



Where everyone can shine  
Tiaho Tātou Katoa

## Stars of the Week



Ashdyn McDowell  
Finn Davidson  
Gracie Quinney  
Jake Cederman  
Jasmine Phillips  
Jayden Coetzee  
Jordan Ashton  
Natalia Cook  
Poppy Bennett  
Zac Sampson

## Events Coming Up

### September

26<sup>th</sup> Learning Conferences  
(school closes at 1.30)

27<sup>th</sup> Touch fee payments  
due

28<sup>th</sup> End of Term 3

For more events visit our  
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## School Happenings

This is our last newsletter for Term 3. I hope everyone has a great holiday and that you get the chance to do at least one special family thing over the break. School starts again on **Monday 15 October** at 9.00am

**Reports Home Today:** This report is a summary of your child's social and academic development at school in each of our vision areas. We encourage you to discuss this report and their learning with your child. Your child will share more detail and evidence of their learning at our learning conferences next week.

**Learning Conferences:** These are scheduled for **26 September** from **1.45 pm**. Bookings for these can be made online. Our school website has instructions and a direct link to the school interviews. **School will close at 1:30 pm this Wednesday 26 September for Learning Conferences.** If you do not have access to a computer, we can help you at school. Just call in and see Janine at the office.

The purpose of the Learning Conferences is to put the student in the driving seat to share their learning with their parents or caregivers. Successful conferences should enable the students to be better learners, teachers to be more informed and give parents the tools to have better conversations about learning with their children.

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- Please read the attachment to today's newsletter for some more information.

### Learner Qualities: Question

*"To be inquisitive and ask quality questions to help us find out what we want to know."*

When we **question** in our learning we are showing an interest in what we are learning about. We question to find out: what we need to learn next, how we can improve and what information or skills might we need to help us develop.

Please feel free to use this language with your child and to ask them about our learner qualities. The more our students are able to understand what learning is and what it looks like, the more successful they will be at it.



**END OF TERM Lost Property** – All lost property items will be sent away at the end of this term. Please check the lost property for any of your child's clothing.

**Future Planning** At the moment we are planning for our school and your child's future. As part of this we look at our school structure and class organization. To help us with our planning we would like to know of any families who may be considering enrolling students at Ranzau over the next 12 to 24 months. If you know of any families who may be in this situation please ask them to contact the school before the end of the term.

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Our Term Three Learning Conferences extend the concept of our traditional interviews, with students taking responsibility for sharing their learning.

Developing students' ability to talk about their progress and learning is a known factor that leads to greater student engagement and achievement.

We believe that students need to be able to answer questions like:

- Where am I going?
- How am I going?
- Where to next?

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### How do they work?

Learning Conferences can last up to 45 minutes. There can be up to five Learning Conferences running at the same time in your child's classroom. Each student will have an agenda that they will follow. You will be involved in a variety of activities throughout the 45 minutes such as looking through your child's learning books, playing a game to support learning, talking about goals, progress and next learning steps.

Teachers will be present to support and prompt where necessary and will be involved for some but not all of the conference. The teacher will be roving around the room contributing to all of the conferences taking place.

Learning conferences are a celebration of student learning and success. If you have behavioural concerns or matters you would like to discuss directly with the teacher, a time outside of the learning conference needs to be arranged. Teachers are available most days before or after school.

Our Learning Conferences will be held on Wednesday 26th September. Information about booking is available on our school website.

Kind Regards

Dave Sampson  
Principal