

Briefing Note: Visit to Rangikura School

To:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
Date:	18 August 2023	Priority:	High
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Messaging seen by Communications team:	Yes	Round Robin:	No

Purpose of Briefing Note

The purpose of this paper is to support your visit to Rangikura School in Porirua on Tuesday 22 August 2023 from 9:30am to 10:30am to make an announcement on attendance and to meet some of the new attendance officers.

A run sheet for the visit is attached. Annex 1 refers.

Proactive Release

- 1 **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you.

Agree / Disagree

Nancy Bell
Hautu | Deputy Secretary
Te Mahau | Te Tai Runga

18/08/2023


Hon Jan Tinetti
Minister of Education

22/08/2023

RANGIKURA SCHOOL (2970)

Contact Name: Eddie Uluilata
s9(2)(a)

Address: 95 Conclusion Street
Ascot Park
Porirua East

Key People

Principal: Eddie Uluilata
s9(2)(a)

Presiding Member: Izzy Ford
s9(2)(a)

Izzy Ford is also a former Deputy Mayor of Porirua and a current Porirua City Councillor.

Ministry Officials: Kate Aldworth, Manager Integrated Services
s9(2)(a)

Profile Information

Authority	State
School Type	Full Primary (Year 1-8)
School Gender	Co-Education
Education Medium	English
Equity Index Rating	505
Electorate	Mana
Te Mahau Region	Te Tai Runga Wellington

- 2 The July 2022 breakdown of roll information by ethnicity is shown below:

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Other ethnicity	7	1.8
Total	379	100%

Education Review Office

- 3 The school was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2019 where ERO stated that its overall evaluation judgement of Rangikura School's performance in achieving valued outcomes for its students is strong.

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

- 4 The school belongs to the Northern Porirua Kāhui Ako. There are 11 schools and 14 early learning services in this Kāhui Ako.
- 5 The schools are: Adventure School, Aotea College, Discovery School, Papakowhai School, Paremata School, Pauatahanui School, Plimmerton School, Postgate School, Pukerua Bay School, Rangikura School and St Theresa's School (Plimmerton).
- 6 The early learning services are: Active Explorers Mana, Adventure Kindergarten, Ascot Park Kindergarten, Discovery Kindergarten, Educare Adventure, Mana Montessori Preschool Inc, Papakowhai Kindergarten, Paremata Playcentre, Pauatahanui Preschool Inc, Pukerua Bay Kindergarten, Sand Dunes Quality Early Learning Centre and Whitby Educare.
- 7 The Kāhui Ako has had a focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects and have worked on establishing Iwi and Early Learning relationships.
- 8 Northern Porirua Kāhui Ako which received \$30,000.00 in regional response funding in 2022 to support three projects they ran to improve attendance and engagement. Detailed information on the project is provided in Annex 2.

Learning Support

- 9 The school is part of the North Porirua Kāhui Ako who did not receive an allocation of LSC in the first tranche. The school would like an allocation of LSC's in their Kāhui Ako.
- 10 There are currently s9(2)(a) students receiving Learning Support services that are verified as High ORS, s9(2)(a) students are high health, and s9(2)(a) students are funded for in-class support. There is s9(2)(a) receiving support from our behaviour and well-being team, and s9(2)(a) students receiving communication support.

Participation in government programmes

Attendance National Awareness Campaign

- 11 Rangikura School took part in the filming of the advertising for this campaign. The launch occurred at the school on 22 August 2022 with all video and photography collateral taken at the school.

School Donations Scheme

- 12 The school has opted into the School Donations Scheme for 2023.
- 13 The school received \$66,240 in lieu of donations in 2022 and will receive \$58,411 in 2023 based on their July roll return.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

- 14 The school has opted-in to the programme. They have been serving lunches since Term 1, 2021. They have chosen the external delivery model and Kāpura Schools Ltd is their supplier.

Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata – Period products in schools initiative

- 15 The school has opted-in to the programme and to date has not ordered products.

Creatives in Schools

- 16 Rangikura School applied for Round 3 of Creatives in Schools and was successful. The name of their project was Rangikura School Waharoa, which involved ākonga from Years 6 - 9 and their creative was Nate Terei.
- 17 Rangikura School was also successful in Round 2 with a project called Violins in Schools. This involved ākonga from years 4-8 and their creatives were Liz Sneyd and Rebecca Murphy.

Property

- 18 The board is actively involved in school property management, and capability is good.
- 19 Overall property condition is fair while the admin block condition is poor, has weather-tightness and end of life condition issues. We are planning to replace this building. Concept design is underway, with a target onsite construction start date of mid-2024. The principal's office is isolated due to air quality issues, air scrubbers are in place in the reception area to keep the building operational/fit for use until construction can commence. The principal/school leadership team are working out of an area of the staffroom. The project team is meeting with the school fortnightly to progress the project.
- 20 The school has been supported with Supplementary 5YA funding to address essential infrastructure issues, including exterior building envelope (roofing, cladding, joinery), bathrooms, drainage, fire and security systems. The school is planning to spend their AMS funding on improvements to teaching spaces in Block S.
- 21 School Investment Package funding was spent on an outdoor learning area and artificial turf.

Other known risks or issues

- 22 There are no known issues or risks at the school.

Proactive Release

- 23 It is recommended that this Briefing Note is proactively released, with any information needing to be withheld done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

Annexes

The following are annexed to this paper:

- Annex 1: Run Sheet
- Annex 2: Overview of Regional Response Funding Projects
- Annex 3: Draft Press Release
- Annex 4: FAQ's regarding Regional Response Fund and attendance officers
- Annex 5: BN 1293296 – Attendance Strategy communications launch

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Annex 1: Draft Runsheet

A draft runsheet is provided for your information. We are currently working with the school to confirm the details and will provide an update if any changes are made.

Time	Activity	Other details
9:30am	Minister Tinetti arrives and is greeted by the Ministry representative at the school office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A couple of students will lead you over to the school hall for the powhiri. 	Other attendees include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kate Aldworth, Manager Integrated Services
9:35am	Powhiri commences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school's kaikaranga will call the Minister and group into the hall. The school will provide a kaikaranga to reply for the Minister. Kawa for powhiri is Ngāti Toa After haka powhiri the school will speak first followed by a waiata Te Rangipai Renata will reply on behalf of the Minister. Manuhiri will be invited to come across for hāriru. Powhiri closes with a himene. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister will be supported by members of the school for kaikaranga and waiata. Kaikorero for Minister - Te Rangipai Renata, Manager Planning & Advice, Ministry of Education
	The Principal will introduce the Minister and invite her to speak	
9:55am	Minister speech and photo opportunity	
10:15am	Cup of Tea Minister is invited to library for kai/cup of tea and korero. Our 'Workload coordinator' (SENCo [REDACTED] who is also in charge of Attendance for our Kāhui Ako and school) and both Kaiāwhina (our attendance officers for Kāhui Ako) will be available to chat with the Minister and team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [REDACTED] school's Workload Coordinator, SENCO Attendance Officers

Annex 2: Overview of Regional Response Funding Projects

Rangikura School – AS Provider for Porirua North schools

The Kāhui Ako received \$30,000.00 in regional response funding in 2022 to employ an Attendance Kaimahi and 0.5 FTE Attendance Officer for three projects outlined below.

Project One:

Sport to promote engagement, friendships, belonging and attendance. Identified Māori and Pasifika Year 8 2022 and Year 9 2022 students who have low or non-attendance from contributing school and Aotea College and are currently accessing support from Attendance Kaiāwhina or on school's attendance programmes. Include Year 10 and Year 11 group already identified.

Project two:

Animal Therapy. Five sessions involving eight schools over Terms 1 and 2 2023 with target students.

Project three:

Sleep, Circadian Rhythm PLD for teachers.

The school is evaluating the projects undertaken. Pre and post project data shows an increase in regular attendance.

Average attendance % before projects		Average attendance % after projects	
0-70%	10.41%	0-70%	8.20%
70-80%	12.44%	70-80%	12.30%
80-90%	28.43%	80-90%	20.77%
90-100%	48.73%	90-100%	58.74%



Briefing Note: Attendance Strategy communications launch

To:	Hon Jan Tinetti, Associate Minister of Education		
Cc:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education Hon Kelvin Davis, Associate Minister of Education – (Māori Education) Hon Aupito William Sio, Associate Minister of Education		
Date:	17 August 2022	Priority:	High
Security Level:	In Confidence	METIS No:	1293296
Drafter:	David Duggan	DDI:	§9(2)(a)
Key Contact:	Susan Howan	DDI:	§9(2)(a)
Messaging seen by Communications team:	Yes	Round Robin:	No

Purpose of Report

This paper provides you with speaking notes and event information to support your visit to Rangikura School to launch the Attendance Strategy Communications, on Monday 22 August 2022 from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a **agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you.

Agree / Disagree.


Susan Howan
Pouwhakarae, Te Pae Aronui

17 / 08 / 2022

Hon Jan Tinetti
Associate Minister of Education

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Background

1. The Attendance and Engagement Strategy, which you launched on the 9th June 2022, includes 13 priority actions (identified on page 10 of the Strategy). One of these actions is to *“Highlight the responsibility of parents and whānau to support ākonga to attend school and increase ākonga motivation to attend school.”*
2. This action is given effect through the Communications and Engagement workstream of the Strategy, which supports changes in attitudes and behaviours. The Communications and Engagement workstream promotes the benefits of attendance at school and engagement in learning to parents, whānau and ākonga.
3. The national communications create an umbrella narrative and a set of core messaging to knit together national, regional and local communications. This will:
 - a. help people understand the importance and scale of this mahi and how the different pieces fit together
 - b. enable one story to be consistently and repeatedly heard
 - c. boost awareness of the regional plans, community outreach, and local communications.
4. The initial phase of the national communications is focused on:
 - a. driving consistent awareness and understanding of ‘irregular attendance’
 - b. parents being more focused on the number of days their child attends school
 - c. reminding parents and ākonga of the value of school (educationally and socially).
5. The communications activity will be launched at an event on Monday 22nd August, at Rangikura School in Porirua, Wellington.

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Key People

Board chairperson: Izzy Ford
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Principal: Eddie Uluilata
s9(2)(a)

Izzy Ford is also the Deputy Mayor of Porirua.

Ministry Officials: Kate Aldworth
s9(2)(a)

Damian Hepi-Te Huia, Strategic Advisor Māori
s9(2)(a)

COVID-19 compliance requirements for the visit

6. All visitors should wear masks on the school grounds to adhere to COVID-19 related requirements.

Background information about Rangikura School

Issues

7. There are no known issues with the school.

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Impact of COVID-19

9. The school submitted five applications totalling \$25,833 for the Urgent Response Fund.
10. Three applications for \$15,605 were approved for various uses to provide wellbeing support packages to four students with a range of complex needs to assist with their re-engagement and attendance back into the school environment after the lockdowns. \$1,500 was approved in September 2020 and two applications were partially approved for \$5,070 and \$9,035 in March 2021.

Teacher/student or school achievements

11. On 29 July Rangikura School won the National Showquest 2022 Junior Section for their entry titled "Our Pacific Story". The performance is interjected with snippets of the students' background as told to them by their grandparents about the migration from their Pacific homelands to Aotearoa New Zealand in search of better opportunities for their whānau.
12. The school's performing arts coordinator s9(2)(a) was responsible for the music and senior teacher s9(2)(a) wrote the script. The performance can be viewed online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2-88sjBs8Y>

Education Review Office

13. The school was last visited by the Education Review Office (ERO) in 2019. ERO found that:
"the school is turangawaewae for many students and their whānau. A friendly, family culture is promoted and a strong sense of belonging is highly evident. Students are well known. Strong relationships are built in a caring and supportive environment.

There are high expectations that the academic progress of all students will be underpinned by a holistic approach and consideration for their wellbeing and individual needs. Success and diversity are valued and celebrated. Children collaborate and support the learning of others.

There is an unrelenting focus on learning. A well-considered process for curriculum review and development is focused on promoting a localised curriculum and future-focused learning. It is well informed by research, external expertise and stake holders. This enables students to experience a holistic curriculum that is enhanced by a variety of options designed to engage students and to provoke curiosity and interest in new learning."

14. ERO's overall evaluation of the school's performance in achieving valued outcomes for its students was Strong and is due to return in five years.

Kāhui Ako | Communities of Learning

15. The school belongs to North Porirua Kāhui Ako.
16. The Kāhui Ako has had a focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects and have worked on establishing Iwi and Early Learning relationships.

Visit and event information

Runsheets

17. A summary of the runsheet is provided below. Note that Eddie the Principal will not be at the school on Monday. Instead you will be met by Sarah Nui (Deputy Principal at Rangikura School), s9(2)(a) (SENCO at Rangikura School), and Kate Aldworth, Manager Education from the Ministry of Education. Sean Teddy (Hautū / Deputy Secretary) will also be in attendance from Te Pae Aronui, Ministry of Education and Lindsey Brittain (Group Manager, Communications).

Time	Activity
11:30am	Minister will be met by Kate, s9(2)(a) and Sarah at the office.
11.35am	You will be brought over to the hall for Haka Powhiri Karanga both sides will be done by the school Whaikorero s9(2)(a), head of Y7-8s Waiata – by the school
	Manuhiri: Damian Hepi-Te Huia will reply on behalf of the Minister (Waiata – Te Aroha) s9(2)(a) will call you over for Hongi/hariru Ko mutu - powhiri formalities are finished.
11.55am	The Deputy Principal, Sarah Nui will introduce the Minister and invite her to speak
12.10pm	s9(2)(a) (SENCO from Rangikura School) and s9(2)(a) (Attendance Officer) will reply to Minister Tinetti - <i>“Every day is a school day”</i> Ondine will then start up the ad. Sarah and s9(2)(a) to take guests to the staffroom for morning tea.
12.15pm	Media stand up
12:30pm	Minister departs

Participation in government programmes

Attendance National Awareness Campaign

18. Rangikura School took part in the filming of the TV advertising for this campaign.

School Donations Scheme

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20. The school received \$69,000 in lieu of donations in 2021 and will receive \$66,240 in 2022 based on their July roll return.

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunch Programme

21. The school is taking part in the programme. They have been serving lunches since Term 1, 2021. They have chosen the external delivery model and Kāpura Schools Ltd is their supplier.

Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata – Period products in schools initiative

22. Rangikura School has opted into the national initiative and to date has not ordered products.

Learning Support Coordinators

23. The school is part of the North Porirua Kāhui Ako who did not receive any LSC in the first tranche announced in 2020.
24. The school frequently discuss that they would like an allocation of LSC's in their Kāhui Ako.

25. The school currently provides learning support services to s9(2)(a) High Needs students, s9(2)(a) Very High Needs s9(2)(a) High Health, s9(2)(a) students with In-Class Support, s9(2)(a) students with teacher aide support for communication needs, and s9(2)(a) receives teacher aide support through the behaviour service.

Creatives in Schools

26. Rangikura School applied for Round 2 and 3 of Creatives in Schools and was successful. Their Round 2 project has been completed, but they haven't yet signed the Round 3 agreement as their original creative is no longer available. They are finding a new creative to work with. The name of their Round 3 project is "Rangikura School Waharoa" which involves students from Year 6 to 9 and their artform is Multidisciplinary (Whakairo - Carving).

Property

27. Rangikura School is a decile 2 full primary school located in Porirua. Overall, the school property is in moderate condition.
28. The school has a current 5 Year Agreement (5YA) allocation of \$350,000 and an annual maintenance grant of \$35,000.
29. Early planning is currently underway to replace the administration building which has significant weathertightness issues.
30. In its next cycle of 5YA funding, the school plans to focus on improving the roofing for S Block, modernising some of the school's bathroom areas, and investigating the condition of the existing drainage infrastructure.
31. Previous work on the gym provided an additional teaching space, which is currently being used as a music room. The school has a focus on music and has won the national Bandquest competition for the last two years.
32. As of 15 August, the school is confirmed to have been sent a total of 7 portable air cleaners through all three distributions under the Ministry's COVID-19 ventilation response. The school have also received 5 CO2 monitors, 2 from the term 1 and 2 distributions at the start of the year and 3 from the term 3 distribution.

Annexes

Annex 1: s9(2)(g)(i)

Annex 2: Press Release

Annex 3: Q&A

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