavens a raindrop...
Added a star or two.
Snatched the unassuming innocence of a child...
And in an instant, created a Mother's smile.
On the canvas of the sky,
He gently dipped His brush...
With the colours taken from the rainbow,
Painted a Mother's blush.
Plucked a flower ever so gently from a garden with
care...
With the petals from a rose,
placed patience and understanding...
And the ability burdens to bear.
Took the stillness of the thunder,
blended it with the softness of a dove...
With precision and cunning, created a Mother's love.
With a dash of blue from the infinity of the sea,
placed in a Mother's heart, truth and humility.
Captured gold from Saturn's ring,
spun it with silver from a Shooting star...
Delicately placed it within a Mother's reach...
So for the luxury of her days,
she would not have to travel far.
And God looked at what He had made...
And He was ecstatically pleased, for in all creation there
was
None as precious as these... *Mothers*



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