



Rangiora New Life School

Te Kura Oranga Hou o Rangiora

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Welcome to our new Principal

Mr Brian Seatter has been appointed principal of the School. Mr Seatter has extensive experience as a teacher, and is well known for the quality of his teaching. Furthermore he has significant management experience in both commercial and educational organisations. He has previously served in school leadership positions including principal roles. He has a passion for education and helping students achieve and succeed. His career has also included pioneering and pastoring a church in Germany.



In appointing a principal, the Board was specifically looking for several things. First was a person with Christian character and a sincere faith, someone able to help the School express its 'Special Character' in the learning experience. Second are the skills of educational leadership: managing the efficient operation of the school, and leading the staff to excellence. The Board is passionate about seeing that our teaching results in deep learning for students and adds value to their lives and futures. Third, we need a Principal who can manage the growth of the School. We have seen the Secondary school grow in numbers of students and subjects offered. Our students are achieving excellent results in NCEA and Cambridge and we see them going on to meaningful employment and University degrees. This year we also received a very good ERO report. (see link on our website).

Now we are looking to further enhance teaching and learning in the Primary School. We successfully implemented both the new New Zealand Curriculum from the Christian 'Interact' perspective as well as the National Standards for Primary, with the associated reporting back to parents that goes with this. Now we want to see the Primary School grow, adding value in imaginative ways to the learning of our younger students. We want to see more families take advantage of the variety of stimulating educational opportunities we offer. We have a great teaching staff and we need a Principal to lead the Primary to new heights. The Board is confident that Mr Seatter is the right person for this time, and his appointment has the unanimous support of the whole Board.

The Board is grateful to Mr Stuart Masterton for his services as Acting Principal, and Erica Abelen-Freeman as Acting Head of Secondary. They will continue in those roles until the end of the academic year. Mr Seatter will take up the principalship from the beginning of the next academic year, when Mr Masterton will revert to his substantive position as Head of Secondary. We are blessed as a School to have such depth of management skills in our staff. In the interim, Mr Seatter is 'Principal Designate' and is already working with Mr Masterton and Mr Nicholson on the planning for next year, so that there will be a smooth transition.

Please join me in thanking all these people as we look forward to a great future together.

Dr Dirk Pons; Chair, Board of Trustees

What's On

TERM 4 / Weeks 3 – 9

Primary School Disco—

25 November

Yrs 1-3: 5-6 pm

Yrs 4-6: 6.16—7.30 pm

Yrs 7-8: 7.45—9.15 pm

Rangiora Bus not running—

Monday 28 November

Invitation to: Open Day - 9.00—3.00

and Evening—6.00—7.30 pm

Tuesday 29 November

Primary Canterbury Athletics Day -

Thursday 1 December

Primary Musical Matinee & Evening Performance—

Friday 2 December

Yrs 0-8 Jellie Park Day:

6 December

House Day: 7 December

Yrs 1-10: Prizegiving—

Thursday 8 December;

Southbrook School Hall - 7.00 pm

End of Term: 1.00 pm

Friday 9 December—Staff

Professional Development Meeting

External NCEA Exams

10 – 30 November NCEA

Reminder:

Rangiora High School bus is NOT running — 28 November

Term Dates 2012

TERM 1 Starts: Wednesday 1 February
Ends Thursday 5 April

Yr 13 Leavers have some fun in Mr Masterton's office before they leave our school!



Notices

Prizegiving for Years 1 to 10 Thursday 8 December in the Southbrook School Hall at 7.00 pm. This will make Thursday the final day for pupils, with staff having a professional development meeting on Friday 9 December.

Lost Property

Lost property will be put in the school foyer for parents / students to claim on Thursday 1 December and Friday 2 December.

Three Wise Men and a Baby

Rehearsals are going well for the end of term Christmas Musical. Rooms 1 and 4 are learning their songs and the rest of the Primary cast and choir are working hard on their lines and songs.

The date of the musical performance has now been confirmed for Friday 2 December. We will have an afternoon matinee and an early evening performance so all family, whanau and friends can come along and enjoy and support the show. Any questions please email Mrs Hibbert on hhibbert@rnls.school.nz or pop into Room 3 at the end of the school day.

Here we go again!

What's up everyone? It's time to get your dancing shoes on. The primary student leaders are having another Disco and we expect to see you there.

There will be heaps more fun and lots of games. This time we want you to come dressed up. There is a prize for the best outfit. The Disco will be on Friday 25 November and the times are as follows:

Yrs 1-3: 5—6 pm

Yrs 4-6: 6.15—7.30 pm

Yrs 7-8: 7.45—9.15 pm

As normal there is a small charge, but it's cheaper than a burger and coke!

\$3.00 for one person

\$6 for two people in a family

\$8.00 for three people in a family

See you there

Primary Student Council



Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Psalm 105:1

May you all have a holy, spiritual, safe and relaxing Christmas holiday!

The North Canterbury Academy of Music (performed at our school earlier this year) are holding their **'End of Year Concert'** on Saturday, 19 November.



You are invited to come along and enjoy this FREE concert. This is a great opportunity to hear some wonderful music.

7.00 pm at the Kaiapoi High School Auditorium.

Christmas at Wigram

Hey kids! Want to start your summer holidays off with a bang? Parents - would you like some extra time for last minute Christmas shopping and preparations? 'Christmas at Wigram', the Air Force Museum's week long Christmas-themed holiday programme for 5-12 year olds, kicks off on the 20th December, and runs right through until Christmas Eve. We'll have loads of festive fun from Christmas crafts and games, to Christmas-themed missions. There may even be a visit from Santa himself!

Phone our Public Programmes team on 343 9504 or email programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz, to make your ½ day (\$25), day (\$35) or week-long (\$170) booking now. Places are limited so you will need to be in quick!

Be River Safe SWIMMING IN RIVERS

Swimming in a river is not like swimming in a pool or in the sea: Drowning takes less than one minute and is very quiet. Even children who are competent swimmers should be supervised. The supervisor should be out of the river watching.

Rivers change every day - Before getting in - CHECK:

1. The depth of the water. The water may be deeper or shallower than you think.
2. What is beneath the water? There may be obstacles you can't see washed into the swimming hole.
3. Strong current?
4. Don't get into muddy water.
5. Don't get in near bridges either upstream or downstream as they change the flow of the river.

Currents

- Many people do not understand the force of water in a river.
- The current can be strong even if the river looks calm and the water is slow moving.
- You don't float as well in river water as you do in sea water.

If you get into River Trouble

- A land-based rescue is the best option.
- Follow the person in trouble down the river bank.
- Find a safe place where the person may be able to swim towards the bank and you can reach out over the river.
- Use an object like a kayak paddle or a tree branch to reach out over the river.
- Encourage the person in trouble to grab the branch or paddle and hang on.
- Pull them to the river bank and help them out.
- If you can't help... encourage the person to turn on their back and float feet first down the river - you may be able to throw the person a buoyant object like a bucket, chilly bin or ball that they can hang onto and use to keep themselves afloat.

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Congratulations to four of our students who are representing our Rakahuri Zone and have qualified to go to the Canterbury Athletics Competition being held in Ashburton on Thursday 1 December:

12 yr Boys Discus	Liam Good
11 yr Girls High Jump	Esra McGoldrick
13+ yr Boys 60m Sprint	Sim Meadows
13+ yr Girls 100m Sprint	Ngareta Wicksteed

Primary school children thoroughly enjoyed the farm scene displayed in the Principal's office. Thank you Mr Masterton for showing us around and letting us feed the lambs. It was so much fun!

Spring

I love to look at the daffodils at home.



I hear birds happily chirping.

Spring feels lovely.

The flowers smell beautiful.

I love to eat cookies.

By Bethany; Rm 4, Year 3

Spring

Look at the nice cows.

I can hear the birds singing.

Spring feels like hugs.

The flowers smells nice.

I taste salad.

By Lily; Rm 4, Year 2

Spring

I am looking at the ducklings and the mother duck.

I can hear a new born cow.

I am patting our lamb.

I can smell the lovely flowers.

I can taste the brown, scrumptious, yummy, chocolate ice cream.

By Joshua; Rm 4, Year 2



The Sea

I can see the salty waves on the soft sand.

I can hear the loud crashing waves on the beautiful sparkling beach.

I can feel the lush salty cool sea on my warm feet.

I can smell the stinky seaweed and the same and the stinky sea shells.

I can taste the salty sea and the stinky sand.

By Abby; Rm 4



To Staff and Students of RNLS

Thank you for your loving thoughts and gifts during our recent devastating fire. It has truly been a very painful time but we have also been totally overwhelmed by the help of many people. Thanks be to God for preserving our family's lives.

Love

Colin, Liz, Nat & Jessicah Smith

As a school we collected eight bags of groceries and raised \$420 to assist the Smith family - thank you everyone!



Spring

In Spring I can see baby ducklings, little birds, tiny insects and colourful flowers.

I can hear little birds chirping and wind blowing softly on my face.

It feels like a big lolly in my mouth and it makes me VERY HAPPY!

It smells like joy and peace mixed into the air!

I taste lime, chocolate chip ice cream and delicious salads with seasoning.

I love spring!

By Rebekah; Rm 4, Year 3

Spring

Look at the cute baby ducklings in the pond swimming around.

I can hear the beautiful warm wind blowing in the air.

Spring feels like a diamond in a cave by a fire.

I can smell perfume on people.

It smells like blossoms.

I love biting bits off a lollipop and chewing bubble gum in spring.

By Serena; Rm 4, Year 2



Notices

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

Public Health Nurses (PHN) are Registered Nurses employed by the Canterbury District Health Board to provide a free service to children and their families aged 5-18 years. All schools in Canterbury have a PHN assigned to their school to assist with health concerns.

Public Health Nurses specialize in child and family health, they are able to meet with you at home, school or work to provide health support, assessment, advice and coordinate family health or support services if required.

Public Health nurses often act as a link between home, school and the health sector when a child/young person has health needs.

If you are worried about your child's health you can make a referral or it can be made (with your permission) by school staff. Common referrals to the PHN service include day and night time wetting (Bed Alarm Programme), diabetes, soiling, developmental concerns, allergies and anaphylaxis, head lice, asthma, behavioural concerns, nutrition, hygiene, mental health issues, care and protection concerns.

Public Health Nurses may refer on to a variety of social services agencies once assessments have been made; in agreement with the family. They are able to provide health resources and health information.

There are two Public Health Nurses based at Rangiora Hospital your PHN can be contacted either through your school or on 311 8664.

BROOMFIELD BUSTER TRAILRIDE

Sunday 20th November 8.30am – 3.00pm

Off-Road Motorcycle Trail Ride. Rugged hills, rolling tussock, river crossings, farm tracks, spectacular scenery.

Location: Mt Arden, Hawarden Cost: \$40 per person (16+) or \$60 per family.

Register: on the day or online (www.broomfield.school.nz)

BROOMFIELD SCHOOL GALA

Sunday Nov 27th 10.30am-3pm in Conjunction with the Amberley Fire Brigade Classic Car Rally

Mt Brown Rd, Amberley (Signposted from Blue Dairy)

*Entertainment *Bumble coming at 12pm *Xmas Shopping Stalls *Photo's with Santa *Wearable Arts Stage Show *Amazing Auction at 2pm & Baking Galore

Entries still open for the Recyclable Wearable Arts categories: Aged 9 and Under or Aged 10-15. To enter, contact Maria 314 9037.

Gold Coin Entry going towards funds for a new school Bus

Schools can Swap Old Mobile Phones for Classroom Resources



Rangiora New Life School is taking part in the Starship School Phone Swap, collecting old mobile phones to fundraise for Starship's Air Ambulance Service.

Based on the number of phones our school collects, we can 'cash them in' for resources such as Promethean ActivBoard interactive whiteboards, laptops, books, handycams, sports gear and cameras. For 55 mobile phones, we can get a digital camera; an interactive whiteboard starts at 570 phones. Please bring into the school office.

Be a Legend—READ!

A summer reading programme for children held from...
December 2011 to 29 January 2012

Enrolments start:

Rangiora Library	Thursday 24 November	3-7 pm
	Saturday 26 November	10—2 pm
Kaipoi Library	Saturday 26 November	10—2 pm
Oxford Library	Saturday 26 November	10—2 pm

Your passport to: Rewards! Activities! A Grand Finale!
And ... it's FREE! Bring your parent or caregiver
Bring your library card or join the library. Be quick—
places limited.

Please contact Donna McMillan at the Rangiora Library
ph 03 311 8901 for further information.

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Lost and Found



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